# **Tough Pigs Yearbook 2011**



# "Knee-Deep in the Hoopla"

# compiled by Ryan Roe

Another year, another yearbook! 2011 was an especially eventful year for Muppet fans, for one very exciting reason: Miss Piggy nail polish! Also *The Muppets*, the movie that gave us a reason to sing and dance and be happy again. As always, we spent a lot of the year talking about stuff besides Muppets... For some reason, we talked about time travel a lot. But the hype surrounding the movie attracted a few new friends to the Tough Pigs forum, some of whom actually decided voluntarily to stick around! Also, by the end of the year, we had five people named David, eight people named Matt, and forty-three Justins.

Quoted threads are arranged here in chronological order, accompanied by a notation as to who nominated each one, and if you turn to the back of your book you'll find the excruciatingly comprehensive (or is that comprehensively excruciating?) index. If you don't have time to read the whole yearbook, may I suggest you just read the index and be done with it.

Special thanks to everyone who nominated posts, as well as everyone who posted on the forum in 2011 and made it a great place to be. We've got everything that we need, right in front of us! (As long as we have internet access and a Delphi account.)

# **JANUARY**

# **Happy Birthday, Anthony!**

1/1/2011 | 13282.13

# Quinn

Happy Birthday the other day! I bought the entire 80s Blue Beetle run for you, but since Roz already got it for you, I just shredded it. Happy Birthday!

[Michal]

## **December and 2010 Forum Stats!**

1/4/2011 | 13297.8-31

# Erik

Cathy, you needed only 10 more posts to pass Danny. Ten more! Ten more flirtations with Martha or Quinn. Ten more declarations of your love for me. Heck, ten more misread thread titles, and you would have moved up a spot.

## Cathy

Well, I won't make that same mistake twice!

# Cathy

Erik, I love you!

## Cathy

I love you, I love you, I love you!

# Cathy

I love you to the ends of the universe!

## Cathy

I love you as the day is long.

# Cathy

I love you as only someone who has known true love can!

## Cathy

I love you with every ounce of love I have to give!

#### Cathy

I love you for the person you were, the person you are and the person you've yet to become!

## Cathy

I love you more today than I did yesterday!

## Cathy

I love you the mostest and the bestest!

## Cathy

I'll love you forever and ever and ever!

## Cathy

(How am I doing here?)

# Erik

I love you, pookums.

# **Anthony**

I love the idea that you would never have passed Danny if you didn't post that string of comments.

## Ryan R

I love your commitment to telling Erik you love him in a different way in each post.

# Cathy

When you've been in love as long as Erik and I have been, you have to find different ways to express that love. Keeping things fresh and all...

#### Joe

Now I wish I'd been the one to point out the fact that you only needed 10 more posts to pass Danny.

## Cathy

But Joe! I declare my love to you every day!

#### Joe

But I want moooooore!

Also: I want a feast! I want a bean feast!

# Cathy

Oh. Had I know you only wanted a bean feast, I wouldn't have gotten you this.

\*tosses Oompa Loompa in the trash\*

## Joe

But... I want an Oompa Loompa NOW!

Eh, the moment's passed. I wanted an Oompa Loompa then.

Is Big Bird the master of his domain?

1/5/2011 | 13298.1-8

# Staci

**Greetings Peoples!** 

Long-time lurker, first-time poster here.

So, I was watching some recent episodes of Sesame Street and it occurred to me that when Big Bird gets a little ferklempt, his intonations are very Seinfeldesque.

Has anyone else every thought this before or am I initiating my Tough Pigs membership with crazy-talk?

#### Joe

"What is the deal with the letter J??"

#### **Daniel**

What's the deal with ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ?

It starts out like an A word, like anyone can see, but somewhere near the middle, gets awfully queer to me.

Not that there's anything wrong with that.

[Joe]

"Numbers!" and "What Time Is It?"

1/5/2011 | 13301.1-6

## **Anthony**

So I was looking through the LPs that Roz's predecessor left in the classroom, and which Roz has never touched in 4 years as a preschool teacher. And I found both of these! -

http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Numbers!

http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/What Time Is It on Sesame Street?

I haven't listened to them yet (because I found them maybe 10 minutes ago), but I will soon because I coincidentally grabbed my record player from my parents' house just the other day. I've only heard about 4 songs between the two albums!

So I'm excited. That's all. Is anyone familiar with either of these?

#### Tom

I'm not. But what an awesome find!

I had the Numbers record as a kid, until one day my room was messy and I didn't see it on the floor and stepped on it and it broke. And my mom told me that should teach me not to leave my room so messy.

Thanks for bringing up that painful memory, dude.

## **Anthony**

Sorry! If you think it would help, you're welcome to come over here and listen to this one!

# Ryan R

Okay, I'll be there in a few minutes. How many minutes? I can't tell you, because I never learned to count, because I stepped on my Numbers record.

[Tom]

Is Big Bird the master of his domain?

1/5/2011 | 13298.21-24

#### Mike C

you also gotta consider that Big Bird's career began way before Seinfeld's....So...Who's ripping off who here?

# Ryan R

I like the idea of Jerry Seinfeld preparing to make his major network acting debut on his own sitcom and turning to Sesame Street for acting research.

#### David H

"So, the number of the day is zero? Let's make a whole show about it."

## Staci

This thread is making me thirsty.

[Cathy]

How far have Gonzo and Camilla gone?

1/7/2011 | 13303.1-13

## Tom

I choose to believe that they got married after TMTM, when they got engaged. So why isn't she in his bedroom in MFS? Um . . . I dunno.

I mainly choose not to think about it.

Well, if you're thinking about it that way, then you're entering that dangerous zone of trying to reconcile Muppet productions into some kind of unified continuity, and that can only lead to confusion and tears.

#### Tom

Oh, I do that all the time (try to create a unified continuity), but only for fun, and I won't be dogmatic with anyone about it. I know it doesn't actually all fit; it's just to amuse myself.

Anyway, you're asking people if Gonzo boffs Camilla. Certainly that could lead to an argument with confusion and tears, couldn't it?

#### Kim

Only if they don't use a safe word.

#### Staci

Laundry was FLYING in the rolling basket in the Disney World special. I'm going with ALL THE WAY and taking it a step further. I think they're fetishists.

#### Mike C

Kinky is using a feather, a fetish is using the whole chicken.

# Is Big Bird the master of his domain?

1/7/2011 | 13298.36-37

#### Jes

(but i still do not like the idea of masturbation and big bird in the same thread, just sayyyyyinggg)

#### **Daniel**

That's why I use a grown up friend's hand.

[Michal]

## **Happy Birthday, Anthony!**

1/10/2011 | 13282.23 -27

# **Anthony**

Also, that reminds me of the time Obama was campaigning on campus at MU just a few days before the 2008 election (Missouri being a swing state and whatever). My friend Brittany and I got all excited that night because we realized that if Obama was in town, so was the press corps following him, and that meant Rory Gilmore was probably on campus.

We were going to go look for her, but then we got sidetracked by other stuff.

As the Obama campaign rolled on, I occasionally wondered how Rory was doing. And then when election season was over, I wondered what her next assignment would be, and whether she might take a break and move back to Stars Hollow for a while.

I got problems.

# **Anthony**

I love that we have that in common.

[Michal]

# **Aintitcool writeup**

1/11/2011 | 13313.2-3

#### Peter S

Gushy but great to have out there.

(though Sesame might do an episode on not starting sentences with "and" or "but".)

#### Joe

But I start sentences with "and" and "but" all the time! And I have no intention of stopping.

[Michal]

## **Esquire Wiki shout-out**

1/13/2011 | 13320.7-8

## Ryan R

I'm hoping someday each hair in Harvey Kneeslapper's moustache will have its own page.

#### Mike C

Surprisingly, moustache hair number 7,138 was absent from the sketch "Wanna C." It was likely to have been misplaced during the season 23 refurbishing of the puppet.

Hell the wiki would already have BILLIONS of entries if I were allowed to lie on it. You should read my article on the map to ancient aztec gold inricately woven into the inner lining of Chelli from "Big Bag."

News Stories 1/14/2011 | 9750.1803-04

## **Erik**

I don't believe in astrology. I think it's silly, and anyone who takes it seriously is a fool.

Which makes it sort of ironic that I've spent the last day trying to explain to the internet that, no, your astrological sign hasn't changed. Apparently my desire to stamp out rumours that spread through the net trumps everything.

# Cathy

Your just cranky because your moon is in Aquarius and it's affecting the way you interact with people. Try taking a hot bath to unwind and be sure to get a good nights rest. Things will start to look up tomorrow, Taurus!

<u>Wonder Woman</u> 1/14/2011 | 10920.154-57

#### Joe

The WW TV show may not be dead afterall:

http://www.superherohype.com/news/articles/113745-kelley-says-the-wonder-woman-series-iscoming

#### Scott

Who do I have to blow at NBC to make this happen?

#### Michal

Scott, a little discretion, please. I think you mean whom.

The Simpsons 1/17/2011 | 12625.84-89

#### Erik

Wait a minute! Smithers is gay?

## Joe

I'm glad he's finally out. That "is-he-isn't-he-but-he-probably-is" thing was getting old.

# Tom

Ah, the joke has been only running for a measly two decades.

In other news, I hope Bart goes back to saying "Don't have a cow" all the time.

#### Joe

Aye Carumba!

## **Daniel**

Eat my shorts.

## **Anthony**

If anyone needs me, I'll be in my room.

[Michal]

# **In Development**

1/21/2011 | 10137.694-97

#### Tom

And on today's "What the . . . ?" development announcement: A studio has just bought the rights to the Choose Your Own Adventure series.

Yes, the book series that only works on the basis of your being able to control the plot is going to be made into a movie where you can't choose anything.

http://www.cinemablend.com/new/Choose-Your-Own-Adventure-Movie-Adaptation-22762.html

HOLLYWOOD EXECUTIVE: "Gee, I haven't had my morning cup of 'crazy' yet!"

# Ryan R

To shake your head about how stupid this seems, turn to page 17.

To wonder whether the studio could actually figure out a way to make the movie a cool interactive experience like the books, turn to page 65.

To realize that you were right the first time and it's just stupid, turn to page 82.

To go for the really obvious joke, turn to post 10137.697.

[Tom]

#### Cracked

1/24/2011 | 12075.30-32

#### Lara

At least Cracked was terrified by hippies. And not just normal folks under the puppets...

**HOLY SHIT!** 

Why did no one warn me about the Hoggle pictures on page two!!

\*BRB, sobbing in terror, forever\*

## Ryan R

Awww, I never meant to make you sob in terror forever. Listen: That's not the real Hoggle. The real Hoggle is fine and in one piece, right there on your DVD of Labyrinth.

#### Mike C

....You know, should you need him...

[Joe]

# **Labyrinth with Sock Puppets**

1/24/2011 | 13341.1-5

## Tom

This starts off slow, but (I think) it ends very funny. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92jbfz9qa9M

# Cathy

(Psst, Mike posted this one about a month ago:) <a href="http://forums.delphiforums.com/toughpigs/messages?msg=10888.1420">http://forums.delphiforums.com/toughpigs/messages?msg=10888.1420</a>

## Mike C

Thanks for noticin' me. \*Eats a thistle.\*

[Michal]

**The Skrumps Comic Book** 

1/27/2011 | 13347.1-12

#### Joe

A comic book of The Jim Henson Company's The Skrumps will be published by Archaia Comics this March.

http://www.toughpigs.com/scrumps-comic/

## Mike C

\*sound of crickets playing Pachelbel's Canon in D-Minor.\*

## Joe

But it has Jim Henson's name on it! And therefore we should be very excited.

## **Daniel**

Wow. That looks like...something.

## Mike C

You know, it's not that I don't care about the Skrumps....

......Actually, no, that's exactly it. I don't care about the Skrumps.

#### Peter S

Did I slip through to an alternate reality again? Wha?

## Kim

Looking at those pictures makes me feel like I'm reading one of Robert Crumb's old head comics. With less sex.

## Peter S

Waaay less sex.

# Ryan R

Wow! Skrumps comic book! Awesome! And they released it so fast! Why, the Skrumps project was only just announced in... January 2007.

## Mike C

Can't wait for the SkateLab comic book to come out in March 2015.

[Carolyn]

# **Muppet Show Comics**

1/29/2011 | 1183.1134-43

# Joe

FYI, the Muppet Mash TPB will be in stores on Wednesday, February 2nd.

# Quinn

Thank you!

## Joe

Anytime, pal.

## Quinn

About 12:45 on Tuesday would be great.

# Joe

No.

# Quinn

Buh-buh-but you promised!

## Joe

Okay, FINE. But because I want to, not because I reduced you to a quivering mess of a man.

# Quinn

\*sniffle\*

I'm not quivering.

I am a mess.

## Joe

A hot mess?

# Quinn

Not yet.

[Michal]

**Superman** 

1/31/2011 | 10368.686-88

## Tom

Using Brandon Routh again would make people think it's a sequel to Superman Returns. And no one except Scott wants a sequel to Returns.

# Scott

Your mom wants a sequel to Superman Returns!

#### Tom

Really? Let me check. Hey, Mom? . . .

. . . OK, I'm back now. I just confirmed it with her. She really does want a sequel! Fancy that.

# **FEBRUARY**

**The Random Thread of Randomness** 

2/1/2011 | 9511.7018-37

# Cathy

I really want to see Book of Mormon on Broadway. Who's in?

# Quinn

I'd watch that with y'all if I were in town, and if it were getting good reviews, and if Scott were there, and if I could wear my loincloth, and if Martha was feeling handsy.

[Michal]

**Judge Everything** 

2/2/2011 | 8892.4706-18

# Martha

Here's my mailbox:



The top of the snow is around my height (5'4").

## Shari M

Whoa!!

Where do you live?? Up North?

# Martha

Yes. I could tell you where, but then I'd have to kill you.

## Shari M

Boston?

(runs and hides)

#### Martha

I can't tell you, or...y'know.

Here's the end of my street:



## Justin

So who's ready for another six inches on Saturday?!

## Scott

You know Martha's married, right?

[Joe, Quinn]

Complete Dick Tracy books - HELP!

2/3/2011 | 13370.6-9

#### David B

So, I am a genius, and just started typing in zip codes on the Barnes and Noble page for that book to see if any actual brick and mortar stores have it in stock. God bless Aaron Spelling, because I found a copy at the Ventura, CA Barnes and Noble when I typed in 90210! Ordered it over the phone and it will be shipped to me posthaste! Best Thing I Did All Day!

Thanks anyway, everyone!

Joe
Nice detective work! You're a regular Whatsisname Tracy.
David B

## Joe

And what a Dick!

Dick, Joe. I'm a Dick.

# Judge Everything

2/4/2011 | 8892.4722-30

# Shari M

Sometimes I eat waffles while Tough Pigging. :-P

# Cathy

Sometimes I eat Tough Pigs while waffling.

# Shari M

Tough Pigs links?

# Cathy

Yes. Tough Pigs boys are delicious.

# Martha

Rawr.

# Shari M

Does Quinn know about this?

# Martha

Ohhhh yes.

# Cathy

Gods I hope so.

# Quinn

\*pushes glasses up\*

What was that?

[Michal]

# **Anthony**

Last night we watched The Green Mile, which was new to me. I mostly enjoyed it. I'll sleep a lot better knowing that there's a big dumb black guy out there who helps white men have more sex with their wives.

"There's Mr.

Oh, and also, when Michael Jeter first appeared, Roz turned to me, smiled and said 'Noodle!"
*Love* that girl.
Joe
Shows what she knows!
That's Mr. Noodle's brother.
Anthony Fill in the blank:
Mr. Noodle's brother,
That's what I thought, smart guy.
Joe
Mr. Noodle's brother, Mr. Johnson.
Right?
Jes
Mr. Noodle's brother's name is MR NOODLE
Joe
I don't see the connection.
Tom

Theoretically, if they're brothers, they should have the same last name, yes?

## Joe

I find this whole conversation to be preposterous!

And so does my brother, Charles Finnamore.

# Ryan R

We should find their birth certificates from the Noodle Hospital. Do you suppose one of them is legally named "Mr. Noodle" and the other one is "Mr. Noodle's Brother, Mr. Noodle" but goes by "Mr. Noodle" as a nickname?

And what do you think their parents' names are? "Mr. Noodle's Father Mr. Noodle" and "Mr. Noodle's Mother Mrs. Noodle?" Or did she perhaps keep her last name, and she's "Mr. Noodle's Wife Ms. Rigatoni?"

We could ask them these questions, but I just realized I have no idea whether they're capable of speech.

#### Joe

This reminds me of the Berenstain Bears. Were Mama Bear and Papa Bear named Mama and Papa before their kids were born? And why was their first child named Brother when he didn't have any siblings yet? And poor, poor Cousin Bear...

#### Ryan R

Do they call him Brother in the one about the new baby? That is weird. I guess they were pretty certain they wanted to have more kids. But what would they have done if they had a third?

On a related note, how does Baby Bear feel about being named Baby Bear even now that he has a baby sister? And how will he feel about it when he's 30 years old? I mean, "thiwty yeaws old."

#### Joe

According to Wikipedia, they did have a third: Honey Bear.

And then they ate her.

#### Ryan R

Well, of course they did. Her name was Honey. She sounds delicious!

[Tom]

<u>Superman</u> 2/7/2011 | 10368.732

# Quinn

Today in class for some reason I put my hands up to my temples and made a

"wooowooowoooowooooo" kind of humming sound, and this kid in the back of the room goes,

"Rollins, are you using your Aquaman telepathy to summon help?"

[Martha]

**More Muppet movie casting rumors** 

2/9/2011 | 13144.165-68

#### Scott

Good to see NPH in there, but I hope it doesn't hurt his chances to play a character in a future Muppet movie.

#### Joe

As Whoopi Goldberg has proven, you're allowed to be in multiple Muppet productions as different characters.

# Ryan R

You mean that cab driver wasn't supposed to be God?

## Jog

"It's Muppets Tonight with our very special guest star: God!"

[Scott]

# **Let's Rock Elmo** 2/9/2011 | 13383.6-8

# Quinn

Yeah, I'm interested in the 123 Sesame Street playset too...and "the entire cast of characters, sold separately."

Don't let me down, Hasbro...

Don't get your hopes up, Quinn...

#### Martha

Um, Quinn?

Those aren't your hopes.

## Quinn

I read that as "those aren't your herpes."

THEN WHOSE ARE THEY???

[Michal]

Henson puppets to perform at the Grammys

2/10/2011 | 13364.28

#### Ryan R

Okay, it's definitely Henson Company puppets, and they'll be a "weird and cool band" for Cee Lo.

# Joe

I hope the band is Screaming Edith.

http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Minor Unfinished Projects#Screaming Edith

#### Scott

If it's not, I want to see a reporter interview Cee Lo and get upset at him for it.

## Joe

I'm picturing you dressed as Reporter Kermit, sobbing uncontrollably at Cee-Lo's feet.

We should make this happen.

# Scott

No, it can't be me. It has to be a super fake reporter from one of those entertainment news magazine shows.

## Joe

So, um... Telly?

[Anthony]

# **The Random Thread of Randomness**

2/10/2011 | 9511.7070-75

## Scott

I'm putting together a gallery of the Muppet Show guest stars who have passed away and I briefly considered using this.



I'm fucking horrible.

# Joe

"Fifteen seconds to curtain, Mr. Kaye... uh oh... we're going to need a lot more marionette strings!"

Who is it? Haven't you always wondered?

http://evilbeetgossip.film.com/2011/02/12/keha-tells-vanity-fair-all-about-her-kinship-with-muppets-her-love-of-glitter-and-her-decrease-in-douchery/

## **Anthony**

Ah, yes. That ever popular Muppet, "What's the guy's name who lives in garbage?"

# Ryan R

Come on, she can't be bothered to remember things like her favorite Muppet's name. She has more important things to do, like keeping an eye on the exchange rate so she knows the value of her name.

#### Joe

This is why I prefer ¥olanda.

[Max, Michal]

# <u>Batman 3</u> 2/14/2011 | 12951.120-25

#### Joe

Marion Cotillard might be in the new Batman movie:

http://www.bleedingcool.com/2011/02/13/marion-cotillard-in-dark-knight-rises-say-french-press/

I could totally see her playing Talia Al Ghul, even though she's French, the guy who played her father was Irish (with a British accent), and the character is Arabic.

## Quinn

She'd make a brilliant Talia. And a good contrast with Anne Hathaway, no matter what they're doing.

#### Mike C.

\*Imagines Marion Cotillard and Anne Hathaway doing things.\*

# **Anthony**

Me too! I'm imaging them building a table and solving a Rubik's Cube, respectively.

[Michal]

## **SPIRIT ANIMAL WEEK!**

2/15/2011 | 13406.6-7

## Quinn

After about four minutes of thought, I don't know if I HAVE a Spirit Animal. How does one find it?

## Cathy

I think it involves getting knocked unconscious with a frying pan.

[Michal]

# Music stuck in your head Right Now

2/16/2011 | 9639.2799-2809

#### Joe

This morning, for no apparent reason, I had the Speed Racer theme song stuck in my head, but with "Dick Cavett" instead of "Speed Racer".

Go Dick Cavett, Go!

## Michal

Lots of things/people/desserts could fit into that scheme.

Go, Joe Hennes, go!

Go, Ralph Wiggum, go!

Go, sock puppets, go!

Go, corn muffins, go!

Go, the Noo-Noo, go!

# Joe

I wonder which of those categories I fall under.

# Michal

The Noo-Noo.

#### Joe

I can't even imagine the physics involved in falling under a Noo-Noo.

## Mike C

It would probably suck. WockaWocka!

Carolyn
What's a Noo-Noo?
Erik

I don't know, what's a noo-noo with you?

[Martha]

Segel / Bobin Muppet movie

2/17/2011 | 10974.1059-62

# Ryan R

According to BleedingCool.com, "The Muppets" will come to theaters with a Toy Story short.

http://www.bleedingcool.com/2011/02/17/the-muppets-movie-to-get-its-own-toy-story-short-film/

Sweet.

# **Anthony**

Oh my sweet Nord. If that happens, I will be . . .

I'll never dry off again.

[Michal]

**The Random Thread of Randomness** 

2/20/2011 | 9511.7111-15

## Martha

Cool. There's a Noah's Ark balloon that I'm thinking about doing, but we'll see. It's pretty complex:

# Scott

I totally highlighted your colon for spoilers.

...

# Justin F

My doctor said that, too.

# **Anthony**

Baz Luhrmann's The Great Gatsby in 3-D!

http://www.avclub.com/articles/baz-luhrmann-makes-the-great-gatsby-even-greater-i,52131/

DUMB.

#### Mike C

You know, I don't mind the Great Gatsby...But I don't understand why people hold it in such high regard.

## **Anthony**

I like The Great Gatsby a lot, but I can't imagine that 3-D could possibly add anything to it.

# Ryan R

DISAFFECTED RICH PEOPLE A-POPPIN' IN YER FACE!

[Mike C]

Roller coasters 2/23/2011 | 13423.12-20

# Joe

I get no thrill out of feeling scared. I'd rather wait through every line at a theme park than ride one roller coaster.

# Cathy

You and I can wait safely on the ground holding everyone's bags. And spend all their moneys that may be in said bags.

#### Tom

Yay! You and Joe and me will be shopping and eating all day. THAT sounds like fun!

#### Cathy

I'll buy you cotton candy and win you a giant teddy bear, but you should I know that I'll expect you to put out at the end of the night.

[Scott]

# Once Upon A Monster - X-Box Kinect

2/25/2011 | 13403.15-20

# Ryan R

I'd love to see the Two-Headed Monster show up.

#### Martha

I read that as, "I'd love to see the Two-Headed Monster throw up."

Which, eeeewww.

## Jog

"P?"

"Uke."

#### Martha

"B?"

"Arf."

#### Joe

"Fee?"

"Lings of nausea."

[Jenny]

# **Toy Story**

2/27/2011 | 11846.341

## Quinn

...and when I say the Toy Story movies have made me cry, I mean, I can't watch them WITHOUT crying. I know exactly when it will happen in all three movies, and I still watch them anyway, but there's like a Pavlovian bell that rings at a certain point, and the waterworks start up. It's embarrassing.

Especially when it's the only time I express emotion. I think Melissa's going to start bringing Pixar clips on the iPod so that she can play them when it's time for me to get weepy at funerals and weddings and such.

(Grandma DIED...\*plays Jessie's Song\*...there you go. It'll be okay, Quinn...)

[Michal]

# **Judge Everything**

2/28/2011 | 8892.4805-8

# David B

Melissa Leo: 3.

# Cathy

Everything about her seems so contrived and disingenuous. Ick.

#### Joe

I hate her because she has more Oscars than me.

## Ryan R

But Joe, you have an Oscar! You got it for Shakespeare in Love!

Oh... No, that was Dame Judi Dench. I keep confusing you two.

[Martha]

# **Everyone likes ice cream**

2/28/2011 | 13432.27-34

## Peter S

Nope. I think it's just me who's weird. I also liked broccoli and blue cheese as a kid.

#### Mike C

If that is blue cheese dressing than I'm with you man.

## Peter S

It is now and it would have been then if we had blue cheese dressing in Australia. It's definitely one of my favourite things to have on planet America!

As a kid it was actual blue cheese. With the mold and all. It's lucky I could draw or I might not have had friends.

## Quinn

I assumed you grew up eating marsupial placentae or something, so blue cheese is an improvement.

# Peter S

Marsupial placentae aint so bad with enough Vegemite on it!

#### Quinn

You say that about EVERYTHING.

# **MARCH**

Jim Henson's Red Book

3/3/2011 | 13022.68-69

## Joe

I keep hoping some home video footage of that surfaces some day. Because it looks amazing/ridiculous. Ridicamazing.

Amazulous?

#### **Brad D**

The word "amazulous" is ridicamazing.

**Misread Thread Titles** 

3/3/2011 | 9486.1067

## Quinn

If being Mormon has taught me anything, it's that shame always helps.

[Scott]

**Everyone likes ice cream** 

3/3/2011 | 13432.42-54

# Carolyn

Whenever I was getting near the end of a term in college and my meal card was still way too full I would go to the little dorm mini-mart and get tons of non-perishable crap plus at least one pint of Ben & Jerry's (Phish Food is a favorite). My mini-fridge freezer hardly worked, so I had no choice but to eat the entire thing. Probably while reading Tough Pigs.

# **Anthony**

Ahhh, nostalgia.

## Cathy

I miss college.

# **Anthony**

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ut6YtMXjaZY

Of course.

For a second, I thought maybe you had linked (sarcastically) to that "I Love College" song. But you would probably never do such a thing, even sarcastically.

## Anthony

"I Love College" by Asher Roth has been a source of great amusement for my brothers, mostly because two of them were in college when it came out and already hated the type of college guy it romanticizes.

Also, there's a part in that song where he nonsensically yells "Keg stand! Keg stand!" In my family, we often nonsensically yell "Greg Strand! Greg Strand!" (the name of my dad's younger brother) in the same manner.

#### Jes

I liked that song...

# Ryan R

You and I probably had very different college experiences. When somebody writes a college song about eating waffles every day in the commons and watching Buffy all the time, I'll be all over it.

[Jes]

# What are you reading?

3/3/2011 | 10331.1065-86

#### Quinn

You'll get to meet me again!

Someday.

\*pines\*

# Martha

You and Cathy and the pines. I'm not letting the two of you out into my yard.

## Cathy

Good. There are coyotes in your yard with the taste for blood.

## Quinn

Coyotes don't bite ankles, do they?

## Erik

In my experience, they usually drop rocks or anvils on your head.

[Martha]

# What are you reading?

3/4/2011 | 10331.1095

# Quinn

I almost want to read Reviving Ophelia.

Almost.

Not enough.

Where are my pants?

[Michal]

# Muppet cakes

3/4/2011 | 11258.187-92

# **Anthony**

Whoa! That's a big old fondant-and-blue Grover!

# Mike C

I'm Fondant and Blue
Oh yes, I'm Fondant and Blue
Don't really need to tell you
I'm mostly gelatin based goo....

## Jes

Hey, that's funnycleverhaha.

## Mike C

thanks. all I've ever wanted to be is funnycleverhaha.

# **Everyone likes ice cream**

3/4/2011 | 13432.70-77

## Martha

Ooooh, Ben & Jerry's Brownie Batter is AWESOME.

I just heard that they're coming out with a new flavor: Jimmy Fallon's "Late Night Snack," which is a vanilla base with salty caramel swirls and chocolate-covered potato chip clusters.

WANT.

# Cathy

And when is this flavor coming out???

## Ryan R

12:35 Eastern, 11:35 Central.

[Cathy]

## MuppetFans.com

3/8/2011 | 13453.20-23

#### Tom

MC's news is nice, but it's often just reprinted articles from other news sources. MuppetFans highlights content specifically written for the web by, well, Muppet fans.

## **Dave Hulteen**

We're also looking to feature tasteless nude shoots of fans from around the world with their collections if anyone would like to volunteer. I've personally submitted hundreds of photos of myself, but Steve keeps saying we need more variety.

## Ryan R

Aren't you going to provide your e-mail address so people know where to send their tasteless nudes?

## Cathy

I'm all about tasteless nudes. Hell, I AM a tasteless nude!

[Michal]

# Watch Firefly

3/9/2011 | 8137.341-58

# Cathy

I love the hell out of that guy. It makes me sad that I can't travel back in time and pay attention to the commencement speech he gave at my college the year I graduated. But hey! Maybe someday he'll figure out time travel and I will be able to go back to my college graduation. I'll have to make a note to thank him in advance in the past if that ever happens.

In the meantime, I'll be in Joe's bunk.

# Scott

If anyone's going to help invent time travel, it's him.

Kaku, not Joe. (But if a hot tub can be a time machine, I don't see why Joe's (or Jayne's) tepee can't.)

## Joe

Yeah, that's what we're doing in my bunk. "Time traveling."

#### Scott

What else would you do in your bunk?

## Joe

Oh you know. Bunky stuff.

## Cathy

Joe, I'm thinking about doing a little "time travelling" later. Care to join me?

#### Joe

I just got back from the future, and it will be amazing!

## Cathy

But it already was amazing! Remember that time we shared a bed in Burlington? Yeah, I totally drugged you.

#### Joe

Why don't you ever let me remember the good stuff???

# Cathy

I'll let you remember the donuts we'll eat next week. Isn't that enough?

#### Joe

Oh yeah, I remember when we did that! Next week.

## Cathy

TIME TRAVEL!

# Michal

You'll be too late! I will have already enjoyed the donuts you won't have eaten.

They will have been enjoyed by me.

#### Scott

How's about using that time travel to go back and save Firefly?

# Cathy

The good news is that I already did! The bad news is that it was immediately cancelled again.

[Michal]

Joe



# Kim

I just licked my screen.

# Ryan R

Did it taste like a cardboard ice cream container?

# Kim

Yes. A dusty, staticky one.

## Mike C

If I was in charge of making a John Lennon flavored ice cream, I would a filled that thing with pralines and called it "Imagine All The Pecans."

# Ryan R

I would have put chunks of poultry in it and called it "Cold Turkey."

**Love for Tough People** 3/14/2011 | 13464.1 -4

#### Scott

Y'all are pretty great. And I'm sorry it's been so long since I've said so. And I'm sorry it took my inebriation to say so. But I mean it.

#### Joe

Dear Scott,

Congratulations on your greatness, and your appreciation for others' greatness. Please only use your powers of love for good and not evil.

Regards,

Barack Obama

[Cathy]

# **Tshirts**

3/15/2011 | 11748.457

## Quinn

Target has some new us-related men's T-shirts available...one is a yellow Fraggle Rock t-shirt that has the Fraggle Five on it (even Mokey!) in a cartoony format. The other has Kermit, Fozzie, Gonzo (inthatmotherfuckingcheckeredsuitaaaaaaagh) and Animal walking across Abbey Road. Their legs look weird.

I hate Muppets.

[Michal]

#### The Random Thread of Randomness

3/15/2011 | 9511.7168

## Cathy

I just got a phone call at work, and the caller ID said "Pasteur, Louis." I probably should have answered.

[Michal]

## Music stuck in your head Right Now

3/18/2011 | 9639.2851-52

#### Quinn

Because I'm a poor judge for how much of something I can take, I just finished using "Annie" in my classes as an example of how to separate truth from fiction in movies set in a different historic period. We watch so many documentaries, so many war movies in my class, and Annie's light enough that I can get the kids' spirits up JUST before we get to World War II and the Holocaust. Because I need to.

Anyway, at the end of watching Annie SEVEN TIMES in two days, every damn song from that movie is in my head. By my last class yesterday, I was also singing and dancing along with Annie and Daddy Warbucks with the "Together at Last" song. I only got on top of my desk once...right as the principal was walking in...but I rocked it.

Dressed like a damn leprechaun in my handsome green shirt and Kermit tie, I was.

This post has been brought to you by the number seven. And the word damn.

[Michal]

## The Random Thread of Randomness

3/21/2011 | 9511.7197-7200

# Cathy

Oh Bo Bice. Whatever happened to you?

#### Lara

He's stuck in a vice!

## Cathy

Little bo bice
He's stuck in a vice
With nary a crumb to be had

His belly doth grumble
As his career it doth tumble
True success he knew not, the poor lad

# **Tough Pigs dreams**

3/21/2011 | 9244.1016-20

#### Quinn

The only dream I recall from my three hours of sleep last night had me and Joe trying to recreate the Shirley Temple/Bojangles Robinson staircase tapdance from The Little Colonel. I'm pretty sure that's what it was. I was Shirley Temple, on my knees, with a curly wig on, and Joe was in blackface. So either way, we lose.

#### Joe

Quinn. Um.

That was no dream.

## Cathy

You never wear blackface for me! #jealousy

#### Joe

I apologize for trying to rein in my racism around you.

Ah so.

[Michal, Tom]

# 2010-11 Network Schedule

3/22/2011 | 13013.131-133

#### Tom

Huh. I started this thread, and even I wasn't aware that a show called Perfect Couples existed. I guess that means it's a good time to cancel the show.

## Ryan R

Perhaps you know it by its alternate title, "Play Video Games for Half an Hour Between Community and The Office."

[Quinn]

# **Star Trek**

3/24/2011 | 9892.1018-28

#### Tom

Patrick Stewart said he was surprised at the audience reaction to this one; he thought it was the best film of the series. Of course you did, you arrogant British twat. It's all about you and Data. All of the other characters are incidental.

## Ryan R

Just out of curiosity, did you mean "twit?" I know you're dissin' on Stewart here, but that's harsher language than I've seen you use before.

#### Tom

Heh. Sorry. I thought "twat" was a synoynm for "twit." Didn't mean to cuss the old bird out.

## Quinn

Yeah...be careful with your twitting and twatting and whatnot. They're not synonyms.

## Cathy

HA! Thanks for clearing that up. I was so perplexed. Mostly because I haven't heard someone call another person a twat in like 20 years.

AND IT WAS TOM!!!

(Just to clarify, I'm not making fun, Tom, just thought the whole exchange was really funny.) :)

## Tom

Sure, I understand. I was trying to be silly and British and antiquated, but I didn't mean to say what I actually said. :)

## Quinn

Well, don't cock it up.

[Scott]

**Kurt Busiek** 

3/31/2011 | 8725.57-66

## Anthony

Hey, you guys remember that time Kurt Busiek visited the forum and we all got really excited about it?

I asked him on Twitter a while ago if that was really him, and then I forgot to post the answer here.

It WAS!

http://twitter.com/#!/KurtBusiek/status/25406542480146432

## Ryan R

Did you suspect at the time that it was a faux Busiek?

#### Joe

I think we harbored suspicions. There is always the possibility that a person on the internet is not entirely honest about his identity.

# Anthony

Right. I figured it was most likely him, but you never know.

## Ryan R

I guess now is as good a time as any to reveal that I am not actually Ryan Roe. In reality, I'm Manny Kaye, the tuned clam player. I've been on this forum for years and years waiting for somebody to start a thread saying nice things about me, but so far I've been disappointed. Oh well... back to the old drawing clam.

# Anthony

That Kaye guy is the worst.

# Joe

Not as terrible as Ryan Roe. That guy is offensive in his horribleness.

[Michal]



### **2011 Muppet Madness Tournament**

4/1/2011 | 13467.55-58

### Joe

The final round of the 2011 Muppet Madness Tournament is here! Super Grover vs. Statler and Waldorf! Vote every 2 hours! My brain is exploding!

http://www.toughpigs.com/madness-2011-finals/

#### Michal

**HOW CAN I CHOOSE?** 

#### Joe

Flip a coin. If it lands on heads, vote Statler. If it lands on tails, vote Waldorf. If it flies into the air and scream as it crashes through the wall and into a little girl's living room, vote for Super Grover.

[Michal]

Bert on a stink bug

4/4/2011 | 13504.1-12

#### Ryan R

It's a miracle! The face of Bert on a stink beetle in Singapore!

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1373254/Sesame-Street-character-Berts-face-stink-bug.html?ito=feeds-newsxml

#### Scott

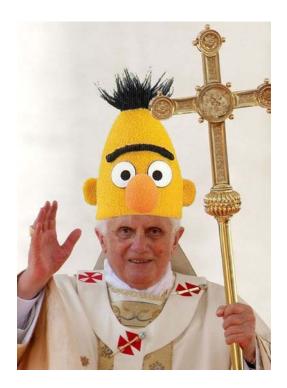
With all the problems in the world, I'm offended that Bert would use his power for such frivolity.

### Cathy

Seriously. Everyone knows that if you want to effect change, you project your image on a piece of toast.

### Scott

The Church of Bert has a lot to learn.



### Ken

I'd turn Catholic if they'd let me wear that hat.

Walter's mom? 4/6/2011 | 13506.4-8

### Joe

Walter's mom is a stewardess!

### Peter S

Maybe Walter was conceived in the mile high club... backstory.

### Joe

So who's his dad?

### Peter S

I'll never tell!

### Joe

It's you, isn't it??? Did the Muppets' plane have a LAYover in Australia???

[Robyn]

# Tough Pigs dreams

4/7/2011 | 9244.1027-30

### Carolyn

I dreamt I saw a Volkswagon that looked kinda like Gonzo. It made me very excited. But no one would agree with me.

### Michal



### **Anthony**

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### Michal

What? Was that a screen grab from the wrong dream?

[Cathy]

# **The Storyteller Graphic Novels**

4/8/2011 | 13499.14-17

### Mel Caylo (of Archaia Comics)

I try to visit the forums as often as I can, but if you guys ever have any pressing questions or concerns, ask Joe to nudge me. He knows how to get a hold of me in a pinch.

Thanks!

### Tom

Will do! Thanks again.

### Joe

I'm an expert nudger!

### **Anthony**

"I'm an expert nudger!"

- Well-known nudgologist Joe Hennes

### **Fraggle Rock Comics**

4/8/2011 | 11890.242-43

#### Joe

Here it is! An EXCLUSIVE sneak peek at the next issue of Fraggle Rock!

http://www.toughpigs.com/fraggle-2-3-preview/

#### Kim

Uncle Matt gets naked?

They DO pay attention to my fan mail!

### **More Muppet movie casting rumors**

4/12/2011 | 13144.189-90

### Joe

I'm not sure many people would have that "Hey, it's Judd Hirsch!" reaction. I'd wager that his cameo will be more like Art Carney's in MTM (where he just happens to be an actor on the screen who people might recognize) as opposed to Joan Rivers' cameo (where she's in the movie purely for the recognizability factor).

#### Justin

I'm not sure Joan even recognizes herself anymore.

[Cathy]

### Segel / Bobin Muppet movie

4/13/2011 | 10974.1112-13

### Tom

Muppets Studios' complete lack of ability to give any kind of a simple heads-up to the fans whenever something Muppety is happening - it continues to stagger me. It's why I don't bother to go on Muppets.com; it's why I'm not set up for any Twitter feeds; etc. This company has not figured out how to do what every basic Joe and Jill in the rest of the world has figured out to do with their Internet access.

### Erik

Watch porn?

[Cathy]

### **Muppet Show Comics**

4/14/2011 11183.1190-99

#### Tom

Yay! The insanity is spreading. :)

I want a motion comic of this doodle I just drew up of Mickey Mouse, Spider-Man, Kermit the Frog, Flik from A Bug's Life, and Cap'n Jack Sparrow having lunch together.

#### Joe

What are they eating?

### Tom

Um . . . Soylent Green.

#### Joe

Delicious!

#### Tom

And it's only cannibalism for 2/5ths of the participants!

### Joe

Then that comic would be 3/5 lame, because non-cannibalism is sooooo boring in motion comic-form.

#### Tom

Ah! I hadn't thought of that.

Non-cannibalism is exciting, but only outside of the motion comic format.

#### Joe

I know I give a cheer every time I witness non-cannibalism in the real world.

Woooo!

### Tom

"Hey! Look at you eat that hamburger! That's not cannibalism!"

"Hey! Look at you eat that carrot! That's not cannibalism!"

"Hey! Look at you eat that hot dog! That's . . . oh. Never mind."

Gonzo's toes

4/15/2011 | 13524.11-26

Kim

Sorry, but I'm a Gonzo fan and an inveterate nitpicker. ;)

Carolyn

I read that as "invertebrate nitpicking" which would give a new dimension to Gonzo...

Kim

Gonzo is many things--goofy, puzzling, masochistic--but he is not spineless.

[Michal]

X-tink-shun: A Wild Puppet X-perience

4/16/2011 | 13485.17

Jog

What can you do for the environment? Use toxic foam rubber materials to create puppet mascots, that's what!

Hot air balloon in Great Muppet Caper...

4/19/2011 | 13529.9-22

Jes

What color is that at the bottom? Also, I have no idea how you do this sort of thing. You're like the Amazing Mumford to me except less clumsy.

Ryan R

It's easy -- I just put in the DVD, waved my wand, and said, "A la peanut butter sandwiches!"

Jes

I knew it!

Now make something disappear...

[Message 15 of 22 was Deleted]

Jes

Wow! And so fast you made that post number 15 just vanish into thin internet air...

Ryan R

Huh. I didn't even do that. Unless I'm so magical that I don't even know when I'm doing magic!

Jes

I believe that trick was courtesy of your lovely assistant Scarecroe...

#### Scott

No! It was magic! Really!

### Ryan R

You know what would really be impressive? If I made post 15 RE-appear.

#### Jes

Yes, do it!

A la make that post reappear sandwiches...

#### Mike C

\*POOF\*

\*sitting with a chicken in a bathtub\*

You're right, Lana. Susan Lucci should never have won that Emmy. That was pity voting at it's finest.

[Michal]

### **Grover Old Spice Ad**

4/20/2011 | 13072.36-43

### Ryan R

I'm fascinated by YouTube comments, as I am all comments on the internet. Just yesterday, on my own YouTube channel, I had three comments from the same person on the same video telling me I was a loser for making the video. Because making silly puppet videos is for losers, and posting three times to say "these people have no life" is for cool, sophisticated folk.

### **Daniel**

My feeling towards internet comments is that the anonymity of internet screennames are turning us into a nation of assholes.

#### Justin F

Yer so right dickhead.

Favorite Wiki Articles

4/23/2011 | 9219.329-30

### Robyn

I didn't know these existed!

http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Firey Halloween Costume



# Anthony

Tough Pigs' own Tom has 43 of those at his house. True fact.

(Note: I made up that true fact.)

[Martha]

**The Random Thread of Randomness** 

4/26/2011 | 9511.7313-16

# Quinn

It's effing snowing. Hard.

#### Martha

I didn't realize that snowing had that effect on you.

[Cathy]

### Insomnia!

4/30/2011 | 13558.21-28

#### Jes

Yes, I know what you mean about 'sleep aides'. They leave me feeling like I have to drag myself up from the bottom of the ocean the morning after. Also, re: the super power... I agree sometimes. There are days when I feel like I get more done because of being awake so early, but then it gets cancelled out on the days when I have to sleep like 12 hours to catch up. Also, I've heard old people can never sleep in, so maybe I'm getting old?

### Quinn

maybe I'm getting old?

Jes. Jes, Jes, Jes. Jes.

There are some things we just don't say out loud, Jes.

#### Jes

Heyyyyy it beats the alternative.

### Quinn

Which alternative? Staying young and beautiful forever? Yeah, that would suck.

### Jes

I'll take old and beautiful over dead, thanks.

### Quinn

Oh, THAT alternative. Well sure.

### Cathy

Dead gets such a bad wrap.

#### Jes

I think they call that a shroud...

[Cathy]

### Peter S

I'll never tailgate again. Or since I don't drive, I'll never follow someone eerily closely again (unless we really like each other).

### Quinn

I like to think you just ride kangaroos around. Better for the environment, culturally sensitive, marsupial-friendly...

#### Peter S

Gives new meaning to "tailgating".

### Quinn

I'm pretty sure it already meant that. Unless you mean. Oh. Oh dear.

#### Peter S

Nope, that was your dirty mind, not mine! Unless you didn't mean. Oh. Oh dear.

### Quinn

Mwah-ha-ha-ha!!!

I've corrupted you! Your pure little mind. I'm almost sorry.

### Martha

Mormons: Corrupting the world since the 19th century.

[Michal]



### **Searching for Tough Pigs**

5/3/2011 | 11228.251-56

### Ryan R

I didn't realize it had been so long since I posted one of these. Here are some Actual Search Terms that have led people to ToughPigs.com over the past few months... It seems to me there have been more weirdos than usual.

joe hennes quandary

esskay meats song

kiss solo albums

johnny depp hands

muppets naked

uh toughpigs, how's that new muppet movie coming along?

the muppets touch pigs

"freaky actor who looks like howie mandel with a lazy crossed eye"

"please, lady. don't make me beg."

a lil less porny

a picture of robert downey senior

barney goes to school michael sing cookie monster bert elmo baby bear ernie big bird sunffy zoe telly monster bobmc the wiggles murray fast running anthony scott

bear cartoon sex

changing elmo to orange

cee lo green grammy performance with fraggles

construct a muppet of michelle obama

desiree casado self awareness day

doppeganger sex

faceinpancake funny picture of miss piggy with her legs goblin king (david bowie) fucking women gonzo won't and will not be with the muppets anymore because his new makeover grandmother sex brazil i miss vcr is there a fraggle rock episode about cowboys jeff daniels beard katy perry show his boobs katy perry donates boobs katy perry mammary glands lapicnirp namrehs lisa kudrow naked ms. piggy is chubbier for new movie muppet references in the bible new muppet movie will flop picture of beeker form muppets teaching someone math red and gobo naked scott hansen racing rita coolidge nude sessame street gina kisses the count the muppet animal calls ethel merman a perfect bitch why is there only 4 kids in sid the science kid's class

what if wolverine appeared on the muppet show

gonzoturkeymuppetfamilychristmas

anthony strand librarian

black guy on sesame street

dinosaur eating ice cream

miss piggy holding gun

martha stewart large bird anus

loi i love kermit eyes he catches miss piggy oh molly you saved me

kenny rogers flirts with woman

elmo nude

preparing for the buyer's eye: tony randall helps you sell you home by examining it from the buyer's perspective.

sesame street gabi's toes

what was the name of nathan lane's character's dog in muppet movie?

online free youtube videos of boys kissing girls, boys take outing girls dress and touching their breasts and kissing them

#### Scott

It kind of tells a story, doesn't it?

### Ryan R

And that story is: Once upon a time, lots of people on the internet wanted to see naked pictures of everybody. The End.

### Michal

And that's the story of how Ryan Roe put an end to the Internet.

Segel / Bobin Muppet movie

5/6/2011 | 10974.1129-33

#### Joe

I wonder if we'll get a super frustrating teaser trailer first.

#### Scott

I hope we get a teaser with Jason Segel standing still doing jazz hands in front of the movie logo for 10 seconds.

Anthony	thony
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That sounds about right.

[Lara]

### **Complaining About Grammar**

5/6/2011 | 11746.80-86

### Michal

I don't mind ending a sentence with a proposition when the needs of clear communication require it.

But going out of my way to construct a gratuitously awkward sentence often sets just the right tone with which to begin my day, and determines the sorts of people with whom I wish to spend my time.

### Scott

Awkwardly phrasing sentences is also a thing I enjoy.

#### Joe

Enjoying that is something that which I also find delight in the wherewithal of where it's at.

### Scott

Nonsense!

#### Michal

Your post will have been enjoyed by me.

### Mike C

I hate it when people end sentences with prepositions. That is one thing under certain circumstances I will not put up.

### Ryan R

...with?

[Michal]

**Every celebrity looks like Janice** 

5/6/2011 | 13571.11-15

### Scott

Great job on the article! I love things like this. Especially when they're trashy. And that's the highest compliment from a Grouch!

### Ryan R

Thanks for reading. I didn't know you were a Grouch! On your mother's side or your father's side?

### Joe

I think it only counts if it's on your mother's side.

### Michal

I didn't know you were so conservative a Grouch.

Or is that Grouch with a lower-case "G"?

#### Joe

Well, my mother was an Orthodox Grouch. My father was a hobo.

[Michal]

### **Delphi forum promos**

5/7/2011 | 3907.3144-46

#### Grant

Have we got a thread for weird Google ads on the forum?

Are You An SEM?

Join the new Google Engage Program!

www.google.com/ads/engage

No, I'm not a scanning electron microscope.

#### Anthony

You must get that all the time though, right?

#### Grant

Less often than you might think.

# Batman 3

5/8/2011 | 12951.183-84

### Quinn

The Lazarus Pit would be an interesting intrusion of mysticism into the Nolanverse. I don't know how I feel about it. Except that I love glowing pits of slime.

### Michal

That's no excuse for not wearing deodorant, Quinn.

### **Remembering Boom**

5/9/2011 | 13574.2-12

### Jes

Boom!

Chacka Lacka

### Martha

Thank you. I was thinking of an old camp/bus ride thing we used to do... "I say a BOOM chicka boom!"

### Joe

I said a boom chicka rocka chicka rocka chickaboom!

### Cathy

Chicka chicka boom boom will there be enough room?

### Jog

DID SOMEBODY SAY BOOM??!!!

### Michal

Oh, thank you, thank you.

I mean... no. Nobody said "Boom."

### Martha

Uh oh.

# Jog



[Michal]

### **Comics I Don't Understand**

5/11/2011 | 13580.12-13

### Ryan R

Everyone knows the trash can on Sesame Street contains Oscar the Grouch, so I can't imagine a cartoonist coming up with a trash can-based gag not about Oscar. The real question is, what would Oscar taste like?

### Quinn

I think 1970s Oscar would taste like Village Inn ashtrays. From the 1970s.

But modern Oscar...he'd probably taste like spinach that has been soaking in cold peppermint tea.

[Martha]

### **Commericals I Don't Get**

5/13/2011 | 13583.47-50

### Ryan R

By the way, I have Juice Newton's autograph. I got it at a taping of Nashville Now at the theme park Fiesta Texas in 1992. I'd be willing to part with it for the right price! Juice Newton!

#### Joe

That's awesome. Does it say "To Joe, my biggest fan" on it? If so, I'll take it!!

### Ryan R

No... no, it doesn't.

Actually... Can you hand me that Sharpie over there? Thanks. And do you mind turning your back for just a second?

...

Hey, you know what? It DOES say, "To Joe, my biggest fan!" Right there! See?

That'll be two hundred dollars.

### Joe

Wow, that's perfect! Here's your two hundred doll...

Wait a minute! "To Joel, my diggest flan"??? I don't even like flan!

Muppet mural 5/13/2011 | 13577.33

### Ryan R

Also: I love that I know people to whom I can say "That's not the Screaming Thing, that's Shakey Sanchez," **and they know what I mean**. Life doesn't get any better than that.

<u>Comic book fanboys</u> 5/13/2011 | 9185.4078

#### Quinn

It's funny... when Mr. DeLorean invented his awesome-looking car with the gull-wing doors, he probably never planned or expected it to become synonymous with time travel. It just goes to show you, you never know. Unless you go into the future to see what's going to happen later.

[Michal]

**The website thread** 5/16/2011 | 9574.1368-70

#### Scott

http://facialhair.wikia.com/wiki/Facial Hair Wiki

### **Anthony**

Where do you Wiki people get these crazy ideas?!

Joe

http://crazyideawiki.wikia.com/

[Joe]

Muppet cakes 5/16/2011 | 11258.206-07

### Ryan R

And now I see that he was referred to as "Conrad Waldorf" in a British TV special in 1976 to promote the first season of The Muppet Show.

http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Des 0%27Connor Entertains

Of course, that doesn't mean it's his name... and as far as I can tell, there's no basis for saying Statler's first name is Jerry, other than the fact that he's been played by Jerry Nelson.

### **Anthony**

Conrad Waldorf is truly the Miss Piggy Lee of his generation.

### Segel / Bobin Muppet movie

5/17/2011 | 10974.1183-86

### Anthony

Fozzie definitely looks a little too pear-shaped.

### Jog

Fozzie Pear?

### Evan G

Good grief, the comedian's a pear!

### Joe

No he's a-not! He's a-wearing a nectarine!

### **Seth McFarlane doing new FLINTSTONES**

5/17/2011 | 13596.35-38

#### Grant

Flintstones was terrible, McFarlane is terrible, this will be terrible. It's all terrible.

Terrible, terrible, terrible.

#### Joe

Grant and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Opinions of Television Shows and Creators.

[Grant]

# Segel / Bobin Muppet movie

5/18/2011 | 10974.1187-1212

### Jog

The first piece of movie merchandize is pretty much aimed at girls. Or guys who are into nail polish.

http://www.blogginbeauties.nl/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/HLC15-The-Muppets-Reds-Neutrals-.jpg

### Evan G

It's certainly a piece of merch that's come from left-field. I doubt any of us were speculating on the release date of Muppet red nail polish.

And I'm sorry for seeming irrationally irritated by this. It's really not that bad, I guess.

### Ryan R

What, you mean you don't remember our landmark Tough Pigs article, "When Will We Be Able to Buy Red Muppet Nail Polish?"

### Quinn

How would anyone know if Miss Piggy was wearing nail polish? She wears gloves ALL THE TIME.

It seems like something Salesman Grover would peddle.

### Jog

Worse than that: the only Muppet with nails is the Swedish Chef.

#### Justin F

Worse yet...I just went and rewatched every Muppet Show episode and The Chef \*never\* wore nail polish!

### Joe

But he probably used some in some of his recipes.

#### Jes

Some of the hooved Muppets qualify as having nails, don't they?

### Jog

Gladys the Cow never wore hoof polish.

### Tom

This is part of the reason I love this forum so much. The group is presented a topic like "Miss Piggy nail polish," and then everyone takes a turn riffing on it. It's like the world's best improv group commenting on every subject.

### Jog

For today's Irish Drinking Song, we're looking for an unlikely piece of merchandize to be tied in with the new Muppet movie. Anyone?

#### Smig

Communion Wafers!

### Michal

Buzz saws!

Syringes!

Passports!

Lingerie!

### Ask ToughPigs 5/18/2011 | 12824.242-44

### Jes

Fine, I'm the annoying little bird.

(waits for Woodstock fans to object)

### Smig

[Joe]

### Print proof of AlanArkin on SesameStreet

5/20/2011 | 13607.9-22

### Ryan R

I've had a deep, longing desire to see the Larry & Phyllis sketch where they hang large pictures of themselves, ever since I saw this on the wiki:



I'm still holding out hope that someday they'll release "The Complete Larry and Phyllis" on DVD.

### Kynan

This is your website, right? How do I know you're not lying?

#### Joe

How do we know you're not Alan Arkin???

### **Kynan**

That's easy. Watch me star in this Inspector Clouseau remake that ISN'T critically reviled!

### Michal

I'll believe it when I see your moustache.

### **Kynan**

I think I left it in my other pants. If you can wait til 5 o'clock, I can give you a decent shadow.

### Michal

Actually, I'll need your 5 o'clock shadow here by 8:00 AM.

### Kynan

At that time I can offer you two four o'clock shadows.

### Michal

If you've no use for your old 8-tracks, hand 'em over to me. I'll make them into two three-tracks, and double your value!

(I keep a track as commission; the other goes to Uncle Sam.)

### **Kynan**

All right, you've convinced me. You're Alan Arkin.

### Michal

I was just wondering where this Academy Award came from.

I should probably put it somewhere nicer. I've been using it to reach for fallen magnets under the fridge.

### **Kynan**

I've heard you can write to the Academy and they'll send you a magnet-scraper to save you scuffing your trophy. For a modest fee.

#### **Andrew Leal**

Bing Crosby used his as a bathtub stopper.

### Kynan

And you know how hard bathtubs are to stop once they get going.

[Michal]

"Muppets" Trailers

5/24/2011 | 13595.118-35

Jog

For any new Muppet production, I expect 20 minutes of screentime for Link Hogthrob, a solo song number from Droop, Sam from Sam and Friends returning to the group, Kermit seeking advice from the Mighty Favog, the entire cast of Fraggle Rock meeting the entire cast of the Scrumps, and Richard Hunt in a cameo. I know I'll hate this movie already.

#### **Dave Hulteen**

I think what I'm most excited for is the rush of fans to come on and flame the shit out of each other for either loving or hating the movie, the hype, the merchandise, and Jason Segal.

Having said that, thank God for TP! The break down of the trailer was so helpful, and I can't wait for more. I'm like a crack fiend now. They gave us a taste, and now I'm jonesin' for a new fix.

#### **Daniel**

If the discussion stays respectful to each other, I'm all for it. It's always a fun time on the forum when we actually get to discuss the Muppets. We're all pals, I think we can handle disagreements.

#### Ryan R

Obligatory "NO WE CAN'T" joke.

#### **Daniel**

YES WE CAN!

I'M LEAVING THIS STUPID SITE AND NEVER COMING BACK AND TAKING ALL THE VOWELS WITH ME!

THN Y'LL B SRRY!

[Scott, Michal]

**Complaints about Sesame Street** 

5/29/2011 | 13629.1

### Ryan R

Sesame Street will evidently be mentioned in a new book called "Primetime Propaganda," so this Telegraph post will probably not be the last we hear of it:

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/tvandradio/8545038/Sesame-Street-and-Friends-pumping-out-left-wing-messages.html

We've heard complaints that Sesame Street is too liberal before, but I'm always kind of amazed about the specific things that are criticized. Like this quote from the article: "One of the founders of Sesame Street told him that the show had sought to address how conflict could be resolved peacefully after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks."

So... they should have looked for ways to teach kids that conflict \*can't\* be resolved peacefully???

### Quinn

Damn hippies! Next they'll be teaching the alphabet to democratize literacy!

#### Peter S

Pinkos! Reds! Greenies! Yellow banana heads! Large brown shaggy elephant things.

#### Grant

It's evil or leftist to teach kids about divorce?

### **Anthony**

Yep! Because we should be idealistic and assume that all marriages will succeed.

My mother genuinely believes that, for example.

### Ryan R

Yeah, that doesn't make sense either. Heaven forfend they should attempt to equip children to deal with a traumatizing event in their lives. Better to teach them to be confused and angry, and to keep all those feelings bottled up. That's the only truly non-partisan position!

Man, this thing makes me feel really... sarcastic.

### Jes

Heaven forfend? I've heard heaven forbid, but never forfend. I learned a new word today! Let's blame it on Sesame Street.

### Ryan R

The Word on the Street is "archaic transitive verbs!"

### **Daniel**

It saddens me that we take this right vs. left bias all the way to a children's show. We might as well say that childhood has a liberal bias...be nice, share, care for those smaller than you, it's ok to different, etc. It's kind of the same with religion, I prefer the jesus/religion of my childhood...the one that was open and kind and without judgement, to the adult version, which seems to be less and less of that.

#### Erik

"be nice, share, care for those smaller than you, it's ok to different, etc"

Bunch of Commie Pinko claptrap!

#### Matt

I always thought it was pretty well documented that the producers of Sesame Street have focused on accommodating the left wing more. And they clearly have a bias against the right wing. I mean most of the time it just hangs there motionless or is pinned to Big Bird's chest.



### **Favorite Muppet movie personality thing**

Jun-1 | 13636.1-7

### Ryan R

Here's one of those silly things on the internet... What does YOUR favorite Muppet movie say about YOU?

http://www.thefrisky.com/post/246-what-your-favorite-muppet-movie-says-about-you/

I'm a truth seeker! Also, apparently if your favorite is Christmas Carol you are nothing.

### Matthew

I'm a guy that has too many favorite Muppet movies.

### **Judge Everything**

Jun-1 | 8892.5158-64

### Robyn

Discussing Frank Oz and Monsters Inc. over a bowl of cereal with my sons: 10+

#### Joe

I really hope they get Frank for the prequel.

### Robyn

According to IMDB he is. So he must be.

### **Anthony**

Good old reliable IMDb, which also informed us that Steve Whitmire was playing Abraham Smollet in VMMCM before it came out.

### Robyn

Imbd knows all, never question it. Even when it's wrong it's right.

I for one believe everything I read and see on the internet.

### **The Muppet Alphabet**

Jun-1 | 13638.6-26

### Joe

I was proud to recognize all of them. Too bad there's no good 'X' Muppet.

Also: This whole image is totally awesome.

### **Anthony**

Yeah, they must have forgotten about "Xanadude" from the Olivia Newton-John episode.

#### Joe

Was he the blurple one?

### Jes

Comment and tell him about the X idea!

### **Anthony**

That was totally a joke!

(Olivia Newton-John was never on The Muppet Show)

#### Jes

I feel like I've seen an X Muppet on Sesame Street... as in a walking talking letter X. I guess that wouldn't count??

### Joe



### Jes

That's him!

Or her?

# **Ryan Dosier**

Two Muppet X's makes a her, one Muppet X and one Muppet Y makes a him.

### **ToughPigs Art**

Jun-3 | 11227.344-46

### Ryan R

Yay, artwork from Smig! I love the Carnac one... Now I want to see Fozzie do a Carnac sketch, preferably with Rowlf as his Ed McMahon.

#### Joe

\*Holds card up to head\*

"Wocka, Wocka, Wocka."

\*Opens envelope\*

"Name-a three things-a do must do-a with your-a dog."

### Ryan R

Perfect! I'm laughing exactly like Ed McMahon right now.

### **ToughPigs Art**

Jun-4 | 11227.351-61

#### Peter S

Fraggle birth... Sooo, does that mean the doctor and the husband/partner/significant other's tail suggests they are both pregnant too?

### Joe

By that logic, Quinn is also pregnant.

### Quinn

\*takes big drink of water\*

"Quinn is also pregnant."

\*SPLUTTER\*

Thanks. Thanks a lot.

And no, although I have been known to grab my belly in front of my students when I lose my train of thought. And then when a student asks what's going on I say, "shhhh...the baby's kicking!"

As long as the baby doesn't ever come out, we're all good.

[Michal]

#### Ken

Which reminds me that the Pooh ride in Florida was put into where Mr. Toad used to be, while California still has their Mr. Toad, but I never liked it because you go to Hell at the end, and that doesn't even happen in the movie.

#### Jes

You go to Hell at the end of the ride? That sounds more like some wild Spring break weekend than a family ride at an amusement park, haha.

### Ryan R

That was my favorite part of the ride! And it certainly makes me think twice about speeding, or whatever it was Mr. Toad did wrong.

#### Jes

Well now I'm wondering too.

It can't be just speeding, could it??

### Carolyn

I like going to hell at the end. It's weird.

#### Ken

I wouldn't have minded it if that's what would have happened in the movie. In the movie, he gets Toad Hall back, and buys an airplane. I don't know why they didn't use that. It would be like having Pinocchio turn into a donkey and die in the salt mines instead of him getting home and becoming a real boy.

### Carolyn

Wow. I would so go on the Pinnocchio Salt Mine ride.

#### Quinn

The Mr. Toad ending in Hell was probably the single most surprising and disturbing thing we saw when going to Disneyland for the first time ever three years ago. Was NOT expecting that. Which led me to say, "what. the. hell." in Disneyland. Which is silly, because we had just been there. With Mr. Toad.

What next?

Jun-21 | 13665.12-29

#### Jes

What can we do to help it make money???

#### Peter S

Tweet/facebook/blog etc. the heck out of any Muppet movie news!

And find brilliantly aimed, enthusiastic yet not too fan-speak heavy ways to build anticipation in every human you know... And in your pets and any passing beetles or birds, though if they decide to see the movie you might have to buy them a ticket... So figure that into your overall budget.

#### Scott

Peter's Advice for Muppet Success: buy movie tickets for beetles. Love it!

#### Jes

We will all have something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving (even you, Aussie).

#### Peter S

Take your American sass and bake it in a pie! Yum. Sass pie. Give thanks.

[Peter]

### The Muppets T-shirt Design Challenge

Jun-24 | 13630.202

#### Peter

Someone didn't come to my weekly staffing meeting this week, so I told him I had given his resources to Zuul.

That is all.

[Michal]

### **The Muppets: The Green Album**

Jun-24 | 13672.7

#### Evan G

I love the guy on that page who's commented with "If I walk into a Starbucks and hear the Muppets playing, I'm taking my business to Panera Bread."

Apparently this person hates the Muppets so much that hearing the same people who are usually playing in Starbucks except now singing Mr. Bassman is enough to make him leave.

### **Guy with a camera accosts Jason Segel**

Jun-29 | 13678.10-23

### Peter S

Wow. Is it so hard to find a picture of Muppet characters without resorting to plush toys and action figures?

### Ryan R

That Beaker plush is the 9th result for "Muppet" on Google Images, and Janice is the 18th. People are just lazy.

#### Peter S

### Ryan R

ppl r lz

#### Peter S

I didn't even finish reading that.

#### Kim

tl;dr

### Ryan R

That is possibly the worst abbreviation in common use on the internet.

#### Michal

Not so common that I'd heard of it; I had to look it up. I guess I hang out in all the right places on the Internet.

Is it commonly used with the strikethrough? Or was that Delphi's fault? Because that's a lot of trouble to go to, especially by someone who's too lazy to read a long post.

### **Anthony**

I think that was Kim indicating that Ryan's post wasn't, in fact, tl.

### Kim

Bingo. The theme was laziness, so I said "Not really too long; just didn't read it."

I don't mind putting forth a little extra effort in the name of laziness.

#### Michal

< The theme was laziness >

I just briefly wondered what that t-shirt contest would look like.

# Carolyn



[Joe]

# The Muppets T-shirt Design Challenge

Jun-29 | 13630.243-56

#### Justin T

I spend most of my free time daydreaming about Muppets that need shirts. Every shirt I see in stores has Kermit or Animal. It gets old.

### Ryan R

Muppets who need shirts? Many of them \*are\* naked...

#### Justin T

Oddly enough, the ones in my mind are generally the clothed ones.

### **Anthony**

Does Fozzie count as clothed?

### Joe

Nope. He's a-bear!

### Smig

He's not-a bear, he's a-wearing a necktie!

Well, SOMEBODY had to do it...

### **Justin T**

Hey look, the comedian's a bear! No he's a not. He's awearin' a neckatie!

### **Justin T**

I need to scroll down before typing my joke next time. Oh well, it's a good enough line to be done twice.

# Kim

If a joke isn't good enough to be used enough, it may be bad enough to use three times.

# Anthony

That joke is undoubtedly both of those things.

[Michal]



**Don't play with Muppet toys and drive** 

Jul-6 | 13688.1-6

### Ryan R

http://www.gattonstar.com.au/story/2011/07/07/driving-and-playing-muppets-costs-mum-350/

Driver fined for entertaining her son with a Muppet toy. The best line of this article: "The identity of the Muppet in question was not revealed in court yesterday."

#### Peter S

It's time to face the music, it's time to read the rights!

Revisiting Muppet Beach Party Jul-7 | 13689.15-19

### Ryan R

Man, they totally should've had DiCaprio sing "Papa Oom Mow Mow" instead of Rockapella.

### **Anthony**

I think they should have had him duet with only the Christopher-Eccleston-looking guy from Rockapella.

Man, why are we still talking about that terrible album?

### Joe

We've got to fill this thread with plenty of unnecessary asides, just like the album.

### Anthony

YOU SAID IT, JOE

### Joe

HAHA YEAH!

### **Anthony**

**BLOW THAT HORN** 

[Carolyn]

### Peter S

As long as the Muppets do what they do do so well, they can do what ever they like!

### Quinn

....and look good doing it.

Really, that's my rule for most people. Be good at what you do, and don't offend my eyes.

#### Peter S

Or do it well and inspire my eyes somehow, whether through beauty or something more interesting.

### Quinn

That's a lot of work. Half-assed is so much easier.

### Peter S

Half-assed is bad for spinal alignment.

[Martha]

# **AUGUST**

Delphi forum promos

Aug-1 | 3907.3165-67

Jes

Not on Delphi, but in a junk email:

Cell Phones- the world wants to talk to you!

Suuuuure, but do they want to hire me? That's the question!

Joe

Would you really want to work for a cell phone?

Jes

I could Ring home the bacon...

**Muppet Spirithoods are coming** 

Aug-2 | 13735.9

Quinn

Heeheeheehee! I love dead Tauntauns!

**The Muppets: The Green Album** 

Aug-18 | 13672.105-07

### Shawn R

Maybe it's just me, but I really did not enjoy this album. Once you grew up with these songs sounding a certain way, when you hear a band doing them and putting their own sound on them, it sounds like they're messing them up. It wasn't completely terrible. Some bands did a nice job and put a little effort into it, while some bands sounded like they didn't even try. Sorry to get on my soapbox. I'll get off it now.

### **Erik**

Sorry to get on my soapbox. I'll get off it now.

Thanks, I needed to get some soap out of it.

#### Joe

\*sniff, sniff\*

Woof. Yes you did.

# An upgrade to Delphi?!

Aug-22 | 13777.1-7

### Ryan R

I haven't used Internet Explorer for years, so I haven't been able to use the WYSIWYG editing thing on the forum. I'm using Chrome right now, and just this minute when I clicked to post, this whole two-line toolbar came up! It's a miracle! Now I can type things in bold or in italics or in strikethrough!

### Jes

**WYSIWYG** 

what you said i want your greenbeans

[Scott]

### An upgrade to Delphi?!

Aug-24 | 13777.26-36

### Erik

66

Joe (JPARANOID) says:

Ah, so it is sexual!

There's a new "Quote" button down by the message you're replying to.

### Ryan R

66

Erik (TERIKBROWNE) says:

Joe (JPARANOID) says:

Ah, so it is sexual!

Heh. That's fun.

### Scott

66

-Ryan R- (PRAWNRR) says:

# Erik (TERIKBROWNE) says: Joe (JPARANOID) says: Ah, so it is sexual!

Heh. That's fun.

Also fun!

Erik

66

Scott (SCARECROE) says:

-Ryan R- (PRAWNRR) says:

Erik (TERIKBROWNE) says:

Joe (JPARANOID) says:

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Also fun!

This could go on for a while.

# **Anthony**

66

Erik (TERIKBROWNE) says:

Scott (SCARECROE) says:
-Ryan R- (PRAWNRR) says:

Erik (TERIKBROWNE) says:
Joe (JPARANOID) says:

Ah, so it is sexual!

Heh. That's fun.

Also fun!

This could go on for a while.

And I say you guys are ridiculous.

# Ryan R

66

Anthony (AnthonyF3) says:

I really, really love A Muppets Christmas: Letters to Santa!

#### Jes

66

-Ryan R- (PRAWNRR) says:

I really, really love A Muppets Christmas: Letters to Santa!

See what I did there??

# Ryan R



-Ryan R- (PRAWNRR) says:

I see what you did there. Touché.

# **Anthony**

I've said it before and I'll say it again.

I really, really love A Muppets Naptime: Letters to Sandman.

# Ryan R



Anthony (ANTHONYF3) said it before and he'll say it again:

I really, really love A Muppets Naptime: Letters to Sandman.

Okay, I'm done.

# <u>Superman</u>

Aug-24 | 10368.939-43

#### **Daniel**

Looks like they are also going with something closer to the relaunch suit. Dude's got no undies on.

http://www.comingsoon.net/news/movienews.php?id=81427

#### Scott

He looks like a naked member of Blue Man Group wearing red lady boots.

# **Anthony**

Yuck!

#### **Daniel**

I blame DC. Sigh.

# Anthony

I blame them for most things these days.

Like, I spilled hummus on my pants yesterday because I was so mad that Tony Daniel gets to write and draw the new Detective Comics #1.

Muppets vs. Winnie the Pooh

Aug-24 | 13779.34-37

#### **Danny**

Princess and the Frog takes place in a romanticised, politically correct fantasy version of 1926 New Orleans that is exactly as accurate, and for exactly the same reasons, as The Sword in the Stone's version of 6th century England, Beauty and the Beast's version of 19th century France, and The Little Mermaid's version of Atlantica in whenever the heck that was supposed to be.

#### Quinn

I thought the Little Mermaid was supposed to be in Atlantic City. Now it seems even MORE inaccurate.

#### Ryan R

I love the scene where Ursula uses her tentacles to play eight different slot machines at once.

[Jes]

Muppets OK GO video!

Aug-24 | 13780.29-33

#### Quinn

Melissa's first comment after watching the video: "at the end when they were all in bed, the sheets were brand new. You could still see the creases in them and everything."

#### Joe

I guarantee she was the only one of those 555,099 viewers to notice that.

### Quinn

Yeah. And I'm like, "did you even notice Dr. Teeth in the bed? And like, speaking? With a voice? And Rowlf? ROWWWLFFFFF???" And she said, "well, they could have at least ironed the sheets. It took me out of the moment." And I said, "oh, like you've EVER ironed a sheet!" And that's when she gave me the look that paralyzed me with fear until this very moment.

Muppets OK GO video!

Aug-27 | 13780.47

# Quinn

Is it possible that Wilford Brimley modeled his look after Pops? Because that's what I'm saying he did.

# **Jamie**

While in line to get a stuffed Henson Hot Dog puppet, I saw some dude with my same bright green Kermit shoes and the Rainbow Striped Threadless shirt. Chuckled a little bit at that and bit my tongue. He had a beautiful Kermit tattoo on his bicep and a pretty boyfriend so that more than made up for my perception of a fashion faux pas. He he. I keed, I keed. It looked cute-ish in person.

#### Joe

Oh cool, they're still selling the stuffed hot dogs? That's good, because I really want one.

# Ryan R

Yeah, me too. I just hope they don't sell stuffed hot dogs in packages of ten and stuffed hot dog buns in packages of eight.

[Joe]

# SEPTEMBER

The Muppets/ OK Go on Tonight Show

Sep-1 | 13769.7-9

# Ryan R

So Animal really tore it up on the drums with OK Go last night. And the cameraman only got Eric Jacobson's head in the shot once!

So far I don't see the musical performance online anywhere, but here's a brief bit with Leno and Piggy from the top of the show:

http://www.hulu.com/watch/273313/the-tonight-show-with-jay-leno-miss-piggy-cold-open

#### Joe

Hot damn, does Leno suck.

#### Ryan R

Well, it's not the first time he let somebody think they could host the Tonight Show and then took it away.

Piggy @ Fashion's Night Out

Sep-9 | 13817.5-6

#### Joe

Cute quote from the New York Times (<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/09/fashion/fashion-stars-and-fans-crowd-late-shopping-night.html">http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/09/fashion/fashion-stars-and-fans-crowd-late-shopping-night.html</a>):

Opening Ceremony took over the lobby of the Ace Hotel on West 29th Street for a second year, this time with a stage performance that included an appearance by Miss Piggy (the Muppet) shortly after 8 p.m. Lounging on a red divan, she wore a silk pleated white gown, a boa, sparkly chunky heels and a single strand of pearls. Someone in the audience shouted, "What are you wearing, Miss Piggy?"

"It's called a dress," she replied. "Jeez."

# Ryan R

Ohhh, it was Miss Piggy the Muppet! I thought it might be Miss Piggy the Lithuanian soap opera star.

[Scott]

# **Anthony**

Man, the internet is the greatest thing ever created.

# Jog

That and Thog.

#### Peter

Truth.

Poor <u>Thig</u>, no one remembers him. Except for the guy who totally ripped off his design for <u>Lurky</u> in Rainbow Brite.

#### Joe

At least Lurky had nicer shoes than Thig.

#### Peter

The more that I think about it, the more I'm convinced that Thig is the offspring of Lurky and <u>Green Sprite</u>. Now if I could only stop thinking about it...

#### Mike C

ARGH! Now I can't stop thinking about it! My mind is still pretty blank though. For starters, how do those things....you know...

# **Anthony**

NO MIKE.

I DON'T KNOW.

**Old clipping** 

Sep-23 | 13850.10

# Ryan R

Spiro Agnew is my Favorite Muppet of the Day!

[Peter]

# **OCTOBER**

**Gary Knell CEO of NPR** 

Oct-3 | 13871.8-9

#### Joe

H. Melvin Ming has been named Sesame Workshop's new CEO:

http://www.facebook.com/notes/sesame-workshop/elmo-has-a-new-boss/10150350013467855

#### Ryan R

His name sounds made up, but good for him!

[Michal]

Miss Piggy on Project Runway All-Stars

Oct-4 | 13875.3-11

#### Mik

I wonder how they're gonna shoot the runway scenes. That is if Piggy rocks the runway like we hope she does. Maybe from the waist-up?

#### Ryan R

Piggy will be a judge, not a model, so she'll probably spend all her time behind the judges' table.

Little-known fact: Project Runway host Heidi Klum also only exists from the waist up.

#### Erik

But what a waist!

# Peter S

Go Disney GO. Push that pork!.. I'm sorry, that came out much more pervy than I intended.

#### Quinn

It always does, Peter. It always does.

#### Peter S

For that matter I 'CAME OUT' much more pervy than I intended.

**Kermit and Animal iPod Nano faces** 

Oct-5 | 13878.2-14

# Peter S

Bring it on. Slap those happy Muppets on EVERYTHING!

Except maybe condoms... and... military stuff... though condoms do a damn sight more good in the world than military stuff... Yuk, war.

#### Joe

Now I want a condom that says "Yuk, War" on it.

#### Peter S

So do I!

I'm glad you added "on it"... because talking condoms would be a little wrong, and often muffled.

#### Joe

I think you've just given me an idea for the next Pixar movie...

#### Mik

I love you people.

#### **Peter**

You really are all weirdos.

#### Martha

But we're nice weirdos.

#### Quinn

Speak for yourself. I'm a jerk.

#### Martha

Don't make me come over there and hug you.

[Erik]

**The Muppets** 

Oct-10 | 13866.13-27

#### Joe

The track listing for the soundtrack has been revealed!

http://www.toughpigs.com/soundtrack/

### Scott

Fuck You!

# Mike C

Geez, hostile much? I'm seriously thinking about starting an "I <3 Joe, no matter what anyone else says" club. Being the leader of this website is starting to become a thankless job.

#### Tom

Scott's comment took me back for a second, too, but I think Scott is referring to the fact that Cee-Lo is on the soundtrack, and Cee-Lo's most famous song is "F--- You."

It was a comment about Cee-Lo, not a hostile comment aimed at Joe.

At least, that's what I think he meant. :)

#### **Daniel**

It is. I'm more surprised that people thought it was a serious comment. :)

#### Scott

I'm TP's resident bully. Fuck you!

#### Quinn

You're such a jerk.

<3

[Michal]

**Andy Rooney** 

Oct-11 | 13864.43

# Quinn

We just SAW Andy Rooney at dinner, and went up to him at the table, and he gave me a look that chilled my blood. So we just backed away and went back to the buffet. Because that's where Andy Rooney eats. The buffets.

LINK!

Oct-11 | 13897.1-3

#### Peter S

Is there an easier way to add a link to a post? At the moment the only way that work s seems to be 1. Copy and paste link 2. Select link 3. Click insert hyperlink button 4. Delete "http" etc from hyperlink field 5. Re-paste link in field 6. Click 'submit'.

I've tried to drop steps here or there, but then encountered problems.

# Mike C

Just so nobody ELSE is disappointed....









The "I (Heart) Joe No Matter What" Club

Oct-11 | 13893.12-29

# Peter S

But might I add that Joe and Ryan are both shining stars of the Muppet universe, who could be no more charismatic and wonderful if they were made of foam rubber and dacron fleece.

# Quinn

Oh sure, their online personas are charming. But in person they're...

So. Much. Better.

\*writes "Love You" on eyelids\*

\*blinks slowly\*

#### Martha

Oh, sure. My post stats drop, and you start flirting with the GUYS?

#### Quinn

Any port in a storm.

...and I've always flirted with Scott. He was busy. So Ryan and Joe it was.

#### Martha

Can I interest you in a Women of Roe membership?

#### Quinn

I'm not a woman. I just love Ryan and Joe. And Scott. And Daniel, I think I mentioned somewhere.

#### Peter

On my own...pretending Quinn's besi-ide me...

[Martha]

# **New Muppet Books**

Oct-11 | 13623.83-101

#### Justin T

Got the junior novelization, and as Muppety as everything feels, I'm a little taken aback that Miss Poogy refers to the rundown theater as "crappy" in this book. I hope that gets cut from the movie. If fart shoes had outrage, I'm sure a cursing Muppet would get worse.

# Scott

THE CHILDREN!!!!

#### **Peter**

Crappy is a swear? Shit.

#### Ryan R

If that's the junior novelization, who knows what's in the actual movie? She might say, "This place is a  $*\%\#\%\$  %\*^)@)!% %@\*^\*@\$!!!"

#### Joe

You kiss your mother with that mouth?

Er, fingers. Typing fingers.

Alternate response: You kiss Miss Poogy's mother with that mouth?

#### Ryan R

Dude, have you seen Miss Poogy's mother? She's hawt.

#### Evan G

Of course, remember that the Moopets are supposed to be very different than the Muppets. If Gonzo said "crappy," I'd be a little more concerned.

#### **Anthony**

What about if Gonzo said "Those are my nipples"?

#### Scott

I don't think children should know about nipples.

# **Anthony**

I don't think humans of any age should watch Muppets' Wizard of Oz.

I have no problem with Gonzo talking about his nipples. I certainly don't think it's offensive. It's maybe my favorite line in that movie. But I also don't think there's much difference between it and Miss Piggy's evil twin saying the (to my mind) very mild "crappy."

#### Scott

I don't think Piggy should announce that she has to pee.

That sort of thing should stay where it belongs. In adult cake shops.

#### **Anthony**

See, that I just don't think is funny. My big problem with Piggy saying "Ooh! I gotta pee!" is that it's an incredibly lazy laugh.

#### Ryan R

Yeah, I'm not too worried about "crappy." Because it's such a mild word, and because it's said by a new Muppet, so it can't be out of character. Although I still don't like Sal calling Bobo a butthead on Muppets Tonight, and he was a new character then.

#### Scott

I just texted Gillian to let her know there is going to be another Sixth Grade Muppet book next year. Her response: "Yes!!!"

Then she said it was crappy she had to wait that long. So I grounded her.

**Ugly Muppets** 

Oct-14 | 13891.30-31

# Ryan R

Who do you think would win in a fight: Buff Beaker or Buff Carrot Top?

I guess we know how Beaker would answer that question. He'd say, "Me!"

[Michal]

# **UL & The Muppets: Fire Safety**

Oct-16 | 13910.8-9

#### Michal

That's... that's a whole lot of foam.

#### Kim

They could shave Sweetums with that much foam.

Spoilers: eMinor=Emileigh

Oct-16 | 13914.1-36

#### Jes

She's on the forum.

#### **Daniel**

They grow up so fast.

# Erik

Casey will start posting any day now.

# Martha

He already is. I'm not telling you his screenname, though.

# **Anthony**

Spoiler: I am Casey.

#### Joe

Time travel!!!

#### Martha

You're grounded for a month, young man.

### **Anthony**

For your information, the Supreme Court banned grounding in 2018!

# Ryan R

Hey, future-Casey! How many more Muppet movies have they made where you're from?

#### **Anthony**

One hundred trillion.

#### Martha

How many of them were any good?

### **Anthony**

All of them except Muppets Beat the Boston Red Sox in the World Series.

Man, I don't know what you guys talk about at home!

# **High Fashion Modelle!**

Oct-20 | 13922.1-5

#### Peter S

Miss Piggy is in In Style. The shoot and styling are great. The Piggy looks pretty good... I'm very happy to see her modeling again though!

http://www.stylebistro.com/Fashion+Forum/articles/hQvhpvVVQo1/Miss+Piggy+Fashion+Diva+InStyle

#### **Daniel**

I like how meaty her legs are.

#### Quinn

They are....meaty. The ham hock jokes write themselves.

# Ryan R

I'm reminded of Kermit's description of Piggy/Fake-Lady-Holiday in *The Great Muppet Caper*, when he says she has "sturdy legs," and you can tell he finds those ham hocks appealing.

# **Daniel**

Green Legs and Ham.

#### **Muppets in Wired Magazine**

Oct-25 | 13941.4-7

#### Martha

Thank you. We have a copy of Wired in our house, but I had no idea.

#### Scott

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#### Joe

I don't know if I should be shocked at you or Chuck.

Or possibly Casey. He should've said something!

#### Martha

It's possible he did, but because he speaks entirely in pterodactyl screeches and moose grunts, I probably misunderstood him.

**New Muppet Puppets** 

Oct-26 | 13873.46-48

#### Smig

I just got my Beaker Puppet in the mail today! Yay!

#### Mike Slaw

Can you control beakers mouth?

#### **Jonathan**

Not after a few drinks!

[Scott]

The Muppets merchandising thread

Oct-27 | 13907.35-36

#### Chris

Yes, there was a plush Pepe avaible from Nanco as arcade/carnival prizes. Hard to believe, but this is the first official Pepe push you can actually buy without havng to beg a carny!

# Mike C

The hardest thing about begging a carny is finding a carny to beg.

[Scott]

The Muppets merchandising thread

Oct-27 | 13907.38

#### Mik

Ah yes... 'tis good to see a Piggy plush that doesn't look like my grandma with a mess of rotten spaghetti noodles on her head.

# Fraggle Rock movie

Oct-30 | 8499.283-85

# Scott

I hope the Fraggles are CGI in a real-world environment. That way we can disown it right off the bat.

# Robyn

How about underwater?

# Scott



[Joe]

# **NOVEMBER**

**The Random Thread of Randomness** 

Nov-2 | 9511.7634-37

#### Cathy

And can someone please tell me what the hell is up with these quotes? Geez, I skip out for a few months and Delphi gets all self important.

# Ryan R

Man, you should have been here when they first showed up. We went kind of crazy with the quotes those first few days. Folks were quoting each other and re-quoting each other and misquoting each other left and right. I'm still not sure we all went home with the quotes we showed up with.

[Martha]

**The Random Thread of Randomness** 

Nov-2 | 9511.7641

#### Ryan R

In Adobe Premiere Elements, a video project is given the file extension ".prel." I hope someday Tough Pigs gets to do a video interview with the Muppeteer who played Red Fraggle, so we can call the Adobe file "Interview with Karen.prel"

Segel / Bobin Muppet movie

Nov-3 | 10974.1737-53

# Dan

Looks like The Muppets made the cover of EW this week.

http://popwatch.ew.com/2011/11/03/muppets-movie/

# Ryan R

Wow. I never thought I'd see the day.

"How the Muppets Were Saved" sounds a little bit like they became born-again Christians.

#### Scott



#### Ken

Nice choice of Bible verses! For those of you who fell asleep in Sunday School, Exodus 8:2-14 is the part where the plague of frogs comes upon Egypt.

I hope that in 3 weeks, we start to see a similar group of frogs (and bears and chickens and things) coming toward us, only in a good way.

#### Scott

But if you refuse to see The Muppets, behold, I will plague all your country with frogs and bears and chickens and whatever. The Mississippi shall swarm with them and they shall come up into your house and into your bedroom and into your DVD shelves. And the LORD said to Jason Segel, "Say to Steve Whitmire, 'Stretch out your hand with Kermit over the rivers, over the canals and over the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Hollywood!"

# Mik

As a person who was saved two nights ago, I find this hilarious.

# Jes

Save gum; chew half.

[Scott]

# **The Random Thread of Randomness**

Nov-3 | 9511.7643-59

# Joe

Google "Do a barrel roll".

You're welcome.

# Cathy

It doesn't work for me. Sad googling panda.

#### Joe

Try doing a barrel roll in real life instead!

# Cathy

The baby does them all day long. Does that count?

#### Joe

Totally! You've got a little Star Fox brewin' in there!

Well, hopefully more Star Fox than Slippy.

# Ryan R

I really wanted to reply with some Slippy-talk, but I have no idea how to recreate those sound effects in typed form.

# Jes

Who's Sippy?

# Ryan R

I don't know! But this is Slippy, the frog from the video game Star Fox, about anthropomorphic animal pilots:



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slippy Toad

#### Jes

Ohhh- the original Frogger.

# Ryan R



# Jes

Fogger!

Fogger and Sippy get married in 2012...

# Ryan R

Jes, I can't say I understand how your mind works, but you crack me up.

#### Jes

Aw, I'm so glad.

Let me see if I can help you out on this one... I said "Sippy" but it was really "Slippy". So when you posted Frogger, I said "Fogger". And then they just seemed like a good couple who maybe fall in love by accident so I foretold their marriage in the year that the world is supposed to end.

[Scott]

**Kermit on George Strombo** 

Nov-3 | 13971.1

#### Robyn

Kermit will be on George Stroumboulopoulos tonight at 11 on CBC. The full episodes are usually posted the next day online so I'm sure non Canadians will have a chance to watch it.

# Ryan R

Whoa! Is his name really George Stroumboulopoulos? That's crazy! How do you pronounce it? What percentage of the show's running time every week is taken up by he and his announcer just saying his name?

#### Jog

Big Bird, there is no such thing as a Stroumboulopoulos!

#### **The Muppet Vault**

Nov-6 | 12962.302

# Quinn

Wait wait wait, you give awards at these things?

#### Martha

They do. I won one.

#### Quinn

Is THAT where you got Casey???

#### Martha

Shhhhh. Everyone's going to want one.

#### Cathy

I don't need that exact model, but one with similar characteristics would be nice.

#### Quinn

So cute you want to just eat him up yum om nom nom????

Yeah.

Your order has been placed.

### **Erik**

Too bad they're blind boxed.

# Quinn

I always get ultrasound pics of my blind-boxed toys before I buy them. It costs a lot, but ultimately it's worth it.

# The Thog-o-Meter

Nov-7 | 13985.2-11

### Joe

When I started the countdown clock, I figured there'd probably be a midnight screening somewhere.

I guess I should be thinking about what to replace the clock with once the 23rd comes around, huh?

#### Kim

How about a negative number?

#### Justin

http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/I%27m So Happy

#### Kim

Was that a sequitur?

#### Justin

It was the most negative number I could think of off the top of my head.

[Joe]

# The Muppets (2011) soundtrack

Nov-9 | 13866.77

#### Beth

I sing "baby Face" in chicken-esque when I think no one is listening. Once in England I was doing this when a man popped out from behind a hedge and commented on it. Was I ever embarassed!

[Michal]

**Kermit headphones** 

Nov-11 | 13978.16

### Ryan R

I would like very much to stick Kermit's eyeballs in my ears.

[Scott]

News coverage of new movie

Nov-11 | 13287.112-13

#### Joe

I think the first time I saw the Marmaduke trailer, I inadvertently shouted "Who greenlights this shit??" in the theater.

Apologies to anyone who might've been there that day.

# Ryan R

There were CHILDREN in that theater! You sullied their innocent minds with your profanity!

Actually, you know what would be crazy? If the guy who greenlighted the Marmaduke movie was actually in the theater when you said that. And he didn't speak up and identify himself because he knew, deep in his heart of hearts, that his movie sucked. And then he went home to count his money.

News coverage of new movie

Nov-11 | 13287.114-16

# Ryan R

I'm sure this article is very informative to some, but as a Muppet fan it's hard not to crack up at the headline "Disney buys Jim Henson's Muppets" on a piece written in November 2011.

http://www.theusdvista.com/business/disney-buys-jim-henson-s-muppets-1.2694455

#### Matthew

Have I time-travelled back to 2004? If so, I'm off to stop the guy who greenlighted the Marmaduke movie!

**Racial slur on Fraggle Rock** 

Nov-11 | 13998.1

#### Joe

This story is ridiculous and preposterous.

http://www.the33tv.com/news/kdaf-fraggle-rock-racial-slur-dallas-father-upset-story,0,7726797.story

# **Anthony**

Why on Earth would Wembley say "Gee, Gobo" when he obviously said "Jigaboo"?

Seriously, are they kidding me?!

#### Grant

Wow, slow news day much?

It seems to me like the guy's being a real jerk about it too.

Guy: This show has a racial slur in it!

Hub: Well, no, it doesn't, you misheard it. But you complained and we care about you, so just for you, we'll edit it out.

Guy: Ohoho! You edited it out, so that proves that it was there after all!

Hub: Well fuck, what do you want then?

#### Dan

In all future episodes of Fraggle Rock, Hub will be re-editing Gobo's name as Lester to avoid any future confusion.

#### **Daniel**

They'll also be changing the shows name to Fraggle Cave, to avoid the common mishearing of Boober's titular line, "Down at Fraggle Wop".

[Cathy, Anthony]

German Ernie & Bert segments

Nov-12 | 14002.1

#### Scott

Sesamstrasse has a new mini-series with Bert and Ernie playing fairy tale characters.

Of particular interest is this amazing screenshot.



# Quinn

My mind, she is blown! If that were in English, you'd have Steve Whitmire playing Ernie playing Kermit! Yaaaay!

# Ryan R

And even still, some people would say he doesn't sound like Kermit.

# Quinn

Well, some people should park their time machine permanently in the past, when everything was perfect.

[Scott]

#### **Muppets in American Way Magazine**

Nov-12 | 13997.5

#### Peter S

I'm glad American Way is an airline magazine. For a second I thought it had something to do with white supremacism.

# Funniest Joke I Ever Heard - Jack Lemmon

Nov-17 | 14028.1-17

# **Anthony**

I didn't know where to put this, but it features a nice little cameo from Kermit and Piggy at the end.

And then a terrifying cameo from the all-time least-talented TMS guest star, highlighting how terrible he is by sounding nothing like Jack Lemmon.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UadPIHytd74&NR=1

#### Ryan R

To me the strangest thing about the ending bit is that he's at the beach. Why is he at the beach?

#### Erik

I always do my Jack Lemmon impression at the beach.

### Ryan R

You should record yourself next time and put it on TV!

Also: Where do you do your Walter Matthau impression?

### **Erik**

At the McDonald's on 4th St.

### **The Random Thread of Randomness**

Nov-19 | 9511.7722-24

#### Marianne

I just found all the Tough Pigs yearbooks on my old computer, cause I used to study them when I was like fourteen and weird. So I looked through them to see if they were as amazing as I remembered.

And they totally are. You guys are really cool. Seriously. Like my whole life you've been cool. This admiration is coming from an adult perspective now. I can vote. So it's legit.

#### Joe

Can we nominate your yearbook love for the yearbook?

#### Marianne

Yes if it doesn't create a paradox.

# **Thoughts on "The Muppets"**

Nov-20 | 14036.35-45

# Cathy

Now I really want to see this with other Muppet fans for the first time. I think you and I are the last ones to have not seen it. There's still time. I'm booking my flight to Utah now. Don't go until I get there.

# Cathy

Oh, and if you could pick me up at the airport, I'd appreciate it.

# Cathy

And have your local labor and delivery doctors on call, just in case.

#### Quinn

I'll get the tickets. And the popcorn.

#### Quinn

And your luggage.

#### Quinn

And the stirrups.

And the super-absorbent...well, never mind.

You'll find out soon enough.

#### Quinn

On second thought, Miles and Carter delivered Slinky's kittens, they've played the last levels of LEGO Star Wars where Padme pops out Luke and Leia...they're better suited to help you deliver.

Good luck!

#### **Anthony**

Wait for me! I haven't seen the movie yet either! Or delivered Cathy's baby!

# Quinn

Well your time is running short on both counts.

But I'll buy hot buttered babies for you too.

[Michal]

#### **Daniel**

Each one of the original three featured the Mayhem rocking out as background music, so to see We Built This City thrown in there seems like a bit of a missed opportunity.

I'm confident I will love the film, but the lean on the 80'sness of the Muppets when they were mainly late 70s/early 80's is a bit odd....unless you consider the reruns, Babies and Muppet Magazine.

It's my one continued gripe. Other than that, I can barely contain my joy.

# **Anthony**

To be fair, two of the three movies did come out in the 80s.

#### **Daniel**

True that, but were in the early half. I suppose though, I do believe the premise of the 80's refs were that the characters fell out of touch after that period, so it makes sense.

Still....Mayhem. That and really dislike that particular song. So bland, so very bland. It doesn't taint or color my enthusiasm in any way, just observations. The bits of music that I've heard has been great.

#### Cathy

I agree. On all counts. Especially the blandness of that song. Though I would probably go one step further than bland and say downright awfulness of that song. So very, very awful. One might say it's knee deep in the awful.

#### Joe

Aw, so wrong! That song is stupid fun. I love it.

#### Quinn

Some of us that don't have any measure of musical talent or taste don't mind that song. And it reminds us of that 8th grade teacher that had us bring our favorite songs that then we would analyze as poetry. And we remember We Built This City and Livin' On a Prayer, and how they're probably not up there with Dickinson and Frost, but they're a damn sight better than Rebecca Black.

### Cathy

I stand by my assessment. "Knee deep in the hoopla" was then, is now, and forever shall be the worst lyric ever written for a rock n' roll song. Ever.

#### Cathy

EVER.

#### Tom

I don't get the hatred for "We Built This City." If it's not a person's type of thing, I guess I can understand it. But hatred? The worst song ever? (I know, you just said it was bland. I'm just talking in general.)

"City" pushes all of my rock-and-roll buttons. And Starship had just come out of a nasty legal battle which required the loss of "Jefferson" from their name. They knew about the suits messing with them. That's what the song is all about.

People need to listen to the words of nearly any song by Journey or Celine Dion if they want to hear real nonsensical lyrics. (And I enjoy songs by both of them, but man, they often don't make a lick of sense.)

#### **Daniel**

You seem offended.:)

Saying I hate WBTC is more comical than anything. I just would have preferred something more befitting be used. When I hear a set up where a character asks "Don't you guys usually do this music?", and then Dr. Teeth screams, I don't expect that to be followed up with him just turning on the radio and listening to Starship. I expect him to rock.

#### Tom

Oh, I completely agree on that. Dr. Teeth and the rest should have absolutely performed the song instead of just singing along to it.

You had brought up the subject of WBTC, so I replied to your post. I didn't want to seem like I was personally coming against anyone else. More than one person in the thread had said how much they dislike the song, and I've heard the "Worst Song Ever" accusation leveled at WBTC before elsewhere on the Internet. It's one of my all-time favorite songs, so it really grates on me to read that.

But everyone's entitled to their opinion, and I love all the people in this thread anyway.

#### Quinn

At the screening last night, the audience cheered and sang along with We Built This City. I imagined Cathy shuddering 2,000 miles away. And I smirked.

#### Cathy

I still stand by it. It's a terribly written song, both musically and lyrically. Just awful. The anger. Oh, the anger.

#### Quinn

Well now it's in my head again. Thanks for that. I think I'll go clean something.

# Tom

I'm just baffled. Do you hate Tears for Fears' "Everybody Wants to Rule the World" too? 'Cuz I would put those songs both on my top 10 of all time. And if you disliked them both equally, maybe the world would make a little more sense to me.

Now, if someone were to say "Sexyback" by Justin Timberlake was the Worst Song Ever, I'd totally get that. In fact, I'd probably lead that parade. Monotonous, repetitive, absent of any harmony or melody. Just loud "brffff" noises over and over again, while Timberlake lazily talks the lyrics. It's not rapping or

singing; he's just saying the words. And what does it mean? "I'm bringing sexy back"? Sexy back from where? The concept of sexiness never went away. It is an awful non-song. Rebecca Black is a frickin' genius compared to "Sexycrap."

OK, my rant's done for now. :) And please know that I still adore you personally, whatever you think of Starship.

#### Jes

Tears for Fears Everybody Wants to Rule the World- loved it dearly for a short window and then it made me want to bang my head against a wall.

And of course I adore Timberlake... let me be the tie-breaker. I was also underwhelmed by We Built this City. Not a good song. Just. Not. And to Quinn, a whole audience of Utah folk bopping along while Cathy glowers... delightfully creepy.

#### Tom

You're a dear friend, but to say you like Timberlake and can't stand Starship means that we have nothing in common musically. :)

#### Jes

I never said "I can't stand Starship".

I can appreciate the fond nostalgia that many of you hold for the song, but it wasn't and isn't a favorite of mine.

#### Tom

Everyone in this thread is my friend, even those who disagree with me. And for the record, I like Journey and Celine Dion too. My point was that those artists shouldn't get a free pass on their lyrics when Starship is being persecuted for the phrase "knee deep in the hoopla," which refers to their being overwhelmed by the media circus.

I love people who hate Starship or that lyric, though. It's just a song, and people can think whatever they want of it.

#### Jes

Starship is persecuted for singing about being kneedeep in the hoopla?

# Cathy

The word "hoopla" should never be used in a rock n roll song. Starship should have had their license to rock revoked for that.

And for the record, I loathe Starship, but I rather like Jefferson Airplane, so there's that. Mostly when I think if Starship, I just end up thinking "oh how the mighty hath fallen." And then I think "they used the word 'hoopla' in a rock song" and then my feathers get all ruffled again.

By the way, I'm loving this discussion.

Also:

**HOOPLA** 

#### Cathy

The funny thing is, I have no issue with the word hoopla itself. But let's all be honest here. It has no business showing up in a "rock" song.

# HOOPI A!

#### Tom

See, this is why I'm glad we talked about it! I totally get where you're coming from now. "Hoopla" doesn't bother me, but I can see how it would bother someone else. It's like when I read a movie review one time that used the word "hootenanny." And they weren't being ironic about it. And I'm like, really? Should the word "hootenanny" ever be used in an unironic sense? That's pretty similar to saying that "hoopla" has no business in a rock song.

To be honest, I had no idea what that lyric was for years. Then when I bought the song off of iTunes, I saw the album title, and it finally clicked for me. I was so happy at finally having figured it out that it never even occurred to me to be annoyed at it.

So I still like the song, but now I get what others don't like about it. And I still love Cathy. And Jess. And Starship. And hoopla. But not in rock songs.

#### Jog in NY

Nov-22 | 14016.31-39

#### Staci

It was awesome meeting and eating Chinese food with you! Hope you make it back safely!

#### Martha

You met Chinese food with Jog? That's all kinds of awesome.

#### Staci

Yes, Chinese Food is a new Dutch Sesame Street character! ;)

#### Jog

True. It's a rod puppet, operated with sticks.

#### Staci

Watching him always makes you really thirsty!

#### **The Muppets Deleted Scenes**

Nov-26 | 14057.24-27

# Ryan R

The MPAA's standards have shifted a lot over the years. Sometimes they care more about certain things, and sometimes they care more about other things. These days they tend to be cool with lots and lots of violence, but much less cool with any kind of sex. But I don't guess there was much sex in The Muppets.

#### Scott

But what about the scene where Piggy jumps on Kermit? Surely someone's got to protect the children from THAT?!

#### Erik

What I don't get about that scene is why it's reversed in the trailer.

#### Ken

De flim go flip flip flip.

[Peter]

# **THE MUPPETS: Nitpicking**

Nov-29 | 14065.43-46

#### **Beth**

Although technically I could go SEE the movie if I wanted. It's just that I wouldn't HEAR anything they said. It'd be kind of, oh there's Kermit! And there's Walter! And they are talking to each other! And now they're rushing off togther! And there's Amy Adams! And she's throwing forks at them! Etc.\*

\*Since I haven't seen the movie, I just made up the above scenario.

#### Scott

I'd raise my rating of the movie by half a star if they added fork-throwing.

# Beth

We need a sequel, then. With fork throwing.

#### Ryan R

The Muppets: What the Fork?

[Beth]

#### Muppets OK GO video!

Nov-30 | 13780.53

# Quinn

That is one dangly uvula.

Ah-ah-ah!

\*lightning, thunder\*

[Michal]

# **THE MUPPETS: Nitpicking**

Nov-30 | 14065.69-74

#### Mike C

Why can't Gary and Walter come up with a rhyme for "Fish?"

#### Ryan R

Maybe we should do that as a Tough Pigs contest: Come up with a lyric to rhyme with "Life's a fillet of fish!"

- "...When someone's there to clean your dish!"
- "...With a friend who's there to grant your wish!"
- "...When you're hand-in-hand with Lillian Gish!"

# **Anthony**

And that Lillian Gish joke would be funny because she had the longest career in film history (75 years) until Mickey Rooney passed her in 2002, and he's in that scene!

Dude.

Comedy.

#### Michal

Life's a fillet a fish, if your uncle respects that you're ticklish.

- ...when you've got ketchup for your knish.
- ...if the video store carries your chosen niche.
- ...if your fellow straphangers never squish.
- ...when you've kabobs upon your shish.

# Justin T

Or you could go for product placement:

...when you order a Papa John's Deep Dish.

# **DECEMBER**

Segel / Bobin Muppet movie

Dec-1 | 10974.2010-14

#### Scott

Here's a neat way to display a poster:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/taatianelima/6419933755/

# Ryan R

I've seen ads like that, but not for The Muppets! I wonder what country that is. Also, I wonder if the theater would sell those to me when they're done... I want to put them on the stairs in my apartment building. Probably at night, when no one's looking.

#### Joe

Some fancy Googling tells me that it's in Sao Paolo, Brazil.

They sure have some awesome staircases, those Brazilians.

#### Ryan R

Yeah! I'm gonna plan me a visit right now so's I can see 'em! Guess I better start learnin' Spanish!

#### loe

No, in Brazil they don't... y'know what? Have a good time.

[Michal]

Once upon a time...

Dec-1 | 14082.13-17

# **Anthony**

This seems like as good a place as any to put this -

I watched Letters to Santa tonight (I'd say "we," but Roz slept through all of it), and I realized that I don't hate it nearly as much as I used to. In fact, I might go so far as to call it pleasant. It's still not actually funny - and I realize this is probably just me being in a cheerful mood due to Christmas and The Muppets - but nothing about it really bothers me anymore.

And I think it's probably just that they were so well-used in the new movie, but characters like Floyd and Scooter sound a lot better to me in this now than they did in previous years.

#### Ryan R

Who are you?

#### Michal

Don't you remember? Anthony has been recast.

Henceforth he will sound like Bobo.

# **Anthony**

In 2006, sure. But to be fair to Bill Barretta, I'm sounding a lot more like myself these days.

[Anthony]

# The Muppets (2011) soundtrack

Dec-4 | 13866.195-203

#### Michal

Also, even though "Life's a Happy Song" has run through my head more or less continuously for the last two weeks, sometimes I look at the title in print and still think of the same thing I did before I actually heard the song: "Love is a Plaintive Song," sung by the titular character of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta Patience.

So I'll find myself singing, "Life is a happy song; sung by a suff'ring maid / Telling a tale of wrong; telling of hope betrayed." And so on.

#### Tom

I don't know that musical, but I love the fact that you made such a wonderfully obscure connection. You're definitely One of Us. :)

#### Michal

You know, for the last nine years and three days I've been wavering on that point.

And now Quinn's got the only key to the front door. So I guess I might as well sign up.

#### Quinn

I meant to tell you yesterday--I lost the key. Sorrrry.

# **AWESOME T-SHIRT**

Dec-6 | 14110.1 -3

# **Emileigh**

Just wanted you all to see this amazing t-shirt I found!

http://www.threadless.com/product/2454/Monster in the Closet/tab,guys

Jes

Moderator! Moderator! Shouldn't this be in Merchandise??

**Emileigh** 

don't be such a drag

[Scott]

Fox Unmasks The Muppets' Liberal Agenda

Dec-7 | 14102.35-38

#### Mike C

So what can we do to make sure there's an evil yellow journalist as the villain in the Muppets' next film?

#### **Matt Wilkie**

Did Fox News hire Fleet Scribbler?

#### Matthew

More importantly, what color is the journalist now?

[Anthony]

From the Balcony archives

Dec-7 | 11506.15-21

#### Ryan R

When we watched the "Superman Returns a DVD" clip in our superheroes Muppet Vault, I thought the show might be better than I remembered... Not great as a Muppet series, but pleasant enough as an amusing movie-based puppet series if you look past the Muppet name. But maybe I was right the first time and it was crap all along.

# Joe

Oh, I totally disagree. The pacing and performance of that clip seemed so under-par, it was as if they filmed it in our living room. Except less funny.

#### Ryan R

It got a big laugh at the Vault when he flew around the world to avoid his late charge! The premise of the scene has nothing to do with Statler and Waldorf, but it's a clever idea for a two-minute sketch, which is what it is.

I guess what I'm saying is, we should do a Muppet Vault where we show every episode of From the Balcony. With no intermission.

#### Matthew

Well, you always advertise that there are surprises, and that would surprise people.

"Hey everyone! I know we said we were going to show A Muppet Family Christmas and have a special guest appearance by Steve Whitmire, but instead, we're going to show every episode of From the Balcony!"

One of the drink specials should involve very strong scotch.

#### Evan G

And there's so many memorable characters to name it after! The "Stan and Louie!" The "Caspar von Blimpman!" The "Jimmy the Intern!" The "Evan G. Had to Think More About From the Balcony Than He Ever Hoped to Tell This Not-Very-Good Joke!"

[Anthony]

**Walter reads Tough Pigs** 

Dec-7 | 14116.1-18

#### Ryan R

He told CNN's Geek Out blog he likes Tough Pigs, Muppet Mindset, and Muppet Central:

http://geekout.blogs.cnn.com/2011/12/07/the-newest-muppet-is-a-geek/?hpt=hp\_bn8

# Joe

In case anyone was wondering, Walter's fanfic was really terrible. He tried to write himself into a Muppet Show episode, but it was four times as long as a regular episode, it included two of his non-Muppet friends, it positioned him as the "newest Muppet", and it even ended with him being hoisted onto the Muppets' shoulders in a crowd scene of thousands of extras.

Really hackneyed stuff.

What's the deal with Jim Hill?

Dec-8 | 14117.1-7

**Brian** 

Hello,

Had some interesting conversations with Jim Hill about this whole Muppets comeback and the films

results. He has been VERY negative towards the success of the film and The Muppets as a whole. Has anyone else had past experiences like this with him? Is he always like this. Seems to me he is.

#### Joe

I met Jim Hill at Comic Con in 2010. He told me that his theory was that Disney wanted the Muppet movie to fail so that when people would ask why they don't sink money into the franchise, they could point to the film as an example of why it wouldn't work. Of course, there are a ton of flaws in that logic, but I for one am glad Jim Hill was wrong.

I don't know if that theory was a product of his negative attitude or if the pessimism sprung from the rumors, but maybe it's all connected somehow.

#### Dan

Well if that was Disney's goal maybe they shouldn't have promoted it so much.

Maybe next time.

## Scott

I recall a heartbreaking story, about Jim Hill's 10th birthday party. It should have been a glorious day, but the Muppets were there to put on a show. When they danced and told jokes, little Jim Hill didn't know how to laugh, so his friends all made fun of him.

We've been quite familiar with Jim Hill, in all his incarnations, around these parts for years. He reports "news" about "exclusive" inside, super-secret information he hears about the entertainment industry; usually Disney. But he doesn't show a single shred of evidence, just commentary and guesswork about rumors he hears. I don't know what his success rate is in predicting the future outcome of whatever it is he happens to have blogged about, but his failures outweigh anything he might have guessed correctly about.

If you have the ability, you can search the history of this forum for evidence of Jim Hill's nonsense and scare tactics. He's an egotistical sham, deluded into believing what he spreads around with a need for validation.

In short, Jim Hill is the Disney fandom's black-hearted encapsulation of Fox News.

So there you go. The face of Jim Hill most around here would be too polite to elaborate on.

### Joe

Maybe that would've been more apparent if they hadn't deleted that scene.

## Evan G

You'll just have to listen to the Jim Hill soundtrack.

[Peter, Cathy]

## Mike C

I can't be the only one who does it. Everyone tell us the things you know to be false, but you insist are true, because the half-truth is easier to deal with.

## Ryan R

Getting things wrong on purpose? Sure, why not?

- -Alexander Hamilton was a president.
- -Kermit the Frog was named after Kermit Love.
- -The creator of Buffy the Vampire Slayer is named Josh Whedon.
- -There have been eighteen theatrical Garfield movies.
- -Adamantium is a real metal.
- -Coleslaw is poisonous.
- -Fire extinguishers contain Cool Whip.
- -Justin Bieber is a dolphin.
- -If you enter the right code, you can see Chun Li naked.

Yeah, okay. I actually don't understand this thread at all.

#### Mike C

You're doing fine.

## **Anthony**

Look at you. You're a regular John Hodgman.

#### Ryan R

Sure I am! And now, here's my list of 8,000 minotaur names:

"Horned Al" Schwartz
Gregory the Ill-Tempered
Socrates "Hoofer" Papadopoulous
Big Brown Bill
Hector "No Tail" Rodriguez
(To be continued)

# YouTube vids

Dec-10 | 10888.1691-1700

# Quinn

Do you think it's a good use of my Saturday to watch every YouTube clip that MuppetWiki has uploaded? Because there's a lot of stuff I haven't watched.

And I don't really want to go to this wedding.

#### Scott

Go for it. There's not a lot of stuff there. It's mostly used as references for articles on the wiki and the occasional thing I feel like sharing.

## Quinn

I think I shall.

Soon.

Today?

#### Scott

Today. People get married all the time. Suckers.

## Quinn

It's one of Melissa's friends.

It's her fourth wedding.

She's like, 33.

#### Scott

In the battle of YouTube vs The Sanctity of Marriage, YouTube wins.

## Quinn

To her credit, only half of those failed marriages are her fault.

Plus it's a free date with Melissa, and without the offspring.

I'll take it.

### Scott

It sounds like this all ends with everyone getting laid. Just know that YouTube works the same way.

# Quinn

YouTube would have been easier. Although it was a quick, easy ceremony. Which is how I'd like to get laid.

[Michal]

Are you a man or a Muppet? (POLL)

Dec-13 | 14136.1-20

# Ryan R

Are you a man or a Muppet?

I'm a man 2 votes (5%)

I'm a Muppet 3 votes (7%)

I'm a very manly Muppet 16 votes (37%)

I'm a Muppet of a man 17 votes (40%)

Other (please specify) 5 votes (12%)

## **Anthony**

I guess I'm probably a Muppet of a man.

# Justin T

I'd have gone with that, but I've got this persistent hand in my torso, and every time I open my mouth, this other guy speaks for me. It's really creepy.

# Cathy

I voted other.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIWpqSajYPM&sns=em

## Martha

Cathy beat me to my response by about 10 minutes.

## Ryan R

Can you make a dress out of a food sack?

# Mik

I for one am female, so I went with "very manly Muppet". Because I can be quite manly. FOOTBALL!!

## **Dannyrww**

I have so been waiting for someone to do this as a poll...my wife says I'm a a very manly muppet

## **Emileigh**

I put other, as in very girly muppet

### Matthew

I wanted to say that I'm a Muppety man (it's in the song, look it up), but since that wasn't a choice, I went with the next closest thing and said that I'm a Muppet of a man.

## Anthony

Aren't those the same thing? Gary is both of them, after all.

#### Tom

I kind of think I'm a Muppet of a man, but in the end, I decided that I'm a very manly Muppet (very manly Muppet).

## Mike C

In order to help the uninitiated, I've developed this handy Venn Diagram:



# Julia

My cat's the devil, and once when she was attacking my foot at one in the morning I yelled at her "STOP IT. YOU DON'T KNOW ME. I'M A VERY MANLY MUPPET." There was some profanity that followed it up shortly thereafter on my part. She's a very evil cat.

[Max]

Am I the only one that awaits messages?

Dec-13 | 14142.1-43

# **Emileigh**

just wondering

# **Smig**

Okay, here's a message. Feel better?

# Jes

Who awaits messages.... whooooo

# Ryan R

I await massages.

# Joe

I often find myself sitting on the floor in front of the mail slot, my eyes filled with almost-tears, just waiting for the next visit from the United States Postal Service.

## Michal

I await messes of all ages.

#### Jes

Seriously, shouldn't this thread be titled, "Am I the only one WHO awaits messages?"

## **Emileigh**

im a kid! we dont capitalize and we think that Proper Grammar is a band...

#### Scott

Little known fact: that band was named after a respectable grandmother.

# Quinn

She was mad proper, yo.

## Ryan R

You have to watch out with the the capitalization and grammar around here, though. There are bands of roving grammarians who have eaten people alive for such indiscretions.

#### Jes

She is full of baloney. She knows how to capitalize and use proper grammar. Kids, always playing the "I'm a kid" card, geez.

#### Peter S

Well as long as while you're non-capitalising and gramma-jammin' among friends, you're also learning correct English in your secret lair, so that when you strike the adult world, you'll have a complete edge in getting an amazing job with people older than you.

#### **Emileigh**

That is indubitable. I habitually read up on my higher level english to stupify all matured populace when I enter the sagacious communities on this awe-inspiring locality we call our homeland.

**Tough Pigs dreams** 

Dec-14 | 9244.1094-108

# Ryan R

Last night I dreamed there was an alternate "EXPLICIT LYRICS" version of the Muppets soundtrack, so I bought it to see what was explicit about it. Then I listened the whole thing and the only difference was that they added the f-word to some line of "We Built This City." And now that I think of it, one use of that word probably isn't enough for an Explicit Lyrics label anyway, so what the heck was my brain thinking?

## Justin T

That was the hard cynical Muppets.

#### Tom

The profanity was just there to replace the word "hoopla."

Cathy
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Anything is better than hoopla.

## Jes

I used 'hoopla' in a Scrabble game recently... hoooppppla

## Ryan R

If that's how you spelled it, I hope your opponent challenged it.

## Scott

Knee-deep in the fuck is better than knee-deep in the hoopla?

...okay, yeah it is.

# Cathy

Only if you're doing it right!

# Cathy

I'd definitely think better of the song if they just sang "knee deep in the fuck."

## Scott

But you need an extra syllable. "Knee-deep in the fuck-la..." sounds horrible.

# **Anthony**

"Knee deep in the fuck, dawg!"

#### Scott

That works for me!

[Martha]

# TMM in Cambridge, MA

Dec-14 | 14114.6

#### **Beth**

The captions for my brother's "Batman Forever" tape consisted entirely of &\*\*(#!@!.

That Batman has a filthy mouth.

# Ryan R

Are you sure it wasn't the Batman porn parody?

[Scott]

# **Emileigh**

Okay, so you know in the movie where they are always showing the little, like, babies, and they are muppets, but NOT muppet babies because I looked those up and I just want to know what they are called because they are so adorable.

## Martha

Do you mean the babies from Bobby Benson's Baby Band?

# **Emileigh**

YES! THANK YOU!!!!!!!!

# Quinn

By adorable, you mean creepy, right? Babies. Ugh.

# Cathy

Oh. Sad.

## Quinn

THOSE babies. Bobby Benson's All-Baby Band. It's always been creepy, right? Am I the only one who thought that?

# **Anthony**

If you end up giving birth to a Bobby Benson's Baby Band member, it'll be creepy indeed.

## Cathy

That would at least explain why he was smoking in that one sonogram picture...

## Quinn

Although with the foamy heads, the birthing process itself would be much easier.

And more absorbent.

Oh dear.

## **Anthony**

Yep.

There it is.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

[Michal]

The Random Thread of Randomn	<u>ess</u>
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Dec-16 | 9511.7848-49

# Julia

As a broke college student, let me be the first to endorse drinking mug from a wine.

#### Julia

Oh my god, I promise that I'm not drunk.

[Michal]

What should I name my new learning center?

Dec-21 | 14160.1-22

#### Staci

What should I name my new learning center (tutoring, arts, music, brain games)?

# Smig

How about "Fred?"

#### Ken

Hey, these kids need to learn stuff, don't they?

Then how's about we call the center, "Hey, Stupid!"?

[Joe]

## LIFE'S A...

## December | 14154

# Peter S

I'll go first.

Life's a bowl of fruit...

# Ryan R

When someone's there to share your loot!

Life's a chocolate eclair...

## Mik

When you're laughing yourself right out of your chair!

Life's a friendly face...

#### Joe

With someone there to lend you their mace!

Life's a tub of ice cream...

### Matthew

...with someone to make your life a nice dream!

Life's a bathing suit...

# **Anthony**

... With someone to help you lace your boots!

Life's a dollar and change . . .

#### Peter S

When all of your friends are equally strange!

Life's a sing-along thread...

## **Daniel**

With someone to rhyme the things you said!

Life's a clever Aussie...

#### Quinn

...when he's kinda saucy!

Life's some Kroonchy Stars...

# **Matt Wilkie**

With someone to ride shotgun in your car!

Life's a box of chocolates ...

## **Daniel**

With someone to turn up the music and rock it!

Life's a open book...

## Peter S

We all write the tale so come take a look.

Life's a Beetle car...

## **Barry**

.... With someone to go with you near and far!

Life's a cream filled donut!

## Mik

When there's no one around to kick your butt!

Life's a 2 for 1 sale...

## Mike C

With someone to help you to carry the pail!

Life's a great juicy orange...

#### Scott

When you're trying to fix that squeaky door hinge.

Life's a tub of mayo...

# **Daniel**

When there's somebody laugh's at your joke and says, "Heyo!"

Life's a difficult rhyme...

# Jog

With somebody there to punch a mime.

Life's a tennis game!

#### Smig

And when you lose, your partner's to blame!

Life's a fast-food joint...

#### Matt Wilkie

With someone to laugh, and someone to point!

Life's a game of Parcheesi ...

### Julia

With someone to play with when you start to feel queasy!

Life's a mug of cocoa...

## Smig

With someone adding sugar and someone going loco!

Life's a sweet grape purple...

#### Mik

Unless your brother gives you the most painful of nurples.

Life's an obese cat...

# **Anthony**

With someone to wear an oversized hat.

Life's an ugly duck. . .

## Matthew

With friends around, you're sure in luck!

Life's a John Denver christmas special...

#### Justin P

With somebody there to share their pretzel!

Life's a slice of ham...

# Justin T

For the mountie who always gets his man.

Life's a stick of dynamite...

#### Joe

With someone to spark and someone to light!

Life's a delicious cereal...

### Quinn

...'Less it's venereal!

Life's a flying fruit bat...

# **Anthony**

With someone to swing, and someone to swat!

Life's a block of cheese . . .

#### David B

With someone to cough, and someone to sneeze!

Life's a bright balloon...

#### John

... it'll pop up just like a raccoon!

Life's a comfy chair...

# Ryan R

...with someone to lather and rinse your hair!

Life's a trampoline...!

## **Anthony**

With someone to bounce to heights unseen!

Life's a bucket of worms . . .

## Joe

Someone for wiggles, and someone for squirms!

Life's a letter from mom...

#### **Anthony**

With someone to cry at your senior prom!

Life's a goldfish bowl . . .

### **Daniel**

With someone to put your change in the toll!

Life's a sticky wicket...

# Mike C

With someone to help you to peek through the thicket...

Life's a liberal agenda

## Scott

When your horse has overdosed on Splenda.

Life's a chocolate cake...

#### Mik

Unless it tasted like a dead rotten snake!

Life's like Jeff Dunham...

#### Scott

With a sense of humor that tastes like aluminum.

Life's a bag of cheese...

# **Anthony**

With someone to squish and someone to squeeze!

Life's a blank sheet of paper . . .

#### Joe

With someone to watch the Great Muppet Caper!

Life's an old man in a balcony...

# Ryan R

With a buddy to help you practice your falconry!

Life's some chocolate milk...

### **Anthony**

With someone who needs to drink Almond Silk!

Life a ride on a train . . .

# Carolyn

With someone to practice neurosurgery on your brain

Life's a pile of raisins...

## Peter S

When someone goes out and someone else stays in.

Life's a jumping bean...

## Joe

With someone to hang with (if ya know what I mean).

Life's a mug of hot cocoa...

# Smig

For someone to write the Great Muppet Caper!

Life's a smoky sausage..

## Peter S

As long as the Moopets do not hold us hostage!

Life's a bouncy butt...

# Ryan R

...when you're watching a movie starring Pepe Le Moko!

Life's a cartoon about an elephant!

### Peter S

That line doesn't rhyme and the other doesn't rhythm!

Life's a catchy tune...

### Matthew

I think this tread'll be muffining soon!

Life's a jolly month...

## Peter S

We should link this thread to J Segel's bunch!

Life's like a movie...

# **Daniel**

With someone to harmonize on (Fellin' Groovy)!

Life's a bottle o' wine...

#### Joe

Um... I forget the next line.

Life's an iPhone app...

#### Michal

With someone to recite poetry while you snap.

Life's an old accordion...

#### Mike C

With someone to squeeze and someone to hold-e-on!

Life's a breakfast buffet....

#### Joe

With someone to curd and someone to whey!

Life's a gift certificate to Macy's...

# Michal

If you are a lady who knows what her place is.

Shudder. Clothes shopping.

Life is a Marxist feminist dialectic.

# Ryan R

...when you keep a cool head even when things get hectic!

Life's a Staples easy button!

## **Matt Wilkie**

With someone to put curry on your mutton!

Life's a mermaid tattoo ...

#### Michal

When all you want to do is boogaloo.

Life is a gastrointestinal worm.

#### Tom

... if you have Piggy's '80s perm!

Life's a ticking clock . . .

## Carolyn

...with someone there to darn your socks

Life's a picket fence!

#### Tom

. . . with someone to help the fun commence!

Life's a piece of cheese . . .

#### Joe

With someone there to pick your fleas!

Life's a ball o' yarn...

## Dannyrw

When you play in the barn.

Life's a polyDodecahedron .....

## Michal

...When you've got a bath to sing musical theater in.

Life's a peck of peppers.

#### Matthew

With somebody there to be a high-stepper!

Life's a Hanukkah menorah...

## Joe

With someone to dance the hora!

Life's some Chinese food take out...

#### Matt Wilkie

With someone to watch Richard Dreyfuss in "Stakeout"!

Life's a Christmas wreath ...

#### Justin T

with someone to help you from underneath.

Life's a spinning dreidel...

#### Joe

When someone serves you matzo ball soup with a ladle!

Life's a bagel with shmear...

### Matthew

As long as you don't have kvectching to hear!

Life's a plate of latkes...

### Joe

When raising funds for an important yacht cause!

(Yikes, sorry about that.)

Life's eight crazy nights...

### Michal

As long as you're not falling down eight flights.

Life is a wait for the dentist.

## Justin T

As long as the doc is not a repentist.

Life's a warm Snuggie...

#### Joe

With someone to give the huggies!

Life's a pair of roller skates...

# Ryan R

...when you've got rooms to rent at reasonable rates!

Life's a pair of scissors!

#### Mike C

When you and your friend put traffic cones on your head and pretend you are wizards!!!

\*inhales\*

Life's a stick of gum....

#### Matt Wilkie

With someone to cheer you up when you're glum!

Life's a sunny day ...

#### Joe

When you're sweepin' the clouds away!

Life's a roll of sushi...

#### Justin T

When the sandwich your eating isn't too mushy.

Life's an unnecessarily long set up for a rhyme that isn't really all that difficult to make...

#### Michal

When somebody nifty jumps out of your cake.

Life's a case of the hiccups.

### Justin T

When you drink really fast from a really big cup.

Life's a mad scientist...

#### Carolyn

...when your TV drama features New York's finest

Life's a Sudafed tablet...

### Justin T

When you're not locked away in a cell that's padded.

Life's a little Fraggle...

## **Anthony**

With someone to wiggle and someone to waggle!

Life's a donkey tail . . .

#### Justin T

Whenever you buy a boat to sail.

Life's a class of algebra...

## Carolyn

When you're with your friend in the swamps of Dagobah

Lifes a bowl of oatmeal

## Michal

If you can just say "No" to veal.

Life's Mr. Mxyzptlk.

## Peter S

With someone to mix, yes and someone to spit-lick.

Life's a conundrum...

## **Anthony**

With someone to carry your pre-chewed gum!

Life's a glass of egg nog . . .

# Peter S

With someone to fondle and someone to snog!

Life's Australian slang...

## **Daniel**

With someone trying to ruin your game.

Life's a curious case...

# Ryan R

...with someone to smash a pie in your face!

Life's an Olympic torch!

## Peter S

With someone to light it and scorch your porch!

Life's a lovely smile...

### **Daniel**

With someone to sit and gaze at a while.

Life's a helping hand...

#### Matthew

With someone to share your leg of lamb!

Life's a granted wish...

# **Anthony**

With someone to serve a fillet of fish!

Life's a Mr. Pibb . . .

## Ryan R

...when you burn your bra for women's lib!

Life's a glockenspiel!

### Peter S

I can't believe you beat me, you heel!

(ahem) Life's a singing bird...

# Joe

With someone who actually knows the words!

Life's a chicken-loving weirdo...

#### Matthew

As long as he's not a total creep-o!

Life's a chili pepper shirt...

## Smig

With someone to Ernie, and someone to Bert!

Life's a magazine....

#### Joe

When the person on the cover is Charlie Sheen!

Life's an unfunny bear...

# Carolyn

When you're in a suspended wicker chair

Life's a bathroom chalkboard

## Michal

With others who had a childhood that was awkward.

Life is a chewed-up pencil.

### **Erik**

Yes it is!

Life's a metaphor.

#### Joe

Which is like a simile, but something more!

Life's a rerun of Cheers...

#### Matthew

When Norm's there to put away the beers!

Life's an episode of Frasier...

### **Daniel**

With someone there to hand you your phaser!

Life's a spaceship surprise...

# Justin P

With someone to poke you right in the eyes!

Lifes a symphony...

#### Joe

With someone to sing "When the River Meets the Sea"!

Life's just one more sleep 'til Christmas...

# **Matt Wilkie**

With someone who'll get everything on your wish list!

Life's a mess of Mama's Barbeque ...

# Smig

With someone to be the next Doctor Who!

Life's a Garbage Dump...

# **Emileigh**

With someone to watch Forrest Gump

Life's a good book...

### Joe

With someone to Kindle and someone to Nook!

Life's a car full of clowns...

#### Jes

With a closet full of beautiful gowns.

Life's a chocolate Christmas candy...

## Carolyn

When there's TV specials by a Williams named Andy!

Life's a candied ham

# **Matt Drapp**

...with someone who doesn't know how to rhyme.

Life is a pumpernickel...

### Joe

With someone there to gherkin your pickle!

Life's an innuendo...

#### Quinn

When you've made a naughty friend-o!

Life's a colonoscopy!

## Daniel

With someone to chauffeur your sloppy jalopy.

Life's a didgeridoo...

#### Jes

With someone to clean your litter box of poo.

Life's a funny nickname...

#### Martha

...with someone who hasn't played this game.

Life's an Indiana Jones...

#### **Daniel**

With golden teeth and golden tones!

Life's a simple joy...

#### Michal

With worlds to create, and worlds to destroy.

Life's a 20-oz steak.

## Carolyn

With someone to help you shake n' bake

Life's a pre-packaged cookie

#### Joe

With someone to share a little nookie!

Life's a trombone solo...

## Ryan R

When you're on a show with M! D Bolo!

Life's a triceratops!

#### Quinn

When you're reaping a field of hops!

Life's a Jack-O-Lantern!

### Matthew

With somebody there to hire an intern!

Life's a dropping ball...

#### **Dannyrw**

When Dick Clark's there to watch it fall.

Life's a New Year's resolution.

## Quinn

With a papal absolution!

Life's a deep tissue massage!

# Mike C

With someone to help you with your dressage

Life's an antidisestablishmentarianism.

# **Emileigh**

with someone to help mend a schism.

Life's a four foot prune...

#### Joe

With a frog vs. Doc Hopper showdown at noon!

Life's a countdown at midnight...

# **Emileigh**

with a ball that's filled with (pause) light.

Life's a screaming party...

#### Jes

When to school, you are not tardy.

Life is a furry alarm clock...

## **Emileigh**

when there's a cat who doesn't ever knock

Life's an insane daughter...

#### Jes

When she opens the door for her cat like she oughta...

Life's a fire cracker...

## **Emileigh**

when a magnificent girl tends to be a slacker.

Life's a strange costume...

#### Jes

When I wear my Christmas perfume.

Life is 2012...

# Matthew

As long as you don't have plans to shelve!

Life's an outdoor hockey game...

# Max

With someone to praise, and someone to blame!

# Erik

Life's a happy song, when there's someone by your side to sing along.

I've got everything that I nee-eed...

(I've been waiting for weeks for this thread to get to the bridge)

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