

Tough Pigs Yearbook 2008



“Officially Ridiculous”

compiled by Ryan Roe

The year 2008 was a bit of a roller coaster for the Tough Pigs forum. Early in the year, we had a bit of a slow period, during which – let’s face it – there were pretty much just three of us posting to tell each other what we had for lunch that day. But as the year went on, some old friends returned, some new friends showed up, and the forum returned to life, much like a vampire, and began prowling the countryside at night drinking the blood of innocents. Good times. Heck, there were even a few times when we actually talked about Muppets. And of course, 2008 was the year in which David Bowie’s crotch became the new Indiana Jones. What a weird forum.

Quoted threads are arranged here in chronological order, accompanied by a notation as to who nominated each one, and as usual, there’s an incredibly helpful index included at no extra charge to you

My thanks to those who nominated posts, and for everyone else on the forum for being funny and interesting all year long. If you’ve downloaded this document, you’re probably planning to read the whole thing, but in case you have your doubts, allow me to offer this tantalizing incentive: At one point in this yearbook, Quinn appears in a loincloth.

Tough Pigs dreams

Jan 2 • 9244.427-428

Ryan R

I'm not really getting caught up on the forum yet, but I'll go ahead and mention this... The other night I had a dream in which I was hanging out with Frank Oz. We were riding in a stagecoach, and he was a lot nicer than I would have expected. Oh, and the amount of hair he had changed over the course of the dream.

And one night last week I had a dream that I don't really remember, except that Danny was in it and he was blonde.

So I guess my subconscious is focusing on people's hair lately.

Michal

"Dear Diary,

Last night, I dreamed that I worked backstage at The Muppet Show, and they asked me to groom one of the chickens. When I woke up, my pillow was gone."

[Michal]

Shadow puppets

Mar 3 • 10962.1-3

Joe I just found this clip of someone doing shadow puppets, and I think it's keen.
Enjoy!

<http://www.neatorama.com/2008/03/02/helpmann-award-shadow-puppet-clip/>

Ryan R How the heck does he do that? All I can make is a birdie.

Joe All I can make is a hand.

[Michal]

Happy Birthday, Ryan!

Mar 3 • 10952.28-40

Quinn Is it too late to wish you a belated Happy Birthday? I think I was having some kind of psychotic break on your birthday. Which is, of course, the best way to celebrate. I didn't get drugs or restraints, so I didn't go all out, but I would have.

Hope it was a good day.

Ryan R It's never too late. In fact, I still haven't got the card my parents sent me, because my Mom forgot to write my full address on it.

I'm glad you're over your psychotic break. Did you take pictures?

Michal Of course he did. He even put up an album:

<http://michal.richardson.googlepages.com/quinn%27spsychoticbreak>

Quinn Wow. Am I pretty? Yes, I think I am.

Ryan R Do you feel pretty? Do you also feel witty and bright?

("See that lovely Quinn in that mirror there...")

Joe Which Quinn what where whom?

Martha Who could that attractive boy be?

Jenny I thought psychotic breaks were supposed to be...fun? That one looks, in the words of Jon Arbuckle, "boring with hats".

Quinn Oh, it was anything but boring. Except you know, the boring part.

Cathy But there were hats. Oh yes, there were hats.

Anthony For some reason that post makes me think of "We can love. Oh yes, we can love" from All the Young Dudes.

Ryan R Do all the young dudes wear hats?

[Michal]

Peter Sandra Oh is fantastic. She even makes Grey's Anatomy worth watching sometimes. Her performance in the last few minutes of last year's season finale was devastating.

Quinn I was just imagining Sandra Oh as DEVASTATOR, a Decepticon giant of a robot built out of six different construction vehicles, trampling whatever stupid hospital Grey's Anatomy takes place in.

I'm sure it wasn't that kind of devastating. But if it was, is it on Youtube?

What are you reading?

Mar 6 • 10331.285-327

Michal Don't be silly. Only library monkeys shelve. Librarians tell them what to do, and how long they have to get it done.

Anthony: We never made a "Library Monkeys" Facebook group. Why didn't we?

Peter How many Library Moneys are we? I was one in high school.

Ryan R When my bookses is overdue, I have to pay the library moneys.

Erik MON...

Wait a second.

re-reads Peter's post

Never mind.

Joe For a second, I thought you were a very loud Jamaican.

[Michal]

Indiana Jones

Mar 11 • 10254.186-192

Scott New poster.

[Scott links to the poster for the new Indiana Jones movie.]

Frickin awesome.

Beth I Indiana Jones your brother!

David B I Indiana Jones the sandbox?

Misread Thread Titles

Mar 13 • 9486.434-436

Michal "Jim Henson Horrors."

Scott I would love to have seen Jim Henson's horror movie.

Joe



Anthony ZING!

Miles & Carter stories

Mar 18 • 7711.746-748

Quinn Miles came in from practicing riding his bike, and flopped down on the couch, and said:

"Dad, I'll never learn how to ride a bike. I'm like Don Music! I'll never get it! Never!"

And then he rolled off the couch to the floor, bonking his head on the floor. And Carter laughed at him, and Miles said, "It's NOT FUNNY, CARTER!"

And that made me and Melissa laugh.

I think Miles is learning the wrong stuff from "Old School." Or maybe all the right stuff.

Joe I can honestly say that I've never wanted to imitate what I saw on TV when it comes to banging my head against a hard surface. But I am susceptible to imitating Miles banging his head on a hard surface!

Hits head against the floorboards

new Muppet movie? (March 2008)

Mar 18 • 10974.43-45

Scott I would love to have Alyson Hannigan and Kristen Bell on the wiki.

Erik *I would love to have Alyson Hannigan and Kristen Bell*

I agree

on the wiki.

Oh, yeah. That too.

Daniel The wiki? So that's what you call it these days?

[Martha]

Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Mar 19 • 6800.1143-1148

Scott It all sounds like typical Hollywood nonsensical gossip theories to me.

I heard Charisma Carpenter was fired because she wouldn't give Joss a hummer.

Joe Wow, fired over a car!

Ryan R Yeah, she bought him a Prius for Bosses' Day, and he was like, "Screw that, you're fired."

Anyway. Until I hear a specific quote from the people involved, I don't think I'll take any of the rumors very seriously... but I'm glad everyone is now getting along and buying donuts.

Where is Charisma Carpenter these days, anyway?

Anthony She is at my house.

Ryan R Oh, okay. Tell her I said hey.

[Michal]

News Stories

Mar 20 • 9750.913-918

Michal Seven new sins for the 21st Century:

[Link to article "Vatican Lists Seven Social Sins"]

Scott Wow, those are so helpful!

I guess "tolerating other people's beliefs" and "not harboring monsters who abuse children" didn't make the cut.

Although I will say that securing your place in Heaven by refusing birth control is much more important. I hear the Vatican has plenty of room for Earth's doubled population in the next 100 years. Unless it's under water by 2108. Mer-babies!

Cathy Catholicism hurts my head.

Ryan R You think it hurts *your* head? Try wearing that big heavy pope hat all the time!

Next Deep Discout DVD Supersale?

Mar 21 • 10985.3-10

Quinn Cool. Couldn't remember if it was April or May.
It'll give me time to convince Melissa how much I NEED certain DVDs.

Ryan R Have you tried telling her you'll die if you don't get them?

Quinn I save that for sex.

Joe I find that holding my breath until I turn blue works pretty well.

Quinn I save that for sex.

Ryan R Joe, I'm telling you for the last time. We're not getting a Barbie Dream House for our apartment.

Now get up off the floor.

Michal Aw, nuts. Would you consider getting a Barbie Corvette?

Brum's getting lonely.

Quinn I save that for LEGO.

[Michal]

Delphi forum promos

Mar 21 • 3907.2444-2446

Quinn Carter calls tattoos "moustaches." I have no idea why.

Ryan R My guess: He saw some guy with a prominent moustache and lots of tattoos and heard a grown-up say, "look at that guy's moustache!" so he made the connection in his adorable Family Circus-like head between body art and the word "moustache."

Ah, but they grow up too fast... before you know it, he'll be a teenager and sneaking off to the moustache parlor to get a moustache of a knife-vomiting flaming skull on his chest. And then coming home to watch Fantasy Island starring Herve Villacheze as Moustache.

[Michal]

new Muppet movie? (March 2008)

Mar 21 • 10975.83-87

Daniel I will be happy so long as the characters are themselves. That was the thing that I was most excited by in his interview so far. The idea that the characters are written not as novelty, but as fully developed, real world beings. Even Muppets from Space, which obviously had it's problem, was a relief for me. With the dawn of the adaptations, I really felt like we were losing the characters to shallow stereotypes.

Ryan R You're right... Muppets being themselves is a good thing. And Muppets From Space is not in the same category as the adaptations.

Actually, now that I think of it, I'm not sure what type of story Muppets From Space is. Maybe that was part of the problem, other than the fact that it wasn't funny. If Guy From How I Met Your Mother's Awesome New Muppet Movie is funny we'll be in pretty good shape.

Anyway. I'm just rambling now.

Joe Maybe the new Muppet movie will be nothing but rambling. If so, we've got a pretty good start here.

And by "start", I mean the "Go" space in Monopoly. And I just noticed that "Monopoly" has both "mono" and "poly" in its name, and I have no idea what that means. Though I never did care for Monopoly. The board game or the exclusive control by one group of the means of producing or selling a commodity or service. But there I go, a-ramblin' again.

Ryan R I have Muppet Monopoly. The Muppets get to play themselves in that. I felt that the Fozzie token was perfectly in-character.

[Joe]

Appreciating Emmet Otter

Apr 2 • 10959.13

Scott

You know, when I woke up this morning, I felt an empty space where I thought a video with some greasy guys lip-synching to puppets ought to go. Thank Frog that's been filled.

Music stuck in your head Right Now

Apr 5 • 9639.1283

Scott Muppets, Symphonies and Boobs. Yep, that's pretty much what's in My Brain.

Where we at?

Apr 8 • 10718.101-104

Michal Egads. One of my best friends just got engaged.

I need another drink.

Quinn My best friend's going through a horrible divorce.

I'll trade ya.

Joe One of my best friends is a bear.

Ryan R No, he's-a not! He's-a wearin' a neck-a-tie!

[Michal]

Grover interview

Apr 10 • 11019.10-19

Scott Bert's pockets and Mary Poppins' carpetbag use the same technology as the TARDIS and Oscar's trash can.

Jenny Hammerspace!

Joe Is that where Hammerman lives?

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hammerman>

Ryan M Maybe, maybe not- at one time the Wikipedia entry for hammerspace had the helpful reminder, "Hammerspace should not be confused with Hammertime."

So, among other things, you apparently *can* touch it.

[Michal]

Muppet Show Question

Apr 11 • 11023.1-16

Anthony What episode is that "Leggies and Genglefans" bit from? Is it Harry Belafonte?

Ryan R Hey, you want to know something truly bizarre? This very same question was asked over on the Muppet Central forum... ON THE SAME DAY!

<http://forum.muppetcentral.com/showthread.php?p=635506#post635506>

Anthony, is "mb81" your twin?

Anthony Oh wow.

I don't even know what to say to that.

Ryan R Clearly you have some kind of psychic link with this person. If you find yourself hungry for a pastrami sandwich later, it's probably because mb81 is eating a pastrami sandwich. If Carrie Underwood's "Before He Cheats" gets stuck in your head, it's because mb81 is listening to it. And if you suddenly decide that your favorite Muppet production is *Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree*, it's because mb81 is drunk.

Scott I wonder what the odds are of that happening.

I wonder where I could find a person who could figure out what those odds really are.

Ryan R Is there a statistician in the house?

Erik Do you know what the chances of that happening are?

David B Oh, great. Now we need another statistician to calculate the probability of the first statistician.

Will this madness never end?

Grant I give you two to one on the madness ever ending.

[Peter, Tom]

Jim Henson gets ready for YouTube

Apr 13 • 11032.3

[*A link to a video from 1990, in which Jim Henson pretty much predicts internet video.*]

Tom (jaw drops)

My gosh. Is there anything the man didn't think of? Not only did he discover YouTube, but he pretty much invented reality TV at the same time.

Now I fully expect to see these two videos in the near-future:

1) "Hi, this is Jim Henson. I thought it would be easier if I could communicate with my crew by creating a 'inter-net' -- that's 'internal network' -- between our personal computers. Let's watch."

2) "Hi, this is Jim Henson. It's hard to keep in contact with the crew sometimes when I'm on the road. So I thought, what if I had a portable telephone that I could carry around with me, and my number would be the same no matter where I was in the world?"

(sigh) Such a genius. Who knows what he would have thought of if he had stayed around longer?

[Beth]

Season 39

Apr 14 • 11025.12-13

Scott

I wonder when we'll start getting Sesame on Blu-ray.

Ryan R

When they do, I hope Grover and Cookie and Herry sing "Fuzzy and Blu-ray!"

[Michal]

Season 39

Apr 17 • 11025.20-21

Peter

Does the Wiki have an article on Muppets in Slow Motion?

Joe

Yes, but it takes *forever* to load.

[Michal]

Happy Poem in Your Pocket Day!

Apr 17 • 11040.11-12

Anthony You know what? Not everyone lives in your little town.

Ryan R You don't have to live in New York to put a poem in your pocket. It might not get you in free anywhere, but it'd come in handy if get attacked by a bear who is easily distracted by poetry.

[Michal]

The website thread

Apr 17 • 9574.461-464

Michal The title character of The Ugly Duckling wasnt even a duck! The story was first published by Hans Christian Anderson in 1843, about a baby bird who is ostracized because he doesnt look nice like the other ducklings in his family.

So they turned him into an ostrich.

Ryan R I think of an ostrich every time I read or hear the word "ostracize." But please don't laugh at me, or I'll go stick my head in the sand.

Peter That's a myth. Myth!

Joe Yeth?

[Beth]

Miles & Carter stories

Apr 17 • 7711.778

Quinn

Miles and I were digging holes for the posts in the swingset, and at one point he stood up and stretched and said, "Ouch. My boobies hurt."

And I looked at him and said, "yeah?" Kind of surprised, because we don't use that word in front of the boys.

"Yeah, my boobies hurt a lot."

"Really."

"Yeah. Here--and here--and here--and here..." pointing to various scrapes on his knuckles, knees, elbows...

"Miles, I think you mean boo-boos."

"Oh yeah, I forgot. Boo-boos is Spanish for Owies."

And then I tried to change the topic away from Boobies. And Boo-boos.

Season 39

Apr 18 • 11025.20-34

Peter Does the Wiki have an article on Muppets in Slow Motion?

Erik I think Piggy's reveal in TMI (at the end of "Boom Shakalaka") was in slo-mo.

Jenny There was a Muppet movie called "TMI"? Remind me to skip that one. ;)

[Martha]

Joe Kimya Dawson just posted two pictures from her visit to Sesame Street on her blog:

http://users.livejournal.com/kimya_dawson_/284946.html

Peter Baby in da nest iz cyootest evr!

Cathy Baby's name is Panda.

Panda.

Michal I can think of worse names than Panda.

Like Newark.

Cathy That's her middle name.

Ryan R Panda is a pretty bad name all right. Someday that cute kid is going to be an old lady, and her name will still be Panda, and then what is she supposed to do?

Joe Eat bamboo?

Ryan R You know, rapper Big Boi (one half of OutKast) has a son named Bamboo. I bet he and Panda would get along great.

Cathy I smell a collaboration.

Or maybe that's just Panda.

Joe Maybe you smell Kimya's kid eating Big Boi's kid.

Om nom nom.

[Michal]

Will you see Forgetting Sarah Marshall?

Apr 22 • 10983.37-40

Scott Here's an interview with Segal that's supposed to be all about Forgetting Sarah Marshall, but he manages to slip in his love for puppets and that he's writing a Muppet movie.

<http://www.comingsoon.net/news/movienews.php?id=43763>

Marianne Well somebody's alarmingly open with his personal life.

It's great how nearly every super-informed Muppet fan is now super-informed of Jason Segel's anatomy.

Scott Little does America know that Kermit once had a naked break-up as well.

It's true!

Marianne Man it all fits together.

Though if Segel was gonna pay homage, he should've gone for naked contemplative banjo solo. More tasteful not to mention catchy.

[Beth]

The Hobbit

Apr 29 • 11053.25-26

Ryan R

On that "Four Word Film Reviews" website, most of the reviews for The Dark Crystal mention Tolkien, like "Muppets in Middle Earth" or "The Muppets Take Tolkien."

Scott

I wonder where they took him.

[Beth]

Music stuck in your head Right Now

Apr 29 • 9639.1330-1332

Ryan R

Horatio? Alexander? Is it Mortimer? Maybe not.
How 'bout Don? Maybe Leroy! Just plain Roy? Just plain Lee?
How many names can there be?
Does it staaart with a P?

Gotta get that name, gotta get that name, gotta get that name, gotta get that
(We gotta get it!)

Joe

Rrg. My brain is leaking.

Beth
it...

Gotta get that brain, gotta get that brain, gotta get that brain, we gotta get

[Michal]

Where we at?

May 1 • 10718.120-128

Martha Our home visit is tomorrow. Our caseworker is coming out to see where we live, and my house is a mess. I am a wreck.

Ryan R I would offer to send Super Grover to your house to assist you with the cleanup... but I don't think he'd be much help.

Joe You should send the Kool-Aid Guy instead.

Oh wait...

Martha Great. Just send the Hulk, while you're at it...

Joe HULK SMASH PUNY 2-BEDROOM, 1 1/2-BATH VICTORIAN-STYLE HOUSE!

Ryan R "HULK VACUUM! HULK DUST! HULK POLISH FURNITURE! HULK -- whoops.

"Hulk accidentally wash whites with colors. Hulk real sorry about that."

Martha Luckily for me, Hulk went to wrong house.

Anthony Hulk not know how to find house. Puny Banner left directions in other pants.

Joe HULK DON'T HAVE NO OTHER PURPLE SHORTS!

[Michal]

Rowlf album May 4 • 11063.16-20

Grant To be fair, I've read quotes from colleagues of Jim's who say that Jim was more like Rowlf than he was like Kermit. (Though I can't remember who said that, or where I read it.)

I've also heard the same about Cantus.

Ryan R Rowlf does come up a lot when that question is asked. Probably the best answer is "There was a little bit of Jim in *all* of his characters!"

Joe Yeah, his hand!

Daniel It's a horrible joke, but it's worthy of us.

Joe Yes, most horrible jokes are.

[Michal]

2008 Daytime Emmys

May 5 • 11065.22-23

Melissa Well good news, I can't print out anything for a little while: my printer "died" on me this weekend. Think the motor went. Anyone ever see a printer smoke? Neither did I until this past Sunday.....I'm serious. My father worked in IT for 30 something years and has seen computers heat up and smoke but never a printer.

Perhaps this was punishment due to my previous printing adventures?

Ryan R Either that, or your printer saw some other printers smoking and was peer-pressured into thinking it would be cool.

[Michal]

Muppet Rawk

May 8 • 11076.18-23

[a thread linking to paintings of Muppets recreating famous album covers]

Ryan R Nothing brightens up a dreary day like Muppet nudity.

Melissa LOL indeed.....I have to say I wasn't crazy about many of the other ones though. I kinda liked the Beaker/Cure Boys Don't Cry one, but other than that, nothing really jumped out at me.....

Cathy Not even Janice boob?

Joe That's your new nickname, FYI.

Cathy I've always wanted a nickname. But I never realized that when I finally got one, it would make me feel so hollow inside.

Fraggle Rock movie

May 12 • 8499.55-65

Scott Posted: Mon., May 12, 2008, 8:30pm PT
Weinsteins roll with 'Fraggle Rock'
Edwards to write, direct live-action musical
By MICHAEL FLEMING

The Weinstein Co. will turn the Jim Henson series "Fraggle Rock" into a live-action musical feature.

Pic will take the core characters Gogo, Wembley, Mokey, Boober and Red outside of their home in Fraggle Rock, where they interact with humans, which they think are aliens.

Jog "Gogo Fraggle"?

Does that mean George Michael is a definite yes for music/lyrics?

Scott Sure. Wake me up before that happens.

[Martha]

Indiana Jones May 26 • 10254.221

Anthony George Lucas is a well-known idiot.

Muppet violence

May 29 • 11105.9

Cathy

Aw, remember Quinn? Where is that guy anyway? I hope he didn't fall into a tuba. That would make me sad.

[Michal]

"Muppet family" blogging

May 29 • 11104.1-3

Ryan R This is unexpected. This lady keeps a blog about the goings-on of her family, but instead of using real names, she refers to everyone as Muppet characters. She's Kermit, her husband is Fozzie, and so on.

<http://www.themuppetfamily.com/about/>

Peter I suppose it could be worse. She could be Ernie and her husband could be Bert.

Or she could be Howard Tubman and her husband could be sadness.

[Joe]

Rosemarie Truglio Commencement Address May 30 • 11109.1-8

Michal Graduates bid farewell as Douglass holds 87th commencement:

<http://www.app.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080523/NEWS/80523017>

If you're too lazy to click, the most important part is, "She put on a "Sesame Street" song called "Believe in Yourself" and invited the audience to dance and sing along."

Ryan R I always liked that song. When I listened to the record as a kid, I was like, "Wow! With Gordon and Susan on my side, I can do anything!"

Anthony Awesome. And it turns out you were right.

Michal It's true. The other day I asked Ryan to keep sixteen plates spinning for an hour or so while I went out to lunch. When I came back, Gordon and Susan looked kind of irritated, but the plates were still spinning.

Ryan R They were probably just a little ticked off because those were their dishes. Heck, at least I didn't eat them, like certain other friends of theirs might.

Anthony Please tell me you're talking about Bob.

Ryan R Is a plate-eater a person in your neighborhood?

Anthony Oh, if you have melmac, corning ware or China
On it you know that he will love to dine-a
But he won't stop when there's no food around
A plate eater chomps the whole thing down

[Martha]

New Muppet T-shirts! Jun 3 • 11088.18-20

Lara That is kick ass.

Can I say ass?

I havent been here in a while...

Joe You can only say "ass" if it's in context. Or if it's hilarious.

Ryan R Joe, you're an ass.

(How was that?)

[Michal]

Abby in Wonderland

Jun 11 • 10977.66-67

Jes Wow, I am so impressed with the Wiki. That information about Big Bird winning as President of Sesame Place is hysterical. It makes me want to revisit Sesame Place. I haven't been there in at least five years. Emileigh and I should make another trip this Fall.

PS: Who would vote for the Honkers? Talk about a puppet regime...

Joe A Honker in the White House might make for more entertaining Fireside Chats.

[Martha]

Merry Quinnmas!

Jun 13 • 11128.11

Cathy

A song for Quinnmas (sung to the tune of Bill Bailey).

*Won't you come home, Quinn Rollins, won't you come home
We've moaned the whole month long
You've just stopped postin', honey, you don't come 'round
Though this is where you belong*

*You remember that Philly evenin'
Back at QuinnFest, you promised us you'd never roam
TP just ain't the same, so now we proclaim
Quinn Rollins, won't you please come home*

Oh Quinny won't you please come hooooooooooooome.

Merry Quinnmas. We love you Quinn.
Now get the hell back here.

Merry Quinnmas!

Jun 13 • 11128.8-9

Beth

Alles Gute zum Geburtstag, Quinn! Ich hoffe sehr, dass Du einen schoenen Tag hast. Ich habe gestern versucht, Dir auf den Forum Geburtstaggruesse zu schreiben, aber irgendwie klappte es nicht mit meinem Computer, tut mir leid.

Einen schoenen Tag und viel Spass mit Melissa und die Knaben wuensche ich Dir!

Joe

I think your keyboard is upside down.

[Tom]

Arkle snarkle higgledy snoo

Jun 13 • 11127.15-17

Erik Who played the right fielder?

Martha No, Who's on first.

Peter "Who's on First?" in the Internet Age:

Costello: Who's on first?
Abbott: PWNED!!!

[Joe]

Muppet Show Season 2 DVD Jul 22 • 10420.349-350

Jes Not liking Gladys the Cow is definitely you being weird!

looks around

Where's Peter when you need him?

WEIRDO!

Jog "Weirdo" is not a crayon colour!

[Peter]

New Muppet videos online

Jul 24 • 11152.77-80

Anthony Feist is a person who sings this hit song -

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uk_IZ37bUOM

She did a version of it for the upcoming Sesame Street season -

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fciD_II7NI

Scott Damn. I thought all this time we were talking about the dude who sold his soul to Satan.

Ryan R No, we're not talking about Carson Daly.

Jog One, two, three, four, five, six, nine or ten
Money can't buy you back the soul that you had then...

[Michal]

Ryan R <http://cbs3.com/topstories/sesame.place.special.2.781475.html>

Mom Makes Special Delivery At Sesame Place
LANGHORNE, Pa. (CBS 3) — A family received a surprising addition during a visit to Sesame Place over the weekend.

Minutes into her family's trip to the theme park based on the popular children's television show Sesame Street, 21-year-old Takia Mann welcomed a baby girl into the world Saturday afternoon.

Mann and her two sons had been in the park just 20 minutes when she went into labor in the ladies' restroom.

Ryan R "Your baby is a production of the Children's Television Workshop."

Joe In my head, I see Big Bird boiling water, Grover ripping up sheets, and the Count timing the contractions.

[Michal]

Emmet Otter Stage Show Jul 30 • 10946.7-18

Joe I'd pay \$50 for a ticket. Think we can get seats next to Paul Williams?

Cathy Think Paul Williams will drive us?

Joe Would his feet reach the petals?

Ryan R Is his car made of flowers?

Joe Yes. Because I wrote that right after I woke up. And everyone should make fun of me for it.

Martha It's not nice that your roommate is making fun of you for that.

Really, it's a-pollen.

Cathy I bet it stems from his deep-seeded hatred of Joe.

Martha Perhaps, but he should really just leaf him alone.

Joe Hatred of me is the root of just about everything.

Scott Don't get ovary sensitive to the point where you start talking with your pistil.

Ryan R Man, I wish I hadn't pointed out Joe's typo... I could have nipped this in the bud.

Cathy But then this wonderfully pun filled thread never would've had the chance to bloom.

[Tom]

Joe Raposo jazz tribute album

Aug 5 • 11196.8-9

Ryan R

It is odd... It's like they both glanced at the music once, then threw it away before they started recording. I think I could get used to it over the course of an album, but I'm not sure.

I wonder what Raposo himself would have thought of it.

Daniel

All I can think of is "Run, Run, Everybody Run."

Joe Raposo jazz tribute album

Aug 6 • 11196.12

Jenny

I just listened to the samples. Ick. BEYOND pretentious.

"Blue" was lovely, but...is it really OK to have a guy banging his fists on a piano and a woman having convulsions and put it on an album? Is it legal to charge money for that?

At least when Don Music banged his head on the piano, it was art.

Studio DC

Aug 6 • 11154.98-11154.101

Tom

If your Muppet fan friends don't want to watch or talk about a new TV special featuring the Muppets, what point is there?

Anthony

There's this one throw-away gag from Gonzo that I liked okay.

Ryan R

That could be the title of the positive review of the special. But then there would be nothing left to say in the actual review.

[Marianne]

Judge Everything

Aug 7 • 8892.1930

Joe The sounds of construction outside of my window: 2
 Watching construction outside of my window: 7
 TRUCKS: 9

[Marianne]

Article on the state of puppetry Aug 7 • 11204.2-3

Joe Wow, the Muppets confronting CGI? What a bizarre idea. Waldo would not have been pleased.

Ryan R That could have been a really dramatic arc for Waldo. Imagine how conflicted he would feel in an epic battle between puppets and CGI... It would shatter his beliefs and force him to question everything he ever thought he knew. He would really mature as a character. Or maybe he'd just keep turning into hats and stuff.

[Michal, Joe, Marianne]

Sesame Day at Shea Stadium

Aug 7 • 11200.5-7

Cathy

I wonder if Mr Met and Ernie will throw down in a battle for costumed character supremacy?



vs



Erik

Whenever I look at Mr. Met, I want a really big baseball bat.

[Michal]

Season 39 Aug 10 • 11025.69-71

Ryan R Here's a dumb lady who didn't like the season premiere:

[Link to a negative review of the season 39 premiere.]

Joe Wow, what a wrong opinion.

I like how she equates liking Grover to drinking in college, and then later on she says that Grover is her favorite character.

Andrew L Obviously, such logic can only mean that she's an alcoholic, and Grover represents her own conflicted struggle with the bottle, which she probably hears calling her thus: "Hey everybodeeeeeeeee! Come and drink from this adorable glass container for liquor! Do I not have such a cute tapering neck and decorative bottlecap?"

[Joe]

Kanye West is a puppet. Aug 12 • 11211.2

David B False.

Correct thread title: Kanye West is a douchebag.

[Cathy]

Muppet Star Wars Figures

Aug 13 • 10467.45-48

Scott I'm not crazy about the shinyness [of the Star Wars Fozzie figure] either. He looks weird standing next to Thog who's got a nice, soft look.

Jog Kaye Ballard looked weird standing next to Thog, too.

Warrick She looked like an over iced cake standing next to Thog.

Ryan R I can't wait for the limited edition Kaye Ballard Star Wars figures.

[Beth]

Pepe's book Aug 13 • 11207.4-13

Andrew L A "Marvin Suggs Guide to Pet Care" makes as much sense, if not more.

Jimmy M I want this book.

Maybe Pepe can ghost write for Marvin.

Andrew L Suggs tip #1: Repeated physical abuse will only improve the musicality of your pet. Your average dog, for example, can be just as effective as a brass instrument if properly handled. However, experimentation has shown that boa constrictors are not recommended as tubas (a given musician can only perform it once).

[Beth]

Firefox

Aug 14 • 11210.1-8

Erik

If Delphi is what's keeping you from completely embracing Firefox, despair no longer.

Kellie

Wait, I've been reading this forum on Firefox for years. What do they have over on IE? Magic pixies? Jelly beans? It's jelly beans isn't it.

[Martha]

2008: Year of the Frog

Aug 22 • 11221.2-4

Joe I thought 2005 was supposed to be the year of the frog.

http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Kermit%27s_World_Tour

Anthony Wow. Was that really that long ago?

Joe Yes, the Muppets doing nothing was 3 years ago.

Joan Ganz Cooney in toy hall of fame

Aug 27 • 11231.2-5

Joe Joan Ganz Cooney should be in every hall of fame.

Ryan R Truck Drivers Hall of Fame? Butchers Hall of Fame? Polka Hall of Fame?
Armpit Hair Hall of Fame?

Joe I'll bet you didn't know that Joan Ganz Cooney was a truck-driving, meat-cleaving, polka-dotting armpit hair aficionado.

Tony That's my favorite country song.

[Martha]

Objectionable words?? Aug 27 • 11233.3-6

Melissa Well I don't have time to keep up with everything going on here these days and unless it's Muppet related I kind of skip over it.....

Ryan R Well, let me tell ya, you are missing out on tons and tons of fun.

On the other hand, at least that means you haven't come across the thread where we're all making secret plans to rob your house.

Melissa LOL Two of my cats will be there to greet ya at the door....

Ryan R Yeah, they're in on the plan too. When we pawn all your possessions, they'll get 10%.

[Michal]

Miles & Carter stories

Sep 3 • 7711.785

Quinn

When I was tucking the boys into bed tonight, Miles said, "I've discovered something about kisses. You can wipe the spit off, but the kiss is still there! Hugs last a long time too, but you don't need to wipe any spit off."

I wasn't sure if it was gross or cute.

And then I was wondering who he'd been kissing.

Minor characters with potential Sep 3 • 11242.8-12

Ryan R I'm definitely not Jerry Juhl. I've wished more than once that I could be Jerry Juhl, but I'll never be Jerry Juhl.

Joe Maybe if you grew a moustache...

Ryan R All right, just give me a second...

Ryan R Done.

Scott It's subtle.

[Joe]

More Muppet specials

Sep 4 • 11219.19-25

Quinn If I were to guess, the most the Muppets could have possibly done a Christmas special is 2008 times.

Ryan M That explains that strange translation of the Bible I have where the wise men bestow gifts of Louise Gold, Frank Ozincense, and Joey Myrrhzarino.

[Joe]

Comic book fanboys

Sep 4 • 9185.2102

Anthony In any case, it looks awesome. Also, kicking each other in the family jewels is what brotherhood is all about, am I right?

An American Crime

Sep 5 • 11256.4-11

Cathy Gah! That sounds awful.

Jes Gah!

You stole my 'gah'.

Ha!

Cathy Want it back? I can also use ACK!, or YIPE!, or HOLYMOTHEROFPEARL!

Joe I think Cathy should say ACK. It seems appropriate for some reason.

Cathy I'll adopt it for forum use, but in real life, I only say "Ack!" when I'm bathing suit shopping. Or when Irving breaks a date.

Ack!

[Joe]

Word Girl

Sep 6 • 11255.17-19

Quinn

I've only had my students for two weeks. I'll have them smart enough to appreciate World Girl by January.

Ryan R

When do they start appreciating Fraggles Rock?

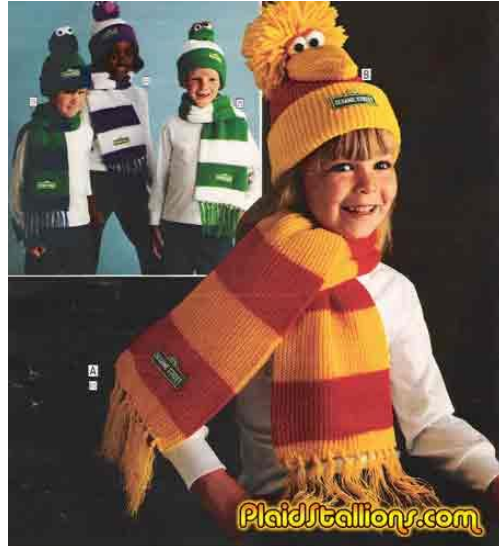
Joe

In 1983.

[Marianne]

1975 Big Bird hat Sep 8 • 11262.1-7

Ryan R This was posted on a blog that's doing "Sesame Street week." Have we ever seen this? It looks like the little girl scalped Big Bird and is now wearing his head as a proud symbol of her horrible achievement.

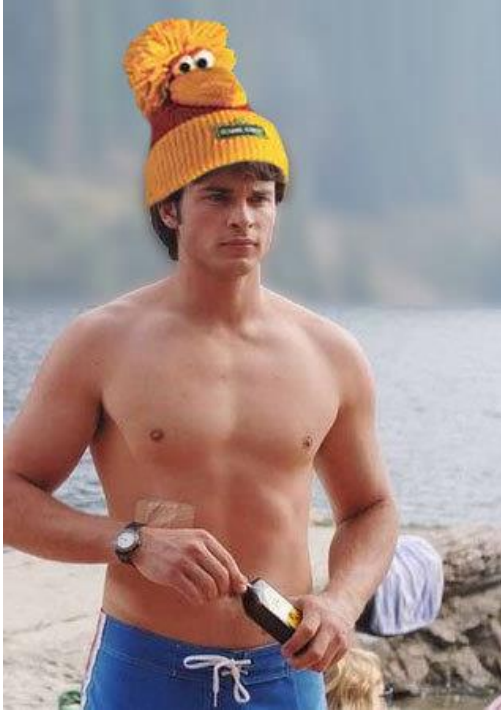


Scott Really? I think it looks like a pom-pom that someone cleverly added eyes and a beak to.

I'd wear it.

Ryan R You're right, of course... It's pretty cute. I was just being snarky, but I actually do like it. You should track one down and post pictures of yourself wearing it.

Scott This is from my trip to Alaska.



Anthony Ha!

Now do one of four Jimmy Olsens in Big Bird hats!

Scott I should really be doing something more constructive.



Anthony Oh, man. Thank you. It's even more beautiful than I imagined it would be.

Comic book fanboys

Sep 15 • 9185.2138-2143

Quinn They'll probably make him a Titan, and then kill the heck out of him.

Joe Why settle for a Titan? They could make him a member of JLI and kill him. Or make him a member of Young Justice and kill him. Or make him a member of Titans East and kill him. Or make him a Charlton Comics creation and kill him.

Anthony Or make him a founding member of the Justice League and kill him! And probably bring him back to life later!

Scott Is anyone else bored that the writers can't come up with any better ideas than killing off every character and bringing them back?

Anthony Yes. I have been bored with that for at least two years. Probably more.

Ryan R I hear Marvin dies in the new Muppet comics. Then his body is reanimated, but his head is replaced by a Muppaphone, and he endures an epic struggle as he learns to live with it.

[Tom]

Word Girl Sep 15 • 11255.28

Ryan R Super Grover is an urban legend, like Batman. He sticks to the shadows.

That's not true at all.

[Marianne]

Henson Townhouse: Sold

Sep 17 • 11275.3-6

Martha The words "gutted" and "Henson townhouse" make me sad when put together.

You might even say that my insides feel hollow at the thought.

Lara Sounds like an empty sentiment, Mar-mar.

Anthony Mar-mar?

Beth I think she was speaking to her Mallomar bar.

The Random Thread of Randomness

Sep 22 • 9511.3612-15

Scott Josh Groban is a terrible choice to sing anything.

Michal Not if you ask my dad.

But you didn't.

Cathy My mom's a fan too. Of Josh Groban, not your dad. Not that she would have any reason to not be a fan of your dad. It's just that she doesn't know him. I think. I mean, I can't really know that without asking her directly. She does know a lot of people, so maybe she does know your dad and I'm just not aware of it. There's a ton of stuff that my mom knows that I'm not aware of. Seriously, can we ever really know our parents? Really know them? I've strayed off my original point. What was it again? Ah yes. My point is this: my mom loves your dad.

[Martha]

Sid the Science Kid

Sep 25 • 11077.66-67

Ryan M

I used to pretend to be a TV host when I was a kid sometimes, giving news headlines and interviewing classmates.

Joe

Ah, so I'm not the only one. RIP Joe TV.

[Marianne]

Bonnie Erickson interview

Sep 25 • 11301.2-9

Ryan R That's cool. Did the Henson workshop design the Philly Phanatic? That's kind of what's implied, but I can't tell for sure.

Ryan R Actually, Ryan, if you would just take 10 seconds to do a web search, you would find that, according to Wikipedia, the Phanatic was designed by "Harrison/Erickson," now known as "Acme Mascots."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phillie_Phanatic

Joe No, she has her own design company that specializes in corporate mascots.

<http://www.acmemascots.com>

Joe Actually Joe, if you had waited ten seconds, Ryan would have figured it out on his own.

Erik I wish I had a post in this thread so I could reply to myself.

Erik Actually, Erik, you do have a post, so you can reply.

Erik Oh, good.

Ryan R All of us on this forum get along so well.

With ourselves.

FAO Schwartz Muppet Workshop

Oct 1 • 11300.26-32

Ryan R A Whatnot on national TV? That's exciting. On a slightly related note, I totally forgot to set the VCR for Piggy's appearance on The View.

Joe It's cool, I got yer back.

Ryan R Great, but do you have Piggy's back?

Scott Piggy's got plenty o' back.

Smig She's got plenty in FRONT, too..

Hell, there's a lot of her in ALL directions.

Quinn Just more for me to love.

Daniel I...I like to watch.

Quinn As long as you're quiet about it.

September Forum Stats!

Oct 2 • 11317.7-9

Anthony Boy, I'm looming dangerously close to five digits.

Beth Maybe it's time to go on a diet.

Judge Everything

Oct 2 • 8892.1977

Quinn

Fashioning an Anasazi loinloth out of Yucca fiber and human hair: 8

Fashioning an Anasazi loinloth out of shredded newspaper and paper clips: 9

Wearing it (over clothing) when the principal walked in with 8 people from the district: 11,248

[Michal]

2009 Muppet Calendars

Oct 2 • 11318.4-8

Quinn And Gonzo with that stupid shirt.

Scott It's his CRAZY shirt! Look at how *CRAZY* he is! Isn't that Gonzo just
**CRAAAAY-ZEEE* !!!

Indecision 2008

Oct 4 • 11252.149-50

Jes

I also don't talk about politics much in front of Emileigh (or at all to tell the truth- what with all the religion in my life, I try to stay out of other touchy areas. Unless it's sex. And drugs. And sex on drugs. Ok, this is starting to stray...), so I was also surprised when she said she was an Obama supporter. Why does she want him to win? She told me that she thinks he should win because it's time for the first black president. Also, she wants to be able to claim a memory in history, as in, "I remember when the first black president was elected." Politically correct *and* self-serving- she's really a part of the new generation.

Quinn

When I asked Miles, he said "because he looks different, and it's time for someone different. And I like how he has hair, but he's kind of bald too."

[Michal]

Elmo Live

Oct 15 • 10934.23-45

Ryan M

Well, to hijack this a bit more, the Wall Street Journal had an entertaining article a few months ago about costume-rental places who were sued by major companies, and as such, had to change the design of their costumes and the names of the characters to avoid future lawsuits. SpongeBob became "SquishyGuy," and Elmo became "Red Tickle Monster." (The owner of this particular rental place later decided to forget the whole copyright-infinging thing and create her own original characters- a team of environmentally-friendly superheroes.)

Ryan R

I read about that. The unauthorized Dora the Explorers became "Spanish-speaking Adventure Girl" or some such. What would they call a fake Miss Piggy costume? "Glamorous Karate Pork Lady"?

Scott

What a fun game!

Kermit would be Pointy-Collared Frog.

Ryan R

Big Bird = Huge Friendly Canary?

Ryan M

I think "Glamorous Karate Pork Lady" is what they call Miss Piggy in Japan.

Scott

Thunderous Monacled Vampire.

Joe

Imaginary Woolly Elephant Friend.

Ryan R

Strong Stripey-pantsted Monster

Cathy

Garbage Dwelling Misanthrope

David B

Hook-Nosed Bird Lover

Ryan R

Happy, Boisterous Game Show Host

Joe

Pointy-collared lizard.

Grant

Confused mustached postcard man.

David B

Blue Contraction-Avoiding Spazz

Grant

Two old guys in balcony

Joe

Oh man, you win. I can't top that.

[Michal]

Searching for Tough Pigs

Oct 21 • 11228.24-26

Joe The lesson learned here is that there aren't nearly enough nude pictures on ToughPigs.

Ryan R Which is exactly why we're planning our big upcoming series "My Week With Naked People."

Jog What a neat approach to this year's Muppet Fan Halloween Parade.

Happy Birthday, Jes!

Oct 23 • 11344.24

Ryan R You know what they say: Let fweeping kittens lie.

Wait a second... That's not what they say at all. Never mind.

[Michal]

Emmet Otter Stage Show

Oct 23 • 10946.104-122

Joe The show has been cast! With a bunch of people I've never heard of!

Andrew L Well, Gretchen Fox is played by Lisa Howard. I hadn't heard of her either, but seems she's done a lot of TV work and was a regular on the "Highlander" series for awhile (as McCloud's doctor love interest)! [Ah, wait, seems that's another Lisa Howard. Darn those people with the same names.]

I'm sad that neither Paul Williams nor Rip Taylor will be playing ghostly-or-flashback Pa Otter.

Ryan R Rip Taylor?

Andrew L Read earlier in the thread. I halfheartedly predicted that the play would feature Pa Otter, and he would be played by Rip Taylor.

Joe I think Ryan was going for more of a "Rip Taylor? I hardly know her!"

Ryan R I most certainly was not. I had actually forgotten about the earlier Rip Taylor joke. I would be pretty surprised if Pa Otter's ghost goes around throwing confetti.

Jog Confetti? Why not snake oil?

Anthony Rip Taylor is known for throwing confetti.

Scott There just aren't enough people who wanna oil a snake.

Joe This thread is officially ridiculous.

Should we pass the hat?

Jog Rip Taylor used to say: "If you pass the hat to fish, all you get is a wet hat!"

Joe Man, he said shit like that ALL the time.

[Tony]

Happy Birthday Andrew!

Oct 27 • 11348.15-16

Kellie Happy, uh, tooth-fixing day. (Just wait 'til Hallmark gets in on that one.)

Andrew L Yeah, there's a huge untapped market there. Potential messages:

"The tooth shall set you free!"

"Keep smiling!"

"Abcess makes the heart grow fonder!"

"Brace yourself, friend!"

"Good luck on your little brush with fate!"

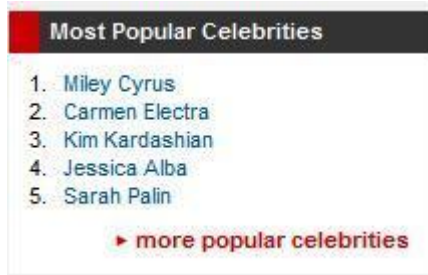
"Your floss is our gain!"

"You're ready to compete in the molar derby!"

"Nothing dentured, nothing gained!"

And plenty of artwork of happy teeth and sad teeth and cute teeth with a bag of ice on their heads.

Anthony I just saw this on TVGuide.com. It seems about right.



Joe Every name on that list confuses me for all different reasons.

Anthony Ooh, let me guess! Let me guess!

1. Miley Cyrus because Disney would have you believe she's over-the-hill.
2. Carmen Electra because she's dead.
3. Kim Kardashian because you don't know who that is.
4. Jessica Alba because she super sucks.
5. Sarah Palin because you thought it would say "Tina Fey".

Deep Discount Sale

Nov 7 • 10785.23-27

Cathy ...and another retailer feels the pain of the economic crisis.

Ryan R Yeah, that was my first thought. Even the Deep Discount shark is feeling the bite of the bear market.

Joe What's next? Penguins?

[Michal]

Halloween Parade 2008!

Nov 9 • 11386.1-2

Joe Hey, it's some people dressed as things we like!

David B And Elmo!

[Michal]

Elmo Live

Nov 13 • 10934.71

Erik

When the guy said that Elmo Live was black inside, I thought, "Just like the real Elmo!"

[Tony]

Ricky Gervais to appear on Sesame

Nov 14 • 11399.4

Scott The episode immediately following his should feature Steve Carell doing the exact same script.

[Michal]

Zero Mostel and the Muppets

Nov 14 • 11401.1-14

[Warrick posts a link to an eBay auction of a photo of Fozzie with Zero Mostel.]

David B Doesn't Kermit mention in that episode that Fozzie and Zero have a pantomime scheduled? Could this be it? Was it shot and then cut? It boggle the mind about what kind of Muppet stuff was left on the cutting room floor...

Jog I wonder if this was one of those things that took 27 takes. Imagine how pissed Zero would have been when the episode aired and there was no sign of this scene.

Scott Probably not very pissed. I believe Zero was the only guest to have died before his episode aired.

Jog Oh yeah, shoot. I really should read that big on-web Muppet wiki thing that everyone is talking about...

Daniel A Muppet Wiki? Never heard of it.

[Tom]

Kermit as Chaplin no more

Nov 18 • 11403.22-23

Michal Today at work my supervisor was complaining that *his* supervisor openly belittles his taste in music.

Jaime: She snapped on my Duran Duran, man!

Michal: Ouch. You might want to see a doctor about that.

My comment went ignored until several minutes later, when Jaime realized the full extent of my illness.

David S You did what with whose dog for how many bowls of chili?

Hi, I'm new

Nov 20 • 11404.6-16

Lara

I think the only real requirement is

- being able to say "Tartaglia" five times fast without tripping up.
- Knowing the difference between Steve Whitmire and Brian Henson.
- taking a joke.
- Knowing who Abe Vigoda and Bea Arthur are.
- Knowing the difference between them.

Ryan R

Hint: Bea Arthur is the one who plays Rizzo.

Joe

I thought that was John Larroquette playing Bea Arthur playing Rizzo.

I guess that's what the Wiki is for.

Michal

I thought Stockard Channing played Rizzo.

Lara

No, no, you're thinking of Dustin Hoffman.

Joe

Stockard Channing played Dustin Hoffman?

Michal

...Who played Rizzo!

Now I get it.

Ryan R

Stockard Channing played Iron Man's maid, remember? It was in that TV special where they hung out with Mr. Magoo.

Joe

That sounds familiar. For some reason I'm remembering lots of cocaine. Was there lots of cocaine?

[Beth]

Forum traffic zippy-zoom

Nov 21 • 11420.3-7

[Forum traffic shoots up during a one-week period.]

Anthony Gotta love that Quinn effect.

Quinn I'm the Lucky Charm.
Or possibly the Shredded Wheat.

Alaina Either way, you bother the roof of my mouth.

Quinn It is so hot the way you say that.

Halloween Costumes 2008

Nov 22 • 11368.53

Quinn

Hitting people in the face with your limp bird?

I get uninvited from more parties that way...

Halloween Parade 2008!

Nov 22 • 11386.13-26

Lara Just so you know, next year it is my ambition to dress as Max. So if you guys ever find a green pleather cap. Send it my way.

Ryan R If you can't find one, you can always dress like a motorcycle cop.

Lara Motorcycle cop?

Ryan R Are you whispering sweet nothings to me?

(You were talking about Max from The Muppet Movie, right?)

Lara Yes, dear, I was.

Motorcycle cop.

Tony HUSSY!

I can't believe you went behind my back and did that...

Lara Tony! What are you doing home?!

Tony Don't you "Tony! What are you doing home?!" me! After I sent you the entire "Animal Show" series, this is how you treat me? You were one of the very few people who shared gratitude for that show with me, and now...well, now I feel like I don't know you anymore.

Who else have you been with? Has Jog been wooing you again with his Whatnot knowledge? Why don't you, him, and that damn rabbit get a room?!

slams proverbial door

Ryan R Wow, that was really something. This is my favorite soap opera ever.

But Tony, there's a perfectly logical, innocent explanation for everything, and you're really going to laugh when you hear it. Really.

Tony I'm listening. *grabs a nearby vase*

Ryan R Well, you see, it's like this...

See, there was this motorcycle cop, and then...

Um...

leaps out window

Misread Thread Titles

Nov 22 • 9486.516-521

Martha Palin Center Christmas Special

I have a feeling that moose will be involved.

Quinn That would go well with the "Mysterious Moose" I keep misreading in the other thread.

Martha I was misreading that as "Mysterious Mouse."

Ryan R I was misreading it as "Underwear Casserole." I'm a really bad reader.

[Michal]

Miles & Carter stories

Nov 22 • 7711.796-811

Quinn

A conversation about the new Batman cartoon "The Brave and the Bold," in the back seat of our car on the way to a movie this evening.

QUINN: So Miles, the new Batman cartoon--you know the one with Bl--

MILES: Blue Beetle. YES, Dad.

QUINN: Uh, anyway, that Batman cartoon is going to have Plas--

MILES: Plastic Man. You told me.

QUINN: He's the one who can stret--

MILES: Stretch and make all kinds of crazy stuff out of his body. I know.

QUINN: Okay. Well, anyway, I hope it's cool.

MILES: It will be.

QUINN: I wonder if when he stretches, if he feels plasticky, or like skin?

MILES: I bet it's like plastic. PLASTIC Man. (with an implied "duh.")

CARTER: I metted Plastic Man.

(MILES AND QUINN EXCHANGE A LOOK)

QUINN: You did?

CARTER: I metted him on this Earth.

QUINN: Really?

CARTER: Yeah, Mom drove me to see him.

QUINN: Wow. And did you see what he felt like?

CARTER: He was plasticky.

QUINN: Was he nice?

CARTER: Yeah. But he was too stretchy. He had to go home. His mom was mad. And then Mom drove me home. But she wasn't mad. She was nice. On this Earth.

(a minute passes)

QUINN: So I hope this movie is good...

Justin

I'm going to start appending "On this Earth." to the ends of all my sentences.

Quinn

The follow-up to that story happened yesterday, when Melissa dragged herself in from her "Twilight" party. I was telling her what Carter said about taking her taking him to see Plastic Man, and he was in the room...

CARTER: No, I went and saw Plastic Man all by myself. Then I came home.

Then he went back to painting with water colors. He's probably been drinking the rinse water, too. The kid's nuts. On this Earth.

Yo Gabba Gabba!

Nov 25 • 11428.5-7

Joe I love Biz Markie so much.

Cathy Biz Markie is from my hometown!

Alaina Biz Markie says I'm his "homegirl".

But I say he's just a friend.

[Anthony]

Wall-E

Nov 25 • 10525.85-91

Daniel

quietly

I have never really liked Alan.

I'm sorry.

Jes

And I've never really liked Gina, so we are even.

Daniel

Le gasp.

The word is no.

[Anthony]

The Random Thread of Randomness

Nov 27 • 9511.37575-81

Lara That poster was awesome and creepy as hell all at once.

I never thought I'd say that about my beloved Gonzo.

Quinn You never thought you'd say Gonzo was "creepy as hell"? You don't know him very well, do you?

Lara Of course I do! We've been dating for months now!

He's always been weird, which is why I like him, but not CREEPY. Like scary creepy. Creepy is watching ladies undress from a telescope. Weird is dancing on thumbtacks and pudding for art.

Weird, I like.

Ryan R What about being sexually attracted to chickens? Which category does that fall under?

Lara The same as a pig being attracted to a frog?

Anthony Yeah, but at least pigs and frogs both speak English.

Letters to Santa: A Muppets Christmas

Nov 28 • 11259.83-97

Anthony And now I watched the clip. It looks like it could be fun. I liked the song. That said, I'm still having a hard time adjusting to the "Muppets are just regular people who hang out in the real-world all the time" vibe seems to have become the standard over the last decade.

Scott Haven't they been that way since 1979?

Anthony No, not really. The movies were the exception in those days. The old specials take place in fantasy Muppet worlds.

Look at Muppet Family Christmas - Doc's a human in a Muppet world there, not the other way around. The Muppets Go to the Movies, A Celebration of 30 Years and others take place in theaters, a Muppet's natural home.

More importantly, they acted like The Muppets in all of those things, including the movies. They were entertainers always, regardless of where they were. They told corny jokes, put on memorable production numbers, and did vaudevillian dialogue.

Since Muppets from Space, we've gotten this ordinary world where they don't really do any of that. They just act like regular people who live in a house somewhere.

Two examples - First, the two adaptations from the 90s were just that. Adaptations. They cast the Muppets in other roles, but at least we could pretend they acted like The Muppets when the sketch was over. In Oz, we see what they do in their free time, and it's . . . drive around the country looking for humans to star in Muppet productions?! Not guest-stars. Just regular humans, because the Muppets have become more and more like regular humans.

Second - One big reason that the Muppet Theatre stuff in It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie doesn't work for me is that no one acts like they're in the Muppet Theatre. They act like regular performers who are sitting around waiting to go on. On The Muppet Show, they did the same type of jokes backstage that they did on-stage. Of course, in VMC they don't even do Muppety stuff when they're on-stage, so I guess it's too much to ask that they do it backstage.

In this preview, we don't see anything that resembles wacky, Muppety fun. We get Kermit, Fozzie, Gonzo, and Piggy waiting in line at the post office doing expository dialogue like they're on some sitcom. They aren't doing anything funny or even especially interesting. They're just standing around waiting like boring, dull, average human beings.

I like to think that Muppets don't do mundane, everyday things. In their movies they have adventures, sure. They ride bicycles, they dance on stage, they drive buses full of Muppets to Hollywood. On their TV show, they entertain. But they certainly don't brush their teeth or wait in line at the post office. And if they do, it's a set-up for a joke or a song or a nice character moment. It's a device to make millions of people happy. It isn't an obligation that they have in their personal lives.

It's no fun.

And yes, I realize that there is a song in that clip. As I mentioned earlier, I liked it. It's a step in the right direction. But why can't they act like Muppets before it starts?

Joe See, I like the Muppets-in-the-real-world vibe. That's why MTM is my favorite Muppet movie. I'm a little tired of Muppets Under Water and Muppets in the Wild West.

Also, I like how the air conditioning ducts are connected to the mail system. That explains why I never get my packages.

Anthony Heh. I like it too, when they do funny and/or touching and/or interesting things. I like Muppets in the real world, but I don't like Muppets acting like humans.

Somehow I can't see this modern-day version of The Muppets all getting funny jobs to write to Kermit about. They'd all still be waiting for the bus and doing exposition.

Okay, I'm done now.

Jamie B Some astute observations that made me laugh a lot - some definite truths in there. They do seem to have acquired the weight of the world since MFS in their film work, and it's just not necessary. I think now the gang is back together (recasts settling in) there's no reason we shouldn't start feeling more of a troupe mentality start kicking in again. A little bit of an infectious desire to outperform each other and just put on a show would be wonderful (without theaters being in danger or the need to mope over breakfast cereal.)

Daniel Those are some really great points. I think what happened is that the writers have been unsure with what to do with the characters, because in their minds, without the Muppet Show, they aren't performers anymore. For me, what's been lost is a good sense of context. Why are the Muppets together when not in the context of the Muppet Show? The first three movies had context. We have an origin of the characters from the Muppet Show. Next they are putting on a heist movie, followed by being together because they went to college and are taking the show to Broadway. That's kind of the beginning of what we have now, but still performing. This is followed by being

performers in adaptations credited along side regular actors, much like Caper but with unoriginal stories.

Then comes Muppets from Space. What do they do? Nothing that we know of. They just live in a house together. We don't even know why, they just do. All we know is that they are Muppets, so they must. Miss Piggy seems to be the only one with a job and it's getting coffee. Nobody else has any kind of development or context for being. We don't know if people are aware they are "The Muppets" or if they are just the weird house from down the block. They are just there because they are Muppets. Now look out. Animal has to use the john.

I liked how it worked in the Christmas Movie, because it was a return of context. They want to save the theatre they perform in. Yes they live in the real world, but now the Muppet Show theatre is located there with them. It was the same concept as before but with more world thrown in. Miss Piggy and Kermit talking about getting dinner, or getting out of dinner. Statler and Waldorf talking about the missus at home. The scene from the Christmas Movie was the characters sitting in the seats of the Theatre with a more serious tone. Think of it as the same place they sat watching auditions for new acts and Steve Martin picking banjo. I don't think it's Muppets acting like humans that bothers you. They always have acted that way, it's what makes them so easy to relate to. Maybe it's that they've become so boring and one dimensional without anything to perform or any real reason to be together besides just being Muppets. If Fozzie isn't the way he is because he's a hapless comedian what is he? Why is he? We don't really know that anymore.

Anthony

You know, that's a good point. It's not that they're acting like humans. It's that they're dull. You're right.

If that sequence had funny jokes instead of "I thought it would be a white Christmas"/"Me too", I'd be okay with it. I wouldn't even have noticed they were at the post office.

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

Dec 1 • 1430.23-24

Tom Peppermint Patty needs to take up residence with Scrappy-Doo and the Ewoks in a town called Why Were These Characters Ever So Popular in the First Place?

Alaina and Jokey Smurf!

What an ass.

[Cathy]

Where we at?

Dec 3 • 10718.384-392

Cathy Aw, reading everyone's posts here makes me miss the community aspect of having religion in my life. Say what you will about organized religion, but they truly know how to get, well, organized.

The life of a heathen can be a lonely one.

Quinn There's good and bad with all of it. As with all clumpings of humans. There are definitely religious people who are assholes, but there are some Muppet fans who are assholes too. So I try to see past the bad, find the good, and then (from a comfortable distance) embrace what I can. I think I'm a better person for what I've experienced with my religion, and I think it's made me a better husband and father.

Then again, I was pretty great to start with. ;)

Ryan R I haven't been an active part of a church community in a few years now, and that feeling of being a part of something is maybe the one thing I miss the most.

I don't believe now everything I believed then, faithwise, but it would be nice to get that feeling back... where every member of the congregation has their role, even the crazy old people.

Quinn The crazy old people in the congregation are some of my favorites. Because they just don't give a hoot what they say. Social niceties? No thank you, sir.

Ryan R Exactly. I don't look forward to being an old person, but I do happily anticipate the day when I can say something like, "That child looks like a baboon!" and everyone will just smile and shake their heads lovingly.

Cathy My religion and I decided to see other people. I'll always look back fondly on the relationship we had, but I think we both realized when it was time to move on. And as with any long-term slightly dysfunctional relationship that's ended, I don't regret the time we spent together. I wouldn't have all those great experiences that helped me to become the person I am today without that particular religion. But now that a little time has passed and I can see things for what they really were, I sure as hell am happier now that we're broken up.

Maybe next time I'll try Hare Krishna.

Or girls.

Quinn HELLO.

Joe Hi Quinn!

Oh sorry, I thought you were talking to me.

[Michal]

Miles & Carter stories

Dec 3 • 7711.822-825

Quinn For the last three months or so, Carter has been on this baby animal kick. Like baby zoo animals, not "Baby Animal, Star of Muppet Babies." He'll walk into a room (or sometimes crawl, or slither, or fly) making odd squeaking/squawking noises, and you'll say "Hiya Carter," and he'll say, "I not Carter--I Baby Lion." And then you need to communicate with the Baby Lion until he's done being that animal. Melissa has put a stop to it at the dinner table after some unfortunate soup incident, but he's still doing it everywhere else. So far he's been:

Baby Lion

Baby Squirrel

Baby Octopus

Baby Lemur

Baby Kitty

Baby Doggie

Baby Worm

Baby Dinosaur

Baby Snake

Baby Reindeer

Baby Turkey

Baby Seal (this is where the soup incident happened...it wasn't pretty)

And my possible favorite, Baby Snail.

Just when you think he's out of that phase, he'll come creeping in, and he's not Carter anymore, but some new animal that he thought of. It's a pretty funny stage. And he's a Grade-A Freak. Love it.

Cathy *Baby Seal (this is where the soup incident happened...it wasn't pretty)*

Did you have to club him?

[Martha]

The Random Thread of Randomness

Dec 4 • 9511.3789-90

Tony I've always wanted to see a mime on fire.

Marianne I went on YouTube to find you a link of a mime on fire. I found one but have discovered that no, you actually do not want to see it.

Tony Did he make a sound?

...What's wrong with me today?!

[Michal]

Cheap Red and Green album

Dec 4 • 11443.2-5

Ryan R That's cheap all right. That's such a good deal, I might buy it even though I already own it. Then I'll buy it again!

Tony Will you be wearing it as a hat?

Ryan R I'll use one as a hat, yes. And one as a plate for little pancakes. Maybe one I'll throw out the window. One I'll use to pick my teeth. One I'll give to my elderly Aunt Cloise for her birthday. One I'll paint blue, one I'll use to slice cheese, and one I'll use to hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters, all over this land.

But seriously, I maintain that it's not a bad album. Not wonderful, but not bad. It's definitely worth a dollar.

Tony And yet, you never thought of giving any of them to your TP friends.

Way to show your Christmas spirit, jerk.

Ben Stein's "Expelled"

Dec 5 • 11447.5-6

Joe He's got a low, boring voice. Who wouldn't want to sit through two hours of that?

Ryan R My guesses:

- Jimmy Kimmel
- Nancy Pimental
- Jimmy Kimmel's cousin Sal
- Bueller
- Bueller

[Michal]

Kristin Chenoweth Xmas CD Dec 7 • 11226.39-42

Scott Lex [Luthor] has a mechanical hand? When did I miss that?

Joe He sure does. He lost a hand to Kryptonite-related radiation poisoning (from the ring he used to wear).

 Though now that I think about it, that might be pre-Crisis continuity. I've got the issue in Cleveland.

Anthony Yeah, sure you do.

 "Lex Luthor Loses a Hand Due to Kryptonite-Related Radiation Poisoning" - A fanfiction in three parts, by Joe Hennes.

Jennifer Connelly remembers Labyrinth

Dec 7 • 11452.5

[We're making fun of Jennifer Connelly for referring to her puppet costar as "THE Hoggle" instead of just "Hoggle.]

Michal The Hoggle is indeed a wonderful creature. The United States and Canada list 3.5 that have been bred in captivity, with an estimated additional 2.8 living in the wild.

Hoggles make their nests in dense shrubbery, and have been known to hide from predators in oubliettes. They subsist mainly on pilfered jewelery, and show a learned aversion to peaches.

The Hoggle is not a social animal, but has a exhibited a demonstrated leniency towards obstinate teenage girls. Its natural enemy is the Goblin King.

[Beth]

New Follow That Bird DVD

Dec 11 • 11462.20-27

Ryan R The Elmo puppet appears in the movie, but he has less screen time than Bruno the trashman. And he's not really Elmo, star of Elmo's World and lovable character seen in toy form in the bedroom of every child in America. That's who less-knowledgeable parents and their even-less-knowledgeable little kids will be expecting when they see the red guy on the cover.

Scott Ah, but he has more dialogue than Bruno. He's says "no-no-no-no-no!"

Ryan R Okay, but you know who has more dialogue than that? Sandra Bernhard. Why don't they put her on the cover?

Scott You just haven't seen the Collector's Edition cover yet.



Jennifer Connelly remembers Labyrinth

Dec 11 • 11452.7-45

- Mo** it's part of a longtime fan tradition to make fun of jennifer connelly, anyway. it would've been disappointing if she hadn't said something stupid about the labyrinth.
- jennifer's personality is kind of parallel to david bowie's crotch. unconvincing, unimpressive, and the subject of much mockery by the people who love the film most.
- Smig** David Bowie has a crotch?
- Ryan R** Oh, sure. That crotch is the true star of the film.
- Cathy** I hear his crotch has the power of voodoo.
- Joe** David Bowie's crotch is like an MC Escher painting.
- Cathy** David Bowie's crotch is like a warm summer breeze.
- Ryan R** Bowie's crotch is like the concept of infinity.
- Michal** David Bowie's crotch can touch everything but itself.
- Joe** David Bowie's crotch thinks, therefore it is.
- Ryan R** David Bowie's crotch can neither be created nor destroyed.
- Cathy** We are all one with David Bowie's crotch.
- Tony** David Bowie's Crotch Mistakes his Wife for a Hat
- Andrew L** David Bowie's Crotch Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb
- Lara** David Bowie's Crotch's Land of Carpets
- Tony** David Bowie while George Burns.
- Michal** In David Bowie's crotch, no one can hear you scream.
- Mo** david bowie's crotch has fallen, and it can't get up.
- Joe** Good grief, the comedian is David Bowie's Crotch!
- Michal** David Bowie's crotch, come home!
- Lara** Are you there, God? It's me, David Bowie's Crotch.
- Marianne** An object in David Bowie's crotch stays in David Bowie's crotch.
- Justin** David Bowie's crotch does not sleep. It waits.

Michal A stitch in David Bowie's crotch saves nine.

Martha David Bowie's Crotch and the Goody Kablooi

Ryan R David Bowie's crotch is the world's funniest comedian.

Tony The 1975 clip of David Bowie's crotch

Jog A The Hoggle Christmas: Letters to David Bowie's Crotch

[Cathy, Beth]

Anthony's Journey Through TP

Dec 12 • 3166.88

David S Just think, exactly five years ago I was talking about hamsters. And here I am today.

Yossi Disney approves all sorts of weird renderings of the characters they own.

And some are internally generated, come to think of it. The Mickey, Donald, and Goofy walkabout characters that you see at the theme parks don't really look much like Mickey, Donald, or Goofy.

Ryan R Even as a kid, it always struck me that the Donald walkarounds have too much junk in the trunk.

Joe Yeah, but the Mickey, Donald and Goofy walkaround are how Disney WANTS them to look.

Ryan R They want Donald Duck to have a badonkadonk?

Yossi Well, presumably, or else he wouldn't. But goodness knows why. Tradition?

Mo It's tradition for Disney to do almost everything wrong, yes.

[Cathy]

What did you think of Letters to Santa?

Dec 20 • 11479.71-83

Yossi I didn't really like it at all. For a bunch of reasons, but here's the main reason: The Kermit, Fozzie, and Gonzo that I know from TMS are all very self-absorbed people. Having them drop everything on a meaningless favor that doesn't directly benefit any of them is completely out of character.

Michal Self-absorbed? Really?

I mean, they're absorbed in making sure the show goes on, or getting a laugh, or enthusiasm for absurdity, but they're not selfish characters.

They're not entirely selfless, either. But as long as you're comparing this scenario to that of TMS, keep in mind they don't have a show at stake here. They just have their vacations, which do seem a rather boring thing to drop just to deliver Claire's letter.

If the same characters were putting on The Muppet Show, would they drop a performance to deliver letters to Santa? No, they would bring the show with them to the North Pole or to Claire's apartment, or something equally large-scale, which might have been more exciting.

Yossi Gonzo and Fozzie were all about practicing their art, and never mind actually providing the (fictional) audience with any actual entertainment.

And Kermit was all about keeping the show running as smoothly as possible, and never mind whose feelings he had to risk hurting along the way.

(I mean, if you asked any of *them*, they wouldn't admit it. They don't *know* they're self-absorbed. But that doesn't mean they aren't. Most people don't really internalize how self-absorbed they are. I certainly don't.)

It's like I said in a post a few days ago -- it's only really the Muppets unless somebody's behavior is completely exasperating somebody else. Fozzie and Gonzo should have been exasperating, and Kermit should have been exasperated. The only person being exasperated in this special was Piggy, and she was swept offstage as rapidly as possible.

Michal Well, now you're just asking for lots and lots of non-exasperating, yet Muppety, examples to disprove your rule.

Yossi Bring it on.

I'll bet all of them work only because they're built on a foundation of exasperated-ness. The peaceful, fuzzy, satisfying resolution to a comedic conflict.

Either that, or they're song and dance numbers whose appeal is in the spectacle, slapstick comedy, and/or wordplay. But those aren't really Muppet-y things in and of themselves; they're just things that the Muppets happen to do well.

David B

Yossi hit the nail on the head of part of my argument, and I cannot hold my tongue any longer. I've been thinking how to best compose this since watching the special, and this is what I've come up with.

Yossi is right that most of the characters are now bland and sterile. Gonzo especially. He used to have an edge of danger about him, a lunatic bravado that made you feel that you should never be in the passenger seat while he's driving. The muted Sad Sack we were subjected to is unrecognizable and not true to the character's roots. Even when Gonzo was depressed (and albeit ugly) in the first season of TMS, he was still batshit crazy, and endearingly so. This Gonzo would seem more at home drinking cocoa by the fire than defusing a bomb while reciting Percy Bysshe Shelley.

And Kermit has essentially just become a guardian for the rest of the characters, with little discernible character of his own. Gone is the snark that Jim's Kermit so gloriously had - Steve's Kermit is gooey and placating to a fault. Yes, Kermit was often the peacemaker and the level-headed one, but he had a wit and a recurring frazzled-ness that rounded him out. Kermit, in recent times, has become an emblem and less a character, and the poorer for it. And the reworking of these two characters is indicative of the overall neutering of the Muppets.

. . .

My favorite things about the special are things that even the schmalztiest of writers could not kill - the madcap cameos of characters like Crazy Harry and Lew Zealand (who are, perverted as they are, probably impossible to sterilize), and the occasional reverent nods to history (the airport bit, Luncheon Counter Monster, Pops). But as a whole, this special kept me at arm's length due to its obvious pandering for sympathy and lack of the zest that made the Muppets appealing in the first place.

We need to get Season Four of The Muppet Show, post haste. That's my Muppets. And I fear those Muppets are no longer with us.

Yossi

I don't think it's even a question. Those Muppets are indeed no longer with us.

But I suspect that now somebody who agrees with the points that we made will sidle up to the forum and (as people sometimes do) post something along the lines of "well, maybe if they aren't going to do it right, nobody should make any new Muppet stuff anymore."

But I certainly wouldn't want that. I just want new Muppet stuff that's truer to the existing Muppet stuff that I actually like. Possibly the best way to achieve that is to ignore everything that's been made since, say, 1986, and look at the movies, series, specials, and sketches from before that time, and wonder okay, how do I make more of this -- but for a modern audience?

It sounds like maybe that's what Jason Segel is trying to do, since he possibly isn't actually *familiar* with any of the post-1986 stuff. (Does anybody know if that movie is likely to actually get made? We haven't heard anything about it in a few months.)

(And I know -- such an approach would undo twenty years of character development, but in this case, I don't think that would be a bad thing. I'd have to hope that the performers could handle it if the writers and directors could. After all, actors portray earlier versions of characters in flashbacks all the time.)

Yossi

In GMC, Fozzie wasn't Fozzie, he was a Fozzie-like character in an adventure story, as portrayed by Fozzie. (If you catch my drift.) All of the in-movie versions of the characters needed more nobility than their ordinary selves have to make the movie's story work.

I don't remember Kermit being sick in enough detail to dispute that one -- but the Harry Belafonte episode depicted Fozzie's egoism in full force.

"And well all know who we have to thank for that!"

"The script-writer!"

"No... the guest star, Fozzie."

Like most people, Fozzie has a deep, dark, interior. His passion for being the center of attention and for creative expression results in his wanting as much control over the show as he can possibly grab. At the same time, he really wants people to like him.

Those goals are mutually contradictory, which is why he's never yet tried to usurp Kermit and take over the whole shootin'-match, except in the limited ways you mentioned. It's that struggle between his hunger for attention and his vulnerability, coupled with his charming incompetence, that most define his character.

(And to think Frank Oz once described him as one-dimensional.)

(Though at the same time, the stuff I just said sounds a lot like the stuff other people have been saying about Piggy in other threads. Hmm...)

Mike C

Well...I really can't complain much about the special. I mean, I owe it some credit for snapping me out of a Muppet-free existence that began just after

"Muppets Wizard of Oz." But it wasn't the best Muppet production I've seen, not even by modern standards. It was good though. I especially liked the scene with Pepe and the Sopranos, and the chemistry between Nathan Lane and Bobo. But I agree with the fact that now not every character is having their own personal funny moment. The one who came closest was actually Kermit, who after an argument with Piggy got the most dramatic face-squishing of Steve Whitmire's career. However, any attempts to do a Muppet mob scene was muted, it's a crime to have Paul Williams directing the Electric Mayhem with no song cue, and it was odd to have Pepe and Rizzo denying Santa Claus and go along to the North Pole while dozens of Muppets who DID believe went on to the Bahamas anyway. There was just too big a plot to cram into an hour, which is a shame, because Kirk Thatcher did much more with VMX, and that one was only a half-hour longer.

David S

I don't understand how Kermit should be self absorbed? Self involved, maybe, but there's definitely a sense of inclusion to his world view that leads me to believe he's more of a giver than a taker. Still, if I felt the need to deliver 5 letters to Santa as quickly as possible on Christmas Eve, I'd probably down some caffeine and wait by the chimney. Better yet, leave the letters next to a plate of cookies and hit the beach.

Plot weirdness aside, I absolutely love the warmth at the end and am so glad to have spent a new hour with muppets. Keep 'em comin.

VideoHound: Year of 100 Bones

Dec 20 • 11485.2

David B <<Year of 100 Bones>>

Yeah, I've had one or two of those.

[Michal]

Sesame Workshop Holiday Card

Dec 25 • 11477.2-8

[Jes posts a link to an online holiday card from Sesame Workshop]

Joe Aw, that was cute. Happy holidays to you too, Sesame Workshop.

Michal Ah, the universal language of Muppety love.

Anthony Awww. That's really sweet.

Jes And I love how everyone is replying to me like I had anything to do with making it. I'm sweet.

Anthony Hey Jes, I heard you made that card.

Good work.

[Joe]

And of course, no year would be complete without a visit from Santa Claus...

Ho Ho Ho

Nov 28-Dec 25 • 11435

Santa

So very soon its Christmas Day
When Santa Claus will come your way
Bringing lots of smiles and cheer
Cuz you were good this last past year

I've checked my list, oh once or twice
I know who's naughty and who's nice
I'm glad to say that you'll all see
Lots of prezzies neath your tree

Don't forget to leave the treats
The reindeer always need fresh eats
And when you wake on Christmas morn
Remember it's when Christ was born

So celebrate with love and care
And even those who can't be there
Help Santa with the task at hand
And spread some love all thru the land

Cathy

Santa, nice to see you here,
Spreading as always your good cheer.
I'm still working on my Christmas list
But fear there's something I may have missed.
So I'll probably need a few more days
As I'm still in my turkey haze.

Martha

Santa, we're so glad you're back -
With less than a month, you're right on track.
Most of us have been good folks.
(I wouldn't say the same of all of our jokes.)

I wish for my friends jobs, good health, and cheer
All throughout the coming year.
I've looked around, and can attest:
I love these guys, they are the best.

My Christmas wish is changed a bit, and yet the same
As last year's; just a different game
Of waiting. You see, I'm hoping we will get a call
From the adoption agency, for someone small.

Merry Christmas, Santa dear
We're always glad to see you here.

Joe Santa, Santa, you're so great
We're so glad when you communicate

You make Christmas fun each year
Let's do a dance called the Crazy Deer

I know our dance isn't very sound
But I hope it's enough to get you to stick around

Jes You know it's the most wonderful time of the year
Whenever Santa makes his visit here.
It doesn't seem possible, but it is true
Christmas is sneaking right up on you!

My calendar's full; I'm awfully busy.
It seems that the season puts me in a tizzy.
I'll have to get cracking on making my list
Right now I'd say it's free time that I miss!

Ryan R Santa, hi! It's good to see you
Just as it always is
I hope everything's going well for you
In the Christmas toy-making biz

As long as you're asking what we want
I'll go ahead and say
That if I got a laptop with cool bells and whistles
I'll jump up and shout "hooray!"

I have one more thing to ask you for
Look out now, this one's a lulu
For Christmas, could you swing it so our foreign friends
Can view NBC.com and Hulu?

Daniel Hey there Santa, Good to See you,
back around these parts.
Spreading joy and merriment,
into the Toughpigs hearts.

I skipped the rhymes a bit last year,
my spirit running thin.
I found myself a lot more Scrooge,
a lot less Tiny Tim.

Some trials and tribs, some loss and such
and other things you see,
had muddled up the holiday
and got the best of me.

Each year a new and different ride,
just keep on keeping on.

My Christmas spirits back this year,
So I'm back in the fun.

So joy noel to you and Mrs.
You've been truly missed.
But though I've got the rhymes this year,
I just misplaced my list.

Nuts.

Beth

Dear old Santa, have no fear,
My wishes are simple this year.
A visit with my family without any fight,
Safe traveling, if I might,
With my boyfriend, lots of time,
And for this poem, a good rhyme.

Merry Christmas!

Jes

Hey there Santa,
I hope I'm not too late
Writing my letter
On this date.

It's so close to Christmas,
But I hope you'll have time
To help me with
My wishes in rhyme.

My chores almost done,
My work nearly through,
I'm ready for fun
And an exchange with you

So busy was I
This Christmas season,
I almost forgot
This holiday's reason.

I wish for myself
And all of my friends
A year of good health
And peace from within

Please bring me the grace
To recognize God
In the world around me
And in everyone!

Smig

Just to tell you Santa You made me feel alright
After I saw the results of your brief visit late last night

And i'm feeling quite so thankful that I left the fireplace alight
Which led to me the pleasure of this next magical sight
Of you screaming thru the air with your red tushie burning bright.

Mo

Hey Santa!!
Sorry to thank you so late
But this half-jewish girl's
got a lot on her plate

Still I can't help but marvel
at all you have done
Three Fraggie Rock T-Shirts?!!
Not two, and not one.

My Husband got Money
My Dog got a bone
I found one more cat
And so she got a home

My favorite gift
wasn't expensive or big
But thank you oh Santa
for the lovely, TOUGH PIGS!!

[Cathy]

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