Why are the titular birds in the pop-culture Angry Birds mobile game so ticked off at a bunch of green pigs? 

The question that has been on millions of gamer minds will finally be answered in the 3-D animated comedy The Angry Birds Movie, out May 20. It features the voices of Jason Sudeikis, Bill Hader, Josh Gad and Danny McBride. 

We don’t want to spoil exactly what’s so anger-inducing for a bunch of round, flightless birds, but here are a few things we learned at an Angry Birds Movie "Smack Bird" event at Sony Pictures Animation, directors and voice actors.

1. THE BIRDS WEREN’T ALWAYS SO ANGRY. According to producer John Colianni, who worked closely with Angry Birds game creator Mikael Hed, the story began with a bunch of happy flightless birds hanging out on an island. There are only a few birds — namely Red (Sudeikis), Chuck (Josh Gad) and Bomb (McBride) — who are deal-

Chuck (Josh Gad) and Red (Jason Sudeikis) deal with pigs and peeves in The Angry Birds Movie.

ing with a few things in an anger-management class.

2. THE BIRDS IN THE MOVIE DO NOT PLAY THE ANGRY BIRDS’ GAME. The birds’ island is "naturalistic".

Cohen says there are no cell-phones, which means no mobile apps and games. There are, however, places where birds can get feather extensions and participate in "Mommy & Me" classes with their eggs.

3. 5. HADER’S PIG VOICE SOUNDS LIKE ‘MOMMY AND ME.’ Hader who voices the pig Leonard, shared a few different stories with the character. At first, he went with a Robert Preston/ Music Man-sounding voice, but in a second session, filmmakers asked him, "Do you have some thing else?" "So we found this Jim Henson/Musical Man voice, " he jokes. It’s basically…my dad."