

Episode 48 - Lock Your Doors and Manage Your Alcohol

w/ Jordan Ligon and Bootum

MJS = Mike Schubert

ES = Eric Silver

JL = Jordan Ligon

Bootum = Bootum

If there is a mistake or mis-translation in this transcript please feel free to reach out for clarification! (horsehoospod@gmail.com)

MJS

Okay. It is gone. Sweet. Toni Kukoč. Oh, the joke I was gonna make.

Intro Music

MJS

Sup nerds, it's basketball. Welcome to Horse, a basketball podcast about everything except for the wins and losses. My name is Mike Schubert and I'm joined as always by my trusted co-host, the talking shit about the Washington Mystics to Liz Cambage on Twitter, it's Eric Silver. Eric, how's it going?

ES

This is the best basketball story about milk since Klay Thompson, and I'm here for it.

MJS

Let's very quickly give context to this.

ES

No, don't. Give no context. It's just milk. This is a milk story.

MJS

We don't talk about it the Jordan interview. So, I feel like we should tell people what is happening?

ES

Fine. Okay. Fine.

MJS

So, very quickly, Liz Cambage was trash talking people of the Washington Mystics --

ES

Mhmm.

MJS

-- who she does not like, saying that one of their players needed some milk in order to strengthen their bones I guess. And then the Washington Mystics account clap back, and tweeted out a video of Liz Cambage struggling and falling over in the post, and then asked her, "Need some milk? So, now, there's beef between a player and a full team and milk is involved.

ES

It's cheese now, because they've worked it so hard. It's butter.

MJS

We'll put a link to all the tweets on the website. But, before we get into this episode of Horse, we got to get a little bit prepared. And, in order to do so, we have to take a quick visit to the Teal Memorial Locker Room.

ES

Teal is doing great.

MJS

Teal is thriving.

ES

Teal learned how to make some really great cookies. And, now, it's there. It's like we're all going to emerge from this thing with like a bunch of new skills. Like we all leveled up.

MJS

Right. Everyone is better at cooking and baking I would assume. I am a lot better at sit ups since it's the only exercise I can do, because I ordered dumb bells and they were delayed, and then delayed again, and then cancelled by Walmart. We're going to be different. We're all just going to be different people.

ES

I'm plus five to Pokemon, which I guess was kind of inevitable for me.

[Ads 2:05 – 4:32]

MJS

So, now that we're all fully prepared, we can get ready for our first segment, which we like to call Full Court Press, get it like the news.

ES

Oh.

MJS

And, for this segment of Full Court Press, we have an interview with friend of the pod and WNBA correspondent for us, at least, Jordan Lignons of The Ringer. So, for this very Special Edition of Full Court Press, we are joined again by officially friend of the pod status I think now that this is your third appearance. Fact checker and writer for The Ringer, it's Jordan Lignons to help us process the wild WNBA draft that took place. Jordan, how's it going?

JL

It's going well. Thanks for having me again. I love it here.

MJS

We love having you here. And we also love that the WNBA gave us a true sense of sports again in that they had the draft. And, even though it was remote and different, it was still very fun and interesting. And you were doing all of the draft coverage for The Ringer. And we just wanted to see if there was any particular things that you found interesting or incredibly exciting. I know that it kicked the night off by doing the honorary draft selections of all of the teammates of Gigi Bryant, including Gigi as well who unfortunately passed in the helicopter incident which was a really nice sentimental moment to kick off the night. Then it moved right into Sabrina Ionescu getting first pick, which we all knew was gonna happen. So, right off the bat, it starts it off really strong. What did you think just like in the early moments of the draft once it got going?

JL

You know, I think it was amazing, especially for the first time this happening. You know, the WNBA kind of being the Trail Blazers with the virtual draft. I know we're gonna see it at the end of this week with the NFL, but I think they did really well. I think everybody was holding their breath not knowing how it was gonna go. There was a couple laggy delays and things like that. But, other than that, I think Cathy Engelbert did an amazing job and the whole WNBA organization. We – once Sabrina got drafted, we knew that she was gonna go number one. But, if I could pat myself on the back there, I got the top four picks. But, after that, it was a toss-up. It was surprise after surprise. And I think that just really shows how much talent was in this draft.

ES

That's fair though. It's like Oscar picks at this point. You're like, "Umm. I'm gonna get best actor, but really who knows what the costumes are gonna go?"

JL

Seriously. And, even before the draft, if we can just talk about how I finished my mock draft and it was beautiful. And then the New York Liberty come in and make a huge trade for Tina Charles and just mixed everything up. And then they get two additional first round picks. That change some things. But --

MJS

I would like to brag that I was officially the bearer of bad news in that case, because, once I saw that the Liberty made that trade, I DMed you like, "Holy shit. This is huge." And then you

replied, "I just posted my mock draft. Why would they do this to me?" And then you immediately had to go to work and edit it.

JL

It was rough. There's a lot of add notes on that mock draft, because it went up I think 20 minutes before all of that came out. And then it was – so, that was wonderful. That was a great one.

MJS

What made that trade interesting and what I thought made the whole draft interesting is that you basically had two teams going all in on this draft. The Dallas Wings had four picks in the first round, right? And then the Liberty had three picks in the first round. Was this draft particularly one of those drafts where all the experts say this one is loaded? Or are these two teams just trying to trust the process and start in the same year?

JL

I think it was really important for both of those teams to try to trust the process, try to reload, rebuild because they're both struggling. I think that they were trying to go all in. This was a loaded draft in my opinion. And I think they were trying to get as many pieces as possible. I mean New York Liberty had the three first round picks. And then they turn around and have the first pick of the second round. So, they have so many people that are going to come to that training camp hungry, fighting for a roster spot just like in Dallas. There's not a lot of them. And they have a lot of picks and, also, a lot of veterans. For example, on the New York Liberty, their point guard, Brittany Boyd, got waived, who I used to play with way back in the day in like middle school.

MJS

Whoa.

JL

You know, she was their starting point guard. And, now, you have Sabrina coming in, and she gets waived. And I think that's going to be a lot of players. We're gonna see a lot of that in the coming weeks unfortunately.

ES

Nice. We're just gonna isolate that one quote of you saying like, "Yeah, I used to go up against a WNBA star, but then she got waived and I still got a job. Ah, ah, ah." That's gonna be quote of the podcast.

JL

Look, she was way better than me. She's so good. Yeah. We knew it then she was gonna go pro. Not me.

ES

No, absolutely. I have a question about Bella Alarie. She went to Princeton. In the WNBA, do they make a big deal about people coming from Ivy League schools like they do in the NBA

or the NFL where it's like, "Wow. Ryan Fitzpatrick came from Harvard so he must be smart. Let's keep hiring him and letting him do things even though he's not that great." Does the WNBA like lose their shit over Ivy League players?

JL

I would think that they do. There's not been a lot of Ivy League women's basketball players that have come through the draft. I don't have the stats pulled up right now, but I know that it was a shock for a lot of people. I remember I showed my mock draft to my dad. And he was like, "Princeton?" Like, how – are they even a contender? What's happening? And that is exactly right. Princeton shocked the world this year by having an amazing record. They were gonna be a top seeded team in March Madness. And she is – I mean I compared her to Elena Delle Donne. She's that unicorn-like player. She's tall. She's athletic. She can shoot. People are gonna be talking about Princeton a lot in the WNBA because of her.

ES

It's so good. They're such a small school. They really need the elevation.

MJS

As someone that grew up five minutes away from Princeton, New Jersey, we like the opportunity to brag about our much aligned state and the fact that we have the number one smart people university in the country by all of those top rating whatever's. Look, some – we got – we got to have this. New Jersey's relentlessly dunked on.

MJS

Sorry. Mike, can you re-say that? I didn't hear you over the chip on your shoulder.

MJS

I love my state so much. And I'm glad that we have the best Twitter game in the business now that at NJGOV just is the most hilarious Twitter account that I follow in my timeline right now. I was very happy for Princeton. Something that made me very sad though in the draft is that the New York Liberty originally drafted Erica Ogwumike, who went to Rice where I went to school, and then immediately traded her to the Minnesota Lynx. And I was very happy, because I was already planning on going to a lot of Liberty games this year now that they're playing at Barclays and they're closer. But I was so close to having Erica on the team. Jordan, is Erica gonna be good? Why did my hometown-ish team of the Liberty trade her away after having her for five seconds?

JL

Well, she's Ogwumike's sister. She is going to play just like her sisters, but she's a guard.

MJS

She has two older sisters in the league right now and then one younger sister that people are also expecting to be in the league. There's gonna be four sisters in the league?

JL

Oh, my gosh. They are so talented. And, you know, they really stand out. I think I love watching the Ogwumike sisters, because of their hustle, their drive, and just their willingness to win. And you have two on the same team in LA. And, so, I hope the other two can pair up in Minnesota, because that would just be amazing.

MJS

I would love to live in a world where all four get on the same team. It'd be fun. It'd be like, "Ogwumike to Ogwumike who sets a screen for a Ogwumike."

JL

They'll probably use first names at that point. Chiney to Nneka.

ES

I love that. It's like the XFL. They just have their first names on their jerseys. Yes, please.

JL

Oh, yeah.

ES

It's very good.

MJS

One thing that I found interesting just by being the remote draft, correct me if I'm wrong, but it looked like the WNBA sent care packages of sorts to all of the players that are going to be in the draft, including a basketball and the classic orange hoodies and some other WNBA merch. But then did they send them a hat from every single team so that they could wear the hat of whoever got drafted? And, follow up question, what did the players do with all the hats that they're not wearing?

JL

Yes, that's a great question. They did send them 12 hats total. And I think that they passed them out to their family members. They try to sell them. Maybe get some extra cash on eBay or something. And maybe they autograph it with – I don't know – fake autograph, some left hands, some right hand to try to get some more money for them. But, yes, they did. Those care packages actually looked awesome. And they even had the smart link or I don't know – some technology where Cathy Engelbert pops up and is like, "Yay, we're so excited to have you be part of the draft." And I just thought that was so awesome and really personable.

MJS

Were there any like big shocking moments in the draft? Like any huge whoa too quote Bill Simmons in regards to Anthony Bennett when he was drafted first? Any huge shockwave moments for you?

JL

Kiah Gillespie. I had her going number 11 in the first round and a lot of other mock drafts had her going first round. And she dropped to the third round. And that was a really big surprise

for a lot of people. And, you know, a lot of WNBA players and a few NBA players were even reaching out to her saying use that as motivation. You know, have a good rookie year. Prove everybody wrong. And I was just really surprised. She's a walking double, double coming from Florida State. And, now, she's on a really good Chicago team. I think that she's a really good power forward. And a lot of teams needed her, but a lot of people passed on her. And I'm just not sure why.

MJS

Well, Jordan, thanks so much for coming on and helping us process the WNBA Draft. Your coverage was great. I, of course, and Eric too enjoy the fact that Sabrina Ionescu, on your big mock draft, was described as shades of Sue Bird, our favorite player by a mile.

ES

Coo-coo.

JL

I kept going back and forth on that one. Oh, my gosh. I landed on Sue Bird because of her amazing passing ability. She can score. We know Sabrina can score, but she's a passer first. The pick and roll that she does is lethal. So, that's how I landed on Sue.

MJS

That's great. We're very excited. To try to put it into NBA perspective, we all know she was like the number one consensus pick. Is this like LeBron levels of certainty? Is it Anthony Davis levels of certainty? How like big deal draft moment is Sabrina to compare to an NBA player?

JL

Oh, gosh. That's a great question. I want to say LeBron level for the women game.

MJS

Okay. All right.

JL

But I only say that because, if you look at the coverage that she is getting, it is like LeBron Zion level in the sense that, every single thing that, you know, anyone talks about the women's game, Sabrina's there. It was quickly turned into the Sabrina draft. That's what my mom kept saying. She's like, "Oh, here is Sabrina again. We're talking about Sabrina again." Even after people were getting selected, they still circled back to showing highlights of Sabrina. And then, right after, she gets that Nike contract. Things like that show that she is the LeBron, the Zion of the WNBA, because of everything being circled around her. On her training camp, I guarantee there's going to be cameras there. On her first day, on her first game, everything is going to be centered around her just like those types of NBA players.

ES

Zion definitely feels like an interesting camp and maybe just because we've been watching The Last Dance. But like the way that everyone was talking about like Patrick Ewing and

Michael Jordan and Hakeem Olajuwon as they came out of college and just dominated college so hard. It's like this person is so much better than everybody else. It's like no one is more of a sure thing, because we've seen her play.

JL

Yes, definitely. And everyone has seen her highlights. We know the records that she broke, all the awards that she's gotten. Everybody knows all those stats. Even the common passerby can say that. And that's where it gets to the LeBron and Zion levels.

ES

Absolutely.

MJS

Well, we are very excited to go to Barclays Center, which is now much closer than going up to Westchester which I did three times last season to watch the Liberty play. I'm very excited to have Sabrina here in our backyard. So --

ES

Mike, my dad lives in Westchester. And I didn't go to Westchester that much last season.

MJS

I just wanted to see some prime WNBA stuff. Now, I can just take the train over to Barclays and pretend that the Nets don't own the Liberty. And I can just be like, "It's still a New York team. Yeah."

ES

Oh, you mean the best team in New York, the Brooklyn Nets?

MJS

Okay.

ES

The cool – the cool team, the Brooklyn Nets?

MJS

Oh, the Brooklyn Nets, they are so cool. What did make me mad is that Kyrie Irving and some Nets did a Welcome to New York video. It's like, "You guys brought in two great players, and then we're garbage this – the whole season."

JL

Yeah. My favorite part is Kyrie being like, "Oh, KD is not playing? All right. Yeah. My shoulder hurts man. I'm so sitting this one out."

MJS

Oh, perfect. That's the truest way to end an interview. It's shitting on Kyrie Irving, the unifying factor between Eric and I.

ES

Bang. Bang.

MJS

But, but, Jordan, thank you so much for joining on and helping us process this draft a little bit more. If people want to find, find you and your writing and stuff, where can they do so?

JL

Yes, you can follow me on Twitter [@_jordanligons](https://twitter.com/_jordanligons) or Instagram [@JordanLiggins](https://www.instagram.com/JordanLiggins). And all my writing is on theringer.com.

ES

And you got to check out her piece they published yesterday. Jordan wrote about love and basketball and those 20 years afterwards. And it's such a good piece.

JL

Thank you.

MJS

Well, thanks so much for joining, Jordan.

JL

Thank you. Thank you for having me.

Theme Music

MJS

Wow. What a true gem that Jordan is as are Mike and Eric from the past. Just lovely chaps.

ES

They're both deep cut drafts that really pan out for you later. And the number one draft pick that everyone knows is going to succeed.

MJS

Mhmm. Mhmm. So, speaking of these things and as we alluded to earlier in this episode, The Last Dance documentary is going on right now. It's very good. You can watch it on ESPN, either in mature language edition or TV 14 edition, which I think is fun. And the only difference is that they have clips of Michael Jordan cursing in practice sometimes. And that's the main difference between those two versions of the show.

ES

I'll listen to the explicit, because I want to hear Steve Kerr say piss.

MJS

It was funny, because I don't know if they curse in the first one at all. I might have just missed it. But, in the second one, I was wondering, because it was the second time I clicked TVMA and I thought, "Why is this MA? What's – what's so bad?" And then I think, five minutes in, they have a clip of Michael Jordan in practice. He's like, "What the fuck, Tony?"

ES

It's only for Michael Jordan yelling at Toni Kukoč. Like, that's all it's for.

MJS

TVMA, foul language used at Toni Kukoč.

ES

It's like smoking. It has to be in the mid-2000s, because of how detrimental it was to children.

MJS

So, we are gonna talk about this documentary when it's all over so that we're not like the billions of podcasts that finally now have content to cover. So, they're covering these in real time, which I tried to listen to. Did you listen to the Jalen & Jacoby one that's on the 30 for 30 feed?

ES

I saw it, but, like, I don't know if I need re-watch podcasts about like a documentary.

MJS

You definitely don't. I can say --

ES

Right.

MJS

-- because I listened to 15 seconds of Episode 1 of it and it's super cool. I know that we're in these trying times where everyone doesn't have a great studio and not everyone has great microphones. Jalen Rose's audio is great, but David Jacoby is on what sounds like an iPhone 3. But, also, he is screaming to Jalen Rose. He is -- I don't know if he is the phone on the other side of a hallway or something. But he's like, "Jalen, you played against Michael Jordan sometimes. How was that?" It's like, "What are we doing?"

ES

The thing about podcasts that I do not understand is like, "Okay. You don't edit. You want it to be raw and be actual conversation. Like, all right, I guess that's an explanation. But, like, take five seconds to adjust the volume so everything sounds at least kind of close to each other. Like, a little bit.

MJS

Of what I understand about this and then the ESPN Horse thing being so bad is, if you work for big professional company like ESPN, you would think that they could mail you a microphone or something.

ES
Mhmm.

MJS
I don't get it.

ES
Listen, as Jodi Obregon said, our --

MJS
Mhmm. Mhmm.

ES
-- our studio and everything about what we do is better than ESPN. So, I'm not surprised.

MJS
That's exactly the exact quote that he said, and we're not taking out of context. He doesn't work for ESPN anymore. So, it doesn't matter. Hurray.

ES
So, it's fine. It's fine.

MJS
So, what we're gonna be doing for this segment, because, later on in the episode, we have an interview with our NBA legend, Bootum. We are going to pay homage to the double three-peat era Bulls, but not necessarily talk about the documentary just yet. So, what Eric and I have prepared are two mini That Actually Happens.

ES
Well, that actually happened

MJS
That actually happened. Do you want to go first or second?

ES
Can I go second? I feel like I never get to go second.

MJS
So, what I have prepared is something that I was always hoping to cover on the podcast. But it's hard to do in a 3-on-3, because there are more than six instances of this thing that I'm covering. And it's hard to do it in That Actually Happened, because it wouldn't be very long. So, this mini That Actually Happened is perfect. I've had this peg for a very long time. Hey,

Eric, you know, Dennis Rodman had super wild hair for his entire NBA career and that actually happened?

ES

I did, but I'm excited that you're gonna do a deep dive on it.

MJS

We're doing the deepest of dive. I did a lot of research trying to find any article written specifically about Dennis Rodman's hair. Most commonly what I got was articles written in the 90s when people – of course, writers at the time wrote things like, "Oh, my goodness, Dennis Rodman is kind of weird. I should just shit on him in an article, right guys?"

ES

Yep.

MJS

He's clearly going through some sort of mental issues. Let's just dunk on the dude for an entire article in a newspaper.

ES

Honestly, between The Last Dance, because I know that Episode 3 is gonna be about Dennis Rodman and The Bad Boys 30 for 30 documentary, like you really understand that Dennis Rodman was someone who had a really, really tough life and then became an amazing NBA player and, like, just needed some fucking structure.

MJS

Yes. Dennis Rodman also has his own documentary that you can watch. It's a 30 for 30. I forget what it's called, but it's just about him. So, there's a lot of interesting Dennis Rodman content out there. Highly recommend for anyone out there. The basic summary of Dennis Rodman is that he was working as a janitor in an airport. And he was tall. And someone saw him and asked, "Hey, do you play basketball?" And he said no and then that person convinced him to start playing basketball. And then he became the best rebounder of all time.

ES

Amazing.

MJS

That's the Dennis Rodman story. So, before we get into – here, I have a great quote from Dennis Rodman that I wanted to just finally set the tone with. He says, "I have this fantasy that I can live my life like a tiger in the jungle, eating whatever I want, having sex whenever I want, and roaming around butt naked, wild and free. It sounds difficult and complicated, but it doesn't have to be. Everything you need to set yourself free is right there inside you." That's from his autobiography. I have no idea what the context is.

ES

Where do you get my yearbook? And how did you find my yearbook quote?

MJS

My senior quote. So, here's just a recap of the hairstyles that he did throughout his career. And then, to bring it into The Last Dance, I specifically documented the hairstyles he had during the playoffs and finals run for that second three-peat.

ES

Nice.

MJS

How Dennis Rodman got some of these funky designs is that he would bleach his hair. And then it would be buzzed pretty short but just long enough where it's a very, very short Afro kind of vibe going on. So, you can see all of this stuff. Obviously, we'll have tons of pictures on the website for this episode. So, he did an AIDS ribbon in his hair. He did a cheetah print design where his hair was yellow and then it had black little Cheetah squiggly things going on.

ES

That's great.

MJS

One of his more common ones that he wore throughout his tenure on the Spurs and also with the Bulls, he had neon pink just all covered neon pink. Same thing with neon green. For opening night on one of his seasons with the Bulls, he had it all bright red and then a black Bulls logo on the back of his head.

ES

That's very cool.

MJS

In 1991, when he was still on the Pistons, one of his earliest unique hairstyles was that he buzzed into the back of his head trilogy and then the Roman numeral three, because the Pistons were in the Eastern Conference Finals. And they were trying to make the NBA Finals for the third consecutive year, and they lost. So, not great.

ES

I don't know, man. Like, these don't see that weird. Like, if this is your thing – I don't know. It's like, "Oh, yeah, Dennis is gonna do something with his hair." Like – I'm like, "I guess."

MJS

It's almost like I have back loaded the wild ones --

ES

Oh, no.

MJS

-- to the end.

ES

Shit. Shit.

MJS

In 1995 while he was on the Spurs, he had all orange and then a design in the back of his head that I could only describe is looking like crop circles. It's like a circle, and then a line at the top, and then another smaller circle inside of it. So, it either looks like crop circles or he's wearing just one beats headphone on the back of his head. And it's buzzed in and then spray painted a little darker so it really stands out.

ES

I need there to be an interview with Dr. Dre, where he was like, "Yeah, man. The Beats is just an innovation. I was really inspired by the back of Dennis Rodman's head in a – in this one particular game."

MJS

In 1996, he had this very cool design that was gold, teal, and purple. In 1997, he was in the movie double team with Jean-Claude Van Damme.

ES

Oh, that's a whole other story.

MJS

He had it dyed completely white. So, not the standard blonde. And then there were these brown/black polygons. And this one's impressive because it's incredibly sharp, which makes me think that he had a stencil. The other ones kind of looked like someone had a spray paint thing and just kind of drew it. This one looks like he had a legitimate stencil on his head, which I'm very intrigued about.

ES

I like the idea that you think that Dennis Rodman did this to himself.

MJS

And then, finally, in 1997, there was a game where it was just all yellow. And then he had a black happy face like the stickers that were popular in the 90s on the back of his head.

ES

Dennis Rodman just super loves Watchmen. And he wanted – he really wanted to shout out Alan Moore.

MJS

So, those are all of the highlights of things that he wore during the rest of his career. Now, we specifically get into what he had on his head during the playoffs of this three-peat run with the Bulls.

ES

Mhmm.

MJS

So, in the 1996 playoffs, he just had it blonde, which I appreciate because I've been watching a lot of 96 Bulls recaps, because that was the team that won 72 games. And, when you're watching these really blurry poorly recorded games, it's very nice to have Dennis Rodman out there because then you go, "Oh, that's Dennis Rodman."

ES

That's the Dennis Rodman one.

MJS

Bald one, Michael Jordan, blonde one, Dennis Rodman, flat tops, Scottie Pippen. Cool.

ES

Toni Kukoč, the one that nobody passes to.

MJS

So, in the 1996 NBA Finals though, he had his blonde hair, but then just a bunch of random designs on it. It very much looked like he was rocking what a skateboarder would spray paint onto a wall. Let me send you – I have the – I have the article link. Hold on. So, you can – you can look at all these.

ES

So, what you're saying is it's like a Tony Hawk Pro Skater 3 sort of deal.

MJS

It would truly be Tony Hawk's American Wasteland, because that was the first one where you could customize and make your own graffiti tags.

ES

Thank you. You've already answered my question that I had. Ooh. What I like about this is it looks like a arcade carpet in the 90s.

MJS

It's very, very good. So, that was 96. In 1997, in the finals, he goes rainbow.

ES

Yeah.

MJS

He goes rainbow where it's got bluish purple in the front, and then a big block of red in the middle, and then there's still some blonde peeking through, and a little bit of green. It's super fresh. I like this one a whole lot.

ES

That one is very pretty. I just like that it's colorful. Like, it's one thing if you just do designs --

MJS

Right.

ES

-- but, like, having colorful hair is just like -- you're like a poison dart frog. It's like, "Hey, don't box me up."

MJS

So, then, in the final run in the 1998 playoffs, he had a design where it was red in the middle and then yellow on the sides with black wavy lines.

ES

Yeah, Last Dance, baby.

MJS

I appreciate that in 1998, The Last Dance, he has decided, "I'm pulling out all the stops. I'm not just rocking the regular blonde for the first three rounds. I'm getting funky with it." And I really like this is exact design. I think this is the best of all of the designs. It's cool. It's got multiple colors. It's got his trademark blond, but it still has red for the team he's playing for. The zigzags are in there. They're black. So, it's on the Bulls color scheme of red, black, and white. I love this hairstyle a lot.

ES

I really like the photo in this particular article. Dennis Rodman is helping Michael Jordan up. And it looks like two players from two totally different things are Photoshop together.

MJS

Yeah, a basketball player and a WWE wrestler are on the court together

ES

Exactly. Like, who put Triple H -- Photoshop Triple H to be picking up Steph Curry? Like, that doesn't make any sense.

MJS

And then the final design that he rocked for the finals in 1998 was a black and green combo where the green is the most neon green that I can imagine. And there's no real rhyme or reason to this one. Maybe it is cow print-esque, but it doesn't really seem to have a strict format to it. This one, not my favorite, but it is very bold. So, I applaud it.

ES

This makes me wonder, "Do NBA players just get better stuff than everyone else?"

MJS

Yes.

ES

Where did Dennis Rodman get this really good hair dye?

MJS

It's really good stuff.

ES

Yeah.

MJS

Because it stays in. And it has to hold up to him sweating for an hour and change of playing, you know. So --

ES

There are some NBA players who, like, spray their hair like, you know, the old school sort of like filling in bald spot thing.

MJS

Right.

ES

And like that shit just sweats away.

MJS

Yeah, even LeBron with his hair stuff doesn't really hold up too well. So, that is the Dennis Rodman hair recap for you. He made some funky hairstyles. That actually happened.

ES

Wow. That actually happened. Well, Mike, I'll come right back. I couldn't not talk about Michael Jordan.

MJS

Mhmm.

ES

I've already talked about Michael Jordan on this podcast. But, with The Last Dance, he is just a truly strange man.

MJS

Yep. Yep. Yep. Yep.

ES

And there was an article on the Athletic called Untold Stories of Meeting Michael Jordan. But, of course, it was behind a paywall. And I said that was bullshit. So, I focused on one particular story that I unearthed from r/NBA. Hey, Mike, did you know that Michael Jordan tried to go to Dwayne Wade's draft party? But Michael Jordan refused to pay so he didn't go in.

MJS

I saw this headline on Reddit, and I did not read the post. So, I'm excited to hear the details.

ES

He, he, he. Okay. I'm just gonna read it. I think that, as I've learned from Players Tribune, sometimes, you just need to capture it in the NBA players' mouths and the way they say it. So, I'm excited to share this with you. For those of you who don't know, Dwayne Wade, obviously, amazing player. He played for the Miami Heat for a very long time, but he is from Chicago. So, Dwayne Wade got drafted. And he had this big party in Chicago. "I just got drafted by the Heat and I'm going back to Chicago after that. They have this big draft party," Wade said. "And I'm inside the draft party. And it was poppin." Really important for Dwayne Wade to set the scene that like this was a dope party for me.

MJS

I really appreciate the word poppin. I very much like saying let's get it poppin. And I'm glad Dwayne Wade shares this sentiment with me.

ES

It really sets like a timeframe, too. It's like, "Oh, this is an early 2000s party. I remember my cousin came and got me and he was like, "Yo, Jordan's here. They won't let him in."

MJS

Whoa.

ES

Whoa. And I'm like, "What, man? Stop playing with me," because, obviously, this is a wild thing to say to a person.

MJS

What's so strange about this is – it's in Chicago. It's Michael Jordan. He's Jesus Christ.

ES

We're gonna come back to that. We're gonna circle back. But then he was like, "Bro, I'm serious. Michael Jordan is outside with like 50 people. They won't let him in." What I like about this is that this is framing it like Michael Jordan has like a 50 person posse with him. And none of them are allowed into this party.

MJS

Look, sometimes, you just got to roll 50 deep to the club.

ES

I got to have a half a Benjamin of crew with me or I won't go anywhere.

MJS

He's got a Chrysler that's as big as a whale. So, he might as well bring all 50 people down to the Dwayne Wade draft party.

ES

Oh, my god.

MJS

Draft party. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah

ES

Oh, fuck it. That might be the dumbest joke on Horse you've ever done. Congratulations .

MJS

Hmm. Hmm.

ES

It's great.

MJS

I just want Fred Schneider to show up to the party. Hey, Dwayne, congrats on the drafting.

ES

The Miami Heat is gonna win the Finals.

MJS

Everyone had matching hats.

ES

So, he ran out the door, ran up the front where they won't let him in. "Hey, why won't y'all let Jordan in?" Somebody was like, "He wouldn't pay." And I'm like, "What?" So, I run outside and Michael Jordan is out there on a motorcycle surrounded by 30 dudes.

MJS

So, 20 of them left.

ES

A, apparently, 20 of them just didn't want to deal with this. I ran up to him. I'm in awe, of course, a young kid. And he said, "I just wanted to come by and show you some love."

MJS

I know what happened to the 20 people. Fred Schneider showed up, because his car seats about 20. So, those 20 got in with Fred Schneider and made their way down to the Love Shack. These 30 remained.

ES

I didn't know that the Love Shack was a club in Chicago, but that totally makes sense.

MJS

There probably is an institution in Chicago called the Love Shack.

ES

Oh, 100 percent.

MJS

I cannot – I bet there has to be one.

ES

Okay. So, Dwayne Wade is falling over Michael Jordan. And he said something about them tripping at the front or something like that. But he's like, "I just want to come by and show you some love. Congratulations on getting drafted." And I was like, "Man, thank you for coming. I just couldn't believe it. Thank you for coming. Hey, you want to come in?" And he's like, "Nah, nah. We good. I just came by to show you some love." And he rode off on his motorcycle.

MJS

Bananas. Bananas.

ES

What I like about it is that Michael Jordan, obviously, like, refuse to pay for the cover. But then, when Dwayne Wade came over and said, "No, I can get you in for free. I'm Dwayne Wade. This is my party. It's poppin." He's like, "Nah, I'm gonna drive away." And he – he was also like astride motorcycle the whole time."

MJS

I think what Jordan is doing is what in pre-quarantine times people used to love doing, which is getting ready to do something and then having plans cancelled, because now Jordan has made all the effort of, "Uh, I don't really want to go to the club, but I want to show love for Dwayne Wade. Ah, I can now have a way out. I'm gonna act like I was offended by the bouncers. And, now, I'm doing the ultimate I can't stay very long in that I'm not even gonna go. I saw Dwayne Wade. This is all I had to do. Now, I get to leave."

ES

What I like about this is that you're doing the thing that no one can do, which is make Michael Jordan relatable. Somebody – it's like you're – and I appreciate the Herculean effort you're doing, but I really think Michael Jordan is just really cheap and then doesn't want to be shown up. Like, he wasn't gonna pay. Like, he just wanted to get out of the situation.

MJS

That definitely could be it. But, on the flip side, I'm sure Michael Jordan going to any basketball themed event is a horrible experience for Michael Jordan.

ES

Sure.

OM

Because everyone wants to talk to him and take pictures and stuff. It is probably exhausting for him to go to anything basketball themed at all. So, this was probably a huge relief for him.

ES

Michael Jordan loves canceling plans and have done that.

MJS

He does. Him and John Delaney, the big two.

ES

The thing you mentioned before is, "Why didn't the bounce just let Michael Jordan in?"

MJS

Mhmm.

ES

This is literally Chicago. People should know what Michael Jordan looks like, especially if he's on a bike and people are losing their shit about it. Like, what was wrong with this bouncer that they didn't know is Michael Jordan?

MJS

There's only so many people in the year 2003 rocking a Hitler mustache and a single hoop earring. There's only so many.

ES

And a Hanes t-shirt.

MJS

It was tagless.

ES

So, I started looking into how popular Michael Jordan was, because there was a thing in the first episode of The Last Dance where they go to France. And they call him like God and the Pope. And they just lose their entire shit about it. And, like, everyone knew who Michael Jordan was during this time. So, I was looking at an article from the Chicago Tribune called How They Stake Their Claim to the Title of Most Famous by Tom Hundley. So, he was a foreign correspondent for The Chicago Tribune, and he's been everywhere. And he was

talking about how freaking famous Michael Jordan was compared to Pope John Paul II and Muhammad Ali.

MJS

Okay.

ES

So, here's some three really quick stories about how popular Michael Jordan was. On one occasion, I discussed the Great Chicago Bull with a dagger wielding tribesmen in North Yemen. They talked about Michael Jordan stats apparently.

MJS

Okay.

ES

On another, a bleary eyed Kosovar warlord apologized for yawning through our interview. His excuse, he'd been up late watching the satellite feed of Jordan leading the Bulls to their second three-peat in 1998.

MJS

Okay.

ES

So, just a battle warlord just like, "Oh, yeah, like, Michael Jordan, he's definitely gonna take it."

MJS

Geez. All right. You got to watch the game.

ES

You got to. I mean like he's a foreign correspondent. So, these people are, like, kind of bleak, but it's wild about who cares about Michael Jordan on the far stretches of the globe. But this is the most ridiculous story. There was a Serb man who was living in a Croat village in Bosnia. So, this is the dark stuff. Ethnic cleansing was happening in Bosnia. So, his wife hid him in his attic. And no one knew he was up there. Not even his children. He was up there for a year. And, once there was an agreement keeping everything safe was signed, he ventured into the street for the first time in more than a year. The reporter happened to be in the village that day and ran over to his house, because he heard the story. When I told him I was with the Chicago Tribune, his face lit up and he asked me what kind of season Michael Jordan was having.

MJS

My goodness.

ES

He is truly on all phases of the earth. And, when humanity is at its worst, still following Michael Jordan is a hobby.

MJS

Yeah, he was really larger than life.

ES

So, Michael Jordan is a crazy cat. But also how did this bouncer not know who Michael Jordan was?

MJS

Yeah. Maybe it was dark. I don't know. Maybe the lighting was bad.

ES

Someone would have told him. He would hold up his shoe. It's like, "That's me." Like, what are you supposed to do?

MJS

I want an interview with the bouncer. I want to hear his side of the tale.

ES

Well, look, we can just ask Dwayne Wade and his cousin.

MJS

So, now, we have a very special interview. A – I'm sure it's going to be a very silly one. And I'm happy because it'll be Knicks themed for a good chunk of it. We have the illustrious Bootum from Reddit and the NBA Twitter fame as well as the host of the Per 36 Pod. Bootum, how's it going?

Bootum

It's going pretty well. I mean going as well as a quarantine can go I guess. And, yeah, thanks for having me on.

MJS

No, we're excited to have you for sure.

ES

Absolutely. A real star from the internet. Who could have thought?

Bootum

Yeah. Y'all are, like, the biggest stars out there. I have like – because some people on the NBA subreddit know me. I have like 30,000 followers. Like, like a Z list internet celebrity.

ES

You know what? As Q list internet celebrities, we feel you.

MJS

So, what brought you from nothing to this illustrious Z list that you find yourself on now is mostly your Lowlight videos. And I was trying to find the very first one, but searching on Reddit is very bad. And it doesn't work properly. But, on your YouTube channel, at least, the first one you have is had a bad Klay where you posted a very bad shooting night of Klay Thompson, one of our best beloved boys on the pod, and put it to had a bad day. Was that the first one you made or were there others?

Bootum

That was the first published one. It was actually something I always wanted to do. I just, like, wasn't savvy enough with the computer to do. The very unfinished Lowlight videos was of C.J. Miles when he's like --

MJS

Oh.

Bootum

-- this is some random game. He's one for nine. I like the silly side of the NBA. I probably do like down to [Inaudible 41:57], which is you make six scrub highlight videos, but he already took that niche. So, I always wanted to do Lowlights videos. You know, make fun of players. You know, make them -- make me feel a little better about myself to see them be human. But that Klay Thompson one was the very first loss of that like -- it was that Warriors season where they, you know, won every game. And --

MJS

Right.

Bootum

Boston broke that streak and it sucked. So, I uploaded it and it got a lot of hits. Probably more than C.J. Miles one would have gotten. So, I just kind of -- kind of stuck with it and, yeah.

ES

You know, it's funny that you bring up the Klay Thompson one because I have a Reddit post pulled up here from r/Warriors. Bootum's Lowlights videos are everything wrong with NBA fandom.

Bootum

Yeah, I, I remember that. I know. That's funny. I wish there was, like, more, like, funny, like, posts like that. I mean there's so lighthearted and, honestly, you're just rooting for the Warriors because they were so fun. But people who, like, acts like it's the worst thing ever. I mean I don't know. It's just -- it's just funny, you know.

ES

What I like about this the most is that, in the third paragraph, this guy -- because it's probably a dude.

Bootum
Yeah.

ES
No one's gonna go on Reddit and be salty about lowlight videos other than a guy. I'm salty and wouldn't have written this if we'd won, because then he'd just be another hater. He's given ammunition to the narrative that everything the Warriors accomplished deserves an asterisk next to it.

Bootum
Yeah

ES
You're ruining the Warriors dynasty.

Bootum
I, I ended Warriors' dynasty single handedly. I, I ended all – like, people talking about the LeBron is, like, block and stuff. No, it was Bootum's Lowlights videos.

MJS
Klay saw it. He was crushed. He was crestfallen. Never recovered.

ES
He then drank too much chocolate milk. And he got a cramp. And then he was just out for the rest of the playoffs.

MJS
Well, that's why he tore his ACL. He wasn't in the gym enough, because he was watching the video on repeat and just stewing in anger that someone would have the audacity to make this film.

ES
The best question that I have for you is how do you think you contribute to NBA fandom. I really think that, you know, on the internet, there's like a overarching idea to be positive. And, like, when you're not positive, you really get dumped on, especially on Reddit in so many places. How do you think you've carved out this niche here in the fandom? And how does it fit kind of in the larger ecosystem?

Bootum
I mean probably, in general, I, I guess I feed off the hate a little bit. But that's not really the intention. Like, you know, people will use one of the videos to be like, all right. Like, Harden sucks. But, like, it's just the only real point I'm making with that one game is that he was bad that game. Like, it doesn't mean he's always bad, because, you look at my channel, like, pretty much every single good player has a video. Not many videos of the Knickst, because I got away from the C.J. Miles of the world to do, you know, the players people actually care

about. But I think, in general, my actual goal is to, like, point out, like, the silliness of the NBA that – it's not that deep. And that these guys, you know, they're not – they're not perfect. And it's just fun to make fun of them every now. And, you know, it's – it's funny to watch Klay Thompson miss when don't – normally, he doesn't. I don't know. It's just like it's not that deep.

MJS

I think it's good. I think it's great to remember that these people are human, because, so often, you look at someone like Giannis, and he just does not look human and does things that are completely inhuman. So, it's nice, as you're saying, just to have a reminder of like, “Oh, yeah. Sometimes, people mess things up, you know. You know, sometimes, we record podcast and we forget to hit the record button. It's life.”

Bootum

Yeah, that's – that's the slogan of the, the channel that plays like after every intro I think. Everyone has bad games.

MJS

So, you've made some and maybe Klay didn't necessarily reach out. Unless, I wasn't aware. I feel like you would have been flexing on that.

Bootum

Yeah.

MJS

But you have received some ire from players in the past. Cole Aldrich clapped at you on Twitter, right? After he made his air balling compilation.

Bootum

Yeah. So, I was here in quarantine and pretty bored. And I was like I remember seeing an article by Chris Herring that called, virtually, like air balls hooks. I was gonna watch much of that season, because it was just miserable. I was just like let me go to like the stats NBA footage and look at some of those hooks and just make a video. I'll probably, like, get, like, five likes. But I guess it was so starved for sports content. I got like 2,000 and, like an hour into posting it, Cole Aldrich himself responded saying you know, “Yeah, [Inaudible 46:10] bunch of books, but I got paid like \$30 million to do it.” But, you know, you can't really – you can't really make a comeback to that. It was also funny, because, normally – like, everyone, after that, had, like, a story about like Cole Aldrich, you know, had blocked them in the past, but not me, you know. I think he appreciated the silliness of it, you know. Like, obviously, I was making fun of these players, but I'm not – I'm not too mean hearted. I don't – I don't have anything against Cole Aldrich. Maybe against Julius Randle, but --

MJS

Yes, it's a perfect segue.

ES

I think we all have something against Julius Randall.

MJS

I was very early on being terrified about signing Julius Randle this offseason bandwagon. What I appreciate is that I think he was in even some of the threads, because some of the r/Knicks threads on Reddit are really bad. Some people are saying, like, "Oh, yeah, look at Julius Randle's stats. He's better than Kristaps Porziņģis. We're gonna be totally fine." And then he got on the team and all he does is do spin moves and turn the ball over pretty consistently. And then you made a lowlight video of it. And he made fun of you saying that you probably live in your basement I believe on Instagram. Was that what he said?

Bootum

Well, to be fair, that wasn't in response to me. But it was in response to someone who, like, reposted the video. So, I'll take credit for that, that he epic diss. He said like 30 years old and never made varsity. But, in fact, I am 19 years old and made varsity not once but twice. So --

MJS

Nice. Nice.

ES

Uh, uh.

Bootum

-- suck on that -- suck on that, Julius Randle.

ES

This might be just because I've been watching The Last Dance, but like entirely possible that you're gonna go through a Scottie Pippen growth spurt and become 6'7" like any minute now.

Bootum

We'll see. And then, you know -- I may not be able to, like, bulldoze the people as well as Julius Randle. I won't spin every single time and give it to the other team.

ES

I do like the idea that you're 6'7" and you still have, like, decent iMovie skills. Like, that feels like a thing that only if you're like --

Bootum

Yeah.

ES

-- I guess I got to teach myself iMovie. It's like, one, you learn how to rebound and the other you do just, like, lowlights movie.

Bootum

I don't know. If I was an NBA player, I would definitely – all I would do is make like videos of myself and very good sass. Sure. I'm, like, shooting 10 percent. But, like, if you go to like the second quarter of every game, I'm saying like 30 points for 36, you know. So --

MJS

Do you remember when Kristaps was doing that when he was still on the Knicks? There was a spin where he had a YouTube channel. And someone – I guess it was his brother or his team of media hype. I don't know. They were making videos of just showing Kristaps' highlights only every single game like when our team was particularly bad.

Bootum

You know, I don't like Kristaps because I've been roasting him a lot this year. But like he objectively is better than Randall. But --

MJS

Yes.

B

-- but he -- yeah. Those videos annoy the hell out of me, because, you know, at first, they're fun when he averaged like 40 a game for the first 10 games. But then when he shoot like 4-14 and we lose by like 10 and then like a video would be posted and you react just like, "How dare you?" Like --

MJS

Kristaps scored eight points, baby.

ES

I was just gonna ask you like, "Wow. What do you think is gonna happen when NBA player have, like, their own PR to like put that stuff out on YouTube?" And like, "Oh, this is what happened. It was Kristaps Porziņģis did it."

Bootum

I remember seeing more of that with like the workouts and stuff. Very few of, like, by the game stuff, especially in bad games. My like worst received video I think was his rookie year or second year. And I made a lowlight video of him. And, like, it was just like a one-to-one, like, dislike ratio. And I sorted by, like, country and Latvia was particularly not well received. And, like, it was just like three to like 50 likes and dislikes.

MJS

Let's make things a little more uplifting. One of your most beloved players that you are a fan of is Chris Copeland, who has wonderful hair and wasn't necessarily a great player, but he was fun. What about Chris Copeland, beloved Knicks bit player legend, made you love him?

Bootum

Yeah. I mean that's interesting. And, also, you know, apart from his feet, I was younger then. And I was like, if like he came along today, it'd be hitting on him and being like, oh, you

know. I know he's a defensive liability. Probably not though. But I mean he's just like – he's just like a crazy story, where he was a four-year, like, college player. And, like, he's not athletic at all. He, like, sucked. And he's just, like sucked. He's just like – he literally got – he just made himself get better. And then, when he got to the NBA for one year, he was a human bucket. And he's just like – he's all smiley and humble. And just – it was just hard to root against them; except if you were Mike Woodson or Frank Vogel. I guess what really made me fall in love with him was, in preseason, probably because the only Chris Copeland pick and roll is dynamic.

MJS

Oh, speaking my language. True to my heart.

ES

This is disgusting. I hate this.

MJS

You also had a lot of love for someone that I miss so dearly, who is one of my favorite named players of all time, Mindaugas Kuzminskas, a true icon. Was there anything about him? Was it the fact that he kind of looks like you without curly hair? Like, what was the connection to Kuz?

Bootum

I mean it's essentially the – a similar thing, where I mean it's a guy that just came to the league as like a 27-year-old rookie, all smiley. They call him Cheese, because he smiles too much. And, also, you know, he's seemed to be a bucket. And good things always seem to happen when he came. It was hard to root against him. I think definitely me looking exactly like him definitely played into that a little bit. Like, literally, I had – like, it wasn't like, you know, just the Knick people being like, “Oh, like Kuz kind of looks like you.” It was like people who didn't know basketball would see a picture of him and like text me being like, “This guy on the Knicks looks like you.”

ES

I forgot about that section in the New York Post where they just put a random photo of Knicks. They'd just be like, “Yeah, we have extra space. Let's put a photo of a random Knicks in here this time.”

MJS

Eric, I thought you were gonna say that that's why your favorite player is Giannis, because he resembles you. Your both seven feet tall and Greek. So, I'm just doing the mental math. So, I knew you were young. I didn't realize you were only 19, because I wanted to ask like why you like the Knicks because the last good Knicks thing we had going on was the Linsanity and then the year where we decided to shoot a bunch of threes. And then, the year after, we're like, “Why would we do that? That was way too smart. We have to be bad again.” At least for me growing up – I'm 28. So, at least, I had the late 90s run as like the beginning of my childhood. So, it made sense. You've truly had some dark days. What has made you've been so dedicated and devoted to sticking with our garbage fire of a franchise?

Bootum

Yeah, I'm starting to realize, as it's been like a decade since our last, I'm starting to realize I'm just an idiot. But I – But I mean, essentially, it's like – like what you said, I used to hate, like, basketball. Like, I do little league and stuff and couldn't wait to go home and like play on the Wii, you know. Got into it with Lin just like – you know, it was just like an amazing story. So, my introduction to my, my first like Knicks game I cared about was, of course, the first loss of Linsanity in which they like --

MJS

Oh, it's your fault. It's your fault.

Bootum

Yeah. It's all – it's also my fault. I ended the Warriors. I ruined Linsanity. I really work the end of Linsanity. And, like, I don't know. Maybe I'm just like a pray person. I was like seeing them, like, come back from like down 18 just to lose anyway. That was fun. I want to do that, you know. But, yeah, it was really just like Lin got me into it. And I guess I've just been like chasing that like childhood nostalgia high when they're actually good too since. And, now, I'm realizing, oh, you know, that was 10 years ago. Yeah. Maybe, maybe it's time to go to the Nuggets, you know. But I might as well stick around. If they're good, you know, then it should be like, "Yay."

MJS

It's the ultimate [Inaudible 53:35] law situation, whereas if they are ever good, people will come to dedicated fans like you and be like, "You were there when Kevin Séraphin was on the team. You were there."

Bootum

And, absolutely, like, you know, I like, you know, making jokes about basketball and stuff. So, it's – you know, it's good to like low hanging fruit. And, yeah, I like – I love my scrubs. And the Knicks – the Knicks definitely got a whole lot of them.

MJS

Yeah.

Bootum

So, you get to go along for the ride of Linsanity. I mean I – you know, I, I – like, what you're talking about with me, like, messing with players, I had – and, you know, I had my whole stint. Like, when Chris Smith was on the team, I'd always get into it with him on Instagram. You know, just, just good fun.

MJS

Yeah, that time J. R. Smith made his brother come on to the team. He made the Knick sign him. Eric and I will have to do a deep dive into that on an episode, because that was a bonkers bananas situation.

ES

I will always talk about J.R.

Bootum

I mean the real deep dive on that is I think J.R. is represented by the Creative Artists Agency.

MJS

CAA, baby.

Bootum

You look back at the Knicks, like, their stink is all over everything. Like, there was like Renaldo Balkman getting drafted in the first round. There was trading for Bargnani. There was running Lin out of town. And, now, how did they reward them for like ruining the Knicks? He hired Leon Rose to run the Knicks.

MJS

Mhmm. Mhmm.

Bootum

So, we will – we'll see – we'll see how that goes.

MJS

For anyone unaware, Leon Rose is – I don't know what his title is at CAA. But, basically, the only reason we hired him as our new president of basketball operations is because he has all these CAA connections. And I guess it's worked for some other teams that you get someone who is in the agent world and things go well. But you're right, Bootum, like, CAA has not done anything good for the Knicks ever. So, I don't know why we would do it. It'd be like, if you cooked a bunch of stuff with garlic but rotten garlic. And then you had Jim garlic, the inventor of garlic in charge of your kitchen. Like, it's just not --

ES

No. Wait. Hold on.

MJS

Something has ruined everything. Look, this is a perfect analogy.

ES

You – wait. You could have just said --

MJS

This is a perfect analogy.

ES

You could have just said you kept cooking with the garlic, but you're like, "No, I'm gonna have an inventor of a vegetable."

MJS

Yeah, Jim Garlic invented it. That's why it's called garlic. But it'd be like if he was your official chef and cooked all of your meals. It's not great.

ES

Bootum, we have a very important final question for you. We have a rule on Horse that, if there are any NBA players in the league or up to college age, we don't want to come down too hard on them, because we remember what we were like in college. And then we have to tell a dumb college story to repent for us being too harsh on people who are still like living their lives and putting their experiences together. As someone who is in college now, is there any advice that you could give to the 18 to 22-year-old NBA players from someone who has an actual college experience and from someone who's looking at them from the outside and will roast them on YouTube?

Bootum

Well, I'm not in college right now. Now, I'm – now, I'm in Zoom University. But --

ES

Zoom University also sounds like a Kanye West lyric from like 2012.

MJS

Zoom University is my favorite. Their mascot is the 40-minute timers.

Bootum

And I guess the most funny calls that happened to me this year. So, I guess my advice would be lock your doors and also manage your alcohol, because one – one night – one night this year in my dorm room with my girlfriend at the time and, in the middle of the night, just like some other dude, like, climbs into our bed in the middle of the night. And I wake up and I'm like, "Why, why is there another man in our bed?" And she's like blah, blah. So, I go, "All right. I must – I must be dreaming." And then I woke up again. I accidentally kicked him. I was like, "Oh, sorry, I didn't, didn't, didn't mean to bother you there." And then – and then I woke up again and he was gone. So, I was like, "Oh, I must have made that up." But then, a day later, I found his shoes. So, that definitely happened.

ES

Wait a second. I think the real lesson here is trust your instincts.

Bootum

Yeah.

ES

Because, if you think there's a man in your bed, there's probably a man in your bed.

Bootum

It was like 3:00 AM. I was very tired though. It's just like ah. It's like she didn't see it. Oh, forget He just seems nice enough. He's – he's resting. [Inaudible 57:35].

ES

Amazing. Thank you so much.

MJS

Oh, yeah. Well, man, thanks for joining. Glad we could talk and learn a little bit about your process of roasting some players. But, yeah, if anyone wants to check you out, you've got Per 36 Knicks podcast as well as all your videos going around r/NBA and stuff like that. And, if people want to find you on social media, what are your handles? So, if they want to follow your silly Twitter game.

Bootum

So, my silly Twitter game can be found [@DaRealBootum](#). D - A - Real Bootum, not to be confused with, with all the fake Bootums out there.

MJS

Are there other people trying to make fake ones?

Bootum

No, like, the only – like, the only, like, Bootum accounts out there are accounts I made like when I was 10 and forgot the password to. And, also, me and some other college age kids are starting up this website called Fanfare Media. So, if you want to follow them on Twitter, I think [@fanfaremedia](#). It should be cool. One of the producers of the site is Karen Morey, none other than the daughter of Daryl Morey. So, you know, it could be --

MJS

Whoa. That's awesome.

ES

Whoa.

Bootum

We're trying to launch in – I don't know – next few weeks or so.

ES

Wonderful.

MJS

Cool. Cool. Best of luck with all that, man, and thanks for coming on.

Bootum

Thank you. Thank you so much for having me.

[58:40]

Transcriptionist: Rachelle Rose Bacharo

Editor: Krizia Casil