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Annie: Hi friends! Welcome to another episode of That Sounds Fun. I'm your host, Annie F. Downs. I'm so happy to be here with you today. Another. unhinged and hilarious conversation with our buddy Eddie. You know how it goes.

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Intro: So today on the show, we are back with another episode with our friend Eddie Kaufholz. I'd like to tell you we're here to recap 2018, but you know, we always just keep talking about anything and everything. But in case you're just jumping in with us, every month, we are chatting with Eddie and we're recapping the last 10 years in honor of the 10-year anniversary of That Sounds Fun podcast.

We've made it all the way to 2018 and if you've missed any of the previous episodes, we've got a Spotify playlist in the show notes where you can go back and listen. I mean, thank you for being as invested in last month's conversation about SNL as we were. Y'all, that was so much fun.

But now let's dive right in. Here's my conversation recapping 2018 and a lot of other things with our friend, Eddie Kaufholz.

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Annie: Annie Kaufholz, welcome back to That Sounds Fun. As it should be. As it should be.

Eddie: Annie, I love it. It's good to see you, pal.

Annie: Our goal with having you on once a month, our goal is let's recap every year that I have been podcasting and that you have been podcasting, and that'll be fun. But what we do with our...

Eddie: Or.

Annie: What we do with our Annie and Eddie Keep Talking episodes is we both make a list, and those are things we talk about. Do you have a list today?

Eddie: I mean, I kind of do, but I also was trying to be very aware of the fact that the last show was... there wasn't even on rails. It was a whole different train on a whole different set of rails.

Annie: But it was dreamy.

Eddie: Well, yeah. Super-fast recap. I loved it.

Annie: I loved it. So did the people.

- Eddie:** Right. You went to SNL. All I did was ask questions for an hour about that. It was fantastic.
- Annie:** Man, the Beavis and Butthead skit continues to have life.
- Eddie:** I know. You sent me a thing. They were at the... It wasn't like the Met Gala. Oh, no, no-
- Annie:** No, it was the Fall Guy premiere. They dressed as the Beavis and Butthead characters. That's very funny.
- Eddie:** What would you do if you had to go to the Met Gala? What do you think about that whole thing?
- Annie:** Do you know, I'm really glad you brought this up, actually. I'm really glad you brought it up. Two things have happened about that. One, I think those dresses are beautiful, but have you seen... Now, we're recording this about a week before people are hearing them, but have you seen that there's like a real TikTok pushback to the Met Gala thing?
- Eddie:** Okay, I have a little bit, only that I know that someone said there's a TikTok pushback, but I haven't seen it. What's the nature of it? Also, bye-bye 2018.
- Annie:** Yeah, yeah, 2018, good year.
- Eddie:** That's how long it took.
- Annie:** Eddie, it is, my friends and I had a real reckoning with ourselves because we were like, we are on the internet every day and we have no idea what this is. At the same time, Kim Kardashian lost 10 million followers in like three days over this.
- Eddie:** What happened? I think people are mad that celebrities... I'm making a summary here that someone will certainly summarize better in the comments. I think people are mad that celebrities are using extraordinary amounts of money to pay for those dresses. Which, honestly, who knows if they're actually paying for them or if the designer is not making them pay or who knows. But they're paying for dresses when people are having a hard time paying for groceries, when inflation is what it is, and they're going to the Met Gala when it feels like there's a lot to be protesting and a lot to be unhappy about.
- I mean, I am summarizing with the best, with a 43-year-old brain, but one person, one TikTok influencer did a let them eat cake thing, which is very like... while

Marie Antoinette was living in the lap of luxury in Versailles, the people were starving and rioting. And she said, let them eat cake.

Eddie: That's cool that you knew that right off the top of your head. Well done.

Annie: Thank you. And so I think there were people who felt like... so the #letthemeatcake is people telling you which celebrities to unfollow.

Eddie: Okay.

Annie: All because of the Met Gala, man.

Eddie: I see it, and clearly it's extravagant. And that point isn't wrong, but I also feel like that point isn't new. There's been huge problems forever. We've been Oscars and this... Met Gala isn't the only thing. It's an interesting...

Annie: Do you remember Super Sweet 16 on MTV? I mean, it has been a long time that we have seen the disparity between people who had a Super Sweet 16 party on MTV. Speaking of 2018, I probably watched that back then.

Eddie: Oh, yeah. But I wonder if this is the pushback to... I wonder if there's like a shifting of, like, what's the new wave of celebrity culture? Because we're not gonna lose celebrity culture. But maybe this level of opulence isn't cool. Maybe this Anna Wintour vibe of just complete elitism decadence isn't... Maybe, maybe not. Maybe that's too much of a stretch. But that's interesting.

Annie: And people assume that when a dress retails at \$75,000, that said celebrity paid \$75,000. Well, there's not a world where that is going back in her closet. I'm making up all these things. You know, \$75,000 designer says, I will make you this dress, we'll tell them the retail price. You will wear it one day, it will go back in my shop or in my whatever showcase the next day. And she never holds it again. I mean, it's like-

Eddie: Right, they're the billboard.

Annie: Yeah, that's exactly right. And then they make a \$1,000 version that people wear to prom the next year.

Eddie: I have a friend who knows a lot about fashion because I've never understood this world at all. I mean, clearly, I'm wearing probably the same shirt I wore to the Relevant tenure thing when we did that together.

Annie: But it's not the same shirt. It's just the same style shirt.

Eddie: Annie.

Annie: Is it the same shirt?

Eddie: I bought five blue and five black and I rotate them and that's what I wear.

Annie: Wow, that's impressive that you still have those same shirts from 2018.

Eddie: Is it or is it just that I'm... is it dingy? I think I'm right on the edge. I'm thinking about what I gotta wear to the Ryman. I can't just wear this.

Annie: Oh, I can't wait.

Eddie: What are you wearing? Hold on, hold on, hold on.

Annie: I had a dream last night.

Eddie: Okay, go, but we gotta get back. But go.

Annie: I know. There's a part that we're dreaming up, and we need a host, and I just had a dream that Jimmy Fallon... we might ask Jimmy to Fallon. There's no way he'll do it, but I might send a DM.

Eddie: But if there's anybody who would fall into the "there's no way he'll do it," and then he shows up category, he's that guy.

Annie: I know.

Eddie: He's like a Bill Murray type. Bill Murray's been pseudo-canceled, so nobody push back on it. But he's got that kind of like, you're not gonna get some people.

Annie: Yeah, yeah, yeah, right. But you might, right?

Eddie: Probably.

Annie: I know. I do not know what I'm wearing because we haven't picked all that out yet.

Eddie: But it's like fancy, right?

Annie: Yes, it'll be... yes. Not like promy, it won't be a Met Gala dress.

- Eddie:** Yeah, yeah, but I've seen the advertisements for it. Like you did the yellow shirt thing, yellow dress thing. That yellow dress is neat, it's nice.
- Annie:** Thank you, thank you. It wrinkled so quickly. We returned it after that one picture.
- Eddie:** The whole look is a little bit... it's like fancy. Even all of the That Sounds Fun stuff, it's beautiful, but it's elegant. It's progressing.
- Annie:** That's the goal. Yeah. Thanks.
- Eddie:** It's lovely. Anyhow, I just realized like, I gotta show up and... I gotta show up.
- Annie:** Something besides that. Maybe not. You're allowed to just be you. We're not going to coat-check any of you. You aren't going to be bossed around.
- Eddie:** Hold on. We got a-
- Annie:** Hey, so we-
- Eddie:** Yeah, go, go, go, go, go, go.
- Annie:** We got a what?
- Eddie:** There's another pop culture thing that I have purposefully given myself-
- Annie:** I hope it's the same thing.
- Eddie:** I've given myself no leeway to think about it because of the Tom Brady roast.
- Annie:** No, that's not what I was going to talk about. So great. Let's talk about, man, the Tom Brady. I didn't watch it either. I've just seen some clips. But roast in general, man, feel brutal.
- Eddie:** I watched clips of it and then knew there were certain people in it that I wanted to see, like, how would they... It was vicious. I mean, honestly, in real life, like, if it's funny, funny wins. I don't know that they're... I don't have it too soon. I don't. But this was really viciously mean. And I'm sitting there going, Okay, this guy's the GOAT, apparently. But you can never imagine Michael Jordan putting himself in this situation.
- Annie:** No.
- Eddie:** Why did he do this? Why is he there? I mean, they're saying...

Annie: But also, did you see the clip where he made the joke about if the NFL was gonna spend \$21 million trying to sort out Deflategate, they could have just given me \$21 million and I'd have told him I did it?

Eddie: Yeah.

Annie: That made me lose respect for him, honestly. Because I thought, you cheated? You're telling everyone right now that you cheated in the NFL and you knew it and you didn't confess? I was not impressed with the character displayed in that storytelling. I'm sure he has very good character in a lot of ways, I was not impressed with the character displayed that he told us, no one else told us, he told us, I was not impressed.

Eddie: Yeah, and it was just-

Annie: Would you ever do a roast? I would never be on either side.

Eddie: I am able to dish it out and not take it like a hundred percent.

Annie: Would you really dish it out? Would you really be able to look someone in the face and make fun of them for real?

Eddie: I think I could in a way that wouldn't burn them. I don't really think I could, to be honest. I don't think I could. I think it's in me. Like, if I wanted to just tap into my worst demons and go, like, what's the meanest thing I could say and it's okay? I'm sure I could conjure it. But I don't mind.

Some of it's funny and some of it is... I mean, there have been roast jokes over time that have made their way into the Instagram algorithm that just destroyed me. I think it's so funny. Norm MacDonald roasting Bob Saget.

Annie: Oh, I've never seen it.

Eddie: He did like the anti-roast and decided to do nothing. But it was just... anyhow.

Annie: Like saying like he's making really mean jokes, like, but you are the nicest guy in the world. Like that kind of thing?

Eddie: It was actually like, You sir are a dirty scoundrel. And then he just waited and it didn't get any worse.

Annie: Oh, right, right, right. Got it, got it, got it. Okay.

Eddie: Anyway.

Annie: Wow.

Eddie: So I get it. But this was just like... it was almost like a fight back against cancel culture. Like we're going to say it's all cancelable. Everything that was said by everyone is cancelable. So in that respect, it was almost like a display of just... It felt gluttonous. It just felt like we're just going to just mow down on this.

But then the craziest thing to me was that it was executive-produced by Tom Brady. So he paid for it.

Annie: He paid for it.

Eddie: Because sometimes I get like, okay, your celebrity is kind of waning. You need something to get back in there. I got it. Like the David Hasselhoff roast, you're like, you're welcome, David Hasselhoff. Like, you didn't know what was going on.

Annie: Who else pays for it? Oh, I guess Comedy Central probably has paid for a bunch of them.

Eddie: Yes. And it's probably a whole Netflix... Yeah.

Annie: Yeah. Yeah.

Eddie: Okay. What was yours?

Annie: He paid for it himself.

Eddie: He paid for it. So he both... Yeah. And because he's an executive producer, he got to say, so he could have said, This is an off-limits thing. I don't know. It's just the whole thing, the whole culture. It was like a cultural moment that I was like, Oh, I don't like the way this feels. Okay, okay, what was the other pop culture thing that was apparently not the [inaudible 00:13:38]?

Annie: Okay, the other one, which is very good because... and we're looking at 2028. Billboard's top 100, number one song, *God's Plan* by Drake. And then also-

Eddie: Oh, great, I'm glad you... good.

Annie: Yeah, man, people releasing songs. Speaking of burning each other, there's rappers going back and forth releasing songs about each other. I think I don't know how culture works anymore.

Eddie: Well, you do because you were a kid and I was a kid during Tupac and Biggie.

Annie: Yeah, that's true.

Eddie: That's why I think this is weird. It feels scary to me because I remember Tupac and Biggie and being like, Oh, this wasn't entertainment. Like two people died. Like this was... I don't mean to make it serious.

Annie: No, no, no. You're right.

Eddie: I'm not saying Kendrick Lamar and Drake are like that. But I was like-

Annie: But Kendrick Lamar won a Pulitzer in 2018. Drake had the number one song in 2018, and they're very mad at each other.

Eddie: Do you know why?

Annie: Uh-uh.

Eddie: Are they mad about the Met Gala? Is it a TikTok thing?

Annie: Yeah, I don't know why they're mad. I don't know why they're mad. Someone does.

Eddie: Annie, this is one of two podcasts that I want to start, which is people, 40 plus, figuring out pop culture references out loud.

Annie: Do you know that's kind of... there is kind of a show like that that we won't point toward. But there is a little bit of a show like that that is... it is very funny. So maybe that is one of the... what's the other one you want to start?

Eddie: I want me and my brother and one of my very good friends... we play Xbox once a week and the first half hour is us figuring out how to all connect together and get the same game on and get in the same room. And it's literally my brother going, Okay, push X. No, you push A, push X. Somewhere in that half hour, I just start crying laughing, because it's just three grown adult men who can't really figure it all out anymore.

Annie: Now, isn't that what Twitch is? Isn't Twitch people watching you play games?

- Eddie:** I know, but those people are good. This is three guys in polo shirts, drinking a Diet Dr. Thunder.
- Annie:** I'll tell you what, the... Wow, Diet Dr. Thunder, by the way, new bottle I saw.
- Eddie:** I know.
- Annie:** New marketing.
- Eddie:** This is too soon.
- Annie:** Same great taste?
- Eddie:** It is. Yeah, it is great. So that would have been my Drake and Kendrick. Had they changed the taste, this would have been me versus [Lauren?].
- Annie:** You'd have been riding diss tracks?
- Eddie:** Okay, yes. Okay, you were saying a thing, and then we gotta get back to the diss track thing, because that's important.
- Annie:** Oh no, I just don't know anymore. I just thought, here are the things that have happened since the last time I talked to Eddie. Feels like celebrity culture's in a weird spot.
- Eddie:** Very weird, very weird. Not quite sure what to make of it.
- Annie:** Such a good reminder to all of us, do not chase being a celebrity. It does not look fun.
- Eddie:** No, don't go chasing waterfalls. That's one of the main things that you know.
- Annie:** Thank you. Thank you for that. I need you to know one of my favorite people that shows up in my Discover tab is on Twitch, and he is Jacques Ze Whipper, and he is at Renaissance Festivals, he does whips.
- Eddie:** Oh.
- Annie:** And he plays Twitch sometimes. I don't know what I've done that the Lord would see fit to put him in my Discover tab, but it is fascinating. I love a Renaissance festival, man.

- Eddie:** There's a lot of ways your algorithm can get you there, and we don't have to talk about them all.
- Annie:** I don't know how.
- Eddie:** But there's like some totally pure, lovely ways, and then there's some weird ways. But either way-
- Annie:** Yeah, no, I mean, probably Renaissance, he's married, he has a cat. I'm not trying to date him. He's just a very interesting follow-up.
- Eddie:** Oh, it wasn't even that, but that makes it even better. But anyhow, what your search terms would be for dating? Like Renaissance, Old English.
- Annie:** Renaissance faire. Yeah, it's a fascinating thing.
- Eddie:** Has an eagle-claw necklace holding a red marble.
- Annie:** I think he might. Man, did you go to the Renaissance Festival? Did they have those in Florida? Surely.
- Eddie:** Surely. And sure, I was gifted in elementary school, so yeah, I went to the freaking Renaissance Festival.
- Annie:** So you got to go.
- Eddie:** And it was amazing.
- Annie:** What a perfect sentence. Yeah, I was in the gifted... You're exactly right. The gifted kids always got to go to the Renaissance Festival.
- Eddie:** Right, because of our enhanced-
- Annie:** Did you dip your hand in wax? Did you make a wax hand?
- Eddie:** Of course, of course.
- Annie:** What'd you do? Did you do peace sign or did you do I love you?
- Eddie:** Of course.
- Annie:** Peace sign.

- Eddie:** It's the 90s, of course, I did peace.
- Annie:** Did you do the rainbow? I always did rainbow.
- Eddie:** Of course. Yes. Every color you can do in the only order you can figure out and then it sits in your room for 10 years until you're going off to college and then the end of it is just this. Like, by the time you leave for school.
- Annie:** Yeah, because it's gotten hot. You've left it in front of a window at some point. What I would give if we still had that.
- Eddie:** Oh, have I ever told you about the presidential wax museum in Florida?
- Annie:** No.
- Eddie:** Annie! End of show. Here we go. So Bri finds these amazing things all the time, things for us to do. One of which was when we were living in Florida, she found this AAA list of crazy things in Florida to see. And Florida is uniquely crazy. And I mean, this list was...
- Annie:** I mean, Tiger King stuff. Everybody knows.
- Eddie:** Literally one of them was Carole Baskin's zoo.
- Annie:** Did y'all go?
- Eddie:** Oh yes. But this was before Tiger King. This was a decade and a half.
- Annie:** Oh, I feel like when Tiger King came out and you shared a picture.
- Eddie:** Yes, yes. So you get exactly what this is. It's just the like... Anyhow, one of them was there is a presidential museum close to Orlando in Claremont, Florida, and you pull up to this place, it looks like a White House, and you go inside. And inside, there are wax... there's just a ton of presidential memorabilia, but nothing historic or behind glass. You're not looking at a Smithsonian. It's just like a model of the inside of a White House, right? Okay, so kind of neat. But then the big, like, da-da-da-da, is there is a full-size wax, like, Madame Tussaud's figurine of every president. It's kind of neat.
- Annie:** And that math is 46? Yeah.
- Eddie:** Yeah. But there's also some of the more famous First Ladies, so, like, Hillary, Jackie, right? So, there's a whole room.

Annie: Mary Todd Lincoln?

Eddie: I don't know about Mary Todd Lincoln. She was-

Annie: Disrespected.

Eddie: Disrespected.

Annie: She had a tough time.

Eddie: Tough, tough time.

Annie: Okay, carry on. Sorry. So there's some first ladies, mostly all presidents.

Eddie: Mostly all presidents. Here is the thing that makes it Florida. So if you look at the older presidents, the ones that have been there since the beginning, all of their... can you see me very clear right now?

Annie: Yeah.

Eddie: Let's say I'm George Washington, right? Here's George Washington.

Annie: Oh, he's just dipping at the neck.

Eddie: Because they turn the air off and Florida's so hot that the wax is melting. This is the whole full circle from-

Annie: Why did they not fix him?

Eddie: They probably did it later, but like... So the newer presidents, their head's still up because over the last 20 years, their head hasn't been slowly melting. So you look at the old ones and they're just all looking down and then, you know, Trump and Barack are just looking straight ahead. But it's like you look at this thing and you're like... and they didn't take the time to just go up and grab the side of the Washington head and crank it back up and keep the AC, buy a nest, invest in a nest and keep that thing at 70. No problem.

Annie: I think a good slogan if you own a wax museum is keep the AC on. That feels like a real basic slogan.

Eddie: It does feel like a nest advertisement.

Annie: What year did y'all move to Virginia?

Eddie: Three years ago.

Annie: '21?

Eddie: Yeah, I think so. It was post-COVID. Oh, I know. Whenever Annie and Eddie ended, there was a moving truck at our house, and we were at someone else's house. And I was recording the last episode, so it was like right in that window.

Annie: That's summer of '21. Wow.

Eddie: A million years ago.

Annie: Wow.

Eddie: Okay.

Annie: Also, Tiger King wants to be president. I don't know. Where are we going in the show? There's just a lot going on in culture. It doesn't make sense to me.

Eddie: Yeah, I don't know. Of course, he wants to be. I mean, he's still in jail, right?

Annie: Yeah.

Eddie: I mean, jail isn't necessarily a determining factor of our presidents anymore. So we'll see. That was a Trump burn. Real political for me. That's about as deep as it gets.

Annie: I'll tell you what I'm learning watching all of this. This is such a good reminder for all of us. Nothing you think is secret will stay secret forever, so go ahead and tell the truth. We do not live in a time... from people ignoring NDAs that they have signed and gotten paid for to 23andMe. To the internet, there's a new... I listened... I told you about this show that I like so much, Search Engine. They just did the creepiest episode about a new search engine like a Google that if you take someone's picture from across a restaurant, it searches faces. So hate it. And the guy is saying, PJ, the host is saying, I don't think this is good. I don't think this is good. And he says it's just making us... anytime we're in public, we are searchable now. And it's really bad for undercover cops and it's really bad for spies overseas, and you know, that kind of thing.

So it's just proof, like, we do not live in a time where keeping a secret is gonna serve you. Thank God because the Bible says everything that is hidden will come to

light. Everything. So let us be the ones who let our own stuff come to light, not wait till someone else does it.

Eddie: I've been in some groups before where honesty and radical honesty was the absolute currency. You feel the weight of. Like the moment right before you open your mouth to speak, you feel the weight, you feel the weight, and then you say the thing. And it just deflates because everybody in the room is like, yeah, I also have a thing. We've all got a thing. It's a thing. You know, it's a thing. It's the most freeing thing in the world because it's not void of consequence, the thing you're saying, but it's void of power. It's no longer steering you. It's just now it exists outside of you somewhere... living out there for you to wrangle and deal with instead of it like driving.

Annie: Yes.

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Okay, now back to our conversation with Eddie.

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Eddie: Okay, 2018, we should, just for a second.

Annie: Sure.

Eddie: There are some things here that I really loved. Okay.

Annie: Besides Drake and Kendrick, we had to.

Eddie: Besides that, okay, I really loved... Did you love *A Star is Born* when it came out?

Annie: Loved.

Eddie: That was one of the highest-grossing films.

Annie: I'm looking at the same... I cannot believe. Also, lol that so many of these movies on this list... We'll just go through the highest-grossing films and we'll stop and talk about some of them. *Avengers, Infinity War, Black Panther, Jurassic World, Fallen Kingdom, Incredibles 2, Aquaman, Bohemian Rhapsody, Venom, Mission Impossible Fallout, Deadpool 2, Fantastic Beasts, The Crimes of Grindelwald*. And then Honorable Mention, *A Quiet Place, A Star is Born, Crazy Rich Asians, The Meg*, we're gonna talk about that.

Eddie: That's the sharp one, right?

Annie: So many of these movies are movies... I mean, I know we're getting closer to 2024, but 2018 isn't that long ago, but these are still what we are watching.

Eddie: Easily. *A Star is Born*, that just popped up on the, whatever, watch next thing.

Annie: Right, right.

Eddie: I also am aware that I think 2018, and I'm sorry I don't know this for certain, I think this was the like age of MoviePass. Remember when that was like a thing for five minutes?

Annie: I loved MoviePass.

Eddie: I did too. And I think I've seen all these movies because of MoviePass.

Annie: Really?

Eddie: I'm pretty sure.

Annie: What was your favorite of all of those?

Eddie: Oh, Black Panther.

Annie: Same.

Eddie: That was a-

Annie: *Black Panther* was so moving.

Eddie: Oh, that was-

Annie: Absolutely beautiful.

Eddie: Angela Bassett in that movie was spectacular.

Annie: I also loved *Avenger Infinity War*. I thought that was a really good Avenger. I am sorry we have crested over... like we've kind of gone to the backside of all the Avenger stories where we're still going to get them, but kind of like the build, the build, the build, the like, what are the secret Easter egg things everywhere? All that it's kind of-

Eddie: I loved all that.

Annie: ...happened, it seems like. I loved all that.

Eddie: I loved it all. I loved it all. So I've never seen Deadpool though. I've never seen any of them.

Annie: I've never seen any of them either.

Eddie: I'm sure they're good, I just never really.

Annie: The *Meg*. You have not seen the *Meg*.

Eddie: No, because I think it was scary, right?

Annie: Okay, I need you to know something about me. I find the greatest rest and enjoyment in movies that are... I wanna say silly, but this is not silly.

Eddie: Are they campy or bad?

Annie: That are just a little bit past... they're jumping the shark movies, to be hilarious. They're just a little bit past what seems realistic. So there's a little bit of like, are there still Megs under the trench in the bottom of the ocean that we can't get to? Because we know less about the ocean than we know about space, Eddie.

Eddie: What is the Meg? Is it a shark?

Annie: A Megalodon.

Eddie: Oh, I see.

Annie: So this is your dinosaur shark that is like four to five times the size of a great white. I love the *Meg* and the *Meg 2*. I actually deeply love both movies. Like if you said to me, what would be a perfect, like, you've just worked really hard on a project, or you've just come through a really tough season of your job, or you've been traveling a lot, if you got to do anything for a day, I'd be like, give me a movie theater that runs *Meg* and *Meg 2* back to back. And I can't bring my phone, but I can have Coke Ices. I mean, to me, that's like the epitome. I honestly talked to someone about renting a movie theater for my birthday and showing *Meg*.

Eddie: Okay, is it because it's the perfect "that would be honestly very fun?"

Annie: Oh, I'm trying, that's gonna be my goal.

Eddie: Lou and I just went and saw a movie that we loved. Oh, we saw *Star Wars* on Star on May 4th. They were playing it for a day.

Annie: Oh, that's a cool idea. Like a Phantom Events thing?

Eddie: Yes, yes. The *Meg* the kind of movie where it's like the perfect overlap of keeps you entertained, but takes a zero thought?

- Annie:** Yes, that's exactly right. Entertaining, you never know when the shark's gonna show up. Also, I don't get in the ocean, so this might as well be a space movie to me. Because I'm not going to be in a situation that any of these people find themselves in.
- Eddie:** You don't get in the ocean?
- Annie:** No. We don't know anything about it.
- Eddie:** Okay. Tell me the degree to which you don't get in the ocean.
- Annie:** I mean, I will sit on the beach and go up to my knees. I'll walk in the water to my knees to cool off.
- Eddie:** Would you go for a swim? Would you swim out a little bit?
- Annie:** No. No, no, no, no, no.
- Eddie:** Would you surf?
- Annie:** What? No. Why would you do any of that? You have no idea what is below you.
- Eddie:** That is really something.
- Annie:** You just have no idea what's below you. There could literally be a shark in the water. You fall off your surfboard and you land on his schnoz and you're done. He eats you right then.
- Eddie:** Schnoz.
- Annie:** You land right on his nose. It feels like a wild decision that people are like, Yeah, no, this is totally safe. I am swimming. I don't know the depth below me. I don't know what is in it, but I think I should just kick. I should just kick and bring attention to my body."
- Eddie:** Have you ever been somewhere that has like clear, clear ocean? So like Hawaii or Puerto Rico or something where you can see all the way down? Because I wonder if that changes it for you.
- Annie:** Yeah. No. You know, I had... Have we ever talked about this? No, it was earlier than this. I was like, could it be 2018? I've had a couple of panic attacks in my life, proper ones, and one of them was in water, and it was in Hawaii. My family and I

had made this agreement that if they got up and went and saw the sunrise over a volcano with me, then I would go scuba diving with them.

So I had just my face in the water, perfectly clear, everyone's swimming fine, and there was a shadow and I could not move my arms or my legs. Mr. F. Downs had to push me back to the boat.

Eddie: Oh, little Annie.

Annie: Oh, you wish I was little. I was in college.

Eddie: Not as cute.

Annie: Right, not as cute when the captain is pulling my arms and Mr. F. Downs is pushing my tail feathers to get me out of the water. It was terrible. It was terrible. So yeah, it just doesn't ever work for me. I think it's beautiful. I think the ocean is beautiful. I just think, "I don't need to get into that. I can swim in pools." I try not to let lakes get to me because there's a little more science to lakes. There's a limited amount of things that can be in there. It's not the size.

Eddie: But there's still things that can do the same amount of damage. A crocodile or an alligator?

Annie: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Oh, listen, one of my college best friends, when we would go home with her to South Georgia, she'd be like, "We can go skiing behind the boat" Now when you fall in the water, you just got to tuck and hush. Tuck and hush. So the crocodiles... I was like, "Girl, you've got the wrong roommate. I ain't doing it." Tuck and hush? You South Georgia people are braver than anybody.

Eddie: I mean, it is a part of life in the South. Here's the thing, everything you're saying has total logic behind it, so it's 100% makes sense, but I do feel like you're missing out. I want it for you.

Annie: Wait, tell me the other side. What do you love about swimming in water like that?

Eddie: Well, I don't love the... Sometimes I like being lost. So we've talked about this before. Like, I love getting lost. But that's a weird thing. This isn't like I like the fact that there's mystery. It's mostly just like it's really beautiful and I like the way it smells. And I like all the normal beachy stuff.

Annie: Walking on the beach is a top five thing I like to do.

Eddie: Oh yeah, especially in the evening.

- Annie:** Early morning when it's just exercise-y people, I love it. The vastness of it. I mean, I feel like God loves the ocean.
- Eddie:** Oh, the beach is magical.
- Annie:** Yeah, it's magical. But the ocean is a wild thing for us to put our bodies in.
- Eddie:** Floating in a tube? You've been floating in a tube?
- Annie:** The Titanic? Just think about that.
- Eddie:** That's how far you went from floating in a tube to Titanic. Yeah. We're not getting you in the water. Okay, that's fine.
- Annie:** That makes me even love Meg and Meg 2 more. I need you to know there's a scene in Meg 2 where they have to walk across the bottom of the ocean. There's about eight of them that have to go from a crashed water vessel to an underwater center... a workplace. What would that be called? Station.
- Eddie:** Like a laboratory?
- Annie:** Underwater station.
- Eddie:** Oh, I see.
- Annie:** Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Exactly right, it is a laboratory. It is one of the finest scenes of movie making you've ever watched because they have to use red light because you can't use white light down there. They have to be red because white light really triggers Megs. So that's good for you to keep.
- Eddie:** Oh boy. That's great to know.
- Annie:** Yeah. Don't bring your flashlight. Bring a red light cause Megs do not like it.
- Eddie:** They don't like it at all. Okay.
- Annie:** Yeah. It's great. I love the 2018. I appreciate Lillian adding that to our list. The devil works hard, but Lillian works harder to get us everything we need to say about 2018.
- Eddie:** Yeah, yeah. All right, so what else? Is there any events of 2018? There was a lot of like-

Annie: Well, listen, the *Roseanne* show had the revival on ABC and then it gets dropped and now it's *The Conners*. I need you to know I watch that show every week.

Eddie: You watch *The Conners*?

Annie: Every single week. I DVR it. Do we even use that word? I record it.

Eddie: You record *The Conners* and watch it?

Annie: Yeah, I do. I feel like that show gives such a unique look at American culture.

Eddie: Did you like the show *Roseanne*?

Annie: I think I did. I feel like I was younger. I don't know that we watched it in the Downs family. But I just feel like they are doing... There aren't a lot of shows that show a really hardworking... I mean, people can tell us in the comments what shows I'm missing, but I really like shows that show hardworking families.

Eddie: Yeah, I get that.

Annie: Now they are political sometimes and they have an agenda and everyone does who makes things at this point. But I think it's interesting. What is something you watch all the time that no one would ever believe you watch? Like is there a show you watch all the time or a movie you go back to?

Eddie: Gosh, I'm gonna have to think about that. I will say I was on a plane yesterday and there was...

Annie: Wait, where'd you go?

Eddie: I went to Dallas for the day.

Annie: You did.

Eddie: Went to... We talked..

Annie: Mended.

Eddie: I went to Mended. They had like a group of people to get together and talk about kind of what's next. They have exciting stuff happening and they needed like so we went to there. It was really fun.

Annie: Are you on their board?

Eddie: I am.

Annie: Cool.

Eddie: Schmancy, yeah, I know. It's so fun.

Annie: Are we allowed to talk about that? Sorry, I'm genuinely asking you friend questions in front of everyone.

Eddie: No, no, it's fine. I'm on their advisory board, so I'm basically with a group of really incredible people. We get to meet every once in a while.

Annie: That's very wise of them to have you on their board. I bet that is very helpful.

Eddie: It's nice of you to say. It's really fun to do and it's also fun to watch. Like every time we get an update, it's like, Holy smokes, it's happening. It's been like watching you over the years. It just goes real fast and real impressive, but it was also very much at its core, still the thing that it started out with. Because, you know, sometimes you see things grow fast and it just dilutes and dilutes. Or ego is a person. It's none of that. Mallory is like doing the thing. Annie's doing 10 years of this. It's like the mission statement is still sitting there anyway.

Annie: So on your flight home?

Eddie: The thing wasn't working and I was really on the way to-

Annie: Tough. The technology, the entertainment system?

Eddie: Yeah, it wasn't working. All the channels weren't working. So I wasn't able to watch the Jimmy Fallon 10-year special, but I DVR'd it and all of that. The only show that was working was a show called Below Deck. Have you heard of this? It was complete trash, but I watched one full hour of it and was like, All right, I could see myself fully committing to this.

Annie: It is delicious garbage. Delicious garbage. It is so good.

Eddie: Young people cleaning a boat. Because I started it going like, Oh, this boat is really nice and beautiful and how they're serving it. And then they're all just partying and I'm like, Okay, this is the real world. And then they're back on the boat.

Annie: Oh, that's their day off. They always get a day off every episode it seems. Yeah.

Eddie: So I watched one episode and thought to myself, "I could see where I could go. I could see all of this." I feel like I'm so on brand with TV shows, though. Like, of course, I watch Jon Stewart, and of course I watch, you know, all the funny stuff.

Annie: Are we gonna talk about the show you told me to watch?

Eddie: Which was? Which one?

Annie: *The Contestant*?

Eddie: Go. Okay, go.

Annie: I hated it. Of course, I did. You knew I was gonna hate it. It's crazy.

Eddie: I love this episode. I feel like there is Ocean, *The Conners*, and you not liking *The Contestant*, which we've talked about so much, and I'm pretty sure-

Annie: And also nothing.

Eddie: ...if we were in like a friend version of dating game, I would get 99% of all of it. What is Annie's? Got it.

Annie: Did you think I would love...? Did you love *The Contestant*?

Eddie: I did.

Annie: Okay, talk about why you did. So for our friends listening, it's a documentary about a Japanese television show that was like a real-life *Truman Show* and the producer... Well, tell me what you loved about it.

Eddie: I mean, it was on a decade ago. There was a *This American Life* about it. And it was very much like a...

Annie: Oh, I'd love to listen to *This American Life* about it.

Eddie: It was even before... remember the movie *EDtv* with Matthew McConaughey?

Annie: Yes.

Eddie: It was before that. So it was early in the days of reality television. The movie is about sort of the sociological experiment that happens-

Annie: To a person.

Eddie: Because the guy gets basically put in a room with nothing, including no clothing, and a ton of magazines, and is like, "You gotta see how long you can live by just winning magazine contests."

Annie: Yeah, the goal was you have to get a million yen worth of prizes into this tiny one-room apartment, and then we will let you out. I mean, Eddie, it took him more than a year. That is torture. That's what I hated about it. I was like, meanwhile, the guy in modern time is talking about how he was bullied as a kid and how people make fun of his face and then he gets bullied by this producer and he never stands up for himself.

Eddie: But also... sorry, I'm going to just blow one of the punchlines of it. The door was unlocked.

Annie: The door was unlocked. He could have left at any point.

Eddie: The really problematic part was that he knew he was being filmed, but he thought it was going to be... they were going to edit it down and show this later. He had no idea that they were showing this day at a time. So, they would gather this footage and it was a weekly show.

Annie: Literally *Truman Show*.

Eddie: So, he gets out of this little box and thinks that he is absolutely done with this horrible experiment. And it turns out he's like the most famous person in Japan at this point. So, his mind is just...

Annie: But he doesn't even know. I mean, I'm like, you get... Here's what I kept thinking. I kept thinking, this poor man has got one life. We get one life. And two years of his one life will now shape the rest of his life because he was locked in a room by himself. And he even said when it was finally over he had a hard time knowing how to talk to people or look in their faces because he'd been alone for a year.

Eddie: Okay, so I don't know if I liked it as much as I found it fascinating, right? Like, it was more just like... it made me think. And then the way... I don't want to give away how it ends, because, like, the way he ends up finding meaning in his life is profound.

Annie: But also, if we were on Popcast, I would red light this so hard. I would not tell people to watch it. I just thought... I felt sick the whole time. I was like, I'm

watching this because my friend told me about it and I want to honor Eddie, but I feel sick as a dog.

Eddie: Oh, I feel bad. I'm sorry.

Annie: Oh my gosh, don't feel bad. The door was unlocked. I could have walked out at any time. The door was unlocked.

Eddie: Is there any way for us to do like a Scooby-Doo Harlem Globetrotters crossover and find out if Popcast has red-lighted this or how they feel about it?

Annie: Yes, we should.

Eddie: I would like to find out what they felt about this, because this is either reflective more of me and my taste, or I just am curious. I think I might be problematic.

Annie: I did find myself, when I was watching it, thinking, "Did Eddie really say he loved this or did he just think this was interesting? Because that is two different things.

Eddie: It's interesting.

Annie: It is interesting. I just thought it was so sad.

Eddie: Yeah, so sad.

Annie: So I was like, you might also have thought it was sad.

Eddie: Oh, yeah.

Annie: Well, because in fact, your email said it's crazy. Or your text. Your email. Email me what to watch. Your text said, "Have you watched this? It's crazy."

Eddie: Yeah.

Annie: No, yeah. And it's only a documentary. It's 90 minutes.

Eddie: I sent you an AIM message.

Annie: Yeah, oh my gosh. Email me a postcard.

Eddie: E3 Gator 2. What was your AIM name?

Annie: Um, 121.

Eddie: What was that?

Annie: I'm trying to think of the first word. I don't remember. E-gator was yours though?

Eddie: E3-gator.

Annie: E3-gator. Soccer fan, 121? Something-

Eddie: Ocean girl.

Annie: Oh yeah. Now I do Meg, Meg 3. I pick it now in hopes that that's coming.

Eddie: Oh, I haven't even put together. I guess it was all together, but like, you won't go in the ocean, but you really like Meg? Like, one's feeding into the other. I guess everybody else realized that probably when you were saying it, but I just put it together.

Annie: I'm just kind of like... I mean, I don't... I think this movie's hilarious. That won't affect me. Won't affect me. Same as the outer space ones, like where people get trapped in astronaut things, or they get trapped on the moon, or they get trapped, you know, the Mars movie with Matt Damon, I'm like, that's fine, that'll never happen to me. That's like, no world.

The ones, the scary ones where people come in your house, or people, murder-y kind of stuff, I'm out, because that is on earth, and I'm uninterested in land fear. Ocean fear, space fear, bring it, I don't care.

Eddie: What space?

Annie: Space fear. I don't care, yeah, yeah, yeah. Tell me about Martians, I don't care. Tell me about-

Eddie: Would you go to space?

Annie: No. Would you go to space?

Eddie: Yes!

Annie: Would you?

Eddie: But I think it's the same reason I didn't watch *The Contestant*. I'm not excited about it, but I gotta know. I don't want to. I mean, the prospect is daunting. It is

antithetical to human life. Like we're not supposed to be in space and we're trying to figure it out, but even the slightest mess up and we poke through the aluminum foil of the side of our ship and there's no return trajectory. It's not going to work out like it did.

Annie: There's no pulling into a garage and getting it fixed.

Eddie: What was the interstellar or what was that?

Annie: Yeah, yeah. So, you know I became friends through... My friend, Stacey Morgan, her husband, Drew Morgan, was an astronaut. Oh, yeah. Which a) I'm just like, what I would give to just get a download of what he knows, because he just has to know so much.

Eddie: So much.

Annie: But he took a picture from space of Nashville for me, and it's framed in my office, and I'm like, that's what I'd have done, too. Thanks, buddy. You just saved me a trip. That's all I'd have done is taken a Zoomed-in picture of Nashville. So, appreciation, you saved me a trip.

Eddie: Does it say Google Maps on the bottom right, though?

Annie: Oh my gosh, yeah, yeah.

Eddie: Did he really do it?

Annie: Conspiracy.

Eddie: Yeah, we know, man.

Annie: He's one of the most impressive humans I've ever gotten to be friends with. I just think he's so cool. Now he's like a commander on those islands out there by Hawaii.

Eddie: Oh, yeah.

Annie: The Marshall Islands.

Eddie: Oh.

Annie: He's like the commanding officer of the Marshall Islands now. So they moved all the way out there. It's like between Japan and Hawaii. Super cool life for their family.

Eddie: Super cool life for people that probably do like the ocean. Because if you don't-

Annie: Yeah, you got to. Oh yeah, they just posted a video yesterday of them snorkeling. Get this. Make me throw up any faster. Snorkeling through a sunken ship from World War II. Nah, dawg. Nah, dawg.

Eddie: Have you seen the other documentary about divers that do free diving?

Annie: No, should I watch it?

Eddie: The same way you should watch *The Contestant*. I mean, I don't know what to say at this point.

Annie: Oh, interesting, interesting, interesting.

Eddie: But they free dive and they hold their breath and it's the same kind of thing where I'm like, the idea of going in the ocean and going into something in the ocean, like the moment I can't just bob up to the top is pure panic. I can't fathom going inside of this sunken treasure ship or whatever. I get that it's probably a path and I get that this guy has been to space and understands how fragile we are in a different way and has seen the marble and has a different perspective on life and God. I don't care. I think it is horribly scary.

Annie: Wow, right, yeah, for sure.

Eddie: I gotta see light and I gotta be able to bob right up.

Annie: Okay, yeah, yeah. I feel that way in pools. As long as I can get back.... so I know the feeling, you say, of like, oh, there's the top, it's not that far.

Eddie: Oh, yeah.

Annie: I love the feel to be in the water. I think water is wonderful.

Eddie: Yeah, I don't like the... Yeah, that's interesting.

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And now back to finish up our conversation with Eddie.

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Eddie: Listen, I want to be aware of both time and also the fact that-

Annie: What have we done today?

Eddie: I mean, here's what we haven't done, is the show that you had introduced-

Annie: We did! I feel like we hit a few... We did hit a few things. I also went to OnSite in 2018, so-

Eddie: Now this is-

Annie: Speaking of all the honesty.

Eddie: Oh, and you released a book! Annie, I feel like you and I are talking at this point because I remember the connection that we talked about. I mean, I know we know each other, but like, I feel like-

Annie: You're right. This is when we did the Relevant live was 2018. When we went down to Orlando for maybe their 10th thing and we went and did the live thing and then the four of us went and ate tacos.

Eddie: And you had done your 100th episode of That Sounds Fun.

Annie: Yeah, that's right, we were at 100

Eddie: Do you know how many episodes you're up to now?

Annie: 860. In the 860s, somewhere in there.

Eddie: Wow, oh yeah, because you do double episodes now.

Annie: Yeah, we do two a week.

Eddie: So you got up those 700 pretty fast.

Annie: That's right, that's right.

Eddie: Let me see if there's anything else on the list that I should read. Pete Davidson and Ariana Grande both got engaged and unengaged.

Annie: Wow.

Eddie: Oh, yeah. Oh, Meghan Markle and Prince Harry got married that year.

Annie: Did they?

Eddie: Yeah.

Annie: They got married that year?

Eddie: Yeah. Meghan Markle married Britain's Prince Harry at St. George's Chapel in Windsor in a fantastic event.

Annie: Beautiful. They're not.. and I loved waking up early for it. I thought it was beautiful. I love waking up early for British stuff.

Eddie: There's no way this was 2018. They got married-

Annie: Well, they have like a four-year-old.

Eddie: Wow, time is clicking along.

Annie: I know.

Eddie: This does feel like very recently.

Annie: I know.

Eddie: Like we watched this with the kids. I love getting up early for... I do too. I love all of the... get me up early for like a 6 a.m. coronation, love it all.

Annie: Their nonprofit is in the news currently for like not paying a bill.

Eddie: Oh yeah, yeah.

Annie: I'm sure it's fine. This is what I would like you to tell me, in a world where Prince Harry had to go and get a job, what do you think he would do? Like what would be interesting to him if they were like, Hey, you're gonna need a day job.

Eddie: Like a jobby job.

Annie: Like do you think he like goes and works at like a marketing firm? I was thinking last night, I was brainstorming up jobs that he might enjoy.

Eddie: Consulting on international affairs. Like I feel like he has a sense of the world that a lot of people don't and could do a lot of like-

Annie: A consultant.

Eddie: ...kaking the big world small, stuff like that. I feel like he probably would be a really good documentarian producer. So able to fund it, get money from it. But I bet he has cool, interesting... except that those documentaries they do, everybody who does like those kind of... they don't do juicy documentaries. It's always like feel-good documentaries about... I don't know.

Annie: Yeah, you want the ones about *The Contestant* whose life is ruined by being locked in... locked-

Eddie: Thank you. If someone isn't holding their breath underwater for a long time or being tortured on a game show, I don't want that show.

Annie: That producer.

Eddie: That guy was shady.

Annie: Okay. One last thing I want to ask you about. In 2018, I read the entire catalog, the entire library of Madeleine L'Engle books because I loved her so much. I had no idea how much fiction she'd written. I went back and read *Wrinkle in Time* again, all the things. Is there an author whose books you would love to read...? Like if all the other books that are on your list disappeared and they went pick one author and read that library and that unlocks other authors once you read this, who would you read?

Eddie: Generic answer, but it's John Steinbeck.

Annie: Oh, wow.

- Eddie:** Every John Steinbeck book I read just feels like...
- Annie:** *Grapes of Wrath*? What else? I'm sorry, I'm not sure what else is coming to mind.
- Eddie:** *Of Mice and Men*.
- Annie:** *Of Mice and Men*. Oh, that one made me cry in high school.
- Eddie:** Yeah, it was intense. I just read *The Grapes of Wrath* and I... again, and it was just the way he speaks is just his writing and it's his painting of people and the simplicity of it. Yeah, John Steinbeck, he has unlocked... he unlocked it all for me.
- Annie:** While we're standing here, I'm going to look up his full library because I don't know what else he's written. I don't know what you're agreeing to.
- Eddie:** I haven't read anything by Madeleine L'Engle.
- Annie:** Oh, she's wonderful.
- Eddie:** Have I? *A Wrinkle in Time*? I probably read that.
- Annie:** East of Eden, John Steinbeck?
- Eddie:** Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.
- Annie:** *Cannery Row, The Pearl, The Red Pony, The Moon is Down, Tortilla Flat*?
- Eddie:** Yeah.
- Annie:** *Travels with Charley in Search of America*. That sounds like a nice title.
- Eddie:** So I have a weird thing though, because I.. so I'm reading through right now all of Hemingway.
- Annie:** Oh, you're already doing this.
- Eddie:** I'm deep in it, deep through Hemingway. And it's been pretty fun but he's not my guy. I love his writing, but it's very sad and it hits me. Steinbeck though... and I got this from my friend Isaac and it's like an odd little thing, but I kind of love it, is that I'm, I don't want to burn through it because once it's done, it's done. And I still always have one more little thing I've never read. Like I've never read *Cannery Row* and I know I could and I know it's out of order, but I just...

Annie: Just keep it. Out of order.

Eddie: But it's like... I don't know what it's like... It's like having like Paul Simon's *Graceland* and knowing it's still in the cellophane and someday you can listen to it. I don't know why.

Annie: There'll be a time where you're like, now's the time for me to read *Cannery Row*.

Eddie: Yeah, I'm gonna open up this old bottle of scotch and finally do this.

Annie: Forgive me, I don't know this. John Steinbeck lived until 80s, 90s?

Eddie: I have no idea. Recent history.

Annie: Hey Siri, when did John Steinbeck die?

Eddie: Maybe when did he live?

Annie: Sorry, that's a better question. 1902 to 1968.

Eddie: Well, that's a good run.

Annie: That's a handsome character.

Eddie: Yeah. He also does my, which I'm sure you as a writer would know this, but he talks about how he writes. And he will sit and he'll get his typewriter out, he'll get everything. He has his little area to write. And he will not start typing until he has a very clear person in his mind on the other side of the desk. And he writes the whole book to a single character. So the whole thing he runs all of it through knowing who that is. Like, you can feel that. You're like, you're running this through a lens of not only great storytelling, but...

Okay, Madeleine L'Engle. What should be the first book of hers that I read?

Annie: So you haven't read any? So you haven't read *Walking on Water* about creativity?

Eddie: I think I read *Wrinkle in Time* but I just don't remember. It would have been like-

Annie: Yeah, go *Walking on Water*. *Walking on Water* is the one where she writes about creativity and writes about writing.

Eddie: Oh.

Annie: It's beautiful.

Eddie: So it's nonfiction?

Annie: Yes.

Eddie: Okay. But there's some of it's fiction too.

Annie: Yeah. She has a couple of adult novels, and then all The *Wrinkle in Time* series. But she has a lot of memoir, essay-based books. Okay, we've talked about this, are you on Goodreads?

Annie: I am on Goodreads as an author, so I am not on Goodreads as a reader, because people are brutal. Speaking of beautiful garbage, the way people treat authors on Goodreads is very fine and honest. They're allowed to say whatever they want to say. I can't get away from it when I'm trying to look up books, and my ego's too fragile.

Eddie: I mean, who wouldn't? I haven't experienced that, so it's a completely different situation. I just like it because it categorizes and helps me remember.

Annie: Oh, it's great.

Eddie: I don't let anybody follow me, and I don't follow anyone. I think I follow Brianne and like two friends, so it's a non-thing, but yeah, that's a different experience.

Annie: Okay, well, we've really done it for the month of May.

Eddie: Yeah, I loved it.

Annie: Let's do it again for June.

Eddie: Thanks for asking me to do this. I love doing this. I love being on the show with you.

Annie: Ah, mutual.

Eddie: I loved it.

Annie: I enjoyed it so much. We ping-ponged everywhere. I hope everyone enjoyed it as well as much as we did.

Eddie: I don't want to guide your creative team, but what I want the clip for this show to be is quick clips of you going... of the revelations. I don't go in the ocean. Really? I don't do it at all. Really? I feel like there was so many of those moments that I was like-

Annie: Craig, there is your challenge for the reel.

Eddie: There were so many things that we learned about you today.

Annie: Revelations. This is a learning day for us both.

Eddie: Revelations, Annie.

Annie: All right, friends, y'all have a great day. Go wash your hands.

Eddie: Yes. Bye, buddies.

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Outro: Okay. You guys, these episodes are getting unhinged, off the rails. We are just talking about what we talk about and mentioning 2018. It's going great. But as we get closer to the 2024 episodes the end of this year, it is so fun to get to recap all of this with Eddie. Isn't he just the best?

Make sure you're following him on social media. Tell him thanks for being a part of this. If you like this episode, make sure you go back and listen to the others from this year with Eddie. We put together a Spotify playlist of all of them, and it is linked in the show notes.

People ask us sometimes to make Apple playlists as well. Unfortunately, Apple doesn't have that, so we can't make playlists over there, but we can do it for you on Spotify, and we have a lot of playlists we've made of our most popular episodes and sectioned them by series and things like this, all the episodes with Eddie. So make sure you check that out in the show notes below.

If you've got any questions from this episode, you can drop them in the Q&A box on your Spotify app while you're there, or you can send it to us on Instagram @thatoundsfunpodcast. We'll try to answer them there. And make sure you're following That Sounds Fun podcast on Instagram as we have a lot of fun things going on over there this summer.

If you need anything else from me, you know I'm embarrassingly easy to find. Annie F. Downs on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook. All the places you may need me, that's where you can find me.

And I think that's it for me today, friends. Go out or stay home. Do something that sounds fun to you and I will do the same. Today what sounds fun to me is packing for a month in New York. I'm so glad to be back up.

Y'all have a great weekend. We'll see you back here on Monday with one of my favorite business leaders. Y'all just get ready. We are going deep and learning a lot from David Novak. We'll see you then.