

## Brains On (APM) | Smash Boom Best Sundaes vs. Nachos 01GA4WWEXQCRED1JGD60NVNAVY

MARLEY: From the brains behind *BrainsOn*, it's Smash Boom Best.

**ANTHONY:** The show for people with big opinions.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Hi, I'm Molly Bloom, and this is Smash Boom Best, the show where we take two things, smash them together, and ask you to decide which one is best. Today's debate is a toss-up between legendary-layered delights. It's nachos versus sundaes. First up, she's oh, so pleased with chips and cheese. It's a writer-comedian and nacho-lover, Linnea Frye.

**LINNEA FRYE:** What's up, debate fans? It's time to get cheesy up in this heezy. Pa-pa-pa-pa.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** [LAUGHS]

And here to defend the dreamiest and creamiest of treats, it's comedian, writer, and sundae queen, Nikki Bailey.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Hi, hi, hi, and happy hot fudge joy to all of you.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** And here to judge it all, we've got Anthony from New York City. He's a huge fan of soccer. He's learning violin and the guitar. And he even plays the voila in a mariachi band. Hi, Anthony.

**ANTHONY:** Hi.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** And Anthony, you actually brought your voila with you. So can you explain what the voila looks like and what kind of instrument it is?

**ANTHONY:** It's similar to a guitar. But the viola has five strings. And the body is more--

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Is it more rounded in the back, sort of?

**ANTHONY:** Yes.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Does that make it easier to hold?

**ANTHONY:** It makes it harder because it rubs up against your belly. But you get used to it while you play.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Could you play us a little something, so we can hear what it sounds like?

**ANTHONY:** Yes.

[VIOLA STRUMMING]

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Beautiful!

**LINNEA FRYE:** Yoohoo!

**MOLLY BLOOM:** That was wonderful. Was that a song you wrote, or is that a song you've played before, or was that a freestyle?

**ANTHONY:** It's a song that was made in Mexico.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** What's the name of the song?

**ANTHONY:** *El Cascabel*.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** That was lovely.

**ANTHONY:** Thank you.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Well, I hate to leave the viola. But we have to go to our debate topic today. Do you enjoy nachos and sundaes?

**ANTHONY:** I do. I think it's a good combination.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Excellent. So where do you usually eat these two delicious foods?

**ANTHONY:** I eat it at the beach, a cookout with the family.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** And what is your perfect plate of nachos like?

**ANTHONY:** The nachos itself, the cheese, and a little bit of spice.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** How about sundae toppings?

**ANTHONY:** Melted chocolate would be good.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Are we talking vanilla ice cream, other flavors of ice cream?

**ANTHONY:** Vanilla.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Hoo, we are going to get hungry today, I can tell. Will Anthony pick nachos or stick to the sweet side? Only he can tell. Anthony, are you ready to make what might possibly be the most difficult decision of your life?

**ANTHONY:** Yes, I am.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** All right, before we get into this debate, it's time to review the rules of the game. Round One is the Declaration of Greatness, where our debaters present fact-filled arguments in flavor of their side. And each have 30 seconds to rebut their opponent's statements. Then we've got the Micro Round, where each team will present a creative response to a prompt they received in advance.

Round Three is the Sneak Attack, where our debaters will have to respond to an improv challenge on the spot. And to wrap it all up, we've got the Final Six, where each team will have just six words to sum up the glory of their side. Our judge, Anthony, will award two points in the first round, one for his favorite rebuttal, the other for the declaration he liked best.

After that, he'll have one point to award each round. But he'll keep his decisions top secret until the end of the debate. Listeners, we want you to judge, too, mark down your points as you listen. At the end of the show, head to our website [smashboom.org](http://smashboom.org) and vote for whichever team you think won. Nikki, Linnea, Anthony, are you ready?

**ANTHONY:** Yes.

**LINNEA FRYE:** Oh, yes!

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Let's do this!

**LINNEA FRYE:** Woohoo!

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Yes!

**MOLLY BLOOM:** All right, then it's time for the--

**MARLEY:** Declaration of Greatness.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** We flipped a coin, and Nikki, you're up first. Tell us why sundaes are the cherry on top.

[DRUMBEATS]

**NIKKI BAILEY:** When I was a little girl, my family would go to Farrell's for sundaes on special occasions. On birthdays, after recitals, or track meets, we'd all pile into the car and meet our friends for ice cream at this old, timey spot.

[DOORBELL CHIMES]

The thing about Farrell's is, you got to make your own sundae. And what did I want on mine? Everything.

[MUSIC PLAYING] I get nut, puff, cherry, berry, syrup, brownie, cookies, you name it!

And I would scarf it down super fast. But my brother would eat his super, super slowly on purpose.

**BROTHER:** [SLURPS]

**NIKKI BAILEY:** By the time I'd finished, he'd only be a quarter of the way through his, and he'd be taunting me, Eddie Murphy style.

[MUSIC PLAYING] I got some ice cream, and you don't have none. You ate yours fast, and now it's past. One lick, psych.

It made me bananas because that's what sundaes do. They turn regular old nacho-eaters into salivating wild-eyed sundae nuts.

**BROTHER:** I'm nacho so sure about these nachos, mm.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Yeah, it might be a Thursday. But I'm feeling like a sundae.

**BROTHER:** Wait, is that a maraschino cherry?

**NIKKI BAILEY:** On top of a mountain of whipped cream.

**BROTHER:** On top of huge scoops of vanilla ice cream?

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Drowning in hot fudge.

**BROTHER:** It's a sundae, all right, and it's mine.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Let me have it. Out of my way.

**BROTHER:** It's so good. I'll spoon it faster, yum.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Perhaps the most famous sundae fight ever was over, which city invented the sweet treat first, Ithaca, New York or Two Rivers, Wisconsin. It was another lazy Sunday afternoon on April 3, 1892 in Ithaca, New York when Reverend John Scott marched down to the Platt and Cold Pharmacy to have a little afternoon treat.

[BELL RINGS]

**JOHN SCOTT:** And I'll take two scoops of vanilla ice cream.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Feeling sassy, the store owner, Chester Platt, drizzled cherry syrup over the ice cream and added a cherry on top. The Reverend was floored.

**JOHN SCOTT:** Well, what's the scoop with this dessert? It's legendary.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** It was so delicious it deserved a name.

**JOHN SCOTT:** Let's call it the cherry sundae.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** And with that, the sundae was born, or was it? The people of Two Rivers, Wisconsin claimed to have invented the sundae in 1881, a full 11 years earlier. They were so annoyed by Ithaca's story that in 2006, they took legal action against the city.

[GAVEL HITS]

**CITY MANAGER:** The City of Ithaca is hereby directed to cease and desist from its continued claims of being the birthplace of the ice cream sundae.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** The city manager of Two Rivers even wrote a sundae fighting song.

(SINGING) Topped with chocolate or with cherries and with lots of nuts. Try to claim our sundae, and we'll kick your butts.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Yikes. It's unclear which city is right. But one thing is clear, people love to scream about ice cream. Sundaes have been whipping up fights and captivating ice cream lovers for over a century with their irresistible taste and good looks. They're proud to be bad and beautiful. Isn't that right, Sandy, the Sundae?

**SANDY:** Listen, I can't help it if I'm gorgeously delicious. I'm just chilling. I'm living the cream. People freak out about me all the time about my glass bowl, my caramel swirls. I don't mean to be cold or anything, I just am. And you know what, I still make people melt.

[SLURPS]

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Sundaes aren't trying to be good for you. Nachos just make claims like, we're full of protein. We contain vegetables. Ha! You're full of sodium and fake cheese. People eat nachos at the beginning of the meal while they wait for the real deal to arrive. They're a pit stop. Sundaes are the destination, the cherry on top.

So next time you have a tough day, give yourself a treat. Head over to your local diner or ice cream shop and order an ice cream sundae because my way or your way, we all deserve a sundae.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** That declaration of greatness was a sweet treat, indeed. Anthony, what stood out to you there?

**ANTHONY:** What stood out to me was that nachos were only a pit stop, and they only ate them before your actual meal. So--

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Hmm.

**ANTHONY:** --that really impacted me.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Very good. Linnea, it's time for your rebuttal. You've got 30 seconds to liquefy Nikki's arguments. And your time starts now.

**LINNEA FRYE:** First off, sundae is a terrible name. It's the second worst day of the week after Monday. If sundaes were actually any good, they'd be called ice cream Saturdays. Also, where do you even buy an ice cream sundae now? All the ice cream parlors went out of business because there are so many more exciting ways to eat ice cream, like as tiny little frozen space dots or with all the toppings you could possibly want mixed in front of your eyes on a freezing cold slab of granite. Why would you want it in a tall glass with grandma's fudge and chopped nuts on top--

**MOLLY BLOOM:** And time.

**LINNEA FRYE:** Boring.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** All right, a fiery rebuttal. But now it's time, Linnea, to hear 'kay so great about nachos.

**LINNEA FRYE:** I like to consider myself a nacho aficionado. I've spent years scouring restaurants, scarfing down chips and cheese, trying to find the perfect plate of nachos. And I finally found it.

**CHIPPY:** Darn tootin'.

**LINNEA FRYE:** Who said that?

**CHIPPY:** Down here, it's me, Chippy, the tortilla chip. Did someone put something in my queso?

**QUESO:** Hey, I resent that. There is nothing in me, except a high-quality cheese blend, cream, and some spices.

**LINNEA FRYE:** Now my queso is talking?

**JALA PENO:** And me, Jala Peño.

**BEANS:** [CHUCKLES] Puns.

**LINNEA FRYE:** And you are?

**BEANS:** I'm Beans.

**LINNEA FRYE:** Well, it's nice to meet you all. But I'm in the middle of a debate.

**CHIPPY:** We know, we know, we know. We're here to chip in. [LAUGHS]

**QUESO:** Ugh, cheesy. How about we get started before I coagulate?

**LINNEA FRYE:** Oh, sure, sorry. [CLEARS THROAT] Nachos go their start in 1943 when a group of Texan military wives went shopping in Piedras Negras, Mexico. But when they finished, they were starving.

[LAUGHTER]

The only place still open was the Victory Club. The chef had already gone home, but Ignacio, a.k.a. Nacho, Ayana went into the kitchen, fried up some corn tortillas, and topped them with cheese and sliced jalapenos.

**JALA PENO:** Smart move. People love me.

**LINNEA FRYE:** The women did love it, and hence nachos special was born. Ignacio used Colby, which is not a traditional Mexican cheese. During World War II, Colby was one of the foods provided as relief by the American government. So technically, nachos are a Mexican food invented by a Mexican man for American women using American cheese. If that isn't the perfect fusion food, I don't know what is.

**QUESO:** Who, me? Perfect? I resemble that.

**LINNEA FRYE:** In fact nachos have fused quite a few cuisines. There are Irish nachos made with potatoes, Hawaiian nachos with pork and pineapple, and Canadian poutine nachos made with curds and gravy.

**BEANS:** Oh, no maple syrup? Bummer.

**LINNEA FRYE:** No, talking Beans, no syrup. But there are dessert nachos. There are even ice cream sundae nachos. So basically, you can put whipped cream on a nacho. But you can't put ground beef on a sundae. I mean, you could, but ew.

**BEANS:** [SCOFFS] I need it.

**LINNEA FRYE:** [SIGHS] Nachos are also incredibly versatile. You can grab nachos at the gas station for a few bucks, or you can go to the Park Hyatt Hotel in New York and get nachos topped with caviar for \$210.

[MONEY REGISTER DINGS]

Nachos are also super convenient. Loaded nachos contain carbs, protein, dairy, and vegetables. You get the whole food pyramid in one bite.

**CHIPPY:** And you don't even need silverware to eat nachos. You have me, Chippy. I'm nature's spoon. Try eating a sundae with your hands.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** I have. It wasn't pretty.

**LINNEA FRYE:** The nachos you get at the ballpark can be made very conveniently, thanks to sodium citrate, which keeps the cheese gooey. It's made of sodium, carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen. Fun fact, sodium's periodic table abbreviation is Na. So sodium citrate is literally Na for sodium, C for carbon, H for hydrogen, and O for oxygen, N-A-C-H-O, nacho. Talk about meant to be.

**BEANS:** More like-- [CHUCKLES] meant to beans.

**LINNEA FRYE:** Anywho, nachos are convenient, versatile, and fused cultures together. So let's hear it for nachos, the perfect food, whoa!

**QUESO:** Yay, nachos!

**CHIPPY:** Woohoo, chip, chip, hurray!

**JALA PENO:** Oh, yeah, oh hah!

**BEANS:** [GRUNTS] Beans.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** [CHUCKLES] a delightful declaration of greatness that really spoke to me because literally, the nachos were speaking to me. Anthony, what stood out to you about Linnea's declaration of greatness?

**ANTHONY:** What stood out to me was the good food combination, many flavors.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** A taste sensation. All right, Nikki, it's time for your rebuttal. You've got 30 seconds to burn nachos to a crisp. And your time starts now.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Nachos? How about notch-no? They're not even 100 years old. They don't even have their foodie driver's license yet. They're still in food kindergarten. In fact, the world record for nachos weighs a pitiful 4,689 pounds when the largest ice cream sundae is almost 55,000 pounds. And according to nacho lovers, we don't even know what's in that nacho cheese. It's just goo that's layered over chips. And you wonder what's in it. No one knows what's in it.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** And time.

**NIKKI BAILEY** No one knows what's in it.  
**(WHISPERING):**

**LINNEA FRYE:** I do. It's deliciousness.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** [LAUGHS]

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Deliciousness and sodium.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Anthony, it's time to award some points. Give one point to the declaration of greatness you liked best, and then one point to the most compelling rebuttal. You get to decide what makes a winning argument. Did one side when you over with their wit or logic or wow you with their cool? Award your points, but don't tell us who they're going to. Anthony, have you made your decision?

**ANTHONY:** Yes.  
  
[BELL RINGS]

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Excellent. Nikki and Linnea, how are you two feeling so far?

**NIKKI BAILEY:** I'm feeling good. I'm feeling like I am ice creaming the competition over here.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Mm.

**LINNEA FRYE:** I'm feeling legen-dairy.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** We got beef. We got beef, you and me, sundae.  
  
[LAUGHTER]

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Well, it's time for a quick break, scoop up some queso or a spoonful of hot fudge.

**ANTHONY:** We will be right back with more Smash Boom Best.

**MARLEY:** You're watching State of Debate, home to raging rhetoric and awe-inspiring argumentation.

**TAYLOR:** Salutations debaters, Taylor Lincoln here making a stop at the argumentation station with Todd Douglas.

**TODD:** Beep, beep, hey, Taylor, you're the best. And you know what's the worst? Logical fallacies.

**TAYLOR:** They're misleading and make your arguments weak.

**TODD:** And today, we have one of the worst of all, the anecdotal evidence fallacy.

**TAYLOR:** Weak to the max! That's when you base your whole argument on something that's happened once.

**TODD:** Let's listen in on these three friends and their tricky situation.

**AMANDA:** [HICCUPS]

**TODD:** Whoa, Amanda, you've had these hiccups for a while now.

**TAYLOR:** Yeah, Amanda, you OK?

**AMANDA:** [HICCUPS] Ugh, this is so annoying. [HICCUPS]

**TAYLOR:** Do you want to try drinking water upside down?

**TODD:** That never works.

**AMANDA:** [HICCUPS]

**TAYLOR:** What about if we scare you?

**TODD:** Don't waste your breath.

**AMANDA:** [HICCUPS]

**TAYLOR:** I've heard something about a pencil in your mouth.

**TODD:** [SCOFFS] Absolutely not. Only one thing works.

**AMANDA:** What is it? I'll try anything. [HICCUPS]

**TODD:** I was hiccuping once, and the mail carrier arrived to bring the mail.

**AMANDA:** [HICCUPS]

**TODD:** Then the dog started barking, and the mail carrier left. And boom, my hiccups were gone.

**AMANDA:** [HICCUPS]

**TAYLOR:** That seems very specific to you. Actually, there have been some studies on this. And I think we should try.



**TODD:** No, let's do my thing. I know it works because it worked for me. Come on, we could still get to my house before the mail comes.

**AMANDA:** [HICCUPS]

[BUZZER]

**TAYLOR:** Wow, just because it worked one time doesn't mean it's going to work for Amanda.

**TODD:** Exactly. Something that happened one time is not enough evidence to back up your argument.

**TAYLOR:** Yeah, it's much smarter to use lots of research from lots of places to back up your claim.

**TODD:** [HICCUPS]

**TAYLOR:** Oh, no, Todd!

**TODD:** All this talk of hiccups made me-- [HICCUPS]

**TAYLOR:** Oh, look! A red herring argument.

**TODD:** I see what you did there.

**TAYLOR:** [LAUGHS]

**TODD:** And it worked. Thanks, Taylor.

**TAYLOR:** Until next time, debate heads, this has been--

**BOTH:** State of Debate.

(SINGING) Boom.

Boom.

Boom, boom.

Boom.

Boom.

Boom, boom.

Boom smash.

Boom.

Best.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** You're listening to Smash Boom Best, I'm your host, Molly Bloom.

**ANTHONY:** And I'm your judge, Anthony.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Before we jump back in, I just want to say, we love getting debate suggestions from our listeners. Check out this epic idea we got from Rory.

**RORY:** My idea is dolls versus action figures.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** We'll check back with Rory at the end of this episode to see which side he thinks should win.

**ANTHONY:** And now it's back to today's debate, nachos versus sundaes.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** That's right. And it's time for round two, the--

**MARLEY:** Micro Round.

[BELL DINGS]

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Today's Micro Round challenge is called Stand Up For Snacks. We asked Linnea and Nikki to write a stand-up set dedicated to the glory of their side. Nikki went first last time. So Linnea, you're up. Let's hear your type 2 for nachos.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**HOST:** All right, all right, today we're roasting the classic tasty treat, ice cream sundaes.

[CHEERING]

That's right. We're not even sweet to desserts in this club. So please, welcome your roast master, the queen of bean, the chancellor of cheese, the sultan of spice, Linnea "Extra Pickle" Frye.

[CHEERS, APPLAUSE]

**LINNEA FRYE:** I just flew in from Piedras Negras, Mexico, and boy, are my arms tired of shoveling all those nachos into my face.

[LAUGHTER]

I've eaten so many nachos that I'm starting to turn into one, which explains the huge chip on my shoulder.

[LAUGHTER]

Looks like all the toppings are here. There's whipped cream, also known as the dairy heir of the dessert world.

[LAUGHTER]

Maraschino cherry is in the building. Have you ever noticed how red the cherry on top of a sundae is? That's because it's trying to warn the spoon to stop. Sprinkles are here. Too bad they can't sprinkle some relevance onto the sundae. Ice cream sundaes are so outdated they make a dish of hard candy look cool.

[LAUGHTER]

Hey, you know what vegetarian nachos and ice cream sundaes have in common? They can both be referred to as has-beens.

[LAUGHTER]

Get it? [LAUGHS] Has-beens.

[APPLAUSE]

Speaking of, this has been fun. Don't forget to vote nachos. Thank you, good night.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Very, very good. All right, Nikki, it's your turn. Make us giggle over caramel drizzle.

[APPLAUSE]

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Hello, hello, Nikki here, your local sundae queen. Time to whip up some ice cold jokes and cherry sweet laughs about ooey, gooey, sometimes chewy, cool and creamy, always dreamy sundaes.

[CHEERS]

Let's start with a classic. Where do you go to study the most difficult ice cream recipes?

(IMITATES A BOY'S VOICE) A Sunday school.

[LAUGHTER]

Woo! Ice work. So what happens when I drop a hot fudge sundae on my foot?

(IMITATES A BOY'S VOICE) You scream?

Ice cream, we all scream for--

(IMITATES A BOY'S VOICE) Ice cream!

Mm-hmm. Last one, why did the ice cream break up with the banana? Because the banana split.

[LAUGHTER]

You know, banana splits are my favorite. I could eat one every single day. But like any relationship, it's got its problems. The split problem is, it's never completely gone. There's always just a little bit of ice cream left at the bottom of the bowl. You eat all the toppings, suck down the ice cream, make sure to get the last bits of syrup off the side of the bowl.

And it's just so perfect-- until you see it, that little pool of melted ice cream juice at the bottom of the bowl. No matter how hard you try, you can't scoop up all that leftover ice cream juice. But you keep on scraping your spoon over and over wishing you could just lick out the bowl. But you can't because your mom's there. And she'd be totally mortified if you actually lick the bowl, even though she's at the end of her sundae, and she wants to lick the bowl, too.

[APPLAUSE]

Oh, whoa, went to the end of a Sunday. All this talk is making me hungry. I got a banana split.

[APPLAUSE, CHEERS]

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Oh, another wonderful set there. Anthony, this is a tough one. What jokes stood out to you there?

**ANTHONY:** I like the cherry one. [CHUCKLES]

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Mm-hmm.

**ANTHONY:** It was really funny. And also the banana split, I found it really funny as well.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** [CHUCKLES]

**ANTHONY:** But the overall joke I really like was the one where anyone could be the one who's to not like the bowl. I mean, that you really want to get the leftover ice cream.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Mm-hmm. And you know she wants to.

**ANTHONY:** Yeah.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** [LAUGHS] All right, well, it is time to award a point. Anthony, have you made your decision?

**ANTHONY:** Yes.

[BELL DINGS]

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Fantastic. Then it's time for our third around, the super stealthy--

**ANNOUNCER:** Ha-ha! Hu-hah!

**MARLEY:** Sneak Attack.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Your Sneak Attack today is called theme song. For this challenge, we want you to make up a theme song for your side. Pretend your side has a TV show. What would its theme song be? You'll have 30 seconds to sing your snack's praises. And Anthony will award one point to the side he likes best. Does that make sense, Nikki and Linnea?

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Sure does.

**LINNEA FRYE:** Yep, yep.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** All right, Linnea went first last time. So Nikki, you're up. Give us a taste of your snack sitcom starting now.

(SINGING) Chocolate drizzles and I'm in a fizzle. Sundaes are the best, yeah.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Yes. All right, Linnea, you are up. And your time starts now.

(SINGING) Everywhere you look, everywhere you look, there's chips and there's cheese. And nachos make you say, please. Everywhere you look, everywhere you look, nachos rule!

**MOLLY BLOOM:** [LAUGHS] I would like to be somewhere where nachos were everywhere I looked. That would be--

**LINNEA FRYE:** [CHUCKLES]

**MOLLY BLOOM:** --heaven. Anthony, it's time to award your fourth point. Have you made your decision?

**ANTHONY:** Yes.

[BELL DINGS]

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Excellent. Then it's time for our final around.

**MARLEY:** The Final Six.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Linnea, you've got just six words to take the crown. Give us your best nod to nachos.

**LINNEA FRYE:** [CLEARS THROAT] Nachos rule, I rest my queso.

[CHUCKLING]

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Very nice. All right, Nikki, it's your turn. Let's hear those six words for sweet sundaes.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Balanced diet, sundae in each hand.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** [LAUGHS] Oh, wow, Anthony, this is going to be a tough decision. But I need you to award one point for this last round. Whose Final Six won you over? Have you awarded the point?

**ANTHONY:** Yes.

[BELL DINGS]

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Anthony, are you ready to crown one team the Smash Boom Best?

**ANTHONY:** Yes.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Drum roll, please. The winner is--

[DRUMROLL]

**ANTHONY:** Sundaes.

**LINNEA FRYE:** [GROANS]

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Woohoo! Yes, all right!

**LINNEA FRYE:** I'm burnt to a crisp.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** [CHUCKLES] All right, Anthony, was there a moment that really swayed you over to sundaes?

**ANTHONY:** Getting some sundaes after a long day, that's what I could relate to. Many people can relate to that, so yes.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Very nice.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Linnea, you have made me rethink the value of a nacho. And I will be having nachos for dinner in your honor.

**LINNEA FRYE:** Nikki, I would eat a sundae with you any day of the week.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Let's make it happen.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** We're all going to go out for sundaes and nachos after this, right?

**LINNEA FRYE:** Oh, yeah.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Heck, yeah.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Excellent. And that's it for today's debate battle. Anthony crowned sundae as the Smash Boom Best. But what about you?

**ANTHONY:** Head to smashboom.org and vote to tell us who you think won. Smash Boom Best is brought to you by *Brains On* and APM Studios.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** It's produced by Molly Bloom, Rosie DuPont, Ruby Guthrie, and Sanden Totten.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** We had engineering help from Gary O'Keefe, Alexander Simpson, Juan Carlos, and Logan Reeves of Foxhole Collective.

**LINNEA FRYE:** And we had production help from Anna Goldfield, Marc Sanchez, and Anna Weggel.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** And our executive producer is Beth Pearlman, and the APM Studios' executives-in-charge are Chandra Kavati, Alex Schaffert, and Joanne Griffith. Our announcer is Marley Feuerwerker-Otto. And we want to give a special thanks to Taylor Coffman, Austin Cross, Erica Romero, and Peter Ecklund. Nikki, is there anyone you'd like to give a shout-out to?

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Shout out to my brother for making me really appreciate sundaes.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Lovely, and how about you, Linnea, any thanks or shout-outs?

**LINNEA FRYE:** Shout-out to my dad who taught me how to eat like a pro and be super cheesy.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** [LAUGHS] Excellent, and Anthony, do you want to give any special thanks today?

**ANTHONY:** Yes, shout out to all of you guys because I could use what you guys told me and convince my mom to give me some nachos and a sundae after this.

[LAUGHTER]

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Smart move, Anthony. And thank you for playing the voila for us at the beginning of the show. That was lovely. Before we go, let's check in with Rory and see who he thinks would win his dolls versus action figures debate.

**RORY:** I think action figures should win because they could be anyone in the world and even made-up things.

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Do you have an idea for a knockdown drag-out debate? Head to smashboom.org and tell us about it. We'll be back with a new debate battle next week.

**LINNEA FRYE:** Bye.

**ANTHONY:** Bye.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Ta-ta!

**MOLLY BLOOM:** Bye.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) Oohh, you're the smash boom best. Oohh, put you through that test. Oohh, you're the smash boom best. Oohh, better than the rest. It's *Smash Boom Best*. It's *Smash Boom Best*.

**LINNEA FRYE:** No!

**NIKKI BAILEY:** Woohoo! Yeah, woo-hoo-hoo-hoo.

**LINNEA FRYE:** I am burning, burning.

**NIKKI BAILEY:** [LAUGHS] I am living my best life, yes!