

Tough Pigs Yearbook 2003



As we look back, we Tough People, at 2003, we have to ask ourselves:
What the heck was I doing that whole time?
This document provides the answers.

From those winter months spent complaining about action figures, to the spring of chasing away crazy stalkers... through the summer of everyone being gay, including the straight people... into that strange fall season, full of goats and minestrone and letters to Santa Claus...

If you were here all year, then this is what you did. If you weren't here, then this is what happened before you got here. Either way: Enjoy, and Happy New Year.

Thanks to everyone who nominated quotes for the Yearbook: Alaina, Anthony, Emmy, Jes, Jog, John, Kevin, Mar, Martha, Michal, Quinn, Ryan R, and Travis.

As for me, the one thing I learned from compiling all this is:
The goat's name is Kevin. I'd completely forgotten about that.

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Cool new Hot Topic stuff

Jan 1 • 1228.2

Emmy:

For the love of all that is felt and funny, why the hell do they keep on making that really scary underwear?

[Jog]

Kynan:

You know, I actually do have an opinion on this, which is that I don't have an opinion on it. When it comes to underweared-women, I ain't lookin' at the underwear.

Basically, those of you who are worried your choice of underwear might give the wrong impression are forgetting the simple fact that by the time anybody important sees it, you're pretty much past such trifling matters.

To put it another way:

"Judge ye not a book by its cover; neither shalt thou judge an M&M by the color of its candied shell, for the milk chocolate interior containeth the same sweet flavor regardless. Judge ye not also a woman by the cut or hue of her garments, but keep ye a close eye on any guy in khakis in the middle of April."

[Jog]

Underwear poll – men

Jan 4 • 1229.10

Kynan:

"Tough Pigs – Validating Your Choice of Underwear Since 2003"

[Jog]

First Chat of 2003?

Jan 5 • 1236.3

Emmy:

It's a good thing I don't go to these chats often, or else I'd have some serious nightmares...

[Jog]

Phantasmagoria poll

Jan 9 • 1253.1-4

Jes:

Your biggest Muppet-related Dream-Come-True for 2003 would be...

MuppetFest2

Being able to tour the SS studio in NYC

Meeting this _____ Muppeteer

The release of Fraggle Rock episodes on DVD/VHS

Other (do tell!)

Jess:

MuppetFest2! MuppetFest2!

Of course, in *my* dream come true, I get to MuppetFest2 and they announce that they've released Fraggle Rock on DVD. Then, I get to meet *all* the Muppeteers. And they come with me to the TP Extended Natashamas Party, which is being held at Henson World. (It's my imaginary theme park. It kicks Disney World's ass, too.) After the party, I go to Bombay, India, and become a movie star!!!

[John]

Muppet Watch

Jan 12 • 1267.1-2

Scott:

I think it's weird that the first result that comes up on a search for Muppet Watch is this...

<http://www.fd2.8k.com/custom3.html>

Danny:

Y'know, every time I start feeling down on myself, I look at a site like that, and I realize that my life is very, very full.

[Jog]

Kermit on TV Next Week

Jan 17 • 1284.7-8

Ryan R:

I feel like I've already seen enough of Kermit talking about porn. I'd rather see Kermit talk about heroin.

Kynan:

"It's Not Easy Getting Clean"...

[Jog]

Playing with Dolls

Jan 27 • 1311.21-22

Nate:

I liked the spoilers in your deleted post.

I now know something nobody else here knows.

Danny:

That wasn't a spoiler, I just decided my new joke was funnier.

I reserve the right to erase all past jokes that I've ever made in the event that I can come up with something better, which is why I have a website now instead of a print magazine. Getting all those copies of issue #8 back so I could rewrite the cover story was a real pain.

boing

Jan 27 • 1312.2-4

Emmy:

Some day I hope that they can translate press releases into English.

All I read is "Frog and pig. Blah, blah, blah. Valentine. Blah. German guys. Blah, Blah, blah. Lots of numbers. Blah. Blah."

Scott:

I know. I'm beginning to feel like a podling whose essence has been drained.

[Jog]

I'm a Muppet fan so naturally I live... Jan 28 • 1277.32

Jog:

I talk to my Igel Kermit puppet. And when he doesn't talk back, I talk to the imaginary camera crew who came to shoot a documentary about my love for Muppets.

[Jog]

Muppet hydrants

Jan 28 • 1314.6

Smig:

Would a dog that looks like a fire hydrant piss on itself?

[Jog]

Happy Birthday Dave!

Jan 29 • 1316.17

Scott:

I think more of us should post here drunk.

[Jog]

Where's Series Two?

Jan 30 • 1268.10-26

Jess:

Does anyone know how to get Animal's eyebrows to move? Mine are stuck tight.

And don't anyone tell me to stick him in the freezer. While it was nice to have a cold compress right there when I broke my fingernails, the eyebrows never budged.

Ryan R:

Just say something surprising.

No, really – are they supposed to move? The eyebrows on mine sure don't.

Jess:

That's the rumor.

Can't prove it by me, though.

Scott:

So what y'all are saying is that I should ask my retailer to open up the Electric Mayhem Stage Playset box first to see if the Animal has moving eyelids or not.

Jess:

Well, sure, you can *ask*.

Of course, given the extreme violence that I wreaked on that particular box trying to get it open, your friendly neighborhood Muppet dealer may take a pass.

Mark:

The eyebrows on mine move perfectly. I didn't think they did at first, but I kept at it until I got them to move.

Scott:

That's what I did with my EB Piggy arm, and within the first three minutes out of the box, I broke it right off! Animal would look awfully silly without his eyebrows, wouldn't he?

Jess:

Well, in what was officially my last attempt to move the damn eyebrows, I pulled Animal's head off. I've put it back on, but that's it. I'm done.

Nate:

My Animal's eyebrows move just fine. It's the drum set I wound up breaking.

Scott:

No no Nate, that's *beat* drums, not *eat* drums!

Zoe's tutu

Feb 1 • 1325.14-16

Danny:

Hey, "Luis' Tutu" would make a pretty good band name.

Sarah:

ARGH! Not you, too!

Smig:

Hey! "ARGH! Not you too!" would make a great band name!

[Jog]

Muppet Snub

Feb 4 • 1335.16

Scott:

[re: playing Scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz]

The only thing we weren't able to do was set me on fire, which I was really looking forward to. Damn safety rules.

Community / Party

Feb 4 • 1323.37

Emmy:

Oh, a demented gypsy violinist is a person in your neighborhood...

[Jog]

Which Came First?

Feb 4 • 1332.13-15

Jes:

Apparemment il peut être aussi utilisé comme la lotion de corps!

Scott:

I love it when you talk dirty to me.

Danny:

Damnez, obtenez une salle!

[Jog]

Happy Birthday Joggy and ELMO!

Feb 4 • 1338.10

Danny:

I think it's time for a rousing game of Tickle Me Joggy.

Where do you think his most ticklish spot is?

[Jog]

Playing with Dolls

Feb 18 • 1311.41-42

Jes:

I loved the latest installment, but something was buggin' me... figured it out and it was "receipt." Spelled wrong. Unless that was on purpose, in which case, I don't get it.

Smig:

Just a simple spelling mistake.

Jes:

Oh, ok.

Just don't let it slip by when you're in The New Yorker.

Ryan R:

"Playing with Dolls" is going to be in The New Yorker? Cool! Finally, a New Yorker cartoon I can understand!

Gabe:

Danny, this is the best comic strip about two men moving into a new house with tons of Muppet stuff I have ever read.

Danny:

Thank you, it's been a lifelong dream.

[Jog, John]

Sesame cage match

Feb 18 • 1384.1-4

Danny:

- Follow That Bird
- Elmo in Grouchland

Scott:

Isn't this kind of like asking...

- Sharp stick in the eye?

or

- Foot massage?

Danny:

That's the next cage match.

[Emmy]

Survivor

Feb 21 • 1371.31

Danny:

Why do gay people go on national television if they're going to be closeted? Why not just stay home and lie to your parents in person?

Danny:

Oh boy, am I a happy boy today.

All I have to do is join the Palisades Collector's Club – that's \$30 – and then I get to send in my name and maybe (if I'm really lucky) I'll be chosen to give them \$15 for a Rowlf figure where the tuxedo is painted white! Hoo doggies! I must be wearing my lucky overalls today.

And – as they point out in the e-mail – even though that's a little pricey, it's still a huge savings over the people who bought plane tickets to go all the way to New York to get one at some convention or other. So I'll be one-up on those feebs.

Oh, and they also helpfully explain that even though they gave these toys away for free at the convention, it's only fair that they're charging for them now. Their explanation: "costs." That's it. Just "costs."

Apparently, in Palisades Language, "costs" translates to "Let's paint the tuxedo blue next time and see if we can get them to pay \$20 for it!"

Why don't they just capture Muppet fans in big nets, turn us upside down and shake all the change out of our pockets? Then at least they could tag us and return us to the wild in some humane way.

Erik:

Hey Danny, I've got an idea. Why don't you not pay Palisades the \$30 for the membership, not pay them the \$15 for the figure, not get the figure, and not complain?

Sorry if that sounds a bit snippy, but I can't for the life of me understand what you're complaining about.

Danny:

No, you're completely right. I don't know what I'm complaining about half the time either.

Seriously, I was extremely tired when I posted this last night, and in the cold light of day, I just can't justify it at all. That'll teach me to read e-mails from Palisades just before I go to bed.

Jackie:

No, Danny, you are right in a way. I too think it sucks that I'm in a club to have a *chance* at getting a figure.

Danny:

Yeah, maybe, but "lucky overalls"? What the hell does that mean?

It's a good thing I don't drink.

Dan:

Drunk posts could be interesting.

Or we could have a drunk chat night.

Scott:

As long as we're all nude again. I missed out on the naked chats.

Jackie:

Naked Intoxicated Chat!

Danny:

I'm always up for that. I'll bring my lucky overalls.

Farscape: We're So Confused

March 25 • 1476.31

Ryan R:

Regarding the "bottom third" ads: I'd like to shove a TV up the bottom third of whoever came up with that brilliant new way to force us to look at ads.

[Anthony]

Post your Photo here

April 8 • 1536.32-40

Eric:

I've been here a few weeks, just don't post much.

I'm waiting for Danny's TP gay dating site...

Danny:

This is my TP gay dating site. I allow other people to use it for other purposes as well, just to be friendly about it.

Nate:

I think it's broken. I haven't gotten a date off of here yet.

Erik:

I have. But unfortunately I'm straight, so it didn't work out all that well.

Ugly Toys Pageant Winners!

April 16 • 1573.8

Kynan:

Props to everyone. It's my professional medical opinion that we Tough Pigs are some funny sons of bitches.

[Emmy]

Did you miss me?

April 22 • 1593.5-11

Jes: [to Danny]

Pucker up hot stuff!

Scott:

I'd get in a jealous rage if 1) Danny weren't gay, and 2) I got into jealous rages.

Danny:

"If Danny Weren't Gay" sounds like a Sesame Street song to me.

If Danny weren't gay
How sad the world would be
The boys would all be flirting with him
Unsuccessfully

I love him so, I just don't know
How I'd get through the day
If Dan-ny were-n't
Gaaaaaaaaay

Probably written by Jeff Moss and sung by Grover.

Danny:

I've had multiple personalities too, but they're all named Danny, which tends to confuse people.

Muppets on Bloopers and Flubs

April 30 • 1638.3-4

Eric:

You'd think someone at Henson would let the rather substantial web fan base know when something like this is happening...

Scott:

You'd think Henson would have a web site that didn't feel like going on a roller coaster with the flu and an arrow stuck in your leg.

[Emmy]

Who wants old ladies? Oh I do!

May 1 • 1641.20-21

Ryan R:

I'm not a woman or a gay man -- so I don't watch Lifetime, for fear that I'll be arrested by the demographic police. That's the same reason I don't watch BET -- I'm not black. And the reason I don't watch the Golf Channel -- I'm not a golfer.

Danny:

Well, I watch Cartoon Network and Animal Planet, so that must make me a cartoon animal.

Ryan R:

Does it confuse kids when celebrities they don't know show up and the characters act like they've known them forever? Zoe and Elmo seemed to have quite casual friendships with James Gandolfini and Edie Falco, respectively. Three-year-old kids don't know who those people are.

Danny:

I think it would be even more confusing for kids if Elmo explained that James Gandolfini is an actor who plays a Mafia godfather.

Ryan R:

Now that would be something. "Mr Soprano is a mob boss! He has people whacked!" Then they could sing "A Mob Boss is a Person in Your Neighborhood."

Erik:

I believe you mean "A Legitimate Businessman is a Person in Your Neighborhood."

Asteroid named after Mister Rogers May 19 • 1783.72

Isha:

It would be funny if Mister Rogers hit the Earth, wiping out all mankind.

[Emmy]

I got an email from a Muppeteer's wife! May 19 • 1783.72

Nate:

Here's what she had to say:

Dear "Radionate":

This is Noel MacNeal's wife. I really don't know why you'd say Noel is gay, based on a photo. It seems pretty weird to me, although I think our lawyer would call it "libel."

Speculating on Muppeteers' sexual orientation is disrespectful. Please stop.

Thanks.

Susan MacNeal

A notice to newcomers and converts... May 20 • 1792.6-9

Emmy:

I've always imagined that if there is ever another MuppetFest there would be an MC/TP turf war. And we would snap our fingers and dance around each other, and it would be just like West Side Story.

Jes:

When you're a Pig,
You're a Pig all the way
From your first PVC
To your last Palisades

When you're a Pig,
If the polls hit the fan,
You got family around,
To say "It's not so bad!"

You're never alone,
You're never disconnected!
You're home with your own:
When trolls are expected,
You're well protected!

Then you are set
With the letters TP,
Which you'll never forget
Till they cart you away.

When you're a Pig,
You stay a Pig!

Oh, when the Pigs fall in at the Muppetfest dance,
We'll be the sweetest dressin' gang in pants!
And when other fans dig us with our Tough Pig smiles,
They're gonna flip, gonna flop, gonna drop just like flies!

When you're a Pig,
You're the hippest in town,
You're the Sesame Street kid
Wearing King Alan's crown!

When you're a Pig,
Nothin's better than this:
Little frog, you're a Robin;
Little Robin, you're Kermit!

The Pigs are in gear,
Our keyboards are clickin'!
The rest should steer clear
Cause the other forum's full of lousy chickens!

Here come the Pigs
Like Animal's yell,
Someone ruins our party,
Someone don't feel so well!

Here come the Pigs:
Little minds, step aside!
Better go back to school,
Cause you're not worth our time!

We're drawin' the line,
So keep your typin' hidden!
We're hangin' a sign,
Says "Idiots forbidden"
And we ain't kiddin'!

Here come the Pigs,
Yeah! And we're growin' fast
Ev'ry day is more fun
Than all of the last!
On the whole!
Ever!
Muppet!
Lovin'!
Street!
Yeah!

I got an email from a Muppeteer's wife! May 22 • 1783.45

Danny:

I think the bad mood will pass even faster if we just give the folks who feel pissed off a little space to feel pissed off, without jumping on them about it. I'm comfortable with some more venting if people need to do it, cause I know we'll move on.

This is the good place, the safe place. At least, that's what I want it to be. To me, that means safe for the occasional crankiness – and the person who's irritated by the crankiness – and the person who makes a funny joke based on that person's irritation. It's all cool.

Damn, my meds must be kicking in at last. I feel like Yoda today.

[Emmy]

I got an email from a Muppeteer's wife! May 22 • 1783.72

Danny:

That's kind of an unwritten rule for me at TP, that I can be as nasty as I want if I hate somebody's work, but I don't write about the people personally. Mostly that's because I don't know those people, and I haven't even met most of them, so it would only be repeating third-hand gossip anyway.

(The only exception for me being talking about how hot somebody is. If we can't gossip about the hot people, then what's the point of having friends at all, is my basic opinion.)

Danny:

Why do I bother to click on links when I *know* that the only thing waiting for me is a picture of phlegm?

It must be some kind of uncontrollable internet reflex.

Muppet Survivor

June 5 • 1876.1-15

OrangeOscar:

At the request of a few fans, we now begin Muppet Survivor.

For the next seven days, you'll have an opportunity to choose who you vote off Muppet Island. State your reasons below of why you choose a particular character. Everyone can only vote once.

Players:

Oscar the Grouch
Kermit the Frog
Miss Piggy
Red Fraggle
Big Bird
Cookie Monster
Fozzie Bear
Rowlf the Dog
Sam Eagle
Junior Gorg
The Great Gonzo
Ernie
Digit

Isha:

I'll vote for Mister Scrooge, even though he is stingy, and badly dressed.

OrangeOscar:

There's no Mr Scrooge in Muppet Survivor!

Danny:

I vote for Mr Scrooge too. I didn't like the way he treated Bean. Asking him to buy a turkey. How patronizing was that.

OrangeOscar:

There's no Scrooge here. Only the Muppets in the game.

Michal:

I think this could be more exciting and interactive if people participated AS a character and had to role-play to vote the others off.

Scott:

I think it would be more exciting if we got together to roast a pig and sing Boom-Shakala-ka. Yum!

Looking for a couple of Muppet pics

June 12 • 1892.8-9

Danny:

I thought Muppaphone was the name of the instrument, like xylophone.

So if I kidnapped you and your family and tied you down to an instrument, I could call it the "Roephone," but once you got free, I bet you'd be pissed if anyone thought that was your real name.

Not that I'm planning to do that. I'm not. If it happens, it'll be on the spur of the moment.

Ryan R:

You think that's funny, but no one was laughing when that guy broke into our house and played "The Girl From Ipanema" on us.

[Michal]

The Geek Test

June 15 • 1921.1-38

<http://www.innergeek.us/geek.html>

Results:

Isha: 35.7%
Erik: 29.2%
Carolyn: 26.8%
Quinn: 22.2%
Julia: 21.9%
Alaina: 21.7%
Danny: 21.6%
Ryan R: 19.5%
Scott: 19.5%
Martha: 19.3%
Tom: 19%
Emmy: 18.3%
Nate: 8%
Jes: 6.3%

Danny: [to BERTVONBRAUN]

My last word: You are Hester, and I claim my five pounds. Tah-dah!

And she would have gotten away with it too, if it weren't for those meddling Tough Pigs!

Alaina:

Thank Frog! Cause I was totally annoyed. If I had to put up with that posting, I would go smack out of my mind.

Danny:

I know, she's a little ray of sunshine, isn't she?

She's currently e-mailing me as "BertVonBraun" and patiently explaining to me that she isn't Hester. Here's a sample from today's mailbag:

> It pains me to see you print untruths. And so, out of a
> longstanding respect for you, I am bothering to tell you one more
> time, deep down from the bottom of my necessarily-anonymous heart:
>
> I am not Hester.
>
> The end.

Fun, yeah? She's out of her mind.

What will be the next Henson TV show? June 25 • 1976.1-16

OrangeOscar:

What will be the next Henson TV show?

- The New Muppet Show
- The Johnny Bravo Mamas (the new animated Henson series)
- Jim Henson's Muppets (the new series with really old Muppet characters)
- Jim Henson's Prehistoric Mammals
- The Next Muppet Movie

Jamie Pez:

Have these options been mentioned in press releases or something?

What's Johnny Bravo Mamas?

OrangeOscar:

Perhaps you don't understand. It's a spinoff of Johnny Bravo on Cartoon Network. It actually needs a little work. You see, I'm making up a pilot and an episode guide to contain each character:

Pilot:

In the Beginning

Season 1:

1. The Big Marathon (Julie) / Kitchen Crisis (Trixie & Debbie)
2. Julie's Soccer Game (Julie) / The Driving Test (Marcela & Trixie)
3. Hospitalized (Debbie)
4. Whatever Happened to Julie Herschbaum? (with Debbie, Trixie, Gia, and Simone)
- [...]
13. The Age of Aquarium (Julie & Debbie)

Season 2:

14. Meet More Girls
15. Masked Mamasitas Everywhere! (Sheila)
- [...]
25. Everybody Loves Aunt Katie (with Trixie)
26. The Robot House (the whole cast)

I also contain the character guide about the girls from every episode of "Johnny Bravo."

I am sure that this series will be directed by Brian Henson, produced by Lola Bunny's voice actress Kath Soucie and created by Van Partible, creator of Johnny Bravo.

Daniel:

So with the characters being owned by CW why would Henson do this?

Scott:

I don't understand this entire thread.

OrangeOscar:

Actually, I'm SURE that Cartoon Network will be owning the Muppets in the future.

Ryan R:

Nah, Cartoon Network's not going to own the Muppets. But they will be sold to WWE by the end of the year. That way, we'll finally see that Swedish Chef/Mankind smackdown we've all been waiting for. CAN YOU SMELL WHAT THE CHEF IS COOKING?

Scott:

No no. Cartoon Network will buy them first, and create the first all Sesame network showcasing foreign versions of the show, and a one hour block dedicated to the revival of old space shows done in Muppet style.

Emmy:

Duh, *everyone* knows that Henson will be owned by a bunch of street mimes.

I mean, it's *so* obvious...

OrangeOscar:

Oh well, some people learn faster than others...

Scott:

And some people never learn at all.

Kenny:

Learn what now?

Scott:

How to floss.

Which is silly because it's really quite easy.

Delphi Power!

June 26 • 1980.10

Erik:

> I didn't know about the thread ads until somebody else complained about them.

You guys are *so* missing out. I mean, you guys won't be able to click for a chance to win 50 pounds of lobster.

[Emmy]

Action figures

July 10 • 1979.40-54

Danny:

I got my Link and Strangepork figures today, which I'm loving... but the Strangepork comes with these two little rods. They look like they're supposed to fit into one of the other things, but I can't find any appropriate holes on Strangepork, the MAMMA robot or the Dissolvatron gun. What are they?

Ryan D:

They are for the top of MAMMA's head (those two knobs)... stupid, I know. And they are VERY hard to get in!

Jes:

More than half the time I don't know what the hell you people are talking about here.

Danny:

But there's no holes on those knobs. They're completely solid.

Danny:

Oh, there are. I was looking in the wrong place. These action figures should come with an instruction booklet.

Danny:

Hey, the rods don't fit in those holes either. The holes are too small. What the hell?

DW:

It took me awhile to get them to fit in there... make sure that the side with the little "cap" isn't the end you're trying to fit in the holes... you may need to try twisting them in a little as you're trying to squeeze them in – and maybe try one piece in a different hole... but yeah, very frustrating! But it can be done.

Danny:

Did it ever occur to anyone at Palisades that including mysterious rods that didn't fit into the holes you can't find was kind of a dumb idea?

Quinn:

The real stroke of genius is on the Palisades site, where the best pic of MAMMA has one antenna in correctly, and the other one upside-down. So you can't even go to the manufacturers for reference, because they don't know either!

I hope you got your rod issue fixed, Danny.

Danny:

Yeah, I threw them in a drawer with the other accessories that you can't do anything with.

Jes:

LOL means "laughing out loud" and Jackie says it a lot cause she is such a happy person. ☺

There is also LMAO, which means "laughing my ass off" (or arse if Warrick is saying it).

But actually Warrick prefers WOFL, which means "Warrick on the floor laughing." You just change the first letter to stand for your own name.

And then there is ROFLMAO, which means "rolling on the floor laughing my ass off."

Or the ultimate in internet funny, if I were to say to you, JROFLMFAO, which would mean that whatever you just said had me, Jessica, rolling on the floor laughing my fucking ass off. This rarely happens.

I tend to type *is really laughing and is not just typing it* when I get a chuckle at something online. And it does happen. Especially if Quinn is around.

[John]

How Public is Your Muppet Fandom? July 23 • 2089.16

Danny:

Usually, I have really nice conversations with people about the Muppets. My trick is: Whenever it comes up, ask them who their favorite Muppet is. Pretty much everybody has a favorite Muppet, no matter how old they are, and they usually have some kind of pleasant memory attached to it – about their own childhood, or their kids.

The trick is, don't correct them in this moment – if they think Fozzie Bear was on Sesame Street, go with it. Just name the character if they're having a hard time coming up with "Beaker" or "Statler and Waldorf," and then watch their eyes cloud up a little as you give them back a little forgotten piece of childhood.

Then they ask who yours is, and you say Grover or Miss Piggy or whatever. And then they say, cool, and they change the subject. You've had a nice little pleasant moment with them – and a little bit of that happy memory they just had will be associated with you, and they'll always like you a little bit better without ever realizing why.

Plus, if they go on vacation to a foreign country, they might bring you back a Sesame Street toy. That's happened to me.

Favorite Muppet

July 30 • 2104.16-21

Ryan R:

That's the most analytical response to a "Who's your favorite...?" question I've every heard.

Kynan:

*strokes beard, nods thoughtfully *

Alaina:

you have a beard?

Kynan:

I keep one in a drawer expressly for stroking at such moments.

Jog:

Could you please explain what that white thing is that comes with the Swedish Chef kitchen?

Erik:

I've been told it's an ice tray for the freezer, but it doesn't seem to fit very well. Is there some piece of magic I'm missing?

Quinn:

The ice cube tray has to be turned the right way to fit into the freezer.

It fits, but it's exactly backwards of the way you think it would fit.

That ice cube tray and MAMMA's antennae. Sheesh.

Erik:

Is there a picture somewhere?

Danny:

I heard that originally the kitchen came with an instruction booklet, but it was written in mock Swedish and nobody could understand it.

Quinn:

Harold and the Purple Crayon is one of the best books of all time.

And Miles looks an awful lot like Harold when he's in his jammies. Big ol' bald head.
Looks a lot like Charlie Brown too.

What a good looking boy.

The Great Twiddlebug Mystery

Aug 7 • 2190.6

Jes:

First of all, there is gonna be WAR here on TP, if you keep referring to my girl Betty Lou as an arrogant little hussy!

I'll be in Chat

Aug 11 • 2207.13-18

Jes:

Damn this homoloded forum anyway.

Is this true?

Aug 20 • 2266.26

Scott:

You're all just a bunch of box whores.

Arguably the strangest US SS book

Aug 24 • 2302.3

Ryan R:

re: The 1970 "People in Your Neighborhood" book

That must be one of the few instances of a Sesame Street character seen smoking. Except for that print ad campaign for Camel a few years back that featured Big Bird...

[Anthony]

How Gay Are You?

Aug 24 • 2299.5

Scott:

I'm quite straight, but if Scott Bakula slapped me on the ass, I wouldn't complain.

Did they hurt ya?

Aug 24 • 2307.1

Danny:

Did they hurt ya, son? Did they hurt ya and make ya mean mad? Sometimes they do somethin' to ya. They hurt ya and ya get mad and then ya get mean. Then they hurt ya again and ya get meaner and meaner til you ain't no boy nor man anymore, just a walkin' chunk of mean mad. Did they hurt ya that way, son?

Thank you.

Do You Still Visit Muppet Central?

Aug 25 • 2300.21-22

Jes:

I want credit for starting the whole "I heart..." trend. Quinn, back me up on this one.

Scott:

In the world?

A friend of mine likes to take credit for the thing back in the mid-80's where guys wore sweatpants rolled up to just below the knee and the 3-foot long tube socks that were stretched up the leg and tucked under the sweatpants.

And he was only like 7, but he still swears it to this day. He's in love with himself anyway.

[Anthony]

How much TV?

Aug 25 • 2305.10

Quinn:

If I didn't work nights, I'd watch a LOT more TV... The only things I record religiously to watch are Smallville and Friends...

Smallville because I'm a Superman/comics buff and like what they're doing (and add Kristin Kreuk and Tom Welling to people who can spank me).

How Gay Are You?

Aug 26 • 2299.60

Kynan:

I'm not metrosexual, I'm retrosexual, which means I haven't had sex in ten years.

[John]

How Gay Are You?

Aug 28 • 2299.111-121

David B:

I'd like to go on record as saying that I have an uber crush on Julian.

Nate:

Get in line boy.

David B:

I'll fight you for him!

Although our fight will probably be choreographed a la West Side Story.

Nate:

I've never fought anyone over a boy before.

You're on!

wields a knife and starts tossing it from hand to hand

Danny:

While you boys fight it out, Julian and I are off to the side making out.

Nate:

You play dirty pool, Mr Man.

New shiny deep purple fur!

Aug 28 • 2325.4

Ryan R:

The Two-Headed Monster is a heck of a thing to wake up thinking about at 4am.

Scott:

Aw I meant that we're cooler than everyone else because we Pooh.

Isha:

We Pooh do we?

[Anthony]

Wimzie's House Law Suit Question?

Sept 1 • 2343.17-24

Kynan:

How many people have watched more than one episode of Animal Jam? Because I've seen three, and I liked 'em, and I'm convinced that my judgement's not that off.

Danny:

Sad but true, baby. Your judgement in this instance was entirely off.

Animal Jam has failed to sweep the nation. The nation remains stubbornly unswept.

Smig:

Well, what kid would WANT to watch a dancing show with Ross Perot as a host?

Kynan:

I wouldn't say my judgement was entirely off. I thought *I* liked it, and it's true, I do. What, I should apologize because the nation refuses to pick up a broom?

Danny:

No, even you don't like it.

Trust me. I know these things.

[John]

Kynan:

Muppet Central's "review" is online now at

http://www.muppetcentral.com/articles/reviews/merchandise/songs_from_the_street.shtml

THRILL! at virtual truckloads of technical information, some of which may one day be relevant!

GASP! as you trudge through paragraph after paragraph, searching vainly for even a trace of opinion!

SWOON! when, with the help of the CSI forensics team, you do finally find a hint of criticism, and it's immediately followed with the phrase "don't get me wrong"!

SNORT! at Phil's constant struggles with (or, quite possibly, against) the English language!

Muppet Central is determined to prove that after 34 years, Sesame Street's literacy program is still desperately needed.

For those who really need to know, the CD rated 4 Kermit heads out of 5.

1 being "good" and 5 being "great," and the median, 3, being "terrific."
Unfortunately, the CD is not available in widescreen.

This post was brought to you by the letters M and C, and the word "coincidentally."

[John]

Muppet stimulus-response

Sept 4 • 2367.54-69

Quinn:

I was telling Melissa about this thread, and she said to add that I laugh like Ernie fairly frequently, and that Miles says "AH-AH-AHHH!" whenever he sees the Count.

Jess:

Sometimes I try to scrunch my face up like Kermit does when I'm frustrated/annoyed. (Turns out, this doesn't work so well if you're not a Muppet.)

[John]

RIP, Muppets Tonight tape...

Sept 7 • 2394.10-11

Ryan R:

My tape that went to the Bermuda Triangle had on it The Muppets Go to the Movies, The Fantastic Miss Piggy Show, Monster Maker, Living with Dinosaurs, Secrets of the Muppets and I think maybe the Sesame Street 25th Anniversary special.

I'm still holding out hope that it will appear in the box with my mom's little bunnies wearing hats, or something.

Ryan R:

By which I mean the bunnies wear hats, not that my tape will be wearing a hat.

[Emmy]

Patrick:

I used to doodle all the time in school. Actually, I still do doodle.

Back when Mr Henson died, I doodled his portrait and a bunch of of the Muppets around him, and the numb-nuts in front of me turned around and noticed it, and he said to me, "That's cool, but he's dead now so it doesn't matter."

I spent 5 years in juvy for impaling my classmate on my pencil. Ah, that was a good day...

[Anthony]

Your Superpower

Sept 9 • 2405.20

Ryan R:

A secret identity for flying... good thinking. I would probably just wear a mask. Richard Nixon maybe. Who wouldn't be enraptured by gazing into the sky and beholding the majestic sight of a glorious Nixon in flight? The heart leaps at the mere thought.

[Anthony]

Rather Upset About 'Grease'

Sept 11 • 2414.35

Erik:

Don't give in to peer pressure. None of your friends do.

[Anthony]

Danny:

Aw, I hate it when jerks say that people with an eccentric, creative hobby have "too much time on their hands." As if everyone else is running around healing the sick and building houses for the poor.

[Anthony]

Just wondering...

Sept 14 • 2448.1-11

Kynan:

What color are their hands now?

Scott:

Brown.

[pic of Beau action figure]

Kynan:

Okay, smartass – what's the meaning and purpose of life?

Scott:

I know something you don't know.

Kenny:

Oh yeah? How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood, you fat bag of cheese!

Danny:

It depends on how much time the woodchuck has.

Kenny:

Well, mmm, oh yeah?

That was the question. Try answering that brainteaser.

Danny:

A bantam-weight woodchuck in good shape can chuck one medium-sized log in two hours.

But that's the baseline situation, not taking into account wind speed, friction or distractions. So you might have to round up or down depending on the circumstance.

Kenny:

Sometimes I don't know if I'm getting smarter or dumber.

Mike C:

How much wool could a chuck woolery chuck, if a chuck woolery could chuck wool?

[Anthony]

Shake-a-Pudd'n!

Sept 15 • 2455.1-3

Danny:

Shake-a shake-a
Shake-a Pudd'n!

Pudd'n pudd'n
Shake-a Pudd'n!

Scott:

Oh, free statuette inside!

These days we get "figures."

Danny:

I hope you will also enjoy this fine product which is very delicious and is endorsed by monkeys.

[Michal, Martha]

Your Superpower

Sep 18 • 2405.50-51

Michal:

Yes, we still have no Carl Banas. That's two banana gags in one day. We're a bushel of laughs.

David S:

Gag is right. How does Fozzie stand it? I'd throw rotten fruit at us if I could.

a whole bunch

[Anthony]

Quinn:

Please, Scotworth. My love for the pig is pure and wholesome. Like... like morning dew. Glistening on her velvety thighs. Laid back in a verdant meadow, her voice whisp—

Melissa's home. Gotta go.

[Anthony]

Hey Mr. Danny

Sep 23 • 2512.1-34

Nate:

Do you like Muppets? I like Muppets. My favorite Muppets are Rozzo and that mouse from the Disney Channel show.

I sent you an email. Did you get it?

I have an idea for your webiste. I'd like to see a whole part of it listing every single character that a Muppeteer ever had there hand up from all of the movies and telebision shows. I think that would be neato cool. I could draw you the pictures of them if you can't find any.

I only have a burlap sack for a body though, so someone will need to help me.

Danny:

Did they hurt ya, Nate? Did they hurt ya on that forum and make ya mean mad?

Nate:

They didn't hurt me, I'm just rather spunky today.

So would you check out my site too?

Danny:

Yeah, I checked it out. It sucks.

Has anyone ever told him that it sucks and he should stop wasting everybody's time? I wonder what would happen.

David S:

Is he from another country?

Jes:

Not unless you count "port st.lucie, florida" as a foreign country. If it helps, he says he works at Goodwill. I know they hire a lot of "mentally challenged" folks there, so maybe we are just mean, and the people at MC have turned out to be bigger people after all.

Danny:

There's a lot of things I could call the people at MC for allowing their board to turn into the Muppet Fan Special Olympics.

"Bigger people" is not one that would come to mind.

John:

Having worked among such challenged people in a Goodwill capacity many years ago, I feel terrible for drawing attention to this. I had no idea that was the case. Please disregard!

Ryan R:

Yeah, I didn't even consider that he might be mentally challenged. I just thought he was weird. Now I feel bad.

Danny:

You guys are such amateurs.

If you're going to make fun of people, you need to put your heart into it. Never apologize, never explain.

[Emmy]

VMX rehash...

Sept 26 • 2481.53-58

Scott:

Sinister? Scared of Fozzie? C'mon people, he was a friendly pick pocket.

Seriously. Everyone loved Oliver Twist.

Traitors.

Daniel:

You're right, I love pick pockets and vagrants. I'm going to hit up state street right now and hand out change.

Quinn:

Fozzie as a pickpocket is sinister.

But not as sinister as that bear in "Death in Yellowstone" that friendlily (!) put his paw on a woman's shoulder and it shredded off her arm and her front and parts of her internal organs.

THAT would have been a much more sinister fate for Mr Fozzie Bear.

Kynan:

Did it also make off with her pic-a-nic basket?

Ryan R:

Actually, that would be "Death in Jellystone," although those stories are no less horrifying. A horse beats a man to death with a guitar, a young couple has a fatal collision with a water-skiing alligator, and a tiger eats a lady, then makes his exit, stage left even.

[Anthony]

Character flaws

Sept 26 • 2514.29-33

Kynan:

Kermit's the center of Piggy's whole life, and he doesn't have to lift a finger. I think he needs the attention just as much as she needs to need him.

Jes:

You just put your finger on a very common theme in the world of romance...

Kynan:

When it comes to romance, I have very smart fingers.

I'm so lucky

Sept 26 • 2531.1-13

Danny:

I keep visiting websites where I'm the 10,000th visitor, and I win a prize.

That happens to me, like, all the time.

I must have my lucky overalls on.

John:

This reminds me of a heartbreaking conversation I overheard at work:

She: So then what did you do?

Other She: Well, I gave them my password, like they asked. Why?

(silence)

Why?

Hey Mr Danny

Sept 29 • 2512.40

Erik:

Aoccdrnig to rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mtttaer in waht oredr the ltteers in a wrod are, the olny iprmoatnt tihng is taht the frist and lsat ltteer be at the rghit pclae. The rset can be a total mses and you can sitll raed it wouthit porbelm. Tihs is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe.

Fcuknig amzanig huh?

[Anthony]

Ryan R:

What was Daryl Hannah talking about, about going skating with Kermit? She was on Muppets Tonight, but there was no skating that I recall.

Michal:

She didn't really seem that functional during her little chat with Kermit. I guess during whatever little stupor she was in backstage, she had gone skating, and Kermit was there.

And you were there. And you, and YOU were there! I wasn't there, I went to see if Fozzie wanted to go skating, but he was hibernating. Fozzie is usually a year-round bear. I wonder what finally burned him out.

[Emmy]

Maryland statue dedication

Oct 1 • 2453.106

David S:

My "dates" don't take aphrodisiacs. They also don't take American Express.

[Michal]

John:

"Dear Diary,

Today on the Tough Pigs Forum, EVERYONE was talking about me. You should have seen it. Jessica said that she wanted me, Cathy said she'd put me in a cupboard, Scott Classic was there (!), and I think even Nate said he found me attractive when he was high. (OK, Diary, I'll level with you, I made up that last one but it so could happen someday!) Anyway, all day my ego was bursting, especially since the whole topic came up in a John Tartaglia thread ... ::swoon::

Diary, sometimes I don't know why I let such things go to my head. I suppose it's all to do with the skinny, geeky child I once was – so hungry for positive attention, always yearning for people to look past the chronic lack of glamour, and love me for me. Maybe that's what's happening at Tough Pigs. Or maybe they're drunk and/or screwing with me. I can't rightly say, Diary, but it feels good, and I'm gonna ride it till the wheels fall off.

Love, John xoxoxoxox"

[Anthony]

Snow White

Oct 2 • 2496.66

Danny:

Walt Disney was, apparently, completely obsessed with hineys.

[Ryan R]

A scene from the office today...

Oct 2 • 2525.31

Daniel:

Well it happens when a group of men make a circle around a cookie or biscuit... Oh man I can't do this.

Anthony:

Clearly it's Mary Poppins. As Quinn pointed, Maria isn't nearly as hot.

But Mary Poppins, she'll come to your house, pull all kinds of crazy crap out of that little bag, show you how to have a damn good time cleaning your room, get your dad to lighten up, teach you new words that could easily be profane, take you to all these trippy new places, and introduce you to all her exciting, mysterious, shady friends.

She's dangerous and mysterious and sexy as hell.

Hey Mr Danny

Oct 4 • 2512.57

Danny:

All of this goes to prove my eternal point that reading MC is not healthy for children or other living things.

[Michal]

Tough People at the statue dedication Oct 4 • 2520.85

Quinn:

She's a beautiful nymph who comes into my living room with a bluish glow that doesn't completely go away when she's turned off. I love the warm feel of her remote in my hand, the printing on some of her buttons worn off from my frequent clicking. The comforting hum I hear when she's already on and I'm elsewhere in the house, playfully enticing me to come and see what she's showing on her glassy screen.

I heart TEEVEE.

[Anthony]

PEANUTS FANS TAKE NOTE!

Oct 5 • 2411.30-31

Scott:

Jesus, everyone on this board is turning on me.

Quinn:

Well, with all those years of you turning the board on... it's only fitting.

[Michal]

Mahna Mahna on the Office

Oct 6 • 2584.36

David B:

If Lisa Rinna got any more collagen, she'd be able to blink her lips.

Creepy e-mails

Oct 16 • 2667.1-8

Danny:

This stuff is easy to solve, as long as I know about what's going on. So just let me know, and then – chic! chac! – it is done.

Michal:

Chic-Chac!

Cute. Cute phrase. I've only heard it from Israelis, though, used to get people to hurry up. It's like Mary Poppins saying "Spit spot."

Danny:

I didn't know that people would recognize that phrase. I picked it up from someone who was imitating an Israeli guy. I really like it, but I don't use it much because I always have to explain it.

Scott:

Using catch phrases that only you yourself get are often the most fun.

Kynan:

Aye-aye, chuckaree. And an extra helping for the cleaning lady.

[Michal]

Michal:

I have not yet seen evidence to prove that Ryan's dad exists, so I want to meet him too.

Ryan's dad? I don't believe in Ryan's dad. How can he drive one kid all that way in *just one night*?

Kynan:

I used to believe in Ryan's dad, too. But you know what? The year I stopped believing, Ryan's dad didn't drive me ANYWHERE.

Course, he didn't drive me anywhere before then, either, but still, there's a moral in there.

Michal:

He drove us somewhere. When Ryan was trying to locate the man while we were standing out in the cold, he drove the rest of us MAD, that's where.

Kynan:

I have decided that you are a funny little thing.

In fact, I decree it. Let it be known through all the world that Michal is a Funny Little Thing.

[Michal]

Kynan:

< Remains of the Piano actually sounds like a spoof of Merchant Ivory-style artistic dramas (The Piano, Remains of the Day). >

That's exactly what it sounds like. This is the first I've heard of it, and I'm already making plans for it to suck. And I'm going to have to leave a lot of room in my diary for the amount of suck I'm expecting. Mark my words, this will suck, suckity, suck-it-to-me, Suckleberry Finn, suck.

Ryan R:

I don't dislike Mr Willowby's Christmas Tree, but I don't actively dislike it either. However, I would be happy if Muppet Babies had never existed.

The one production I did hate, though, was "The Muppets and Carrot Top Celebrate Hitler's Birthday." What were they thinking?

Erik:

I think having Carrot Top on that show was a real insult to Hitler.

Ryan R:

It really was a terrible special, you know. Especially the part where Carrot Top, Gonzo and Miss Mousey did that medley of "The Wheels on the Bus" / "Enter Sandman" / "Minnie the Moocher" backed by a chorus of singing Nazi chickens. I just didn't get it.

John:

Say what you will about the special, there was never a more magical Muppet moment than when they all wheeled out Leni Riefenstahl for her big song and dance with Sweetums, Thog and Timmy Monster.

Anthony:

My favorite part is how they have to wheel Leni out, but then she does a dance number.

John:

Yes, the choreographer was very much influenced by NBC's 1992 Estelle Getty and Larry Flynt Valentine's Day Spectacular.

Larry: Baby 'shtelle been bad. Bad bay. Time fah shpanky.

Estelle: (in giant baby bonnet) Uh, oh – baby no like!

Then they break into a chorus of the Crystals' "He Hit Me (And It Felt Like A Kiss)".

Daniel:

What the fuck is going on in here?! I need to stop skipping posts.

MC Season 2 guide

Oct 21 • 2702.3

Daniel:

I feel Muppet Central is sometimes lame, like a show choir or a kid songs video. But in the same vein, I feel Tough Pigs is somewhat dirty, like an overworked hooker.

Scott:

Further proof that we can turn any topic to sex. Even starting with Snow White, we ended up with porn.

Cathy:

And that's a problem?

Scott:

Not at all. Just further proof, to give us confidence.

Cathy:

So we should be confident enough to turn every topic to porn then? I think I'm starting to get the hang of this place.

[Anthony]

Quinn:

This week has been "Drug Awareness Week" at West Hills Middle School, where I'm doing my teacher observations. I assume they mean "be aware of drugs and avoid abusing them," not "taste the rainbow."

Anyway, they had different "days" like a spirit week of some kind.

Wednesday was "Give Drugs the Slip" day, and you were supposed to wear slippers. I saw at least five pairs of Kermit slippers. Not as many as Spongebob, but a decent showing.

Danny:

My gosh. If there's anything that would drive me to drugs, it would be "Give Drugs the Slip" day.

I mean, where the fuck do these people live? Utah?

Quinn:

shifting uncomfortably

I'm only reporting the news, I'm not writing it. Or something. And the kids REALLY liked the slipper thing.

Although (and this might be where the term comes from) I saw more than one slip and fall in the hallways because of their slippers.

Danny:

And now they're hooked on painkillers. Well done.

Quinn:

All part of the plan, my friend.

Danny:

Gemstone, the publisher that publishes Disney comics, puts out a weekly e-newsletter called Scoop, which collects news bits about all kinds of character collecting stuff. This week, I was tickled to see that they lead off with a story on the Henson statue, which links to Tough Pigs. Yay.

PS: There is no reason for me to tell you this except that I am self-absorbed.

Michal:

It's awesome, Danny. Do you feel like an acclaimed journalist?

Danny:

I'm not sure what I feel. It's better than a poke in the eye, but not as good as Kynan's superstar column.

Ask Kynan how he feels, and then I feel like two steps down from that.

Kynan:

What if I rolled up my superstar column and poked you in the eye with it?

[Michal]

Kynan B, superstar

Oct 25 • 2724.41-64

Byron:

Yeah, Virgie the Coworker didn't know what the "M word" (self pleasure) was till Jesse told her – and she's 42. (I dunno if the actual word's been used here before, but I didn't want to be the first to do so...)

Danny:

Wait, which M word was that again?

Monkey?

Marzipan?

Minestrone?

Michal:

Mastication.

Byron:

I think it's more fun to let people guess than to just out'n out say it...

Danny:

Say what?

Mellow?

Mealworm?

Maracas?

Byron:

'K, I'll give you all a hint...

It's got 4 syllables.

Danny:

Millisecond?

By the way, I hope Kynan appreciates having all this in his superstar thread.

I'm sure he does. You know Kynan.

Michal:

Multipurpose?

John:

So it's definitely not Minestrone then?

Danny:

Macchu Picchu?

Kynan:

So can we all talk about me again, please?

Merry Christmas Y'all

Oct 28 • 1088.33-117

Anthony:

Wow. What a fantastically surreal thread.

I don't know. Just felt like saying it.

Patrick:

Santa gots mad rhymin' skills yo!

Nate:

I hope he comes back this year. He never answered my post, nor did I get many Muppet goodies.

sigh

Santa:

Ahh Radionate,
I am like – so late!
Didn't mean to miss your post last year.
But I didn't bring you coal, now did I dear?

Love;
Santa

(and you are the first post this season;
Ahh choo – oops – pardon my sneezin')

Santa:

HO HO HO – if it isn't Anthony!
Had to stop in to check up on you, ya see?
Hope you had a good year in 2003
Be good, for soon you'll be seeing me!

Love;
Santa

Santa:

Well hey there Patrick, rhyming is fun.
Am warming up for this year, for I've just begun.
Wasn't supposed to make my debut till after Thanksgiving
Had to come in and upgrade my account for this season.

Love;
Santa

Patrick:

The early bird catches the worm,
so to speak!

Santa:

Does Patrick really want worms this year?
It can be arranged, have no fear ;)
Santa's got to get going, the elves need me.
Getting gifts ready to be placed under the trees.

Love;
Santa

Patrick:

No, no, no! No worms for me.
There are plenty of presents I'd rather receive.
I was simply relaying a thought, via a saying.
Your beginning early, in your holiday... umm,
well, I was going to say "work" at the end of that line,
but unfortunately, that doesn't rhyme.
hee hee

Danny:

Santa's back! And I'm so glad
That he returned to grace our pad.
It's good to see you, I hope your posts
Bring Christmas luck to forum hosts.

Nate:

Bless you Santa, no getting sick
Because not bringing toys would seem like a cruel trick.
Thank you for sending an early greeting to me
I got so excited I really had to pee.
I await your arrival, with great anticipation
and marvel how in one night you cover the whole nation.
So now may I be the first to say something important to you
Merry Christmas Santa Claus, now make sure you don't get the flu.

Love,
Nate

Danny:

It's really fun to post in rhyme,
I wish we'd do it all the time.
We'd have to think before we spoke,
And spend an hour on every joke.

Nate:

I beg to differ, Danny dear
but I have a trained ear.
I wouldn't have to spend an hour
simply 'cause my mind has power
to make a joke in seconds flat
although the punch line may go splat.

Emmy:

Yay! Santa's back!
And that's a fact.
I cannot rhyme,
which isn't a crime.

Nuts, I should stick to free verse.

Yay, Santa!

Danny:

Poor Santa Claus had no idear
What he was in for, posting here.

David B:

Santa, buddy, I have a Q
I need some Yuletide advice from you
This winter, I'll live in New York
Internship for school – I'm quite the dork!
I need far more money than I've got
And now my stomach's in a knot
For instead of presents under the tree
I'd like an envelope of cash, addressed to me
I need to make rent, I want to see shows
So I need tons of money round the time when it snows
Santa, my friend – is this tacky?
I need to know – please write me backy!

Lerv, David

John:

Santa Claus so kind
I wish only for goodwill
and maybe some cash

Jes:

Psst...

(and a rhyming dictionary)

John:

It's a haiku, Jersey!

Santa:

Oh my David, sounds like you are going to be busy!
Keeping up with you would certainly make me dizzy!
So off to New York you are going to be heading.
Be careful over there, don't go surprise sledding!
I don't think asking for money is tacky at all,
But when asking it of others, use your judgement call.

Stay safe and enjoy this new adventure of yours
For I'm sure it will lead to opening up new doors!

Cathy:

Oh Santa, is it really you
Is this a dream or is it true

Is it possible my eyes deceive
For Santa's time is Christmas Eve

Since I was wee, I dreamed of the day
When Santa would come out and play

In sweet November oh! Santa dear
I can't believe you're really here.

But a question for you Santa, before we begin
It's been driving me batty, years out and years in

What's the best way to put this without sounding stony...
Why didn't you ever bring me that pony?

Santa:

Dear Cathy I am so sorry the pony I did not bring.
I have to get parental permission to deliver such things.
It is good to see a rhyme here from you.
And your rhyming skills are so beautiful, too.

Love;
Santa

Daniel:

With my workload at nil, and my boredom on high
I loaded Explorer and thought I'd drop by.
Imagine my wonder as I gazed down the list
Merry Christmas, already? Then I shook my fist.

I took it as crazy, so I passed up the thread,
and decided to look at the others instead.
I read about figures, and white Kermit dolls,
masturbation, viagra, and crabs on Quinn's balls.

An hour or two of work time I blew,
but the threads all ran out of anything new.
Merry Christmas Y'all was the only unread,
so I thought about doing some drawing instead.

But I thought "what the hell?" and gave it a click,
and to my great surprise, holy fuck! It's Saint Nick.
An honest to goodness new thread starring Santa?
To spread Christmas cheer, using yuletide banta'?

Danny was curious, what does this mean,
is Santa Claus hip to the whole toughpigs scene?
We all want to know who Santa could be,
but what if he's real? We'll just have to see.

Fin.

Oh Santa, I'm sorry, I almost forgot,
This year, could you just fill my stocking with pot?

Jes:

Dude, it took me awhile to warm up to you, but now I like you more and more
every day.

Cathy:

Pure drivel you speak
And I'll hear it no more
Any more of that talk
And I'll show you the door

How dare you say
That our St Nick's not real
Can you not see
The way we all feel?

This thread is alive
With magic and wonder
Now I beg of you Daniel
Stop stealing our thunder!

Edited to say that made more sense before Daniel edited his post 😊

Daniel:

Hey there you guys

so sorry Cathy for halting this thread.
I got all confused because I skipped ahead.
My original post said that Santa was phoney,
not Santa at all, but our good friend An-tony.

For some real strange reason I thought I had read it,
nobody had said it, so my post I did edit.
Didn't mean to confuse or lead you astray,
Now I've work to do, so have a nice day.

Danny:

Last year, it's true, I wasn't sure
what OIStNick was coming for –
But over time, my skepticism
was worn away by his charism.

Santa's real! The welcome mat
is always out for him, and that
is something you can count upon
till Christmas day has come and gone.

Michal:

One weekend away, and look what I've come back to!
You've all taken to rhyming, and you've got quite a knack, too!

The posts all intrigue me so; this I acknowledge,
But if I keep killing time here, I'll not finish college.

Danny:

Y'know, I like these rhyming couplets
Almost as much as talking 'bout Muppets.

Anthony:

Reading these rhyming posts has really been crazy
I'd have written one sooner but I'm just too lazy
I don't understand why I'm being called fake
Not one claim to be Santa did I ever make

It's true I have a large belly and cheeks that are red
But "Hey, I am Santa" was not something I said
If I'm missing the point and you meant something else
Find the corner and tell me. I'll be by myself.

Daniel:

Don't sweat it man, there is no need to worry.
I thought it was said, cause I read in a hurry.
No claims that you're Santa, Great Pumpkin, or Cupid,
I smoke too much pot and I'm real fuckin' stupid.

Jess:

I'm careful with rhymes – they don't always come easy.
And writing them poorly can make people queasy.
But reading these posts makes me smile quite a lot.
So brace yourself, folks, as I give it a shot.

Now, to all the Tough Pigs, I wish Muppety cheer.
Not just at Christmas, but all through the year.
And under my Christmas tree, I think I'd like
Goodwill to All Men, Muppet stuff, and a bike.

I hope everyone's holiday dreams will come true,
And Joyeux Noel to St Nicholas, too.

Kynan:

She's my girlfriend.

Ryan R:

Hey... That doesn't rhyme!

Jes:

Neither did that, brat.

Jackie:

What do you mean that it doesn't rhyme?
I think he did well, great, and even fine!

Isha:

I think it's the best thing he's posted all year.
It's certainly made me feel holiday cheer.

Ryan R:

Okay, okay, whatever, whatever
See if I post in this thread again ever!

Isha:

You can't rhyme ever with ever!
It's just not very clever.

Ryan R:

But the rhyme I made was "whatever" with "ever"
And I think that's a valid rhyming endeavor

Jess:

It's okay, Ryan.
At least you were tryin'.

Michal:

He needed to hear that
'fore he ran off cryin'.

Ryan R:

Aw, you guys are great
And I ain't lyin'

Minestrone

Oct 28 • 2756.15

Carolyn:

Stop it, Scott. I live with a family and my door doesn't have a lock.

[Emmy]

Muppet video vs audio

Oct 29 • 2722.24-34

John:

This whole thread makes me realize something. It's been about 20 years since I've seen The Great Muppet Caper and The Muppet Movie. I can remember several of the songs from TMM very well, but I don't remember one note from GMC. I don't even remember songs being in that movie.

Nate:

I don't think I can have a crush on you any longer if you haven't seen them since the 80's.

John:

I was in a twelve year coma, you insensitive monster!

Danny:

Damn it, John! Your twelve year coma is not an excuse for everything.

Stop dragging that out all the time like we're supposed to care.

Zach:

Here is the list that Ken posted.

1. There is a new exclusive being sculpted that has never been mentioned before.
2. One figure has a book.
3. One figure has a single accessory only.
4. One figure has nine separate accessories.

[...]

9. One figure has an accessory that we are trying to work an interesting mechanism into.
10. One figure will cause a major discussion on the board when people find out what he will NOT have packed with him.
11. One figure would fit in nicely to an existing Playset display even though he wasn't really associated with that Playset.

Danny:

12. One figure will make long distance phone calls when you're out of the house.
13. One figure makes you larger, one figure makes you small.
14. One figure will reduce you to tears.
15. One figure will sell out almost everywhere, and make you hunt from store to store for it. When you finally find it, you'll take it home, and think, eh, it's not that great.
16. One figure is an elf.

Danny:

Here's some more clues.

17. One figure is made of jam.
18. One figure is entirely conceptual.
19. One figure will just sit around and complain.
20. One figure likes pina coladas, and getting caught in the rain.
21. One figure to rule them all.
22. One figure to find them.
23. One figure to bring them all, and in the darkness bind them.

I'm a Muppet fan so naturally I live... Oct 30 • 1227.37-38

John:

That damn Anthony and his thread revivals.

Anthony:

Awww, thanks, man. I've never been called "that damn Anthony" to my face before.

[Jog]

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DANNY!

Oct 30 • 1243.39

Danny:

It's not my birthday! My birthday's in two months.

Anthony, look what you've done! I feel like Kermit in the Linda Lavin episode. And I don't usually feel that way.

I'm closing this thread... Silly rabbits, all of you.

[Emmy]

Frequently Asked Stupid Questions

Oct 31 • 2787.1-22

Danny:

Here's a fun e-mail exchange I just had:

From: packatheeggz@xxx.com
To: toughpigs@hotmail.com
Date: Oct 29, 2003

on the muppets what are the little grren guys called???

From: toughpigs@hotmail.com
To: packatheeggz@xxx.com
Date: Oct 29, 2003

Frogs?

From: packatheeggz@xxx.com
To: toughpigs@hotmail.com
Date: Oct 29, 2003

no the little green workers down with the fraggles!!!

Thank you.

Anthony:

My favorite part is that the person's e-mail address is "packatheeggz."

Scott:

It's a work of art. You should start an exhibit tour.

Danny:

Here's another good recent one.

From: Sandy
To: Danny
Subject: i have a question
Date: Oct 29, 2003

Sorry to disturb but do you know where or how I could get the sequel of the Labyrinth : return to the labyrinth ?

My appreciation for your futur answer.
thank you.

Tom:

As silly as this question is, I have a legitimate answer to it. Feel free to send this on, if you like...

Danny:

You don't want to encourage these kinds of people.

There's such a thing as a search engine in the world.

Scott:

Was there a novel follow-up?

Danny:

Yeah, I told her to jump up a rope.

Scott:

You're up late.

Danny:

I know, I'm playing hooky from work tomorrow.

If it gets any later, I'll start posting about my lucky overalls.

Stephanie D'Abruzzo on Pyramid?

Oct 31 • 2792.6-12

Kynan:

I just can't believe it's 2003 and there's ANYTHING named after Donny Osmond, let alone a TV show.

There must be SOMEONE else out there who could host this show. Is Jamie Farr dead?

John:

Yes.

Anthony:

Jamie Farr is a lot of things, but dead is not one of them. He's only 69 years old and he's still kicking.

Kynan:

I heard he caught one of those 15-year comas that were going round, though.

Danny:

Y'know, I had the 24-hour 15-year coma once. It wasn't that bad.

Ryan R:

I'm pretty sure the show's not actually named after Donny Osmond. He didn't create it or anything, so I think it's just "Pyramid."

So it's not named after him, unlike "Donny Osmond's NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" and "Donny Osmond's Sunday Night Sex Show."

Do girls collect?

Nov 1 • 2796.45

Quinn:

"Where do babies come from?"

We built Miles out of Sculpey and baked him in the oven at 225 degrees for 9 months. Then we prayed to Apollo to imbue him with the breath of life, and dipped him in the river Styx (or AC/DC) and put a pair of Bono's sunglasses on him, and voila! Semi-instant baby!

[Michal]

Happy Birthday Smiggy!!

Nov 1 • 2797.23-24

Scott:

How did Jackie get to be the sweetest person alive?

Kynan:

She must have clubbed Isha and Michal to death with a broom handle.

[Michal, posthumously]

Fraggle Warning

Nov 2 • 2804.23-31

Scott:

I do good work. Apparently even with bad secondary source material. If I ever procreate with someone good looking, I'll be birthing gods.

Jes:

Hey buddy, one womb, no waiting, right here.

;-)

Danny:

Oh my gosh!

I nominate that as your most startling post ever.

Kynan:

Swiftly seconded. And how.

[Anthony]

Quinn:

Okay, so we've talked before about how my cutest boy ever knows his Sesame Street characters, and how when he sees Cookie Monster, he says "COOOOKIE!" and when he sees the Count, he says "AH-AH-AH!" and when he sees Elmo he says "EL-MO!" and when he sees Big Bird he just gets all excited and makes various B-sounds.

Well, he's expanding his roster. Just this week, he's started saying "Zoe" which is nice and cute and all, but BEST of all, now when he sees Ernie he points to him and says "tss-tss-tss" trying to laugh like Ernie does. It took me a few times to pick up on it, but it's the cutest damn thing.

He found a "Bert and Ernie's New Kitten" book under our bed (only a Muppet fan) and was reading it in our room while I was writing a paper... and I heard him reading it to himself like this:

"tss-tss-tss!"

"meeeow?"

"tss-tss-tss!"

"meeeow."

"tss-tss-tss!"

And so on.

Awwwwwwwww, love that kid.

LOL!

Nov 5 • 2769.100-115

Scott:

Wow. IMDb says Señor Wences died at 103 and 3 days, of natural causes. I wonder what his secret was?

David B:

No big secret. He was just s'all right.

Kynan:

I hear he saved his last words until the funeral service.

"Close de box!"

David B:

Except no one knew it was him, since his lips weren't moving.

Erik:

Was his hand dressed up as Johnny?

Kynan:

Yep. And at the wake, everybody smoked cigarettes and drank glasses of water – at the same time.

Worst... movie... ever...

Nov 5 • 2844.15-29

Kynan:

What Lies Beneath was an extremely efficiently directed piece of crap, which means I really, really resented it for scaring the bazookies out of me, while simultaneously failing to be anything like a good movie. And in the final act, it suddenly switches genres, and turns into an entirely different movie, which is also blindingly bad.

[Shout out to Michal for the bazookies.]

Michal:

My bazookies shout out to your bazookies.

"Help meee... Help meeeee..."

Kynan:

Word.

[Michal]

Nate:

"This thread was about a movie?"

I think it was about those two hot guys I posted a picture of, and how most of us here would like to pretend they are ice cream cones so we can lick them.

Unless some of you are the type of people who prefer to bite the bottom of the cone off and let the ice cream melt down thru it, then my analogy is lost.

Cathy:

You probably won't get a lot of second dates doing that.

Worst... movie... ever...

Nov 6 • 2844.31-32

Kynan:

The main plotline of Batman and Robin involves all of Gotham City's residents being snap frozen by Arnold Schwarzenegger. It's very cute when Batman, Robin, Batgirl, Batbutler and Batpizzadeliveryguy save the day, and the entire population defrosts, checking their watches and looking around, just like in real life.

Danny:

Well, sure. Being saved from an icy death is one thing, but you don't want to be late for your dentist appointment.

Worst... movie... ever...

Nov 6 • 2844.56-57

Erik:

I know a guy who says that Star Wars: Episode II was the best of the whole series. And he seems to be serious.

Cathy:

If you haven't already, you should probably consider beating him.

A new land speed record

Nov 6 • 2846.1-14

Danny:

This forum broke a new record yesterday, with our most posts ever in a single day: 531.

To put that in perspective, it was only a few months ago that it was a struggle for us even to manage 100 posts a day. These days, we're usually at least in the 200 range, and over the last week, it's been more in the mid-300 range. Then, yesterday: 531.

And a not-insignificant number of those 531 posts were written in RHYME. Thank you.

Daniel:

I'm not sure if I should be proud or start crying.

[Emmy]

A new land speed record

Nov 6 • 2846.31

Quinn:

That's the sweetest thing I've seen all day. Except for Miles when I got home from school and his fat little head lit up and he said "DADDY!"

Miles Pics...

Nov 7 • 2855.2-4

Quinn:

Miles may have a dirty face from time to time (all the time), but the underlying cheekiness is cute. And he likes to groom me.

Delousing can be a special moment between father and son.

[Emmy]

Isha:

I've had sex in cars way too many times. In, like, parking garages.

It lacks the cuddle-after phase which is so nice.

I once gave a jogger quite an eyeful when he came upon us unexpectedly.

Kynan:

Crikey.

I've officially forgotten about your past life as a Nice Girl.

< I once gave a jogger quite an eyeful when he came upon us unexpectedly. >

I strongly recommend you consider rephrasing this sentence. The jogger did what now? And you gave him what now?

[Emmy]

Ryan D:

You thought Danny's was weird... I just have a statement here:

< From: "Debra Onessimo" <debra@jamali.com>
To: <ryan20012@netscape.net>

The Great Muppet Caper: Everybody keep saying that there's no food or kitchen in the Happiness Hotel, however, we see Beauregard driving his taxi trying to drive out of this hotel and the Swedish Chef coming out the kitchen with his food. >

Uh, yeah.

John:

Woah. She sounds like she's had enough of this *no-food-or-kitchen-in-the-Happiness-Hotel* bull.

Warrick:

You know what's really weird?

When I was updating Sesame World all the time, I would get so MANY emails from someone with the same second name... The thing is they were correcting me and they knew a DAMN lot !

I think their first name was Dean or something...

Ryan R:

Well, Debra Onessimo has a point. There *is* food in the Happiness Hotel! Man, she just ruined my opinion of the movie.

Danny:

Oh, got it. Dean Onessimo is Orange Oscar.

Debra must be his mother. All of these are coming from the same person.

I would get freaky e-mails from Dean too, and freaky forum postings, until I blocked his e-mail and locked him out of the forum.

I think an e-mail to Debra telling her that her son is bothering strangers on the internet would not go amiss.

I can't imagine that she doesn't know what a psycho Dean is already – she probably has to tranq him on an hourly basis – but it couldn't hurt to let her know.

Jes:

Let me get this straight... there is a whole family of OrangeOscars stalking us on the forum?

Some weird shit goes on here, lemme tell you.

Daniel:

But if it's his mother how do we know she isn't out there somewhere... breeding... waiting. I envision a whole farm of Onessimo pods, just waiting to hatch.

Or what if they transform, combining to form a larger, more powerful MechaOnessimo.

I wish I had my blankie. And a gun. And another gun for blankie.

[Emmy]

Daniel:

Holy shit. So here I am, slacking off at work. Toughpigs forum on my monitor, Spectacular Spiderman in my hand and who do I see through the front window, but my boss, as well as the owner of my company at the entrance to the building. With the key already penetrating its way into the lock I had to act fast. I quickly jammed the comic beneath my desk, using my feet to cover it with a large phonebook, all the while scrambling with my inconsistent mouse to close the Toughpigs window and behave as though I was gleefully entering our overpriced apartments into the company database. Then I got to try and hold a normal workday conversation while simultaneously trying to return to a normal heartrate. Oh my christ, I need to get a new job. My ADD riddled artist's blood is much too thick for that. I think I may have shaved a few years off of my existence.

Damn the man!

Isha:

At least it wasn't porn.

Unless it was. And "Spectacular Spiderman" is what you call your little friend.

[Emmy]

Isha:

So my sister says to me (at nine o'clock at night): Here, Isha, type this for me.

And I say "all right, fine," except that the fricken thing is 7even pages front and back in itty bitty illegible fifth grader writing, and the tenses are all mixed up, and the punctuation is bad, and oh by the way it's due tomorrow. Except that I have work tomorrow and I need my sleep too!

...

cries

Emmy:

Aw. Do you have to be nice about it and correct stuff?

If it were me, I'd leave in all the mistakes and create new ones. Or say, "You do your own damn paper." Or both – perhaps change the paper around a bit and make it into a story.

Now I must go and do my own paper, 'cause I couldn't sucker anyone else into doing it for me...

Isha:

Can't do that because it IS a story.

A very poorly written fairy tale story written by her and two other girls called "A day no rainbows would die." And I just finished page five. Oy.

I'm thinking I'll demand cookies for my labor. Fresh baked chocolate chip cookies.

Emmy:

In that case, turn it into a research paper.

Or better yet, don't type it up, and in the morning hand her a stack of blank paper. Tell her that you ran out of printer ink and replaced it with magical ink that only intelligent people can see.

That'll learn her.

Ryan R:

I don't know if you realize this, but I've had somebody typing my forum posts all this time.

but from now on, I'd decide to type everything myself.

John:

Can I just say that TDNRWD is the cutest title for a story, ever? Kids write the cutest darn things.

Unless she's in college. In which case, that title needs work.

Dan:

Hey Isha, I have a manuscript that's due tomorrow morning at 10. Can you correct and type it for me?

Thanks! You are such a nice girl.

Isha:

Hee hee. The two characters, Curly Que and Blu just met the King of the genies, and Curly says "Hello your hinesse."

Which I read "heinies."

David S:

"A day no rainbows would die."

!!!!

I love this. And I'm not going to read it because the title shall not be ruined for me.

Danny:

There is a limit to being nice, and this is precisely why.

I cultivate an image of genial self-centeredness, which discourages people from asking me for anything.

John:

So does this mean you're not going to tape me every episode of Unpaved, even the ones that don't air on tv, after all?

Emmy:

Hey Isha, I have a take-home final on Monday. I have to do ten essays. Since you're such a nice girl and all, I was wondering if you could find all of the answers and type it up for me. That would be great!

Isha:

Hey, I type. I edit. I format. I don't do research. I don't compose.

And I expect payment.

Emmy:

Are you sure? Maybe Mr Lincoln will change your mind.

** slides penny over to Isha **

[Emmy]

Quinn:

If it happens on Nov 14th, I win! I win the cheap-ass TP prize! And if it's a picture of my own abs with butter all over them, I'm heading to PA to kick some ass.

Danny:

There are so many things I like about that sentence.

Quinn:

All it means is next time I eat lobster naked, I'm wearing a bib, so I don't drip any butter – just to keep those Dannythoughts out of my head.

Danny:

God, you so want me right now. It's electric. You can't stop thinking about it.

Quinn:

I forgot what I'm supposed to be thinking about.

Danny:

Me too. Lobster?

Cathy:

Hmmm, I wouldn't if I were you. Those lobsters have probably been in Quinn's pants at some point.

Nate:

Honestly, who and what hasn't been in Quinn's pants?

Sexy Pig

Nov 13 • 2866.38-39

Ryan R:

What do you call those little doofus hats like Jughead's?

Michal:

I call them, "crowns made out of construction paper." Or sometimes just "Alfred," for short.

[Ryan R]

Oh, what a chat

Nov 13 • 2884.47-81

Danny:

Basically, we just want to have sex with Kevin Bishop. Can you arrange that?

Julian:

Nope. But I could probably arrange a goat for you guys. How's that?

Danny:

No, that's cool. I can get my own goat.

Dan:

Yes, but you have to name it Kevin.

Danny:

Done, and done.

Dan:

And you have to share.

Danny:

Yeah, no problem. Just click your tongue, he'll come right over.

Quinn:

I wish I was that easy.

Michal:

I have a crush on a Kevin – but a different Kevin. Aw, nuts.

Clicks tongue to draw Danny's goat over.

Danny:

Man. Popular goat.

Another sad passing. Art Carney.

Nov 13 • 2903.11

Kynan:

< "Harry and Tonto" is the best cat-related movie of all time. >

Whoa there, bigshot. You're obviously forgetting Pulp Fiction: Special Edition, in which the briefcase is revealed to contain five adorable kittens.

Danny:

Which Sababa guy was that, Marky Sababa?

I'm imagining there's four guys: Joey Sababa, Johnny Sababa, Marky Sababa and CJ Sababa. Is that right?

Jamie:

I simply call things as I see them. The glass ain't half empty, it ain't half full. It's just half and I'll make more when I get thirsty.

Danny:

This, unfortunately, is not a pleasant metaphor.

Which Hot Topic pins do you have?

Nov 13 • 2920.16-24

Danny:

> "Small Pepe." Ha!

Okay, kids, not everything is a penis reference.

This keeps popping up where you least expect it. It's getting hard to talk without somebody making a big thing about it.

Kynan:

Danny, you really nailed it. I don't want to go off half-cocked, but I can't take this lying down – it's time to stick it to these blowhards. All this dicking round is making it really hard on a lot of members who're just trying to hang out.

Please, phallus, this is virgin on ridiculous.

Danny:

Kynan, I'm glad that you're willing to rise up and handle this sensitive area.

It feels good to have your firm support where it counts.

Kynan:

It's good to have the issue laid bare. I'm really relieved to be open about it. Now that I've come clean, I've really got a load off my chest.

I hope now that we've come at this head-on, we can all see eye to eye and not make a big balls-up of it. I realize it can be a hairy issue, but without waxing on, some people were using this kind of humor as a crutch.

I may just be from a small penal colony down under, but I've had plenty of pickles like this before, and I've always ended up on top.

Danny:

You win.

Just don't let it go to your head.

Kynan:

Aww. You guys are swell.

[Michal]

Kynan:

<Isn't Richard Marks the cheesy 80's mullet singer guy? Good to see he's pursuing other endeavors.>

No, you're thinking of Karl Marx.

This is Richard Marks, who co-starred in A Night at the Opera with his brothers Chico, Harpo and Sababa.

[Ryan R]

Sexy Pig

Nov 14 • 2866.54

Quinn:

Melissa works in the psych unit of the VA hospital here – and her tolerance of craziness is increasing. But the other night I caught her trying to medicate me in my sleep.

And those straps on our bedposts that used to be the source of hours of enjoyment are losing their appeal...

New MuppetHugging

Nov 16 • 2568.105

Danny:

Updates to the Cheat Sheet:

- Added pictures for Dan, Kellie and David S
- Added websites for Ryan D, Quinn and me
- Changed all spouse names to "Brenda"

Sunday Night Chat

Nov 17 • 2964.5-34

John:

At some point during the course of chat, Martha and I were reborn as the Jinx Minx Twinz. If that's not incentive enough for everyone to join in on a regular basis, I don't know what is.

David S:

Wondertwin knock-offs. You will never be more than the Emmanuel Lewis to our Gary Coleman. I bet you don't even have a monkey.

John:

Ha! Who needs monkeys? Glorified organ grinders, that's who! Not Jinx Minx Twinz.

David S:

Yeah, yeah. You've yet to prove your niche. We got suits, we got special powers. Blue monkeys are just the icing on our wondercake.

The Jinx Minx Twinz are going to have to improve their image with some sort of monkey, STAT. And a catchphrase. I demand a catchphrase.

Isha:

Hey, with a cool name like Jinx Minx, who needs a catchphrase?

Danny:

The Jinx Minx Twinz are so sexy, they don't need a catchphrase.

David S:

Awww, but I got the hair... and the clothes... and...

okay, yeah we're all glitz and glam with no substance.

Michal:

Do they have purple spandex, though?

John:

The Jinx Minx Twinz do not have any kind of spandex. We're a bit classier than that!

We have fuzzy tiger print bowling jerseys which Martha found in the bargain box at Gadzooks. By the way, Minx, do you think those stains will come out, or should we just cover them with light reflectors and friendship pins?

David S:

I'm still waiting for my catchphrase.

John:

"We're the Jinx Minx Twinz, we got the right stuff
we'll put you through some changes
And just when you think you've fallen in love,
that's when Fate steps in!
Yeah, yeah, Jinx Minx Twinz
You can't mess with a Twin
We'll lose ourselves like kids in a crowd
and reap the mysteries of the wind.
(Go Jinx Minx Twinz!)"

Sunday Night Chat

Nov 17 • 2964.9-13

Jess:

At least you got in. Some of us aren't cool enough to get into chat.

I *knew* I shouldn't have tried to bribe the bouncer with Palisades Holiday Rizzo. Next time I'll bribe 'em with \$7 cheesecake.

Isha:

Oh come on now, Kynan's worth more than \$7.

Kynan:

wipes tear from eye

That's the sweetest thing anybody's ever said to me.

[Ryan R]

Quinn (to David S):

I'm surprised we ever got married.

Me and Melissa, not me and you.

Cathy:

Wow, you and David were married?

David S:

I wondered who my lovely wife Brenda really was. This is like 'secret santa' only better. I hope Quinn can learn a thing or two from a goat.

Quinn:

I like to think I taught the goat a thing or two.

And there are times you DON'T have pretty hair. Mr Bed-head.

David S:

Oh please. Like you ever wait around to see me in the morning, Mr Use 'em and Lose 'em.

Quinn:

That's true.

But we were married, right?

Wait a second – no, we weren't!

David S:

I thought Gonzo was supposed to play the minister.

Quinn:

But was it a play inside a play inside the movie? Because the audience couldn't technically see anything that was happening, right, because there were four walls in that chapel, and so they couldn't possibly see what we were doing.

Unless that webcam was on – you told me it was OFF!

David S:

No, the *wedding* was off. The webcam was *on*. You never listen.

Who remembers this skit??!!!

Nov 18 • 2943.19-34

Danny:

I keep telling people: You don't have to visit Muppet Central. It will never make you happy again. It only makes you sad and furious.

Quinn:

nods sagely... strokes double chin where goatee once was

I miss my goat.ee.

Michal:

The rest of us just miss your goat.

David S:

Is this Quinn's own private goat or the board's official goat? Because if something happened to the TP goat, I'm going to be very upset.

Not that Quinn's lost goat doesn't deserve sympathy... or a night off.

Quinn:

I don't even know how I came to be associated with the goat. I thought the goat was Danny's. Possibly Nate's. It's a community goat I guess.

Dirty, DIRTY goat.

David S:

I think it's Danny's goat, and he just lets us all borrow it.

We are all associated with the goat. Or at least we should be... or will be... or something.

Danny:

The goat does not belong to anyone except itself. It is its own independent goat.

It just hangs around with us because it chooses to. Kind of like Quinn.

Cathy:

I thought the goat belonged to the bouncer that Jess bribed to get into the chat.

Jess:

No, that was just a distraction so I could sneak in. The goat wound up in the chocolate corner, remember?

Cathy:

Oh, I didn't realize that was the same goat.

That goat really does get around!

Michal:

Perhaps said goat has by now become something of a metaphor, for the greater Goatness inside all of us.

[Ryan R]

Sunday Night Chat

Nov 18 • 2964.23

Kynan:

I have a fictitious evil helper monkey named Kenwyn.

John, don't think you're safe just because he's not real – that makes him even more angry.

My Best Friend's Honeymoon

Nov 18 • 2981.5

John:

It's no secret that Cathy stormed in here, knocked a few people's heads together, put up some drapes and called the place "home." We love and fear her for it.

The Cat's Lament

Nov 20 • 2993.5-13

Michal:

Yesterday I bought Pepsi, and felt like a whore,
'Cause my neighborhood place had no Coke in the store.

Anyway, the bottle's adorned with Mike Myers,
And you'd think – with what he's done, to this he aspires?!

My bottle came out of the fridge for a while
Its condensation ran down Mike M's too-wide smile.

Then I saw it, and slunk 'neath the table in fear.
For next to Mike's eye was what looked like a tear.

Danny:

I can't help but feel that Mike M. plays a part in
The death of our culture, and so does Steve Martin.

Steve used to be so cool, the comedy king,
But now he just shows up for any old thing.

I'll say it again, like I've said it before:
Steve Martin's becoming a big giant whore.

Sosezme.

Quinn:

Okay, so there's this new guy at work, and he looks just like me. But he's gay, so he's probably a little better looking than me. You know how your people are.

Anyway, he works one bay over from me, and so he walks through here a few times a day. It's just weird. I've had probably 20 people come up to me and say "have you seen this guy?" and I assume they're doing the same thing to him.

It's kinda creepy. I know one of us will die in the end.

John:

I haven't met this fake Quinn but I already don't like him. I prefer the original – ambiguously straight, overly extroverted, great hair, with a little bit of Mormonosity around the edges. It doesn't get better than the real thing, people. Boycott the Quinn rip-off! He probably never even had a tail!

Yancey:

Yeah, Chief, I'll take the real Quinn any day. Even if the fake Quinn is gay. I prefer Classic Quinn to New Quinn, always.

Kynan:

Wait, people, let's take a moment.

Quinn's found a guy who's EXACTLY like Quinn, only better looking AND gay, and you guys want to keep the original?

Bring on the New Quinn, I say. Let's see his Little People.

... If you know what I mean.

Julian:

Wow Quinn, I'm surprised nobody pushed you into this direction yet:

Didn't you ever wonder how it would be to have sex with yourself??? (I'm not talking Minestrone.)

I mean, because the other you is gay, this is THE opportunity!

Sure he's no goat, but c'mon.

Danny:

I think it's obvious there's been some sort of mistake. There's a gay Quinn out there – obviously, he must be the Muppet fan, and Quinn should be the guy who likes Everybody Loves Raymond.

They must have been switched at birth. We have a changeling Quinn.

David S:

You've found your twin! And you were just looking for one. Do you suppose you're the evil one?

Quinn:

Oh, I'm pretty sure I'm the evil one. Even if he is gay. All will be resolved after I cut off his head with the linoleum knife I pack.

David S:

Does killing him really solve *all* of your problems? You've got some real issues there, bub. Dead gay Quinn seems like a bandaid to me.

A Nifty Find

Nov 20 • 2974.7

Ryan R:

Yeah, well, I think I wasn't allowed to watch Dungeons and Dragons because my mom was afraid it would make me want to kill people. When I found that old tape, I watched the episode. I only killed a few people.

Moulin Scrooge scans

Nov 23 • 2983.15

Kynan:

Note to self – must make more notes to self.

[Michal]

Jess' visit to Avenue Q

Nov 23 • 3016.1-10

Kynan:

I have decided that Jess should tell everyone the story of her visit to Avenue Q.

Take it away, Jess!

Jess:

Um... I saw Avenue Q while I was in New York. It was fun.

Oh, yeah – and afterwards I met the cast.

Peter Linz is the sweetest guy ever, and he took me back to meet the others. Rick said hi in passing, but the cast members that I actually got to talk to were Peter, Jen, John, and Stephanie. Craig was there with Stephanie, and Mikey, a Muppet-wrangler on SS, was there with Jen. Everyone was really cool and nice. We talked for a while, and I got my picture taken with everyone. And that is my Avenue Q story.

Kynan:

Wow, Jess, great story!

Danny:

Is this some weird kind of ventriloquism?

Jess:

For our next trick, I'm going to sing Lady of Spain while Kynan drinks a glass of water.

Danny:

Not a bad trick. I don't even know how to sing Lady of Spain.

Kynan's puppet fun

Nov 23 • 3017.11-12

Kynan:

Photos: Sadly, no. I was way too busy being a professional puppeteer for such frivolities. Also, my digital camera is temporarily out of service.

Maybe we could get the Gay Pseudo Quinn to make replicas out of sculpey.

John:

Pseudo Quinn doesn't use sculpey, that's Real Quinn. Pseudo uses papier-mâché. (He's old skool.)

[Ryan R]

How come you guys boot me?

Nov 23 • 3023.1-3

djharley:

Hi,

I was just wondering why you keep booting me from chat.

Jes:

We are just being surly.

And because we can.

Now come on back, cause it is my turn... I mean... hi, nice to meet you.

Danny:

You didn't have your orange jacket on. We thought you were a deer.

[Ryan R]

Mr Noodle's sister Miss Noodle

Nov 24 • 3020.10

John:

I'm waiting for Mr and Miss Noodle's overseas cousin, Ramen Noodle, to take over the lead in Miss Saigon.

[Travis]

How come you guys boot me?

Nov 24 • 3023.11

Jes:

[re: BDogg]

See those pictures of half naked women on the walls behind him?

Yeah, that oughtta be me.

Word.

[Emmy]

Cathy:

What's up with that?

Danny:

Please state your question in the form of a question.

Cathy:

I don't know if I can form a coherent question about this show.

The only one that comes to mind is, why oh why oh why, did I end up watching the season finale of Joe Millionaire?

Kynan:

I have zero interest in almost all forms of reality television. Yet without any effort on my part, and without watching a single moment of the lead-ups, I have managed to see season finales of Joe Millionaire, The Bachelor, and For Love or Money.

I see your why-oh-why-oh-why, and I raise you a "for the love of all that is holy."

[Michal]

Jess's Visit to Avenue Q

Nov 26 • 3016.26-28

Kynan:

Posh Spice's husband tried to visit Meyer at a Hollywood studio once, only to be told by Meyer's co-star Kevin Bacon that he'd just left the set.

But Beckham begged Bacon to beckon Breckin back on.

Anthony:

Dude, seriously. You have way too much time on your hands.

Kynan:

You want me to put the brake on?

[Ryan R]

How come you guys boot me?

Nov 26 • 3023.24

Michal:

It doesn't be-hizzle you to speak shizzilly of my bizzle.

[Ryan R]

Michal:

My mother was reading a review to me today, and said it sounded like a movie I'd really like – full of vulgar humor and fart jokes. Then I reminded her that the review was for the "Cat in the Hat" movie, and she was silenced.

Danny:

Damn. What a sarcastic mother.

Michal:

My mother's esteem for me is unparalleled.

Actually, what she said was, "Vulgar? Fart jokes? This looks just like Michal!"

She wasn't being sarcastic. She knows just how low my sense of humor is prepared to stoop.

Danny:

This is why, on the whole, I don't like mothers.

Michal:

They're good for filling you up with chicken soup and inferiority complex. Or maybe that's just the Jew thing kicking in.

Danny:

At a certain point, you learn to make your own chicken soup, and then you never look back.

[Michal]

Sean:

I think the religious Muppet fans like the same things the gay boys do – they just interpret them differently. I look at the Muppets and see a bunch of disparate creatures that all get along – Bible Bangers see Christian fellowship, Gay Boys see tolerance of those different from themselves. Where the parallels break down is the Bible Bangers' failure to see tolerance of those different from themselves as Christian fellowship.

John:

Where your argument breaks down is in your use of the word Bible Bangers as shorthand for all religious people within the Muppet fan community.

I hate Mondays but I do love irony.

Sean:

I never use one term to mean ALL of any group. When I speak of Bible Bangers, I speak of the kind of good religious person who throws their teenage child into the street for being gay. Just know that if you aren't THAT kind of religious person, I'm not talking about you.

John:

Well I'm glad you explained it. I'm totally against the overly judgemental Muppet fans who throw teens into the street.

Danny:

I wish they'd stop throwing teens in the street, especially when I'm trying to walk to the store. I can't go three steps without tripping over someone's discarded teen.

DAMN YOU, I yell. RECYCLE YOUR TEEN!

[Michal]

Jes:

Whatever Gabi's age, she is totally hot, and I am digging the new Miles as well.
* meow *

John:

It's not the same Miles? *Why not?* Hmm. Sadness.

Quinn:

I was wondering if they had switched Miles on us. Is it the same Miles as season 34, or an All New Miles?

Smig:

So, how many gallons do they get to the Miles?

Danny:

Mileses get replaced periodically. Soon Quinn will have to rotate out his son and bring in a new Miles.

Quinn:

As long as the New Miles also has very kissable cheeks and can say "COOOKIE!!!" I'm down with that.

Danny:

The new Miles is Rhea Perlman. Is that okay?

[Michal]

Kynan:

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I'm surprised and disappointed that nobody has pointed this out yet:

Wooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo! Loverrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrs!

That is all.

Anthony:

Yes, we each post one message and then we make out.

And now here's Michal to say something clever.

Michal:

He has to drug me first, though. That must be why I don't remember the making out part.

And now here's Anthony to drug me.

[Michal]

Jog:

I'm huntin' for ya, man!

I started reading messages at the beginning of the year... my god, this place was totally WOTH. Do you guys remember way back when the Tough Pigs Forum was actually a place to discuss Muppets? A place where nobody made sex jokes or flirted, and the edgiest humor was about underwear?

Quinn:

I'll take credit for cranking up the raunchometer a notch – or two. I made it my Special Mission to do so when I came here. Just ask Danny.

I'm so dirty.

And I used to be such a nice girl.

[Kevin]

Kynan:

Some thoughts for you all as you look back over the TP year:

John is the funniest human who ever lived.

Ryan is the funniest STRAIGHT human who ever lived.

Danny is not human, so he's in a different category.

Kynan, obviously, is me. So, you know. Extra points.

Michal is a Funny Little Thing. (This could be more important than you realize.)

Let's not forget – Isha is (or at some point, was) a really nice girl. Her innocence (or lack thereof) must be worth something.

Warrick has the body of Fabio, the heart of a newborn 10-year-old boy, and a weird thing for Dionne Warwick. He either deserves our respect, or our pity.

Joggy manages to be weird and obtuse in many languages simultaneously.

As for Julia, ditto, but for "weird and obtuse" substitute "hot and sexy."

Ditto Thijs, but for "hot and sexy," substitute "unpronounceable." Also "lucky."

Alaina went away to learn how to be a better hippie, and came back with tales of animal mutilation. Heart of gold, sure, but her words tell a different story.

Anthony, bless his soul, has read every TP thread ever conceived. He is not yet, as far as we know, criminally insane. He's gotta deserve SOME kind of reward.

Emmy is Emmy. I think you know what I'm trying to say.

But above all – Jess is my girlfriend. So she gets EXTRA special treatment.

Not everyone is mentioned here. That's because I'm drunk... also lazy.

[Michal]

Jim Henson in Ernest Goes to Camp?! Dec 5 • 3091.9

Kynan:

I love that somewhere in the DC comics universe, there's a parallel world where what you said makes sense.

[Michal]

VMX to air this Saturday on NBC

Dec 6 • 3103.38

Quinn:

I'm at work right now and just got a call from Melissa – evidently Miles has been standing two feet from the TV for the last 30 minutes watching VMX. She said he breaks away at commercials and comes over to her and says "ELMOCOOKIEKRRKRRGOHELLOBEAR!" and points at the screen, and then the Muppets come back and he goes back into his trance.

We're such good parents.

Tidbits Again!

Dec 7 • 3114.6

Kynan:

You make me L. Not necessarily OL, but I definitely did L. Sort of in a whispery, through-the-nostrils, don't-wake-the-baby kind of way.

So, you know. LSOIAWTTNDWTBKOW.

John:

Wake the baby?

Did your producers bring in an adorable kid to salvage those declining ratings already?

Edited to add: I was referring, metaphorically, to the declining ratings of the tv program that is one's life, and not Rove Live. I don't know what Rove's ratings are, but I'm sure they blow the roof off the competition and that the show will remain baby-free for many moons to come.

Kynan:

Your flame-dousing edit would have been perfect, John, except for the attention-grabbing DelphiPlus red font, which screamed, "FLAME DOUSING GOING ON! DIGGING MY WAY OUT OF A RATINGS-BASED FAUX PAS!"

Faux Pas, by the way, is French for "false father," which more or less accurately describes my living arrangements. I have a housemate, who has a baby, who is also my housemate. My duties include knee-dandling, lullaby singing, and, naturally, lengthy conversations in Muppet voices. Aidan likes my Cookie Monster more than he likes my Elmo.

[Michal]

Huzzah!

Dec 7 • 3125.1-5

Michal:

This is my 1000th post!

What do I win?

Isha:

From me you win a glass of fresh squeezed orange juice. Lovingly prepared and consumed by yours truly.

[Michal]

Dear Abby...

Dec 8 • 3110.52-54

Scott:

When you come across so few with whom you connect, it's tough to see one slip away, or in some cases, remain unattainable. For they may also fit with someone else. Or they used to, but don't anymore and are trying to figure that out.

If she does, she does. The ladies aren't exactly taking numbers for me.

Jes:

What, are you kidding?

The ladies around here have been taking numbers for you for *years...* YEARS!

Scott, more popular than deli meat.

[Michal]

Season's Greetings from Tough Pigs

Dec 8 • 3143.5-7

Jes:

Julian asked me to marry him tonight!

You may all commence jealousy... right... NOW!

John:

I don't want to be the one to break this to you, Jes, but Julian cannot be possessed by any man or woman. He is free, much like the breeze that blows across the waves of the sea, or the butterflies that dance in a field in May. I'm afraid you're setting yourself up for disappointment if you try to fence him in.

Besides, he's *mine*.

Ho Ho Ho

Dec 9 • 3075.85-87

Nate:

Okay, I'm bragging on this one.

Not only did I get Santa to post out of rhyme. But about Depends too.

Now as to the allegations of getting him drunk, my mouth is sealed. But I've corrupted far worse in my lifetime.

Cathy:

What's worse than corrupting Santa?

Did you sell crack to the baby jesus?

Nate:

How do you think the Tooth Fairy became a FAIRY!

[Mar, Michal, Emmy]

Martina McBride to SS

Dec 9 • 3145.1-3

Mar:

[posting a Sesame Workshop press release:]

"Martina is also joined by Cookie Monster, AM Elephant, Zoe, Grover, Rosita, Telly and Baby Bear in the episode that airs in April 2004."

Danny:

I'm amused that the elephant is known publicly as AM Elephant, as if that's his name.

Ryan R:

AM Elephant is mostly talk, FM Elephant is mostly music.

[Michal]

Ugh, he's back!

Dec 10 • 3148.42

Danny:

Phil is not nice. He never downloaded the plug-in for nice.

Just a little something I've noticed

Dec 10 • 3154.12

Cathy:

I thought it was just a really, really bad arrangement of the song. The arrangement doesn't really allow for good vocals. I don't blame Dave for that. I blame Jesus.

[Michal]

Sesame St CD-ROMs?

Dec 10 • 3156.2-3

Scott:

I only paid maybe 10 bucks a pop for each. I wouldn't recommend paying more than that, especially if Miles already knows all his shapes and colors and whatever else the box says it teaches.

Quinn:

Miles doesn't know crap.

Ugh, he's back!

Dec 11 • 3148.52-53

Scott:

Hold your tongue, young lady!

Cathy:

Ohay, I holin it. Wha now?

[Michal]

Cathy:

TMS came on shortly after I was born and really that was it for me. There are rumors that "Muppets" was my first word. Apparently, by the time I was 13 months old, I was telling people the time and station that they could see The Muppet Show for themselves.

TMM was the first movie I saw in the theaters. I carried a Pigs in Space lunchbox on my first day of school (and for many years after). I cried for hours in kindergarten when the teacher gave out Miss Piggy colorforms as a prize and I wasn't the kid that won them. The list goes on and on, really.

The Muppets have accompanied me through the best times of my life (a first date where the boy came over armed with The Great Muppet Caper video he rented and the makings of rootbeer floats, trying to woo me yet not knowing the full obsession I had with the Muppets – it worked), and the worst (watching TMM nonstop for days after my dad died, comforted by its familiarity). They have laughed with me, cried with me, and have been the one constant in life.

Anthony:

Here's the brief synopsis:

2001 – Everyone just kind of sits around waiting for something to start happening. There is much talk of Muppets.

2002 – Some Muppet-related talk continues, but mostly everyone makes polls about each other.

2003 – Everyone makes jokes about goats, Scott's e-mail, various parts of Quinn's anatomy, Nate and Byron, Shake-a-Pudd'n, Isha being no longer a nice girl, Michal being a funny little thing, and how dreamy Patrick is. Aside from an argument over Betty Lou's existence and some discussion of what could possibly get Herry so mad as to throw candles at Twiddlebugs, there is no mention of Muppets all year.

Tough Piglets

Dec 11 • 3168.9

Tom:

Seeing the title of this thread, I couldn't help but think: what if all us TPer's met when we were younger?

* goes into dream sequence/musical number with Baby Danny singing lead while Baby Tom, Baby Scott, Baby Kynan, and Kynan's imaginary sister Keenan play rattles like maracas. *

Mama, dada, boop-boop, chihuahua...

My Muppet history

Dec 12 • 3161.34-35

Danny:

I wore Muppet bow biters for about two years solid in college. And somehow Ed still started dating me.

Quinn:

You're just incredibly sexy. I had the same problem.

Plus, girls thought I was sensitive because I liked the Muppets. They were wrong. I only had two emotions: horny and vindictive.

I was such a peach.

John:

Kathy Mullen = Red Fraggle.

Daniel:

Karen Prell = Red Fraggle.

Kathy Mullen = Mokey Fraggle.

John:

I *knew* that. Oh my goodness, I can't believe I got it mixed up.

Do I have to go away forever now?

Daniel:

No not forever, but you think about that young man, you think about it long and hard.

Nate:

Dude,

that was the ultimate Tough Pigs party foul.

Emmy:

Other fish that I have gone through: Herbert, Sprocket, Einstein, The Amazing Ernie, and Fish To Be Named Later.

I never fed them or cleaned the tank, and they lived as happily as could be. Then, when I would feed them and/or clean the tank, they would die.

Muppet shirts

Dec 13 • 3190.6-8

Quinn:

Dang, that is nice.

Now I need me some money.

I'll send you my PayPal info so you can deposit a little bit now and then.

Scott:

Funny. I was just going to say the same thing.

Quinn:

Poverty has brought us together. Heterosexuality will keep us apart.

[Emmy]

more Sababa?

Dec 13 • 3191.3-14

Scott:

I think it's silly to have them all basketball dolls.

Personally I'd rather see the In Touch With Nature, Arts, Science and Culture line. Kermit the philosopher, Gonzo the archeologist, Rowlf the conductor, Scooter the astronomer, Piggy the geologist, Beaker the painter.

Quinn:

Hold up.

Piggy the GEOLOGIST???

What the –

But the rest are brilliant.

Scott:

Quinn.

Piggy. All geared up in hiking shorts and one of those funny hats that keep the sun out of your eyes.

It might not fit her personality, but she'd be HOT.

Quinn:

You had me at "hiking shorts."

Mmmm... with a little tool belt, small rock hammer and pickaxe swinging at her side... bending down to examine an unusual outcropping...

Scott:

See? Piggy the Geologist is not such a bad idea after all, now is it?

Quinn:

I wasn't expecting Piggy the SEXY Geologist.

What was I thinking?

Scott:

Piggy the sexy, down and dirty, tool equipped Geologist.

Not intended for children under 18.

Quinn:

I'm over 18.

Isha:

bending down to examine an unusual outcropping...

Is that what you're calling it now?

Muppet Family Christmas: Butchered Dec 15 • 3175.14

Tom:

I understand George Lucas wants to do a special edition of MFC.

The missing scenes still won't be in there. But Kermit's voice will be dubbed by Steve Whitmire, the snowman will be CG, and Fozzie will now throw the snowball first.

[Emmy]

Please Masturbate

Dec 15 • 3185.6-37

Michal:

I think at first I'd like my clone, but then it would drive me batty with its incessant chatter.

Danny:

That's funny, she said the same thing about you.

Scott:

They should be on Family Feud again.

Danny:

Is Louie Anderson still there?

Quinn:

Louie Anderson is no longer the host of Family Feud, if that's what you're asking.

Danny:

I guess I'm asking if Louie Anderson still exists on this earth. If so, why aren't we hunting him down? I'm sure he's just hiding in a hole somewhere, growing his beard.

Daniel:

I don't think there's any hope in stopping him. Not with that styrofoam square to protect him!

Danny:

Damn those styrofoam squares! Once again, we are foiled. Someday we will develop the technology to break through these styrofoam squares. And then, my friend, the balance of power will finally tip. Oh yes it will.

Cathy:

The balance of power will tip from Louie Anderson to us?

Daniel:

It depends if there are enough of us on the teeter-totter.

"I Want a Monster..." on 365 Days site Dec 15 • 3202.10

John:

Marilyn Sokol is the bomb.

What's Your Spiritual Type?

Dec 15 • 3205.1-49

<http://www.beliefnet.com/section/quiz/index.asp?surveyID=27>

Results:

80-89 (Confident Believer)

Byron: 84

Kevin: 80

70-79 (Questioning Believer)

Quinn: 78

Ryan R: 72

Kellie: 71

Jes: 70's

60-69 (Old-fashioned Seeker)

Alaina: 67

Martha: 65

Emmy: 63

Michal: 60's

50-59 (Spiritual Straddler)

Julia: 56

Nate: 53

Kelly: 52

40-49 (Active Spiritual Seeker)

Daniel: 49

Patrick: 49

Scott: 49

30-39 (Spiritual Dabbler)

Cathy: 39

Thijs: 37

Jamie D: 30's

25-29 (Hardcore Skeptic)

Danny: 28

What's Your Spiritual Type?

Dec 15 • 3205.14-42

Danny:

I would like this poll better if it gave you a funny name at the end, like Faithy Baptistchunks, or Irving Wonderjew.

Michal:

60-69: Old Fashioned Seeker – Happy with my religion but searching for the right expression of it.

At least I'm not Irving Wonderjew.

Erik:

I've never *needed* religion. And I definitely have atheist tendencies. But I describe myself as a meta-agnostic. Which means if I'm asked the question "Do you believe in God?" and the possible answers are Yes, No, or I'm not sure, I wouldn't know which one to pick.

[Quinn]

Miles reviews Muppet Christmas Carol Dec 17 • 3220.1-28

Quinn:

Miles and I have spent the last two days making toys and watching some Muppety Christmas stuff... because that's what Daddys and Babies do. When Melissa's at work.

Today it was Muppet Christmas Carol, which we ended up watching in three parts.

Miles' biggest problem was the Boring Human Parts, which is a problem he's had with prior Muppet productions. The worst was the extended Human Part "When Love is Gone," between Young Ebenezer and Whatshername. Miles actually stood up and turned off the TV about halfway through the song, turned and looked at me, held out his hands and said "allllIGONE" and then dumped out some cars to play with. The only other show he's done that to was "60 Minutes," so it must have been pretty bad.

Miles also thought the darker scenes were a little dull, and could have been livened up by Animal, who he calls "COOKIE" even though he knows it's not Cookie Monster. I think he's voice-chasing.

Miles liked the scenes with Kermit, a high point early on was the Penguin Skating scene. He spun around on the rug in front of the tv, but didn't ever fall down.

Aside from the pacing problems, Miles seemed to enjoy most of MXC... but I don't think we'll be watching it again this Christmas.

We also watched Elmo Saves Christmas, which was better received – my favorite part of Watching Miles Watching the show was early on when Snuffy is leaving Big Bird to go to Cincinnati, and Miles made his elephant noise by pressing his lips together and blowing so hard that I thought his incredibly large head was going to explode. That and when he saw the Count, and right when Miles opened his mouth and pointed his finger to say "AH-AH-AHHHH," the Count said it for him, and Miles stopped and looked confused and slightly hurt. But then he said it anyway.

Miles liked it.

The Harvey Fierstein Easter Bunny was damn disturbing.

I typed this for Miles.

Danny:

I agree with Miles on every single point. I hope I can meet Miles sometime, I think he and I would be very good friends.

Quinn:

... he's always wanted to go Back East... and we're almost done with him.

Danny:

Well, I don't know if I can take him permanently, but I have been certified as one of the nation's best babysitters.

So if you want to put him on a plane and send him to me for a little while, I'd be happy to borrow him. When you're ready to have him back, I'll just stick a stamp on his big ol' head and drop him in the mailbox.

Quinn:

He loves the post office – all the vending machines, all the people... We were at our closest one last week for about 30 minutes mailing a package, and after we had put all of our Christmas cards into the little slot one at a time, he went begging to other people for envelopes to put in the slot: "pease?" "pease?" and each time a new person would come in, this lady would say "give your envelopes to that little boy over there – he'll mail them for you!"

He was like a little elf.

And then when we left the post office there was much weeping.

Anyway yeah, stamps work, but we do have a bar code on the back of his neck if you want to just meter him.

Miles reviews Muppet Christmas Carol Dec 17 • 3220.8-9

Jog:

The R2 version of MXC does have widescreen. But strangely enough, no "When Love Is Gone"!

Anthony:

Widescreen AND no "When Love Is Gone"?

That must be the best version of Muppet Christmas Carol ever!

New Bear

Dec 18 • 3216.21-38

SesameLive:

Mitchell Kriegman wrote the script for Surprise Party, which was the original Bear tour. Another writer (Andy Yerkes) wrote the script for A First Time For Everything. They're both currently on the road, and I'd have to agree that FTFE isn't as good as it should have been.

Quinn:

Does A First Time For Everything involve any of the characters losing their virginity?

Daniel:

Oh yeah baby, Tutter fucks the hell out of pip AND pop!!!

Jes:

Really? I much prefer Pip and Pop.

Something about Tutter bugs me.

Danny:

Daniel wasn't saying that he likes Tutter better.

He was saying that in the show First Time For Everything, Tutter deflowers Pip and Pop.

Jes:

makes a mental note to pay more attention to semantics the next time Daniel uses the word "fuck"

Danny:

That's gonna take up a lot of your time.

Daniel:

LOL, I've been away from the computer for a while, this is all quite funny.

Danny is correct, I implied Tutter deflowered the otters.

Also, I prefer Tutter.

Jessica, I realize I'm stunning, but you really need to listen to my thoughts as well. I'm not just a body you know.

Thank you Danny. You will be rewarded at the picnic.

Kynan:

My God, if that was you implying it, I'd hate to see you just come right out and say it.

Quinn:

We'll keep our eyes peeled.

It's become a morning ritual for Miles, since it's on at 7:30 our time.

Perfect time for a fat-headed little boy.

Who wakes up so darn early.

Michal:

Is his head really that big?

Danny:

Yes. Did you see the pictures?

Cute as hell. Knows his Muppets. Really big head.

Quinn:

He's wearing one of my baseball caps right this minute.

And it almost fits him.

Good thing it wasn't that big 20 months ago, cause I'd need a whole new wife now...

Daniel:

I keep picturing his head sitting on some sort of rolling device. Perhaps a tripod. Maybe even a kickstand.

Muppetology

Dec 18 • 3230.4-5

Anthony:

I use "wemble" a lot. Also I say "wubba wubba" whenever anyone mentions scary monsters.

Do you really use "Special Guest Star" as a synonym for human?

Jog:

Yep, I do. Except when they wear heavy makeup. Then I just call them "repaints."

[Jes]

Quinn:

Miles has added a new Muppet impression to his growing repertoire – up until now it's all been Sesame characters, including Ernie, Count and Cookie Monster. Yesterday he came up to me holding my Tuxedo Beaker figure, and saying "MEE-MEE-MEE!" and I thought that was very good. Then we were watching VMX, and it came to the "Beautiful Mind" scene, and he went crazy Meeping like he was a relative or something.

Awww. Good boy.

Wonder who'll be next.

And I wonder if this qualifies me for Father of the Year Award?

Elmo Saves Christmas Review

Dec 19 • 3233.4

Alaina:

well call me Insaina McCrazypants, but I LOVE the Harvey Fierstein part.

Santa:

Sorry for not rhyming in this one. You'll forgive me I hope. ☺ You see... this year I was trying to decide if I wanted to do the Santa project again. I have done it for several years and always enjoyed it so much... but this year I wasn't in the spirit to start with. Several months ago I had several strokes and a brain bleed. I was fighting for my life. By November I was just plain tired and to be honest... feeling a bit sorry for myself. So imagine my surprise when I signed in and found you all had resurrected last year's Santa thread. It's safe to say it was this forum that pulled me out of the duldrums and got Santa going this year. I can't thank you enough for that.

Danny – I am currently working on an article for the Delphi Gazette regarding Santa... would it be Ok to include this forum in the article? I can't imagine a Santa article without including you all in it. ☺ For this year you truly made all the difference in the world.

Love and lots of thanks to all of you;
Santa

Jes:

A thank you from Santa?
I must say I'm touched
And so very sorry to hear
That life was so rough

It can't have been easy
To get in the spirit
We helped you along?
I'm so glad to hear it!

Tough Pigs have been known
To be a bit spacey
And heaven knows
We are certainly racy

But with each new year
Our friendships grow
And you're always welcome
We hope that you know!

No matter the season
Please stop on by
You don't need a reason
Our enthusiasm is high

So don't forget us
And in case you do
Next time, get it straight
Hey, we should thank you!

Santa:

Jessica I think you have outdone yourself
I think your rhymes even impress my elves.
What a sweet thing to have written to me.
This forum is very special of that I can see.
I'll try and remember to stop by between seasons.
For, as you said, I really don't need a reason.
But don't be surprised if the Easter Bunny beats me here.
He takes over my list of forums each passing year.
Or perhaps Cupid will even beat that dear bunny.
You never know what my friends will do, they're funny.

Jes:

A visit from the Easter Bunny
Now that would be divine
So bring it on, honey
Your holiday ideas are sublime!

But I think I speak for all of us
So you should warn your friends
A visit from Cupid could be dangerous
Tough Pigs romance never ends!

Santa:

LOL that's what I told Cupid, in a roundabout kind of way,
That he would be over his head in here with the way y'all play.
HO HO HO, he just shook his head at me and walked away.

Danny:

Santa Claus, thank you for telling us that –
For a fictional myth, you are one groovy cat.

What happened to you sounds as bad as can be,
And I hope your recovery's swift, and pain-free.

I know that one thing that can help you recover
Is sharing your love – and you're quite a good lover.

So remember, whatever might happen next year,
That you've always got friends, when you come around here.

Suicide (Attempt)

Dec 21 • 3243.24

Daniel:

Wow, this is to Quinn and Danny and Santa and everyone else. It seems as though a lot of people have had some tough days these weeks. We've faced suicides, surgeries, failed relationships, bigotry, in-fighting, depression, loneliness in new surroundings, and sickness, and look at us. We've put enough trust in this community that we've shared things that have hit us in unimaginable ways.

We send each other hugs and kisses and private e-mails and general well wishes. Somebody goes on a trip, and we send them packed with hopes of safe travels. We help each other with presents for kids and collecting. We've even got Santa adding support for god's sake. Danny, I am right with you with tearing up. I even cried watching Emmet Otter today, and was sniffing through a lot of these posts.

I love this place and everyone in it. I think we're all very lucky to have each other, though most of us have never actually met. Of course we're just as lucky for our outer world friends and families as well. I'm pretty much babbling through this post but whatever.

I just wanted to send a general, I love you guys.

[Alaina]

Ian:

I always enjoyed The Christmas Toy, but I swear there was something about it that would scare the bejesus out of me. Maybe it was the prospect that I could very well kill one of my toys should I open my door at the wrong moment.

Emmy:

This is just one of those weird moments in my life that I have to share.

Saturday, I'm in my room when I smell a very funky smell. I go downstairs to investigate and ask my parents. My mom asks me, "Where did you get your watch?" I'm sort of like, "Huh? What does that have to do with anything?"

And then I see it. All melty and scorched. My beloved calculator watch.

It turns out my mom accidentally microwaved my watch. (Don't worry, the microwave is fine. The watch? Not so much.) It's a good thing I only paid a dollar for the thing.

What became of Melty, the Calculator Watch? My dad took an ornament hanger, and hung the thing on our Christmas tree. And there it shall shine in his melted glory.

Luckily my mom got me a new one. And now we make fun of her cooking even more.

The end.

[Emmy]

I've been outed!

Dec 24 • 3247.29-36

Michal:

Getting outed to a parent is FAR worse than my friends thinking that TP is just another of my obsessions. NEVER go on the forum while at a parent's house during waking hours.

Last summer I was posting about how I was leaving for camp soon, and typed the exact date of my departure – and my mother gave me a rather severe tongue-lashing about how I should never share details of my personal life online. She hadn't known that I posted on TP at all, and the idea made her rather uncomfortable. How do they always find the worst possible moment to look over your shoulder?

Apparently, with a private piece of information like my departure date for camp, you can all track me down, bind me, and do horrid and unimaginable things to me with goats while tickling my feet.

My mother's little voice in my head still won't let me share my last name online.

John:

But we already know it's Von Schnickelgruber, so neener-neener.

Plus, the evilest thing we could do would be to make you eat at a TGIFriday's and then photograph it. Check and check.

Michal:

You forget – I didn't actually eat anything there.

As long as I get an imaginary last name, I think it should be either Wozzledumps or Glumboclutch.

John:

Oh, that's right. I think you said you needed an empty stomach and a clear mind so that you could go back and write your "dance paper." Then you had all those drinks and, well, I don't need to go on. I think we've all heard enough about the fire you started in Cathy's purse which you summarily put out with the bottle of water Danny had signed by Jerry Nelson. And then you laughed. (The dance paper never surfaced, either!)

I like Wozzledumps, but Glumboclutch is more mysterious.

Michal:

Minor details. I got an "A" on that dance paper, and this professor was not easy to please.

Could I be Garbonzo?

John:

Congratulations on your "A". Huzzah!

You could be Garbonzo, but there's always the chance you'll be captured and forced to sit in a bin at some random salad bar.

Michal:

Couldn't I be a free-range Garbonzo?

John:

No, you couldn't, but take heart. It might be a RAX salad bar in New Jersey, the one in which Jessica had so many romances. Hot!

The Dutch delegation leaves TP

Dec 24 • 3231.28

David S:

The good jokes never die, they may go stale and limp but they must be revived, dusted off and given the chance to flourish again. Things have moved so fast on this forum, I'm just happy to see a gag I recognize. Is there something up with this 'holey' shtick that's runnin' about? I missed that.

Someone point me to the thread. I want inside that joke.

Melissa's pregnant!

Dec 25 • 3280.1-59

Quinn:

So... I guess that's it. Melissa's pregnant.

We're thinking she's due August 10th, but we have the first doctor's appointment next Tuesday. She's doing okay so far, but is getting a little bit nauseated. She never did throw up with Miles, but was tired and sick a lot.

We're excited. Hoping for either a boy or a girl – either one would be nice. We hope for a healthy kid of course, but I also hope for looks. Miles is a damn cute boy, and if he's followed up by a nasty one... we'll have to do something about it.

Danny said we can do a live delivery on the Tough Pigs Cam.

Martha:

Congrats! Another Tough Piglet for the pen!

Danny:

I was tired of trying to get new people to come join the forum. It's about time we stopped importing and started breeding our own.

Emmy:

Congrats!

Here's to little Pinto Bean Rollins!

Julian:

Quinn, good job, I guess!!!

Quinn:

If anyone else wants to sponsor their name onto our next child, let me know. I'm thinking we won't be telling anyone what the name will be until the child is out of Melissa and all cleaned up. We got way too much grief over "Miles" last time.

David S:

Verizon Presents Glumboclutch Rollins. I bet they'd give him some free minutes.

Tom:

The nice thing about the name Taco Bell Presents Pinto Bean Rollins is that it can pretty much be used for either a boy or a girl.

Granted, that's the only nice thing about it. The downside is that the child will strangle you in your sleep as soon as he/she is old enough to spell the name.

Martha:

I've got it!

Gigli.

Or maybe Tartaglia.

Scott:

What about Rockin?

Rockin Rollins.

[Emmy]

Rose Parade: Sesame & John Williams Dec 26 • 3283.2-3

Emmy:

< Abelardo is the giant parrot seen in the Spanish Sesame Street. >

Thank goodness for that sentence. I was all, "Who the fuck is Abelardo, and how much has Sesame Street changed since my PBS station moved it to 10:00?"

Danny:

I can just see that. Emmy jumping up and stomping around the room, screaming, WHO! the FUCK! is ABELARDO!!!

That sounds just like you.

[Emmy]

Rowlf and Ralph

Dec 28 • 3277.17

Nate:

You say 'a Fonzie, I say 'a Fozzie
You say 'a Ralphie, I say 'a Rowlfie
Fonzie, Fozzie, Ralphie, Rowlfie
Let's call the whole thing off.

[John]

Kynan and Jess: The Adventure Begins Dec 28 • 3308.1

Kynan:

In precisely one more sleep, I'll be meeting Captain Jess Cully at Sydney Airport and we shall commence the Real Life portion of our sickeningly sweet Tough Pigs romance. We've already clocked up 5 months or so of Virtual Onlinery, but as of tomorrow we're going legit. Jess is moving to Australia and, to use the legal term, we are now officially Sitting In A Tree.

The Kynan-Cully household will now consist of Lord and Lady Kynan-Cully, Asher the dog, and Hamish the cat, along with my existing human housemates Aidan the baby and his mom, whose name is also Jess. Keep reading TP for updates on our continuing adventures, or watch our sitcom Wednesdays on ABC.

We're both gonna be away from the forum for a few days while I teach Jess how to cross the street without getting hit by a kangaroo, so in the meantime, here's a thread where you can talk about us behind our backs.

To quote Pepe at MuppetFest: "This is a big important thing, okay."

