

Bloomington Stories Podcast: BadKnees

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You started to this really natural thing, I think I thought you're doing on purpose where you started saying you started saying something about something relevant to one of the stories you brought up. You were like, I have no idea. I have no idea what you're talking about. Well, I know exactly the moment because I was like, This guy's a Jedi.

Unknown

Because you because we were talking about it was starting the complete fucking accident like it was. I think it was, but I know exactly where it was, and it's going to be a great place. We can just come right in with whatever the shit you said on the outro. Yeah, You're crazy, man.

Unknown

Home of Indiana University. Rock Quarries, Cornfields, Enchanted Woods and injury lawyer Kin man. Bloomington is a town has a term for its ability to lure one time residents back the Blumarine. There's something weirdly magical going on here in College Town. Nobody's Josh Bennet and Chris Coopersmith are going to get to the bottom of this place by listening to stories and writing every possible tangent on the way.

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So hold on, hold on. Let me get this dog out here because I want to hear this. Okay, What's up? What good it's doing? All right, so your week? Well, so I. I really thought that I would be able to to just be calm and chill and order new door handles for my truck, and I could replace those fuckers myself, right?

Unknown

Yeah. So I ordered them, got them, got into my truck and started like, taking stuff apart. Why did you order new? Why did you order your door handles? I'm glad you asked. My door handle broke my driver's side. Door handle broke so I can. No longer get in the door handle on my driver's side, which. Which is amazingly inconvenient to have a broken door handle.

Unknown

It really is. It's kind of like you're entering in, like, Dukes of Hazzard territory. See, I think the passenger door is breaking. it is? Yeah. To handle door handle. Because when you say Dukes of Hazzard territory, that makes it sound a lot cooler than it feels for me, because I'm going to go ahead and say I've had multiple vehicles with a broken driver's side door handle that was broken for a long time.

Unknown

Yeah. And I always felt I think I sold you a vehicle with Hurricane Dorian. You because it was a Honda. And the thing is, like when I have a broken door, you know, I broke that aggressively trying to get the door open when the door when it was frozen and I broke the handle right off in my hand, then fell down and slid down the driveway, I usually the bear.

Unknown

Yeah, yeah. Being being like, I don't know, maybe I'm making the story, but like, doesn't your origin story with Virginia on a date involve, like, slippery, slipping on ice or being on separate? It's nothing. Yeah, because we went out on your first day. It was. It was like the. It was a free date. It was like when we were.

Unknown

It was like a date. But it wasn't official. But it was with was it with a group of people? Was me, Virginia, Chris and fun. Okay. And she like at the end there was a fucking ice storm. Yeah. Where they're setting you up, where you getting settled? Whether the end. They kind of tricked us into me. Okay, Yeah, because I, I just.

Unknown

I don't know. I refuse to, like, I didn't want to meet anybody, blah, blah, blah. I was just like, I didn't, I didn't want to have any part in it. So they had they set up a trick. Chris actually did. Yeah, but anyway, yeah, we went out on a date. It was like I, it was icy and she was like, Do you want a ride home?

Unknown

And I was like, No. But then I couldn't walk away really cool. I had to walk without lifting any of my feet. Yeah. So all the Yeah. Going like almost no miles an hour, you know, is like see a see it, not the cool sex. It really sounds like something for like a rom com. Really. It was like a Ben Stiller Stiller.

Unknown

It's so, it was totally that. Yeah. Which, which actually is what as you say is like I do not it is not Dukes of Hazzard to me to have a broken door handle and go on the other side. It's more like better call Saul when Saul is really down and out and he's having a terrible day. And then he remembers he can't even fucking go in the driveway not making this up.

Unknown

But yeah, yeah, just going in the side door, just in the passenger side. Having to shuffle over the other side just makes me feel like somewhere along the way I made some really bad life decisions. Right? But Saul, in that story, Saul has Mike who knows how to fucking replace a door handle? Mike Like, he could create a he could create a new door handle like he could.

Unknown

MacGyver that shit. Mike is such a badass. And he went to Indiana University. Yeah, he went to that. Yeah, and I met him. Yeah, you did? Yeah. He came to the media school a couple of times.

So you're talking about your door handle? well, yeah, I got the door handle. And then I really like. And I'm YouTubing how you know how to replace it.

Unknown

And then I realized, like, because it has the old window cranks, so I can't get that off without a special tool. So, know, crawling on the driver's or the passenger side and go get the special tool like a little come back, get that off. And then I broke the handle and little plastic pieces. Long story short, I failed to replace the door handle, but I had the panel off the when the window crank off.

Unknown

And I had to drive that drive the truck to get to a place to get it repaired. Right with my bike in the back because I refused to ask anybody for help. So my, my, my plan was to, you know, get So you don't have because you don't have any friends who would be willing to give you up, right?

Unknown

No, none. No, no, no. All right. I would love to. You wouldn't dare no asking. So anyway, I put the truck key into the overnight slot. Yeah. And then. Then I realized that I had locked my house keys in my truck. No. No way. I could no longer get into my truck to get my house keys. But it didn't matter, because it can no longer get in my house because they're in my truck.

Unknown

And Virginia's out of town. Virginia's out of town? Yeah. And so does yourself. When you talk to yourself in your brain. Yeah. What is it? What is? That's pretty bad. Bad? Yeah. Yeah. Mine's always like you motherfucker. God. my. Yes. Yeah, My go to is, you idiot. Yeah, yeah, it's a I'm an idiot a lot of time.

Unknown

Yeah. Mine is always like I don't finish the sentence. I'm like you. God damn. And it's. That's it. Yeah. Like, but the words aren't available yet. how, how shitty of a person I am. Those words aren't even invented yet, so I can't finish it. Right? Right. It's that bad? Yeah. Not a lot of self-love going on there, right?

Unknown

That's what I was thinking about in, like 90 degree weather. Riding my bike up a long hill. to a house that you couldn't go to the house that I could not get into. And so anyway, I got that I'll fast forward like my that truck's at the mechanics and they, you know, they call me like a hundred yards.

Unknown

Well I've, I have a key that I hid where that. Yeah. It's, it is that happens to be, it's at a nursing home and blooming and blooming. the really weird place to be. Well you got to keep your spare

somewhere, you know I'm saying. Yeah. I don't like putting you like putting your key in the night. I do.

Unknown

I do. At the nursing home. no. So anyway I'm like drive it. So I get, get all that worked out and then I'm driving Virginia's car and I start getting these engine, all these alerts on her car about tires and the air pressure and all that. First, I can't even drive her car very well because mine's a stick shift.

Unknown

You know, it's all in a roll down the windows. And when I get in her car, I spend about 5 minutes every time. Like, where's the key? Where's the. The, the clutch. What? What's going on? Yeah, it is. But any time I get in the car that's built after like 2000, feel like I'm, I have to figure out how to fly the Millennium Falcon and I'm just like, fuck, I get it.

Unknown

And you can't even turn the radio on. No, I know, I know. And I see Virginia when. When I drive the her car, I see her not look at me. Yeah, but also laughing at me while I'm trying to figure out all this thing. Yeah. And your brain is like you either you got down to dot, dot, dot.

Unknown

Yeah, but when they called me to tell, you know, to give me the estimate, they're like, well, you know, on the driver's side, you know, there were some there were some plastic pieces broken off of it. Right. So that's going to you know, we're going to have to order a special car. And I wanted to be like, what do you do right?

Unknown

Just try to put it on them. Yeah. Write a review on Yelp yet? Anyway, I took my truck in to get the passenger side door handle and a broken piece of plastic in there. After I got it back and there was grease on the steering wheel, I, I will never, ever, ever, ever go back there again. Well, so what have you said?

Unknown

The engine light came on Virginia's car. It wasn't Well, it wasn't the engine like you want. It is another one of those fancy things of the newer cars to where I like. If your tires, everything under out, you know, not the right pressure then. Yeah, but you get an alert. I have to get used to that too, because whenever a light comes on on my dashboard it.

Unknown

Yeah. It's usually something that's saying like either you fucked up or you better do something about this or you're going to fuck up. You know, it's never just like, Hey, I just wanted to tell you that like 50 miles are going to run out of gas. Like no vehicle I've ever had is doing that. Well, no, my mind is a lot.

Unknown

I'm used to a vehicle being a lot more impolite. You know, like when when you hear a beep, it means you're fucked. Yeah, you. Hey, idiot. Remember oil? Yeah, right. Remember about oil, right? Look at the sticker at top left hand corner of your truck. What year does it say you remember? Remember that you need brakes to stop your vehicle?

Unknown

Yeah. Yeah. What did you think that sound was? Every time you brake, there's going to. you think it's just a cool car sound? But Virginia's cars more like warning. Is the seat comfortable enough right now? I was driving. My brother. My brother. We're going to be talking. You're going to be talking to him alone here in a minute on on our interview because I disappeared.

Unknown

Where'd you go? I in my defense, I think I went to go get ready to play to play my set at the bad news event that we are that our episode is about today. But I will admit that I'm a little bit I'm a little flighty, you know, And I knew you to hold down the fort. But my my brother, he has this like, SUV that Hillary got in.

Unknown

Like, if it seemed like a fender bender in the Target parking lot, but it turned out to some guy hit her in the Target parking lot here in Bloomington, and then it was totaled, like it broke the something in half and it was like this whole thing. So anyway, somehow or another, my brother's SUV has been sitting at my house forever and sticks now, but it's in my house.

Unknown

And so I'm like, Fuck it, I'm driving that shit, you know? So I'm driving the SUV to Indianapolis the other day and I'm a really I'm really a distracted. I've gotten pulled. I got pulled over when I was in my twenties by the police because I was driving erratically. And the reason was I was changing clothes on the highway while I was driving.

Unknown

I didn't tell him and tell him that, but that's why I got pulled over. And so I'm driving this Volvo and and I had I was curious about all the buttons. I was pressed on all the buttons, and one of them has like, it's not a it's not a self-driving Volvo. It just but it does have this lane, this assist that like if you cross the the the the line it kind of corrects you know which which which takes a second.

Unknown

It used to but for me it's a very good feature because I you know I Yeah yeah but so it was kind of doing that and I was fucking around changing me looking, doing things. And then this new alert comes on it from me that says something like driver alert and it has a little icon of a cup of coffee and it said, time to take a break because you'd been driving too long.

Unknown

No, because I was driving so terribly, it it it had to look to correct me so many times that if I was like it was like, something's wrong with you. You're right. Now you're fucking wasted. Exactly. You want to talk about our episode? Let's do it. Because it's different. Yeah, it's. We've never done anything like that before, right?

Unknown

Yeah, it's a it's a live. So live recording, so less editing. Yeah, But you know that there's we have to divide it somewhat so there's going to be some weirdness here and there probably. Yeah. Yeah. Because so basically we're like bet, you know, Bad Knees are one of our sponsors. Halo was having a grand reopening around West fifth, kind of across from Roseville Cemetery.

Unknown

And it was a it was a great if it was there it was it was fun that he's going to do it again next year. He had like T-shirt printing and button making and music and the farm stop was doing all their thing and lots of vendors and food and stuff. So we just set up a mobile, we just set up a mobile thing and we're just kind of like anybody who wants to jump on and tell a story or look up, you know, just talk to us and sit down and watch, which as we were doing it, I started realize like, that's a big ask.

Unknown

Like, I don't know if I would go voluntarily and just sit my ass down with some podcast and start talking. I absolutely would not. Yeah. So but I, but my hat's off to the people who did because they're super great and fun. Yeah. Yeah. I guess we're just going to I think the first guest is yeah. So the first guest is my brother.

Unknown

My brother came with his wife Hillary, and they and I, that's when I thought we'd talk for a second. And then I just disappeared. I think I went to a place to play music at the event. Yeah. And then so. And then you didn't. And then you never came back. Never again. And two story. We are live now and take notice.

Unknown

So we're here at the bad news Tiers. Grand opening with my brother Andrew Coopersmith and his beautiful wife Hillary. Though she is my Hillary. I don't think I met you. I have. I. I don't know, man. I'm Josh. Just me. We have a poodle. We've got a poodle. Poodle? Well, we have a poodle. You do you. You own a poodle.

Unknown

Yeah. Well, you. You are. You are. You wanted to talk about the poodle or what? I always. Yeah, the poodle is part of your overall, like, attempt to seem like an 87 year old couple, right? I mean, you guys watch. Let's see what you watch. Love Boat. Yep. On a regular basis at. I know you're in bed before the sun goes down.

Unknown

Usually I'm usually in bed before the sun. The ever I am, too. I don't remember if we put this in the podcast, but Chris was telling me that you guys would go to clean offers, but you got the outfits like you were serious and knew what you're doing. Yeah, I found these recycled jumpsuit that you'd wear if you were like an actual car mechanic denim, you know?

Unknown

Right. And they didn't really that That's exactly right. I would cut the, you know, legs a little bit and, and yeah. So we'd wear those when we were attempting to do whatever home improvement projects the client offers you some tools. Like I think it really kind of was new. We were imbeciles, right? Like, but they entered, they, you know, they, they entertain the whole I feel this way when I go to clean door offers that they're super helpful and really nice.

Unknown

But I also have this feeling that they have a conversation about me when I'm when I leave. Yeah. I mean, I can only imagine the commentary. I mean, the questions they get asked from people like us are just ridiculous, you know? I mean, it's not even like what size of drill that we need. It's sort of like, how do you how do I make off all kind of women?

Unknown

Yeah. And then they're like, well, do you have a drill or. I think so. And, you know, back in that day it was a drill that had a core that was severed or something. So it was always a, you know, process. But they were, they were janitors and nice people. These are very nice people, you know. So it is ridiculous jumpsuits, I guess.

Unknown

Old jumpsuits. Jumpsuits. Yeah. They're like overalls with sleeves and everything. That's how Mellencamp wears those now. really? It's like a onesie. Yeah, it's a onesie. Yeah. Yeah, that is. That's is go to performance out there. I think we probably started that trend back in the probably then. Yeah. So the porch swing, you know we have this house had this house.

Unknown

I mean it wasn't really a house was a, was a shack. So when I lived there for a couple of years back in the 2000, 2005, I think we decided to put a porch swing in, really use personally the even work for him. But we decided to anchor it to the back porch relief, which was, you know, he knows how old and he knows how poorly built.

Unknown

It was very poorly built. And he knows what was, you know, sort of behind those. He saw plywood that were put constituted of room for this place anyway. So we did our best and got some jumpsuits on where to find overs and got some tools. And the, you know, springs and anchors. And we installed it and it seemed to be hanging from the roof of the patio.

Unknown

And then we decided to celebrate it. We got a couple beers or something and popped in and still had your ones. These are the ones these are on. It's like kind of a nice summer day, you know, is what if what a what an incredible accomplishment from to nothing better than sitting on your front porch on your brand new Spain and Portugal.

Unknown

Yeah. Our days work partners were, you know, sweating from the jumpsuit and the labor and all the tools and and yeah, it's a great, great feeling for there for a minute. And then we both, you know, like I said, we got a cold beer or whatever it was a cold come beach or whatever weird stuff my brother had and, and popped him off, sat on the porch swing about same time and about maybe a second later the whole thing collapsed on the floor with you guys in it with us and all the, all the, you know, cambogia everywhere, everywhere, you know, the tools was everywhere.

Unknown

The pieces of hardware that we installed everywhere, chunks of wire, proof of the patio everywhere here. But you know, good memory. They remember it know I wouldn't remember it if it just kind of worked it right. You know. Now I see, you know, trying go their whole lives without any good stories and well that there is Mary Sloane just walked up to the table looked at her looking and so she just put in a jar there the said I don't know, but I'm going to open it up.

Unknown

And she's like, Don't even it fell. But it is a glass thing. It's got sand. I don't know. It's like artwork there. No, you know, I really I better not because who knows what it you never know what it could be. And you've opened a dimension to a different galaxy form. All right. What's your name? Max. Max. Well, what school do you go to?

Unknown

Parkside. Parkside? You live in Bloomington? No, No. Where do you live? We live in Olney, Indiana. Okay. And Indiana. What are so what are you in Columbus? You live in Columbus? Yeah. yeah. I taught in Columbus. I taught Northside Middle School. So you went to pretty good Parkside, so. And are you taking soccer camp? Much less than volleyball, then volleyball camp.

Unknown

Wade and going them? You can. Are those in Bloomington or are you just visiting Bloomington Visiting Bloomington. Right on. What do you think of it? We like it. It's nice you come here like you do Kind of often. Yeah. Bigfoot. yeah. Can you talk to us a little bit about that? Do you believe in Bigfoot? Yes, you do.

Unknown

So, what's your book? Tell us about that. So what makes me aware is that, like, sometimes I'll, like, go outside. Like, kind of when as I come day and, like, I hear, like, loud noises, I'm going and I fell. I recently found a Bigfoot footprints, you know? Yeah. Do you live in the. You live near the woods? Yeah.

Unknown

Yeah. So we live near feel okay. Do you ever look out the window and just see if you can see Bigfoot? Yeah. Yeah. It's not scary, though. Now, now. So you do you have any story is just like good stories about some. Just not. That has to be Bigfoot, but just any good stories about anything that's happened in your life?

Unknown

No. Something that's happened in my life is. It's like probably life. And, like, I'm recently just like. Like being just like. Like looking for Bigfoot has kind of, like. Like I stopped kind of doing. you did? Like, all of a sudden, I did it again, right? I didn't stop believing. Okay? But so it's a real. It's a real thing for you.

Unknown

Yeah. Like you're into. Yeah, but like, I like telling the court of law and, like, I, like, know a way that we could, like, figure he's real. Talk to us if we. If we, like, go to the first Bigfoot photo that was ever taken, if there were real evidence. And that means that we should keep finding these things that.

Unknown

No, there need to be. No, because we go and buy it. If or if the first evidence ever took in a Bigfoot, why don't we? That means that all the other people get started. It takes pictures. They say. I don't know. That's right. That's good logic. I could say, Well, is there anything else you want to tell us or anything else?

Unknown

Anything you want to tell the people of Bloomington? any favorite places to visit here? Probably. You mean the book one? Yeah. Corner? Yeah. Place. That's one of the oldest, oldest stores on the on the square. On Kirkland. Yeah, Well, also, like, they're like people who made, like, a building, the Bloomington, like the architects, like, it's good.

Unknown

Like, that is good. Yeah. And that's saying a lot. You coming from Columbus, You guys have, you're known for architecture, right? Yeah. Yeah. Well, it's really awesome to meet you. Thank you so much for coming on. Yeah. Do you care if we put this on our podcast at some point? Yeah. Okay. What? Well, like, I'm like, I'm with you doing it.

Unknown

Like, I knew. Like, I liked you. Like you had actually, like, for us to do it. Okay, good. Good to know. We'll have a good rest of your day. Thank you. Yeah, Enjoy it. Yeah, that's awesome. That yourself? That was Max Chestnut. He's seven years old from Columbus. Would you sound. You sound great. Yeah, he's a great man.

Unknown

You got a good. You got a good radio voice. Thank you. Yeah, I volunteer for the radio for WFUV. cool. Awesome. So you're Ben. What's Benedict? What Jones and the Jones have I learned about you from my pal Dave every year. And I just. We just met that. We met him earlier. How long you been here? I was born here.

Unknown

You were. have you. Have you got Kevin coming on or. I have a boomerang. Boomerang? Boomerang? Yeah. I went to California. Yeah. For ten odd years in Orange County and came back. Yeah, I was thinking that was on my mind as David was saying. yeah, I'm a Bloomington story and how I've come to in Bloomington stories of what is it about Bloomington?

Unknown

And then he said it's a cosmic launchpad, so people move here to go to school. They fall in love, they have children. And then I had my generation and some proximal to mine. Well, these kids are these brainy people, right? Yeah. That are so adventurous because they left somewhere to come here. That's a good point. And then we all go out and do crazy things.

Unknown

Yeah. And it's like this Cosmic launchpad. Yeah. I see what you're saying. Crazy. And it's not. Yeah. A thing that's too big. It, it's just a practical reality of what gets what manifests from the aggregate human activity of these high brains adventuring, searching, pushing and then even kind of back to where they were from a buddy of mine, it is when this Tom tars it and some people around might know who he is.

Unknown

I know the tourism name. Of course, his father, his name is Sarkis, so it's his target orchestra and son. Right. And Sarkis was an Armenian immigrant that fled the Armenian genocide. Okay. I did not know the band. He studied at Brookings Institute, and among other patents and inventions under his belt are like the proximity sensor and lit literally some of the most foundational technology that's ever been invented.

Unknown

That is remarkable is that there's a Bloomington dude and, well, a person who found himself here and has a variety of patents on foundational radio technologies. So the stories that are told about technological magnates like Nikola Tesla and others of the era, you know, we've got a person here and he ran the RCA plant where 90% of the TVs in the world were produced for about 60 years.

Unknown

He was the head of the RCA plant because he understood things about semiconductors, electronics, production that went on. He created some of the foundational tech in radios and transistors as well. So these are these like little underpinning Bloomington stories and some people know about, some others don't. And there's just this wide interweaving connection of serious global progression that that comes back to Bloomington, Indiana.

Unknown

Yeah, it's crazy. Do you have anything to say about John Mellencamp? I saw him two days ago. Well, we're. Yeah, walking into the farm and want the restaurant. Yeah. Why did John met John Mellencamp is what you're asking about today, you know, Why do you like John Mellencamp? Well, I like it. I like some of his music. I just think.

Unknown

no, man. It's. I like to hear stories of people's interactions with him around town. Is is his celebrity or our town. Well, and and the idea that he's just tried to stick it out here in little Bloomington and pride for though yeah totally my view and that I didn't feel the need to leave to another more small town you know let him die in a small town down in a small town.

Unknown

Yeah. So I guess a man who lives in a small town from a man who's been. Somebody's stalking us in this small town. A motorcycle in a small building on somebody's yard in this small town. About a little kid didn't get a swirly in this small town getting out of town. All this. But I kicked the dog in this small town of Flint.

Unknown

Farmer hands up to the people and. Okay, I'm here with you. McCormick Yeah, Yeah. So, yeah. So tell us the story. Yeah, That one night, late night a decade ago or so, it's hard to say. That was even more than a decade ago. Okay, we made it. We thought we were old. That was one of the quickest decisions I remember.

Unknown

I was like, Hey, your interests have favorite. Yes, they were just garb or the hot pepper that was laying out to dry out like on a kitchen. Yeah. So. Yeah. So yeah, I remembered just like opening my mouth and just slobbering all over the floor and somebody. It wasn't me. I think you like, open your mouth and forward like a pint of milk in your down your mouth.

Unknown

And that's gross. I remember. I remember slobbering in the sink like turning the faucet on and drinking water and also just slobber and spit into the sink thinking, Why do they fight that? Yeah, a super hot pepper. Have you had Jim up here to talk? Jim Who know me? We interviewed him. We have a full interview with them.

Unknown

good. I do something with I mean, he's super busy now, but with what, Jim bad means? Yeah, I think it's being pretty lazy if you ask me for a bird and he's checking the sound right now, it's a little bad news. Gets resolved by doing it. Mexico's sad news bears in his and make a shirt called Bad knees Bitch.

Unknown

Look, you're all wearing except for the Martinique. Yeah. Grace, my daughter got me this shirt. That's pretty good. That shirt. Chris got me the hat. Yeah, Some on the pretty good, pretty good bad softball team, right? I just learned about a kickball club. Yeah. Speaking of softball. Yeah, that goes on. I'll cut Mark, We going by as Josh and Rusty invite?

Unknown

Josh and I join. You know what happened, though? There was a a brief time there that Chris and Rusty and I decided we were going to go trail running together. And we did a few times and like going back then running for a while and Rusty, just can I thought that I think key but I'm rusty. And by the time we were finished, I was all sweaty in Montana, and Rusty looked like he wasn't even breathing differently.

Unknown

So I can imagine him and kick kickball like he could. He would just be sitting there calmly and then run up and kick the ball away directly in my mouth. He has thunder thighs thrust, you know. Yeah, he's a strong dude. He's strong. Yeah. I played like there is some kind of, like punk rock or basketball happening at ninth Street Butler part.

Unknown

Yeah. With Rusty and his cohort and back in the day I remember and I think same thing happened to me like I knew Russ is kind of a specimen of like, manly hood, but manliness. But when we got there, it was like, you know, he's chillin. This is kind of like his tongue. He's like, you know, chill voice.

Unknown

And Eric we get on that court, Wow. And it was all sudden like he was a fucking Navy SEAL. Like, I was terrified. Yeah, well, I wouldn't guess that he'd be competitive like that. he's extremely competitive. Money. Yeah, I can see it. I haven't seen it, but I can. I certainly believe it. I like to see him get in a like a cage match with John Mellencamp, and you're all you're.

Unknown

You know what would happen? Mellencamp would fight dirty and Rusty, wouldn't he? He would. Wouldn't even. Yeah, I wouldn't go back on raw. Like he would just be like, you can. You can kick me in the balls. Yeah. Until you're worn out. And then I'm going to be here. And I think you beat it down against the forehead with, I think the model that is coming up very was that me and Jim?

Unknown

He made his own monolith. Bloomington, monolith. Ladies and gentlemen, is the time you've been waiting for all afternoon, All morning, almost a year. I've prepared some words for the occasion, and I would like to share those with you right now. Gather around, gather around and we gather here on this very warm Bloomington, June afternoon, to celebrate not only the grand opening of a small T-shirt store, but an architectural wonder that has been in the works for nearly one year.

Unknown

It was all prompted by our fine city of Bloomington, putting the brakes on their architectural gateway project, The Monolith of a 40 foot structure lit by the warm glow of LSD that would welcome community members and guests 24 hours a day, shouting the word Bloomington to all who would notice that many applauded. Our city's halting of the project some some dare to call the city's monolith a valid symbol, and some dare to call it ugly.

Unknown

Because of that backlash, the 40 foot project was squashed. We just couldn't believe it. Every city needs a monolith for and you are all here because you believe this, and so do we. So soon as plans were put on hold last October by city officials, our team of bad news engineers led by the great public school teacher and rock climber Cliff Meyer, got to work.

Unknown

We thought if the city is against the 40 foot monolith, it must be a very tiny monolith. They see that built that tiny monolith. We did. What lies before you is a work of art, a work of beauty, a work of history crafted by hard working human hands and a 3-D printer. This monolith stands just under eight inches tall.

Unknown

Yeah. Thank you. At its base, like broken seashells and broken seashells harvested by the eastern banks of Monroe Lake and planted in those shells or millions for wildflowers found on the western shores of Griffith Lake. Out of that mound of beauty rises the technological wonder that is the monolith. And I will leave it there. And now let the monolith speak for itself.

Unknown

We have plans to showcase the monolith outside Bad News HQ on beautiful days like today, when it is not outside, we plan to showcase it in our window for all the world to see. 24 seven. I now present to you the more than 11 tests. Since who am I speaking with? This is Cameron. Cameron, What's your last name?

Unknown

Greer. Kim and Greer. And I'm Mallory. Oliver. Mallory. All over the R word. And then it always reminds me of Lord of the Rings or some of it, or Elvis kind of. So are you. Are you from Bloomington or here for school? Or what's the story? Well, we're from different places, aren't we? No, we are. We are. We actually we came here six years ago.

Unknown

We met together or know separately, but we met. And I guess actually, I can hear six years ago you've been there longer. How are you? Are you Indiana? Born in Indiana. So you're from out of state now. Okay. So this is good because I want to know what you think of Bloomington as a place of not being from like an outsider's perspective.

Unknown

Yeah. Wow. Well, what do you think? Can unlike my hometown, there are lots of things that happen here that just feel very Bloomington who want to be something that on the way here. Well, you arrive in young third and this unmanned lawnmower just started coming down a hill and each other. It was like one that someone has to ride on, like with a C, there should be a person there.

Unknown

But it was operating on its own. It was going into Third World. Yeah, very blooming. That's blooming. Was anybody chasing it? No. Even more blooming. And honestly I thought it was, it just wasn't running. What did it appeared to be running in says Chris Coopersmith. How Chris Coopersmith. He's one of the Bloomington, He's the other host of the podcast.

Unknown

All right. You a thing at your house before? Yeah. Do you do you play music? Okay. I think I saw you play music at your own house once, and that's so cool. I mean. yeah. Was it. Was it a band? Band? I think so. Yeah. I think it was your birthday, actually. So I felt like I was crashing a birthday party on the mike and Nick Bennett.

Unknown

I came with them. Mike. and Nick. Nicole is what you're. You're both in the same graduate program we had. We met in the same graduate program, and now we do different jobs. So that's how we met. We've been friends now for over 60 years. You years in the job we met Nick as well. Nicole. You met her around the same time?

Unknown

Yes. Yeah. Yeah. And you do you go. Are you the the game? Do you play games with them? Yes, We obsessively play guitar and guitar. And I every time I go there there's a there's an addition to Catalan. Yes. Yes. You add all the additions and then you're the spreadsheet and I'm just ready with all of it. It was recently caused, I think, some rifts within our little group.

Unknown

Yeah, we've really come. We've gotten past it. My brother is a shit talker. Yeah, we. I feel like if we played time, like if we played online to time with my you until we just recently started the new spreadsheet had the lead with everything that actually if he couldn't the politics Yeah the space Yeah you just had to play like he wouldn't win as much as he could.

Unknown

Right. Or he does because he's so good at like all that he's so good at like accident, like pitting people against each other or like even the people they fuck with them because then he'll like, really, like, fuck up your games. You have to tread lightly. It's been so smart. I only play with him once. And Josh, you're Mike's younger brother.

Unknown

Exactly. That's what I thought in your in your time in Bloomington. Have you run into have you had any run ins with John Mellencamp? One time I saw him. Okay. So are you sure? Exactly. Are you auditorium? Box office? When I was in college and he played back to back shows there once when I was working and I only saw him.

Unknown

He was standing outside, like on the side of the auditorium was he smoking? He was talking to somebody. I don't have a cool story. I'm sorry. I just saw him from afar. Yeah, like that was. I've never interacted with him personally. Yeah. Yeah. I don't think I know what he looks like, and I should probably Google it. So if I Do you have any run ins?

Unknown

You feel like I might have seen him? All right, I'm hanging out a lot more than I his realize. I've noticed, like, the his thing. He wears onesies these days. Every time I see him, he's kind of looks like he's ready to to I don't know if they're called ones. Is it? What are the mechanics where they get a jump like just jump through this one.

Unknown

This is not the right. I like one girl, but it does paint a different mental ones is like something you you go to bed and you go to bed at last feet usually I like he's Yeah. What I meant to say is jumpsuit but it would be great to see him in the ones. That's probably the next phase is history.

Unknown

I think the cover up there is a gateway. All right. Right. I think we're on it. I like it. You guys. It's Tim Flower. Tim Flower. It's amazing to be staring. And he's got like a it's like a mount Rushmore level face, you know, a lot of nooks and crannies, nooks and crannies. But you're but you've got a very, like, timeless look and face.

Unknown

Like, there's a lot of wisdom there. Yeah. Like you can buzz, but it's it's like you could Yes. And you could be like from 9210 where you could be from 1840. It would all work. I could I mean, you know, I mean yet, you know, what's your your makeup ethnic makeup or your like where are you from? 50% Irish.

Unknown

And the rest is, I think Dutch law Scott is kind of a mixture, old New Yorkers. Do you feel the Irish, too? I'm born in New Jersey. So you're born in New Jersey? I didn't know that. Yeah, You come in for college. Eventually. We moved out to Indiana when I was ten. While my dad was in the Air Force and took a job at Grissom.

Unknown

So we moved from across the river from Philly and Willingboro, Jersey, to Walton, Indiana. Mr. Walton, Where's that? You know, it's between Kokomo and Logansport, too. One of those one

flashing life. Yeah. Dairy barn volunteer fire department, Cafe and the town. Yeah. Yeah. And originally we lived on an old farmhouse, so it was kind of our version of Green Acres.

Unknown

Remember that old show? The city people moved to, like, a half mile from anybody. And so initially I didn't care for it, but it grew on, man. That is, until I came to Bloomington. Yeah. Real quick, can you. What? How how old were you when you moved to Bloomington? Bloomington. I moved down here in 1982, so I was a freshman in college.

Unknown

So 40 plus years ago, I think actually I just a couple of even a year or two ago celebrated my 40th anniversary re I tried to go and revisit on the day that first day that I came to Bloomington and get into my dorm, which was Twitter. Yeah, things have changed. And key fobs in stuff. Yeah. Yeah. I did manage to get into a stairwell, but then I got a little unnerved because it wasn't like it wasn't move in weekend, so I couldn't pose as a father or anything.

Unknown

I was just this weird bearded guy water and with the door and and when I lived there, it was it's there were women and men in that building, but it was by floor. Now it's all mixed, I guess, really. COED Yeah. So it was a different thing. And so I just bombed out, but you know, yeah, been here for quite a while.

Unknown

Yeah. What do you think about that? What do you think about having me sort of just come to this town when you were, what, 18 or something? And then. And then you just never leave, Especially being somewhere where other people leave a lot. Yeah. I mean, I think there are a lot of things that go into that. But, you know, my family or even though as military family, we didn't move very much.

Unknown

My parents were pretty frugal. So being Depression era folks, they didn't spend a lot of money. So we didn't we didn't travel, we didn't go on big family trips. I mean, we go to Indiana Beach, which, you know, some of the experiences when we moved to Indiana were always compared to things out east. It's like going to Indiana Beach is not like going to the shore.

Unknown

Yeah, and Atlantic City. But yeah, it just was it was it was kind of challenging when we moved out here. But like I said, I mean, it just it kind of grew on me. So then Bloomington was thank God. I mean, for Bloomington, I often wonder as I've travel back to Jersey, I remember sitting in front of the I took my wife, she was at a conference in Philly and we went to visit.

Unknown

I went along for the ride and we went to visit the house that I was, you know, grew up in till I was ten. And we were sitting outside and just kind of looking at the house and, you know, telling

stories or whatever. And like, yeah, my first kiss was the little girl next door, Janine Turner, you know, behind there, like shared in the backyard.

Unknown

We're both probably seven, maybe or eight years old. And just as I say that out of that house comes those big burly blond ladies smoking a cigaret can Katzenberg trash. And Gabby is like, is that her?

Looks just pulled away. And I just like the memory. I just want to keep that memory of what initially happened. This is obviously important. Even as a kid to remember that. But I often wonder what would have happened if we would have stayed there. I'm thankful to be where I am in and Bloomington. I mean, when I finished school and I stuck around town, I did have feelings about that.

Unknown

I think part of it was that I knew I didn't want to go back to Walton, Indiana. Right. And I but I couldn't afford to go anywhere else. I didn't have, you know, as a spare grad and really have a lot of jobs lined up. And I love Bloomington already. I was in love for many reasons that later played out.

Unknown

And really what happened was it wasn't as much just the place. It was really people, the community aspect. Not to sound cliché, but it's what people move to places and search for. And especially when you're older. It's hard to retain, but when you live here, a series of college days like we have. Yeah. And you know, you have the summer times and you get to know people.

Unknown

Half the population disappears and time goes by and you grow up with these people. And there are still people that lived there in Bloomington that lived in my dorm. It I remember from around and I'm just like, all right. You know, we talked to a guy today earlier that had lived was grew up in Bloomington and moved away for ten years.

Unknown

And I asked him why he came back and he said that that community that he had here, that he could just not get it anywhere else. Now, it's a unique it's a unique place. And I think in many ways that plays to our favor, those of us that have stuck around. If you're a new business owner trying to do pull off something they do in a larger town like Indianapolis, I call it the Bloomington ceiling.

Unknown

It's like there's a lot of diversity, but there's not necessarily enough. Yeah, I like the byline when they were first starting. yeah. And as much as I hated, like, covering my ears at the crazy Horse, you know, or the line when the train would go by, remember, I used to just blast. Yeah. And I worked at the food bank at the time, which was right on the track.

Unknown

Right. And things. Every time they would come by, it was like everyone was. It was so loud. And I get to hear their train going through the center of town. Yeah, there was the incident with the trucker bags. No. Wow. I was just. You know where the yoga is now? On the line behind Bender was the food bank when I worked there.

Unknown

And occasionally we would get truckers that would have a damaged load, and they would go to deliver somewhere like us food service. And some of their load was damaged and they were just refuse it. So they would call the feedback and be like, Can we weave? And this particular case, it was to bring you a bunch of smashed trailer bags.

Unknown

Well, there were all smashed, but they were smashed at the back and they just. Yeah, I think so. I accepted that while the trucking company is going to pay to have them shipped all the way back to where they came from, so they're like offload them right everywhere. And so the guy came to the food bank and he made the mistake of the parking with the trailer just hanging over the edge of the tracks, was asking his.

Unknown

Yes. And he came into the building and was asking us how many eggs we take. And then there was this. And you saw his eyes light up and our eyes lit up and the train smashed the corner of the trailer and took out the signal arms and everything. And just like and obviously there weren't a lot of eggs left for distribution or there is a few more damaged.

Unknown

Yes. Yeah. Nuts and everything. That's amazing. Yeah. Did the train stop? it stopped. Yeah. Yeah. It was a whole I mean, yeah, there was an incident relocation, as you know, but it just really simply that he had and he didn't realize he probably thought it was an active that when the beeline so when the beeline came about, I was one of the in my own mind, a critic.

Unknown

I was like, why would you have a trail going through town if, like, when I ride a bike, I like ride on the street, blah, blah, blah. And now, of course, that's how I commute to work is down the beeline. Yeah. And if you really want to get a sense of the pulse of the city on any particular day.

Unknown

That's so true. I know you were looking for a mellencamp. yeah. yeah. Stories. And I really. It's one of my favorite things about your podcast is obviously that it's such a great subject. We're going to pay in blood. We are. We're not. I don't know. Our lives are going to be shorter. He's. I can't imagine his.

Unknown

It's going to take a while. Eventually he may stumble on it, but I can't imagine. Right. I might actually worried about his sons. how the hardened back. Yeah. Those guys. Boxers. Yeah. They both got arrested in the same night. Yeah, I know. I remember that. Yeah. Just, you know, you're like me and Michael Jackson. It's like I'm a lover, not a fighter.

Unknown

Maybe if you say that they won't be. Well, actually, they'll probably be a champ first. Look, the crazy thing about it, when they got arrested at a party for fighting there at nine years old to. But I know they're beating some college kids asses, so my now cam interaction. I do remember many years ago I worked with Nicole Records which is on 10th Street.

Unknown

There was an old record store by well, where Lenny is used to be. wow. At the time it was before Lenny's. Lenny's was actually a Taco John's. See, I'm sound like an old person. This is a great time. Or I heard the other night the comedian was talking about how old people talk about what used to be in places.

Unknown

Yeah, and but funny, that's why I'm here. You know, Tour guide to the past. But there is a Taco John's, there is Brad's bagels, and then there was wooden nickel records then. But anyway, the thing I remember about with Nicole was that, you know, this was during his, like, super popularity rise, you know, And so he would actually come in and check to make sure we had his records in the bin for sale.

Unknown

All of them. We always had to keep like all of his records in there. And I never was. That was his anger was never directed at me directly. But I know the owner was always petrified, but that my real encounter. I heard a rumor that Lou Reed was going to be at the Bluebird, and I knew that the upcoming Farm Aid and I'm sure you've heard about this, it's actually on YouTube.

Unknown

Part of the I remember like five or ten years ago, it came out on YouTube as so Farm Aid was coming up and Mellencamp's band was going to back John Prine and Lou Reed, that Farm Aid. And so there ran I heard this rumor that they were going to be at the Bluebird and the raging Texans were playing that night.

Unknown

And I had seen Mellencamp in pop band two other times when the Texans were blamed. One time I was right after Thanksgiving and he played like Gloria and he played some Christmas songs and starred. But anyway, I huge fan of Lou Reed. I know his whatever he is who he is. Yeah. New Yorker. And yeah, I love growing up like I didn't really know about him until post-college days, but fell in love with all that underground and ham.

Unknown

And and so based on the fact that this was a rumor, I thought it was highly possible. So I showed up and stood right at the stage, right when the Texans started. They came out and they did a few songs. And then Mellencamp came out with his band and did a few songs. And the place was like, Really?

Unknown

Not that many people knew about it because it was prior cell phones and everything. So it was like, but word still would spread pretty quickly. So as the night went on, I mean, the crowd was getting thicker and thicker and I just kind of stood my ground, as you have to do at the Bluebird, because God forbid, you leave and then go back to where you're standing.

Unknown

But then I hear they like helped Lou Reed out black leather jacket. They get him up on stage and he did Well, I did walk on the wild side. And I love you, Suzanne. Nuisance sessions. He was awesome. I bet. And then then there was a break. And then Prine was going to come out. Well, I thought, this is my opportunity to meet with Reed because, you know, the old alley behind the Bluebird, that's.

Unknown

Yeah, I go running out the front door and run around to the alley. And I had I didn't have a Sharpie, but I had a pen and I had one like business card of somebody. I even know who it was. But I was like, I'll get his autograph on the back of that. It's just one piece of paper and a pen, and I go running to the alley and there I don't see anyone around.

Unknown

And I turn around and there's Lou Reed and Mellencamp sitting against this car, smoking, you know, and it's doing this. So I go to approach Lou Reed and just as I did, somebody runs out of the the door of the back of the Bluebird and starts talking to him. And so I'm standing there in front of the reed while this guy's talking to I'm holding this card and a pen man and Mellencamp there's is sitting right there uncomfortably staring at it.

Unknown

And I kind of looked at him and I was like, I think I want yeah, his. And I just was like, I remember passing the card to him to sign and the whole time thinking, where am I going to get another piece of paper? And he said, and fortunately I had something else in my wallet. I just took another card or something out of my wallet.

Unknown

So Mellencamp signed one of the cards. I didn't throw it away in front of him, but I did then wait for Lou Reed, and I don't even remember what I said. I was so starstruck. I signed it. And then there was a picture of him in the paper that I cut out and put it in a frame with that with the autograph, which I still have buried somewhere.

Unknown

But and that's, of course, my that was my close encounter with Mellencamp. You combined the Bloomington story with Mellencamp because it also included Bluebird and Reed, and that was really cool. And I went back in, I go around to the front and there's this giant Eldorado convertible sitting in front of the Bluebird, which was John Prine's car. Fuck, yeah.

Unknown

Yeah. Afternoon. So real quick, one other story. Yeah, I know. So a lot of people know that the Dalai Lama's brother was a professor at Iowa, and so he made several visits to Berlin and then they created the the temple there on Snoddy Road here. And I had the good fortune to go. The Dalai Lama was here to do to lay the cornerstone.

Unknown

They had a ceremony laying the cornerstone of the temple as they were getting ready to build it. Yeah. And he came and did a teaching and I went to that to teach. It was super cool, right? The quick thing I remember from the teaching was that he was talking about religion and not expecting everybody to follow and be a big master, be the sort of be that he was like just piecemeal, like take what works for you, right?

Unknown

Whatever makes you happy And I remember him saying something like, Even if you're a Christian, keep being that Christian. Just yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. And just and that was really kind of spoke to my idea of spirituality. It was just like my own version saying or saying that as it should be. But anyway, they teaching was great. He was sitting up there on this big mound of pillows and security and stuff around, but then I noticed afterwards we're getting ready to leave.

Unknown

All these people were lined up and he was like greeting them and he was giving them something and just like putting Santa in their hands. And it flashed me back to like, Is this like a communion? Like I wasn't familiar with the proceedings and what might be going on. So I got in line and when I was firing my turn to get up there, he greeted me and just smiled and gave me a Pepperidge Farm Milano cookie and Noel, which happens to be my favorite and really amazing.

Unknown

Here's the question. Did you eat the cookie? I did, Yeah. It's funny because everyone asked me. Of course I ate the cookie. I mean, I just did whatever. Yeah. yeah, yeah, yeah. Well, I just pictured it, like, in a in a glass frame next to the possible. I mean, I think, I think that did cross my mind because I didn't need it immediately.

Unknown

I didn't want to be disrespectful. Right. I didn't know again, like I was participating, but I'm pretty sure when I got to the car. So one time I was at the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center there, and I was at a meditation class and feeling really good. And, you know, we did a meditation there as a teacher. I was just I was in the zone and I, I leave and I see this dog on my way out of the place.

Unknown

I see this dog, and I'm like, I'm going to do the right thing and I'm going to pick up it, take this dog back to where it belongs. So I got the tag and I texted the number on there on the dog tag, and it was like, Hey, I found your dog, you know, where do you want to meet him?

Unknown

And this person texted me back and was like, thank you very much. You know, I live at this address or whatever. And I'm like, okay, cool. And then I'm taking the dog up, putting it in my vehicle, and I'm looking over and they're two months looking at me like, What the fuck are you doing? But they don't speak English.

Unknown

And then I didn't see their language and I have they're I'm basically stealing their dog. Wow. Yeah. And it took me like about 10 minutes of, like, realizing that the address on the dog tag was the address that I was. And that's, I think the crime gods have got very understanding. man. It's just it's another one of those things.

Unknown

I don't. Yeah. Have you ever done something that that's kind of dumb and makes your forehead sweat. Yeah. And then you think you ever done you think about it years later does it again. It still does. Yeah. That's, that's one of those stories, you know? man, I hate that I got a story. I even have a picture of the dog.

Unknown

And it was the Dalai Lama's brother's dog. Because I was going to I was going to do, you know, very dogs. But yeah, so you basically almost kidnaped this Dalai Lama's brother dog in front of a couple of months? Yeah. Yeah. From the books. Yeah. Yeah. After I had a really awesome meditation team that. and I'll like I don't think you could really beat that unless like back in the day you had kidnaped Little Dog.

Unknown

That's the only thing that would happen potentially. Right. Right. Yeah. It made it weird. I continued going back though. So. Yeah. Day at least. I don't think they held a grudge. Hey, thanks for coming over here to give you a couple to sit with you. It was awesome. Definitely one of the humans we were hoping to talk to.

Unknown

Real? Yeah, the end story. So, what have you been doing today? Well, Josh, I want to tell you that Mary made sure she was. She's still working, but she said she might show up and you know what? You know, so Mary will not show up, right? We know that, right? Yeah. Yeah. Well, she might show up. Yeah. She's not going to show up.

Unknown

No. When she's going to show up, she might be definitely going to show up. Yeah. If she says I am going to show up, she might like that covers it. We had to cut things down, conversations down because of time and all that, but we had some good. I think all of the conversations were really fun, totally and big thanks to bad news, who is one of our is our first sponsor and we've got cool.

Unknown

We've got merch on Barney's website, limited stories, T-shirts, totes and mugs and stuff. In fact, I didn't tell Josh, but he also I went and got mugs from him today as we are giving a mug to each of our guests and one of and he included a one of a kind Bloomington stories fanny pack in the mail. that's the parson.

Unknown

Yeah. Yeah. And so, yeah. And then and then we also have our, our second sponsor, Gretchen. Yes. And Ruth Noll of Bloomington Realty. Yep. Links to all the sponsors and bad knees and to our little storefront on the bad knees are in the notes. What else do we have to say? Follow us, Rate the podcast if you can.

Unknown

If you get a chance. That helps a lot. Mary said this way. Mary said it this way. Now she's got I'm leaving in a What time are you walking out? What time you press? And on the zoom I am ending this zoom meeting at 630. I think we should keep this on the on on the show. Yeah, let's hear it.

Unknown

Let me play. You know, it's. It's 608. Yeah. And I am walking out of the door at 632. Okay, so 2 minutes to put the little bit behind me. And again, a lot. Okay. Okay. Josh Yeah, I got breaking news. Okay. There's one other thing to tie up from this. This episode is that is the is that Mary Sloan brought you that jar when I was talking to Andrew, your brother?

Unknown

Yes. Yes, she did. And actually, you guys talked about it for a second. You kind of went back and forth about what was in it. And. Yeah. And I think it ended up with Andrew thinking maybe it was a wormhole to another universe. Yeah, but I remember Mary actually wrote on a piece of paper what actually was in there.

Unknown

Yeah, she showed it to me while I was talking to somebody. And you're face just. I mean, I watched your face because I was like, What? So Mary is. She's just pulled up. I don't believe it. I'm telling you, she's just pulled up. I don't believe you. She she backed her car into the thing. So the end of her Subaru is facing.

Unknown

You're crazy. I'm right. But I will be honest. I don't see her. wait. I see. I think I see that. I do. I think it's her. No, I'm serious. I'm looking out the window. What is it? 617. She's got 13 minutes to get the job done. 1212. Let's call it 12, Shall we? Call it 12? 12 minutes.

Unknown

All right, look there. There she. Look. What's not only. Look, look, look. What the hell? Six times. Okay, Now what the hell? Josh has got 12 minutes and counting, you suggest, right? Mary Sloan. Shit, She's got a bottle of. She's got a bottle of spring. Spring water? Yeah, mineral water. Okay. It's only a hundred thousand degrees outside. I can't.

Unknown

I don't how I can't hear. Josh Minute. Well, I can't. I can't hear Josh Bennett. I can't hear Josh Bennett. Are I've got a friend and another one that came to visit you. man. Nice. Do you want to fight or fight you right now? It's. It was a plan. Poppin time. She has you right now. She has some.

Unknown

She has some explaining to do. Don't mess with me. Okay. nice. Mary can't hear. She can't hear me. He's here now. Hey. All right, we got. We're back. Back in business, All right, Back in business. I realize we can have both have headphones. Well, so what? Okay, we got Josh, what's our time? I've got 9 minutes. Right.

Unknown

You got 9 minutes. All right, we. Okay, so you want to talk to me? About what? About thing? Tell me why. Well, Mary, when I was back to work, so I. Would you remember? You remember? You remember on my birthday? Yeah, and I would. And I was talking to Andrew and you on a microphone. On the microphone. And you gave me this little jar.

Unknown

Yeah. Which had, like. So I gave you this jar. Yeah. Yeah. That was full of some of Toby Parnell's ashes at the. At the time I did not know. I didn't know it. Right. And we couldn't talk so I Right. And so you know, I kind of did some. Here you go. We'll talk later. Yeah. So sign language and you like and I was I think I was making making jokes like I was like, going to open it like a panda.

Unknown

Eat it. Yeah. Yeah. You made this signal. Like, do you know you shouldn't smoke it, right? Yeah. Wait, just hold on. Hold on. That day. Yeah, I know we can't talk right now, but don't do that. But you wrote on a piece of paper. What? What she write? you wrote. I think you wrote Toby and Toby. It's Toby.

Unknown

It's. That's why that's she. And then I'm like, 11 and a story. And then all of a sudden I'm like, he's like, eyes wide open. Yeah, it's Toby, so I'll do it. So I left the house that day. I think, like, I didn't even know I was going to be at that gig like three days before Christmas.

Unknown

And I had, yeah, funny little, you know, because she played with me. Yeah. Same right. And then playing with Chris on the fly. Yeah. And he broke to me like that morning. It's Josh's 50th birthday, and I was just like, I can't show up like an empty handed. Sure did not show up, like. And I looked around and I was like, What can I give to him?

Unknown

And I don't know. I think maybe we had just taken Toby off the shelf and I put him on a piano or something, and I was like, I'll just give him some ashes like it was with everybody. Yeah, just was always, we got him. I thought when, when Toby our in our, our fearless leader and yeah, in the maverick outlaw country band we Yeah.

Unknown

Accounting just got swooped in to. Yeah, yeah I, I was so I was so thankful that you you did it I he's like he's, he's sitting right is he back right next to my sister like the right like both. I have a little of both of them. Right. She like to fight because maybe they get to spar, but there she is.

Unknown

She likes to she's like a super easy to get along. So Toby is going to nobody's going to do well by just like telling her what's going to happen. And she'll she'll go right along with it. Sort of like sort of like we all did. Right. Well, she listened to all his lovely bullshit. yeah, yeah, yeah. She'll be like, okay, we're going to do this now, right?

Unknown

Right. She's like, she'd get she'd say, okay, and do it and enjoy every minute of it. That's amazing. Mary, thanks for coming over. Thank you, Mary. Yeah, thanks. So clear to me. I love you. I'm sorry. I have to leave. Why don't you say some more bullshit? Because I have to go to my mom's and please. Another reason.

Unknown

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