

Tough Pigs Yearbook 2017



“Reminding People the Muppets Exist”

compiled by Ryan Roe

Hi there, Tough Friends! Welcome to yet another Tough Pigs Forum Yearbook! In 2017, as the trustworthiness and stability of social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter were thrown into question, the best and smartest Muppet fans on the internet continued the non-stop party on the good old-fashioned Tough Pigs Forum on Delphi. What follows is some of the stuff we said.

Quoted threads are arranged here in chronological order, accompanied by a notation as to who nominated each one where applicable. At the back of the yearbook, you'll find the most helpful index in this or any other possible universe.

Special thanks to everyone who nominated posts, as well as everyone who posted on the forum in 2017!

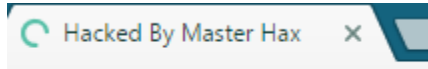
NOTE: When a quote or a nomination is attributed to just "Matthew," that's Matthew Soberman. All of the many, many other Matthews and Matts are listed with their last name or Delphi forum name so you know who's who. Also, "Anthony" is Anthony Strand," while "Anthony W2" is the other Anthony who is named after a tax form.

Hacked site?

1/1/17 | 17013.1-7

Matthew (EvilFroggy)

Anytime I attempt to access the ToughPigs site, a message shows up



ihpiqs.com

and the site displays a white page with only "hacked by mohamed.xo" on it. The name doesn't seem to be a site, but it does have a Facebook page. Hopefully the site will be able to be up and running soon!

[Then, a few days later...]

Joe

And we're back! PHEW!

Matthew

Thank goodness! Hopefully that will never happen agai



Joe

First Arbys, and now Kit Kat made a Muppet-related post.



ME: I should save some for later.
ME TO ME: It is later.
#HaveABreak #KitKat



Jes

So in this ad, the product is the evil Kermit and not the good guy? That's a weird choice for a candy bar.

Joe

Did you not notice that both the good guy and bad guy are the same candy bar?

Jes

Ha, no, I did not. Without the wrapper and imprint, the other one is just some generic brown bar.

Joe

I mean, the fact that they look the same is kinda the whole joke.

Jes

This is why jokes are so much better when you explain them, Joe.

Ryan R

Come on, Joe. Give her a break.

Give her a break.

BREAK HER OFF A PIECE OF THAT KITKAT BAR!

[Nominated by Jes, Joe]

Julia

My boyfriend: 10

WWE: 2

My boyfriend loving WWE so I have to spend a good amount of time watching it: 3

Anthony

That's how I used to feel about Friends back when Roz used to watch Friends all the time.

Ryan R

Which one would you rather watch? I'm no fan of Friends, but it has fewer body slams, so it probably wins.

Julia

Friends. I'd rather watch Friends. It's not great, but episodes are only 21 minutes long. Episodes of WWE are, like, 2 to 3 hours long. UGGGGHHHH.

Shane

100% agreed.

Meagan

I'm so happy to see the general indifference to Friends that I share in. All of my friends love it, but I never have.

I think my least favorite thing about Friends is the way so many groups of friends are like "Friends! It's just like us! Because we're friends!" And then I get Friends forced into my life just because I have friends.

Jes

Lol, I feel that.

Julia

I admit to liking certain elements, episodes, and characters (I grew up watching it, so parts of it stuck over the years), but overall Friends is horrifically overhyped.

And can we all agree Ross is the woooooorst.

Meagan

I agree, that's why I referred to my feelings as "general indifference". And I think "horrifically overhyped" is a good way of describing it, yes.

Shane

Yeah, there's certain aspects/episodes/etc. that I like, but the actual characters themselves got too one-dimensional that I don't think I can re-watch the series, or at least the last few seasons. I never disliked Ross, but I did hate how much they beat on him for all his divorces.

Julia

Yeah, his divorces and the "WE WERE ON A BREAK!!!!" thing gets really old. It's mostly that Ross is presented as a "nice guy", wherein you're supposed to be sympathetic towards him cause he's just "so nice" but most of the time he's kind of a dick and treats women awfully.

Anthony

Maybe I've told you this before, but I really like Ross when he gets to be an enthusiastic dork (talking about his work, playing Quizmaster, doing "the Routine" with Monica), but he spends probably 85% of the time being a whiny sadsack instead.

Ryan R

I just never found it particularly funny, or the characters very appealing. I've liked other stuff by the same creators, but I never befriended Friends.

Jes

Friends was pretty raunchy... it seems tame today maybe but if you listen to it like you have a six-year-old in the room... pretty dirty... lots of references to porn and women are not generally treated all that great.

Ryan R

Which is funny, because when I said I'd liked other stuff by the same creators, I was mainly thinking of Dream On from early-90s HBO, which was not exactly family programming. I watched an episode on Hulu several years ago and it hadn't actually aged that well. I still liked the gags where they cut in old movie clips to represent what Brian Benben's character was thinking, though.

Jes

Right but Dream On was an HBO show- did not air at 8pm on network television. Honestly, I never thought about Friends being 'dirty' until about 5 or 6 years ago when a FRIEND (haha, see what I did there) told me she was watching it with her young teen daughter. I thought I would check it out as a possible bonding opportunity with my kid, but whoa, after one attempt, it was too embarrassing.

Joe

Yeah, those Friends sure do sleep around a lot.

Julia

That's fair! If Ross spent 100% time being an enthusiastic dork I'd really like him!

Anthony

One of my favorite exchanges I've ever had with Joe Hennes:

Me: Dave [from Happy Endings] is the worst!

Joe: He's just a ripoff of Ted Mosby.

Me: And Ted Mosby is just a ripoff of Ross Gellar.

Joe: And Ross Gellar is just a ripoff of Bert.

Watchalongs

2/5/17 | 17043.6-10

Robyn

On Friday February 10th at 8pmEST I'll be showing The Storyteller episode A Story Short on my rabb.it account. On the day I will give the link and the instructions on how to get into my room.

Matthew



[Nominated by Robyn]

Disney World Muppet rumors & news

2/7/17 | 16575.272-81

Joe

Man. The Muppets Courtyard looks like shit now.

Dan!, Esq.

I'll say. Is the fountain even Muppet themed anymore? What about this courtyard is even Muppety? It's pretty bleak.

Ryan R

The fountain is still Muppets, but it's not a fountain. It's a planter. Bad news for Muppet fans, but worse news for fans of water.

Dan!, Esq.

Water was my favorite Muppet. Sigh.

Joe

It's pronounced "Walter".

[Nominated by Matthew]

Matthew

A sign you're a Muppet fan: hearing a line on television and interpreting it two ways.

"What about my father?" "He's dead, Tom."

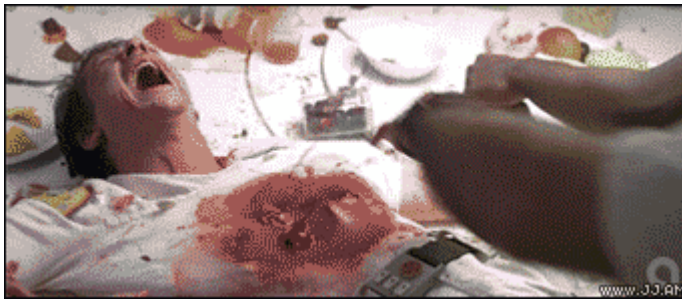
"What about my father?" "He's Dead Tom."

Joe

I never knew Dead Tom had kids.

[Nominated by Julia]

Scott



<https://i.imgur.com/OtexhXq.gif>

[It's an animated gif of the scene from Alien where the alien pops out of John Hurt's chest... but the alien is one of the Yip-Yip Martians from Sesame Street!]

Joe

NopeNopeNopeNopeNopeNope.

Matthew

"When people told themselves their past with bursted chests, explained their present with bursted chests, foretold their future with bursted chests, the best place by the table was kept for...The Chestburster."

Abigail

That is the best and worst and best thing I have ever seen.

YouTube vids

2/14/17 | 10888.2270-72

Robyn

I've been looking for years for a cartoon from Canadian SS and I have finally found it!

It's about the caribou being on the quarter. The song isn't quite like I remembered it, but at least I can now have closure.

The song is at the 22:32 mark if anyone is interested.

<https://youtu.be/U2v3czTFDFc?list=PLpJQchzRXuUfbUhPLdrLqjVDG-9-cZNuY>

Anthony

I can see how that would stick with you. The "on it, on it" part is very catchy.

What a fascinating thing. I don't think the US show has ever done anything about currency like that - this is what this coin looks like, here are some things you can buy with it, etc.

Robyn

We did learn you can buy an O for a nickel.

Random Muppet Thoughts

2/15/17 | 15397.1226-34

Joe

I wonder what happened to Mr. Enrico Tortellini of Passaic, New Jersey. I hope he's okay.

Ryan R

Oh, dang. What does Linda Lavin say, exactly? Was she looking at records of people reported missing?

I wonder if he was a frog too.

Joe

Enrico is a missing person, and a member of a nudist colony. We don't know much else about him.

And considering how terrible of a doctor Linda Lavin is, I wouldn't be surprised if Enrico isn't a frog at all.

Ryan R

Ah, right, I forgot the nudist colony part of the joke.

Poor Enrico. He's somewhere out there, wandering the streets of New York City, completely naked.

Joe

And he has been for the past 33 years! He could be any number of naked New Yorkers!

Ryan R

This insane fan theory will blow your mind: Enrico Tortellini is the Naked Cowboy!

Joe

That insane theory has blown my mind!

Shane

I like to think he too fell in with a group of people with rhyming names. Pico, Chico, Frederico...

Ryan R

And all with pasta last names? Pico Rigatoni, Chico Cavatappi, Frederico Linguine.

Diamond Select Action Figures

2/16/17 | 16662.129-132

Joe

I can't believe we got two Zoot action figures in my lifetime.

Jimmy M

Three if you count a Minimate as an Action Figure, and four if you count Palisades variants!

Joe

Twelve if you count the ones I've made out of hair!

Jimmy M

I'd consider those to be more high-end collectibles than action figures.

The odd & awesome pictures thread

2/18/17 | 11848.3163

Matthew

Inspired by ToughPigs' #FakeNews tweet, I made these.



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@realNickyHoliday



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Once again the FAILING @DailyChronicle accuses me of trying to steal the Fabulous Baseball Diamond!

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@realNickyHoliday



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Nicky's #1 fan!

@flowyrdsox



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Lady Holiday

@holiday



@flowyrdsox It's plot exposition, it has to go somewhere.

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[Nominated by Shane]

Sesame Street Live musings

2/27/17 | 17067.4-10

Ryan R

Oh, and as an addendum: I have this memory of reading an interview with Carroll Spinney, probably sometime in the early 90s, in which he was asked about Sesame Street Live, and he said he recorded the voices, but he had never seen one of them because he thought the Big Bird costume moved like Godzilla. I couldn't find anything like that anywhere online, but if that sounds familiar to anyone, please let me know!

Matthew

And now I want to see Big Bird in a Godzilla-type movie. He'd probably destroy Tokyo while singing "La la la" and introducing himself to the Japanese people, and then offer to rebuild it after seeing the damage. He's a good kid like that.

Ryan R

Big Bird Goes to Japan 2: Big Bird Destroys Japan

Shane



[Nominated by Matthew]

Chance celebrity encounters

3/2/17 | 17074.5-8

Matthew

I also once took the Long Island Rail Road into Manhattan in the same car as Flava Flav. I didn't notice it was him until he opened his coat, and he was wearing a clock. It was very understated and quite tasteful.

Joe

It was very understated and quite tasteful.

I don't believe this for one second.

Ryan R

Most times he wears his party clock. On that day, he was wearing his business casual clock.

Joe

And you know he's done for the day when he slips on his pajama clock.

The odd & awesome pictures thread

3/11/17 | 11848.3186-88

Shane

I found this not-Disney-toy at the dollar store yesterday:



Scott

Dr. Bunny Honeydew?

Misread Thread Titles

3/17/17 | 9486.2120-21

Joe

More "misheard" than "misread", but:

Muppet Guy Stalking

Matthew

Is that the documentary about ToughPigs?

[*Nominated by Joe*]

The Random Thread of Randomness

3/21/17 | 9511.10995-96

Joe

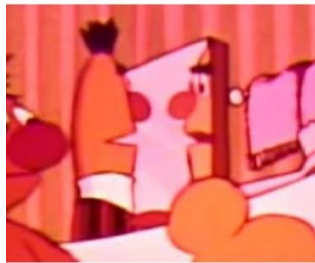
This bizarre video came up in conversation today, and I just laughed out loud at my desk at what Bert's doing in the background of the "Rubber Duckie" segment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXwOd08RQck>

[*The video is a strange old commercial for a K-Tel Records Sesame Street "greatest hits" record.*]

Ryan R

Whoa...



[Nominated by Matthew]

The Muppet Show: 40 Years Later Reviews

4/3/17 | 16915.152-68

Tom

Also, if I remember correctly, the Muppets don't interact with [guest stars Mummenschanz] in any of their sketches, other than Kermit narrating one of them. There's really no point in having guests on The Muppet Show if the Muppets can't interact in any reasonable way with them.

Joe

Well, they are in a talk spot, though it's just with Kermit and they don't do too much talking.

Tom

Ah, of course! That was mentioned. Silly me!

Joe

Hey, it's not like it was the most memorable Muppet sketch ever!

Andrew Leal

It was certainly no Banana Sketch.

Ryan R

What's the Banana Sketch?

Oh, wait. Now I remember. Never mind.

Joe

YOU'VE HEARD OF THE BANANA SKETCH???

Scott

What's that, Joe? I couldn't hear you. I have a banana sketch in my ear.

Shane

One banana sketch, two banana sketch

One for me and one for you banana sketch

Count three or four or even more banana sketch

'Cause banana sketch can't grow alone

Erik

Come Mr. Tally Man, tally me banana sketches

Abigail

Yes, we have no banana sketches

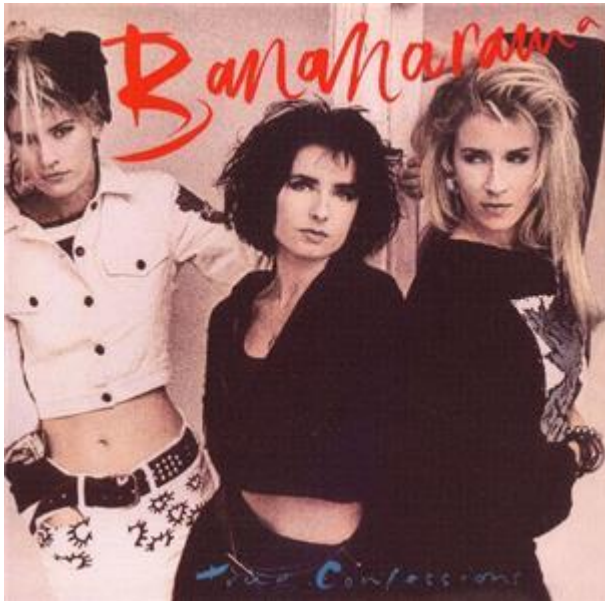
We have no banana sketches today!

Andrew Leal

One banana, two banana, three banana sketch

Four bananas make a sketch and have a monkey wrench

Jes



Jessica

Doo-doo doo-doo-doo?

Andrew Leal

If you wanna be the top banana sketch,

You gotta start from the bottom of the bunch

Jessica



Joe

So *that's* the banana sketch????

Ryan R

Who knew there were so many songs about bananas?

Come to think of it... Why *are* there so many songs about bananas?

[Nominated by Abigail]

The Swedish Chef for PAM cooking spray

4/18/17 | 17121.1-12

Joe

The Swedish Chef did some commercials for PAM cooking spray! Sure, why not!?

<http://www.toughpigs.com/chef-pam/>

Shane

I don't get the first one. Why do the chickens want him to use butter?

Joe

Obviously you don't know much about chicken behavior.

Jes

Spoken like a true chicken!

Joe

B'gawk.

Jes

SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE CHICKEN

Scott

Are you sure? His accent's a little off.

Jes

Spoken like a true chicken hawk...

Renting (or Streaming) Right Now

4/20/17 | 12808.1175-94

Scott

I don't understand the world anymore.

<https://youtu.be/qs-tu4fj4zA>

[It's a trailer for the upcoming animated movie *Tom and Jerry: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*.]

Joe

WOW. I have so many questions. The biggest one: What the fuck???

Erik

Also: What the actual fuck???

Ryan R

"What the actual fuck" is an interesting expression. It implies that when people just say "What the fuck," they're not talking about the actual one, they're talking about a fuck that's not completely authentic. It's some kind of impostor. Meanwhile, I don't think I've ever heard anyone say "What the actual heck?"

Jes

Ryan! I've never heard you curse so much.

But you make a good point. A plain old wtf is actually never referring to the real act of f-ing, so I guess wtaf aims to make it clear that copulating is involved?

Scott

"A plain old wtf"

I'm having trouble understanding what you're saying. Wild Turkey Federation? Washington Tennis Foundation? Women's Track & Field?

Joe

Women's Track and *Actual* Field.

Slimey plush at Sesame Place

4/21/17 | 17124.1-14

Joe

Sesame Place announced this year's classic character plush, and it's Slimey!

<http://www.toughpigs.com/slimey-plush/>

Ryan R

If I got one, I would be so tempted to stick puppet rods in him. Even as a kid I was sort of fascinated by the fact that Slimey had little sticks in his chin and his bottom.

Jes

I would covet this if it was six inches long and didn't cost so much.

Jennifer

This exactly, must be to scale! But is really cute!

Jes

Right? Otherwise he's just a Slimey monster! Terrorizing the city!

Joe N-G

Maybe they're making an 8-foot Oscar toy to go with it? That'd balance it out.

The odd & awesome pictures thread

4/24/17 | 11848.3199-200

Scott

You guys, I'm REALLY SORRY about this...

Me Party



Meep, Artie



Funko's Sesame Street Pop!

4/24/17 | 16183.64

Shane

"Herry Monster Funko Pop" is the weirdest sounding thing I've ever been excited about.

Tough Pigs Yearbook 2016 is here!

4/24/17 | 17123.23-26

Ryan R

Oh, and by the way: Everyone nominate things for the 2017 yearbook! Also, be funny.

Joe

No.

Ryan R

I wasn't talking to you, Joe. After all, why start now?

OHHHHH, BURN!

Joe

Hey, I was just following your lead!

#doubleburn

#twicebakedpotato

[Matthew]

Misread Thread Titles

4/24/17 | 9486.2128-41

Max

Emilio Delgado Gettin' Down

There's gotta be a GIF for that.

Julia



Not a GIF, but still.

Matt Wilkie

Yes, that is a still.

Muppet Movie clip in Nespresso ad

4/26/17 | 17131.1-18

Ryan R

A clip of Kermit and Fozzie from The Muppet Movie can be seen in this new Nespresso commercial, in which George Clooney travels through classic movie scenes to make his way to a hot, delicious Nespresso. Is Nespresso served hot? I have no idea.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imuc2dEuuAY>

Incorporating classic clips into a new thing by cutting around the existing footage is the least offensive way to do something like this, I think. I hate when they create "new" footage of Audrey Hepburn eating chocolate or Marilyn Monroe talking about perfume. Of course, with the Muppets, they could have just had the current performers shoot a new version of the scene and we probably wouldn't have been offended. Muppets are weird.

Scott

Holy shit, the quality on that transfer looks incredible! Way better than the Blu-ray which suffers from poor Digital Noise Reduction.

Ryan R

They should incorporate the entire movie into a coffee commercial this way!

Scott

Agreed. Seriously (sort of). Advertising budgets are ridiculous, so they could spend the money getting this 4 seconds of footage looking pristine.

No idea what it would cost to spend the time and resources on doing the whole movie, but it's probably a lot. Which is why Disney's Blu-ray doesn't look that great.

Ryan R

Or they could use different scenes from the movie for different commercials.

Kermit in the swamp for an ad for the Mississippi tourism board. Kermit riding a bike for a helmet safety PSA. Fozzie driving for Studebaker. The Pop Off soda billboard scene for the Pop Off soda company. And so on.

Joe

I'd buy some Aunt Amy's Custard Pies.

Shane

I'll take that one for \$11.95. With my \$12 trade in, they owe me a nickel.

Ryan R

See? The advertising works!

(Is that relevant to what we're talking about? I've lost track.)

Scott

Maybe the future of the Muppets isn't in making new content and trying new things, but just giving the people what they want: the same thing recycled over and over again.

Ryan R

I can't wait for the next time they sing "Rainbow Connection!"

Scott

Why are there some many performances of Rainbow Connection?

(at least 65 by current count)

Dan!, Esq.

Or Mahna Mahna, that old chestnut

[Nominated by Matthew]

The Muppet Show: 40 Years Later Reviews

5/1/17 | 16915.209-12

Joe

Now that we're done with our reviews of season one, the ToughPigs staff got together to talk about the season as a whole. What worked? What didn't work? Why did Vendaface have to disappear???

<http://www.toughpigs.com/tms40-s1/>

Scott

How do you know Vendaface won't be in season 2? Have you skipped ahead, Joe?

Joe

Here's what I know: I went to the street corner where Vendaface used to be, and there's nothing there. I just miss my friend.

Ryan R

"They paved Vendaface, and put up a parking lot..."

[Nominated by Joe N-G]

The Random Thread of Randomness

5/10/17 | 9511.11056-61

Robyn

I heard through the grapevine on a recent episode of Family Feud one of the survey questions was, "What does Kermit do in the bedroom that Miss Piggy hates" Yuck!

Joe

Show me HOOKS UP WITH DENISE!

Matthew

Umm...I'll say "makes a plug for Nespresso!"

Joe N-G

Whatever it is, it's none of my business. (sips tea)

Oscar's B Sandwich: How Many Calories?

5/17/17 | 17145.1-39

Ryan R

On The Sesame Street Alphabet Album, Oscar has a song about a sandwich where every ingredient starts with the letter B. Recently, I got to thinking: What would be the nutritional value of that sandwich? How many calories would be in it? And so on. So I vowed to find out:

<http://www.toughpigs.com/overthinking-it-oscars-b-sandwich/>

This is one of the dumbest things I've ever written. Enjoy!

Jes

I can't believe how many calories there are in birdseed! How do birdies stay so trim?

Ryan R

Yeah, that was surprising, as were a lot of those ingredients. But they must be true, because I read them on the internet.

Jes

I've been thinking a lot about this: needs more blackberries.

Ryan R

Oscar's sandwich? Or my attempt to recreate Oscar's sandwich?

Jes

Your attempt. Only half a serving? That's not enough blackberries.

Ryan R

I just thought Oscar would be less likely to pile on the actual good ingredients. But if you make a B sandwich with more blackberries, let me know how it turns out!

Jes

Also: I can't believe how many calories there are in glue!

Joe N-G

Yeah, I wouldn't try eating glue. That stuff sticks to your ribs like you wouldn't believe.

Would you say Oscar is low-key as omnivorous as Cookie?

Ryan R

Hmm, that's interesting. Grouches have certainly been depicted as enjoying the eating of inedible objects. Their appetites aren't quite as ravenous, though.

Erik

I think Cookie's boundaries are broader. I'd be surprised if Oscar ate a manhole cover or an entire tree.

Joe N-G

But if you put it on a sandwich...

Joe

I am shocked - shocked! - that there are only 130 calories in a basketball.

Ryan R

If someone had asked you how many calories you thought were in a basketball, what would you have said?

Jes



Ryan R

Oh, gosh. I apologize, Basketball. I didn't mean to insinuate anything, or to offend you.

Ryan R

Wait a minute...

A TALKING BASKETBALL?!

Jes

Now that's more like it....

[Nominated by Joe N-G, Erik]

Joe

Here's a weird thing.

Who do you see in this mug? Is it Grover, or is it Rowlf?

<http://www.toughpigs.com/grover-or-rowlf/>



Mike

I'm excited that I get to consider myself one of "[t]he more savvy Muppet fans" because I recognized the Rowlf mug almost right away. But I don't know why. I'm sure I've never seen that page on the wiki. I think I must have known someone who had that mug, and now it is going to drive me crazy trying to figure out who it was.

I never realized how much Grover looks like Rowlf, but I guess if you shave his face, squish his nose, dye him brown, and slap some ears on him, he's Rowlf's blue twin.

Ryan R

Sounds like one of those folksy expressions... "Well, shave my face, squish my nose, dye me brown, slap some ears on me, and call me Rowlf's blue twin!"

Matt Smith

Wait... so it's not Ernie with a mullet?

The Great Muppet Casting Call

6/9/17 | 17157.3-8

Joe

We're continuing this [article] series, despite lack of interest from anyone but me and Anthony and like five other people! Next up is the Great Muppet Caper, in which we change up the criteria for our celebrity picks a bit.

<http://www.toughpigs.com/cast-muppet-caper/>

Ryan R

Great choices! That would be a really good movie, which would probably replace the original in everyone's hearts and minds. I think [Angela] Lansbury would nail the Disheveled role.

Joe

In an insane coincidence, I just happened to see Angela Lansbury eating at an outdoor cafe near my office!!!

I wonder if she read the article.

Ryan R

She probably saw it in her Google alerts for her own name today.

Matthew

Followed by searches for pictures of her naked, but just her feet.

[Nominated by Erik]

Best Sesame Street Songs

6/16/17 | 17168.2-17

Julia

My favorite one is definitely I Don't Want To Live On the Moon, and a close second is What's The Name of That Song.

After that, I really like: I Count Myself To Sleep, Somebody Come and Play, Monster in the Mirror, If These Steps Could Talk, and I Wonder Why. (Too tired to put them in order of favorites)

Isha

Did you mean I dance myself to sleep? I'm not familiar with a counting one.

Julia

Oh. I definitely meant Dance Myself to Sleep. My bad!

Ryan R

Or as a Boogie-Woogie Sheep would say, "My baaad."

Max

What's totally rev and going around? Rev-olution!

Abigail

"How rev-olting!"

Ryan R

Flooping is rev!

(Or are those two separate episodes?)

Max

It's the same. Dave Goelz said Rev sounds like Marlon Brando. It's true!

He coulda been a contender.

Karsten

When someone socks me in the eye and they don't even tell me why, that makes me rev... really rev...

Erik

When someone socks me in the eye and they don't even tell me why

That's amore!

[Nominated by Shane]

Yes, the Sesame Characters Are Muppets

6/21/17 | 17172.1-7

Ryan R

As you've probably noticed, when I observe that there are common or semi-common misconceptions about Muppets, I like to do my part to fix them. Every once in a while I'll observe that there are people out there who aren't sure whether the Sesame Street characters are Muppets, and even those who believe they're not. So here's something called "Yes, the Sesame Street Characters Are Muppets."

<http://www.toughpigs.com/yes-the-sesame-street-characters-are-muppets/>

Joe

Great article! Very well researched.

I've never had much of a problem telling people that Sesame Street characters are Muppets, but I do have trouble trying to explain who the family of Kermit, Fozzie, Piggy, etc are. Are they The Muppets (But Not the Muppets), are they The Muppet Show Characters (Even Though They've Been Around for Decades After The Muppet Show), Kermit the Frog and Company (But Not Kermit the Frog's Other Company), or something completely different?

Ryan R

Yeah, as I was working on this one I realized that might be the necessary follow-up.

Especially when I was doing some Googling and clicking, and came across a blog post that matter-of-factly explained that Sesame Street characters are Muppets, but "the Muppets" are characters from The Muppet Show, a TV show that started in 1955.

Joe

So you've got:

The Muppets - Characters created by Jim Henson

The Muppets - Characters specifically from The Muppet Show and subsequent films

The Muppets - A feature film from 2011

The Muppets - A TV series from 2015

The Muppets - A group of dejected Hell's Kitchen contestants

Ryan R

Right -- the Muppets, **the** Muppets, *The Muppets*, *The Muppets*, and... the muppets?

Shane

But how would you convey the lowercase text in conversation?

Ryan R

I would say, " the Muppets, **the** Muppets, *The Muppets*, *The Muppets*, and... the muppets?"

[Nominated by Matthew]

Yes, the Sesame Characters Are Muppets

6/22/17 | 17172.24-27

Shane

The current Henson puppets are called the "Miskreant Puppets," so they're trying to differentiate themselves with a similar term.

Ryan R

Aren't the Miskreant Puppets just the ones they use for Henson Alternative projects? I'm pretty certain Opie, the Pajanimals, and the Greenies are not Miskreants.

What an odd sentence that was.

Random Muppet Thoughts

6/22/17 | 15397.1250-51

Grant

I fell down an internet rabbit hole today and learned that Joey (of A B C D Cookie Monster fame) is now fifty years old, lives in Las Vegas, and really loves Jesus and Mary.

Shane

"In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirt...and Cookie Monster! *giggles*"

The Great Muppet Casting Call

6/23/17 | 17157.19-28

Joe

In our next installment, we're spelling out our casting choices for Follow That Bird in plain... black and white.

IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

<http://www.toughpigs.com/cast-follow-that-bird/>

[It's Joe and Anthony casting Follow That Bird with 1920s silent film stars.]

Shane

But who would play the Honker?

Joe

Well first, we'd have to change his name, wouldn't we?

Anthony

Nah, just have the score indicate a honk when they honk. That one's pretty easy to do in a silent movie.

Also, W. C. Fields would definitely play the Honker.



Joe

Or Jimmy Durante.



Shane

A Honka-Donka-Doo

Happytime Murders

7/1/17 | 11332.104-12

Scott

With a release date of August 2018, it only took them 10 years to make this movie.

Erik

So it will be 10 times better than Buddy?

Scott

Which breakfast cereal do you think Happyland Murders will come packaged in?

www.toughpigs.com/my-week-muppet-breakfast-2

[A classic Tough Pigs article about Henson-owned movies that were given away in cereal boxes.]

Carolyn

Cap'n Crunch is pretty mouth-murdering. Also, I still like Buddy.

Scott

I've never seen it. Should I? (Does it still come packaged in cereal boxes?)

Shane

If not, you can stick the DVD in a cereal box and just act surprised.

Scott

Weekend plans: made.

New 4th of July YouTube video

7/4/17 | 17186.1-8

Joe

Sam the Eagle, Floyd, Janice, and Walter star in a new YouTube video in honor of Independence Day!

<http://www.toughpigs.com/4th-kazoo/>

Ryan R

There's not much to it, but it's a good example of a video that was probably relatively easy for them to make, but is charming and reminds people that the Muppets exist.

Erik

The what now?

Ryan R

You know -- Fonzie the Bear, Mrs. Piggy, Tea Lizard and the gang.

Scott

Tea Lizard and the Gang. A show no network would dare cancel.

Jes

They could... but that would be none of my business.

Yes, the Sesame Characters Are Muppets

7/11/17 | 17172.41-46

Babs

Okay, so here's a question. Sesame Beginnings: Do they count as Muppet Babies?

Ryan R

Baby Muppets, yes. Muppet Babies, no. It's a subtle distinction.

Babs

Can't argue with that! Still, having the Sesame Beginnings tots drop in on Nanny's nursery for the day makes for a cute mental image. :)

Joe

I kind of love that idea.

Maybe we can invent some baby Fraggles to make it a Baby Muppet Family Christmas crossover.

Shane

I love the scene where they watch their old sonograms singing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

Sad Kermit

7/19/17 | 17198.37-41

Joe

I wish VMX had never been born.

Ryan R

Can you say that louder? David Arquette can't hear you.

Joe

come closer

Joe



[Nominated by Julia]

The Random Thread of Randomness

7/20/17 | 9511.11094-98

Jes

If I had it to do over, I'd make my Forum log-in name Gaffer.

Scott



Jes

LOOKS JUST LIKE ME

Shane

Even the eyepatch?

Jes

... and the "cat do" attitude!

Disney's best The Muppets production

7/20/17 | 17206.1-14

Scott

POLL: What has been Disney's best production for The Muppets?

Results:

- Muppets Most Wanted - 50 votes (42%)
- The Muppets (2011 movie) - 25 votes (21%)
- The Muppets (2015 TV series) - 14 votes (12%)
- Outside Lands Music Festival - 7 votes (6%)
- Lady Gaga & the Muppets' Holiday Spectacular - 5 votes (4%)
- Great Moments in American History - 5 votes (4%)
- Just for Laughs (Canadian comedy special) - 3 votes (2%)
- none, it's all been crap - 3 votes (2%)
- appearances (panels, events, TV guests, etc) - 2 votes (2%)
- Statler and Waldorf: From the Balcony - 2 votes (2%)
- Studio DC - 2 votes (2%)
- A Muppets Christmas: Letters to Santa - 1 votes (1%)
- other (specify) - 1 votes (1%)
- The Muppets' Wizard of Oz - 0 votes (0%)
- Muppets TV (French TV series) - 0 votes (0%)
- The Muppets Kitchen with Cat Cora - 0 votes (0%)
- Disney Drive-On with The Muppets - 0 votes (0%)
- Muppet Moments (shorts with kids) - 0 votes (0%)
- Commercials - 0 votes (0%)

Joe

Man, I thought I'd be hilarious and vote for Lady Gaga, but apparently a bunch of us had the same idea.

Shane

You could've been the sole voter for From the Balcony!

Joe

I wouldn't attach my name to that turd, even as a joke.

Joe N-G

Everyone knows that show is one of Victor Yerrid's horcruxes!

[Nominated by Erik]

Matt Vogel's first performance of Kermit

7/21/17 | 17205.33-70

Erik

I think the most famous person on my [Facebook] friends list might be Joe.

Joe

That's so sad!

Erik

Well, are you more famous than the drummer from Skankin' Pickle?

Joe

God I hope so.

Dan!, Esq.

I've always considered you to be a pretty big dill.

Joe

Perhaps, but not as much as Brine Henson.

[Nominated by Shane]

Sesame Street and Pride

7/24/17 | 17175.41-48

Karsten

It'd be cool if Alan got a significant other, but personally i'm still a little disappointed he never ended up with Gina.

Joe N-G

I mean, we all know that Mike was the only one for her.

Meagan

My first thought was "...who?", but then I went to the Muppet Wiki and now my response is "...who?"

Joe N-G

Precisely. I only knew him from the Dance Along video (one of the few times where I can agree with Jes and say yes, both he and Gina needed to shut up for chrissake)

AnthonyW2

Um, I dont recall Mike ever giving Gina a Love Pizza, do you?



Joe N-G

The Say Anything moment of my generation.

Misread Thread Titles

7/24/17 | 9486.2175-95

Joe N-G

Tonight on Sally Jesse Raphael: Muppeteers Who Love TOO MUCH!

(honestly, save it for the Muppet Central folks, that's their bag...)

Shane

That's because we don't have a Fan Fiction section here

...yet...

Joe N-G

Anyone want to start the inevitable Jes and Gina story? I'm thinking a Thelma and Louise-type thing, but I'm open to suggestions.

(I'm kidding I'm kidding I'm kidding please don't kill me)

Meagan

Well as much as I'm sure Jes would love that, personally, I'll pass.

Ryan R

I know you're joking, but please: do not pass go, do not collect \$200, and do not attempt to post fanfic on the Tough Pigs forum.

Joe N-G

Never, ever on my life would I attempt to do something like that. As a tv show once said, "I may be dumb, but I'm not stupid."

I'm sorry if I even gave an impression that I'd do that. Sometimes my jokes go too far.

Ryan R

Nah, it's cool. I was just making sure nobody was gonna try any funny business.

Joe N-G

Question is, who WOULD? None of us, to my knowledge, have even the vaguest desire to write fanfic (although that Janice business was getting me quite concerned).

Ryan R

There was that time Walter mentioned in an interview that he had submitted fanfic to us and had it rejected.

Joe N-G

I mean, there are always exceptions. He should've tried Muppet Central; it'd make the front page.

Joe

And it would still be there!

[Nominated by Joe N-G]

Quest: Muppets and Star Trek

7/25/17 | 17212.1-88

Mike Chapman

As we know, there are multiple references to the various Star Trek properties throughout the Muppet-verse. However, I recently discovered that there is actually ONE (somewhat) clear reference to Muppetdom in the Star-Trek universe!

Anyone know the answer? (hint: I could *not* find a reference to it on Muppet Wikia - so don't bother looking there!)

Joe

If it's not on the Wiki, I have a feeling none of us know the answer. What's the reference?

Mike Chapman

Let's make it a 20 Questions game... Yes no and short answer allowed...

Anthony

Has Joe Piscopo been digitally replaced by Fozzie Bear for the Blu-Ray?

Mike Chapman

No. (but funny reference!!)

Ryan R

Is it, in fact, from The Next Generation?

Mike Chapman

No!! But good guess!!

Ryan R

Deep Space Nine, then.

Mike Chapman

Good guess, but no!

Joe

Babylon 5?

Ryan R

It's Voyager. It has to be Voyager.

Mike Chapman

Yes!! It occurred on an episode of Voyager!! Now the specifics.....

Ryan R

Somebody says "It's not easy being green" like Kermit?

Somebody eats cookies like Cookie Monster?

Somebody goes "hi-YA!" like Miss Piggy?

Somebody says "These are unexplained phenomena!" and two other people say "Do doo do doo do?"

Mike Chapman

1) No

2) No

3) No

4) No

Hint: The episode in question actually shows a WELL KNOWN Muppet!

Ryan R

Somebody sees Kermit on TV?

Somebody sees Elmo on TV?

Somebody sees Gary Cahuenga on TV?

Mike Chapman

Funny!! "no" on all 3 characters. "no" the character did not appear on a TV screen (or any "monitor" type device)

Ryan R

BIG BIRD. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO IF IT'S NOT BIG BIRD.

Joe

I didn't know Big Bird was on Babylon 5.

Mike Chapman

no, it was *not* Big Bird!

Joe N-G

OK, Ernie and Bert?

Mike Chapman

No, not Ernie and Bert.

Suggestion: (you guys could narrow it down by asking more general questions)

Shane

Generally speaking, what's the right answer?

Joe N-G

So, is this character simply mentioned as a point of comparison? ("You're about as hairy as that dog that played the piano for the Muppets"?)

Mike Chapman

Great Question - Yes, you can actually SEE the muppet in question on the screen within the episode (it is not spoken about)

Joe N-G

Is it a Sesame character or a Muppet Show character?

Mike Chapman

EXCELLENT Question! (though I believe Fraggles would have qualified as well) - it is a well known Sesame Street Character!!

Joe N-G

So, we've eliminated Elmo, Kermit, Ernie and Bert, and Big Bird. Cookie, Oscar, and Grover would probably also be good guesses, but when I think out-of-this-world Sesame characters (and you said character, singular, so I'm not gonna suggest the Martians), I think Snuffy.

Mike Chapman

1) yes they *would* be good guesses!!

2) Your guess, Snuffy (one of my fav SS characters as a child in the 70s), is incorrect.

Shane

Forgetful Jones?

Kingston Livingston III?

The green and yellow Dinger?

Joe N-G

"Kingston, you're taking the Enterprise off-course! Stick to the plan!"

"Listen, you could pilot the ship YOUR way. I'm an ORIGINAL, so I pilot MY way!"

"But we're supposed to fly east! That's the plan, we all agreed on it!"

"But that's what everybody else does! I have to pilot like an original."

"God, I miss Ensign Roosevelt..."

Joe N-G

Oscar?

Mike Chapman

Very Good Guess, but no!

Joe

Security Chief Garibaldi?

Mike Chapman

I don't understand the reference - please explain.

Joe

He's on Babylon 5.

Joe N-G

Listen, Grover's my all-time favorite, but I think it's been an uphill climb for him to reach the same level of recognition as Elmo, Big Bird, and Cookie. But short of that, I guess...he's it? If not, I have one more guess, and if it isn't that, I'm giving up.

Mike Chapman

Yes it is Grover!!! Now we need more details!!!!

Joe N-G

Super Grover? Waiter Grover?

Shane

Astronaut Grover!

Scott

Wow, someone spotted *The Monster at the End of This Book* in the *Star Trek Voyager* episode "11:59"... nice!

Mike Chapman



Scott

Here's one for you: name the other Sesame Street book shown in that scene. You get two guesses before your computer self destructs.

Mike Chapman

But this is kind of exciting since Muppets (at least the Sesame Street variety) are obviously "in canon" within the Star Trek universe!!!

Scott

Okay, I'll also give you 20 guesses at naming the other Sesame Street book, but each question has to be written in the form of a haiku.

Mike Chapman

So is there *actually* a 2nd book that missed the eagle eyes of Memory Alpha???

Scott

I don't joke about documenting Muppets and Star Trek, friend. I assure you it's there.

Mike Chapman

I want clues!!

Scott

Nah, I'll just tell you. You won't find it on Muppet Wikia, but Muppet Wiki has it. The book in question is Big Bird's Rhyming Book.



Carolyn

What a wild ride that thread was.

Joe

Much like the ride one might take to the Babylon 5 space station!

Kermit parade balloon

7/28/17 | 17217.1-14

Joe

Hey, did you know you can rent a Kermit the Frog balloon for your next parade?

<http://www.fabulousinflatables.com/shop/parade-inflatables/helium-parade-balloons/giant-helium/kermit-parade-balloon/>

Should we all chip in and just float this thing down Broadway?

Ryan R

Let's launch a Kickstarter for it!

And this one can be our stretch goal:

<http://www.fabulousinflatables.com/shop/parade-inflatables/helium-parade-balloons/giant-helium/pepe-muppets-parade-balloon/>

[It's a Pepe balloon.]

Joe

Now THAT'S a KING prawn!

Scott

Oof. That's not the best Kermit likeness, is it?

Shane

Let's see how good you look when you're filled with gallons of helium.

Scott

I never did join a fraternity.

Vandalism

8/1/17 | 17224.1-7

Scott

Not all vandalism on Muppet Wiki is creative, but there are some gems. They're fascinating in a similar way as Ryan's ToughPigs.com Search Terms reports.

Like this one from 2010:

article title: **The Residents of Bear in the Big Blue House Clog Every Available Toilet**

Plot

They had to call in Mario for assistance.

Trivia

Bear tells the viewers that they smell all sweet like poop.

The song at the end is Banjo-Kazooie with LYRICS.

Shane

on WHEELS!

Ryan R

On a similar note, I recently found myself perusing the Saved by the Bell wiki, and I raised an eyebrow at this summary of an episode of The College Years:

Slater decides to celebrate passing his first college test by consuming a human pituitary gland. During his adrenal-frenzy of knocking over gas station tire displays, Slater realizes that he promised his folks he'd come over for dinner. Uh ohhhhhh! Can Slater play it cool with so many strange chemicals coursing through his veins? Or will he lock his father in the basement again?

Scott

I genuinely can't tell. Did that really happen in an episode?

Ryan R

No, that didn't really happen. I watched the episode a few days ago (I regret nothing) and I don't think Slater does anything interesting in it.

Jes

Oooooooooof COURSE you did, lol!

Ryan R

They're on Hulu now. You should watch them too!

Frankly Ashamed of Matt Vogel**8/3/17 | 17229.10-36**

[Some person we've never heard of before shows up and starts a thread complaining about Matt Vogel getting cast as Kermit the Frog. Then this happens...]

Rob

New topic threads to start once we've exhausted the possibilities of Frank Is Ashamed Of Matt Vogel:

Dave Forgot Bill Barretta's Birthday

Jerry Nelson Didn't Recognise Eric In A Hallway Once But Apologised Once He Realised His Mistake

Peter Is Happy With David Rudman's Performance Of Cookie Monster

Eric Doesn't Like The Sailor Hat Kirk Thatcher Wears When He's Directing

Joe N-G

Caroll Once Sneezed and Matt Didn't Say "Gesundheit," But Caroll's Just Kinda Used to It By Now

Stephanie Turned Down Jen Barnhart's Invitation to See The Killers, But It Wasn't Anything Personal, She Just Isn't Really a Killers Fan, So They're Going to a Foo Fighters Concert Next Month

Andrew Leal

Dave Goelz Is Irked That He Never Had a Boober Plush (They Were Sold Out)

Ryan R

Jim Henson Told Jerry Juhl a Joke and Jerry Didn't Laugh So Jim Thought Jerry Didn't Like the Joke But Actually Jerry Just Misheard the Punchline

Dave Goelz Ate David Rudman's Sandwich That Was in the Office Refrigerator Even Though the Bag Clearly Said "David RUDMAN" With It Underlined and Everything

Matt (JustASnerf)

Dave Golez Refused To Trade Peter Linz Pacific Avenue When They Were Playing Monopoly, And Peter's Pretty Cheesed Off About It

Rob

Bill is wondering whether he should pick Bruce Lanoil as the friend he introduces for his digital television and broadband "Introduce a friend and you'll both save over 40%" package.

AnthonyW2

Michael Frith Resents The Day Jim Henson Shot Down His Idea To Give Red Fraggle Three Arms And Proceeded To Dispose Of All Evidence Of The Drawings

Rudy

8/6/17 | 17219.28-46

Karsten

After thinking about it for a long time (almost two minutes, in fact) i'm actually a little disappointed Rudy isn't Zoe's step-brother instead of Abby's, and that Zoe's parents weren't divorced instead. I mean, the whole divorce thing seemed to have been handled well enough, and I know Abby is the main girl character now, but Zoe has so much more emotional depth. We've actually seen her get scared, sad, and frustrated on numerous occasions, but Abby kind of just stands there and bares it. Let's face it, she's bland and just doesn't emote like most real children. But, with Zoe, it just would've made more sense. Not to mention, Zoe's still kind of the silly, naive girl who talks to a rock, giving her a little brother would've been a great way to show her growing up a bit.

Scott

WE CAN ONLY HAVE ONE MAIN GIRL CHARACTER AT A TIME! GOD YOU FEMINAZI MILLENIALS ARE KILLING EVERYTHING!

(enormous amounts of sarcasm and eyerolling if you couldn't tell)

Max

"femillennials"?

Karsten

OMG, YUR SO SMART THAT'S EVEN MORE CLEVER THEN "KILLARY" AND "TRIGGERED SNOWFLAKE"! Srsly, these liberals juss luv spreading there propogander on our youths. Where do they think they get off makin' our kids gay, black loving, immigrant tolerating, feminazis??/?/?

Max

Um, I can't tell if this person is joking or a troll; either way this makes me uncomfortable.

Ryan R

Karsten was joking, though in this day and age there's sadly never a guarantee. It's [Poe's law](#) in action.

Max

Perhaps it was a Poe choice of words.

[Nominated by Joe]

Matt Smith

So you're saying the only acceptable ways that a character can be recast is either: a performer dies or a performer voluntarily gives up the character of their own free-will.

So are Disney's (or Henson's) hands forever tied once a performer is hired? According to your logic, they're forced to take the performance, the availability, the quality, the personality, and the overall whims of the performer until either (a) the performer says "no more" or (b) the performer dies -- so the Muppets Studio does not really control Kermit, Steve does (at least until he dies).

Jake

Pretty much.

Ryan R

What if a performer commits armed robbery at a bank and then steals a getaway car, and they get caught, and they get sentenced to 40 years in prison? So they're still alive, and they didn't want to go to jail, but they're stuck there for 40 years. Then could their characters be recast?

Rob

Yes. But only if the characters are subsequently performed with a Charles Bronson type voice so that it is clear to the viewers just how badass they have become.

Joe N-G

Definitely explains the new approach they've taken with Zoe.

Ryan R

Okay, got it.

But what if a performer gets cursed by a witch so they can't speak anymore, they can only make the sound of a moose mating call, but they don't want to stop performing?

Can their characters be recast then?

Kieran M

They will continue to perform, but will be dubbed in Canada.

Andrew Leal

So long as they don't go in person. That wouldn't help with the moose situation.

Jes

How long can you go with this Ryan? I really want to see how long you can go.

Ryan R

Not much longer.

BUT... What if a performer got abducted by aliens, and they did some weird experiments on him, and when he was returned to the planet Earth his arms had been replaced by tentacles, but he still wanted to be a performer, but everyone could tell it just wasn't going to work because it's impossible to manipulate a puppet with the same precision and expressiveness when you have tentacles instead of arms? Then could his characters be recast?

Joe

What if a performer came onto the ToughPigs forum under an assumed name and started making up bizarre excuses for why they couldn't perform anymore?

Kieran M

What if we're all puppets being operated by a cosmic Jim Henson?

Joe

Worse, what if we're all puppets being operated by a cosmic Sid and Marty Krofft?

Ryan R

Or we're all Madams being operated by a cosmic Wayland Flowers?

Andrew Leal

That is the most terrifying suggestion yet.

Emmet Otter 40th Anniversary DVD

8/7/17 | 17239.1-34

Shane

Get ready to buy it on DVD again...but now with Kermit included!

Downside: Amazon's listing says the aspect ratio is 1:78:1, meaning it's probably the cropped version than ran on ABC Family not long ago. Here's hoping there's a full screen option.

Ryan R

Update: I've gotten word from a person who knows things that this will, in fact, be a cropped widescreen presentation of the special.

Shane

Ugh.

Pa would've put his son's special out on DVD in the proper aspect ratio.

Music stuck in your head Right Now

8/29/17 | 9639.3504-06

Scott

Everytime I see "Despacito" mentioned somewhere, I get "Desperado" stuck in my head.

Jes

Everytime I see "Despacito" mentioned somewhere, I get Despacito stuck in my head.

Scott

I hope you come to your senses.

Scott

Resurrecting this thread to reflect on 13 years each of winged and wingless Rosita.

I made a poll to find out how people feel about it.



In less timely controversial Muppet topics, we've now had 13 years each of Rosita with wings and Rosita without wings. Which look do you prefer?



Results:

75 votes for "WITH WINGS"

69 votes for "WITHOUT"

Jes

What will you do with all the "like" non-votes?

Scott



[This is supposed to be an animated gif. It's Cookie Monster pretending to shove something in his mouth and eat it. Scott is funny!]

Yes, the Sesame Characters Are Muppets

8/30/17 | 17172.78-94

Ian

While we're on the subject of Disney using the Muppet name on unrelated characters, has anyone seen the movie Old Dogs? On its IMDb page, Matt Vogel and few other puppeteers are credit for the role of "Muppet".

Scott

They played leftover Animal Jam puppets.

http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Old_Dogs

Ryan R

Holy crap, Bozark is in that movie?!

Must... resist... temptation... to watch it just to see... Bozark...

Anthony

Nice to see that you're still Bozark's #1 fan after all these years.

Ryan R

Bozark, man.

Bozark.

Joe N-G

BOZARK!!

Bozark, Bozark, Bozark...

Scott

Folks, we've witnessed the birth of a Tough Pigs Glossary entry.

Ryan R

I used to wax rhapsodic about how awesome Bozark is every time Animal Jam came up for any reason. I wish I had kept track of all those posts. You know, for future generations

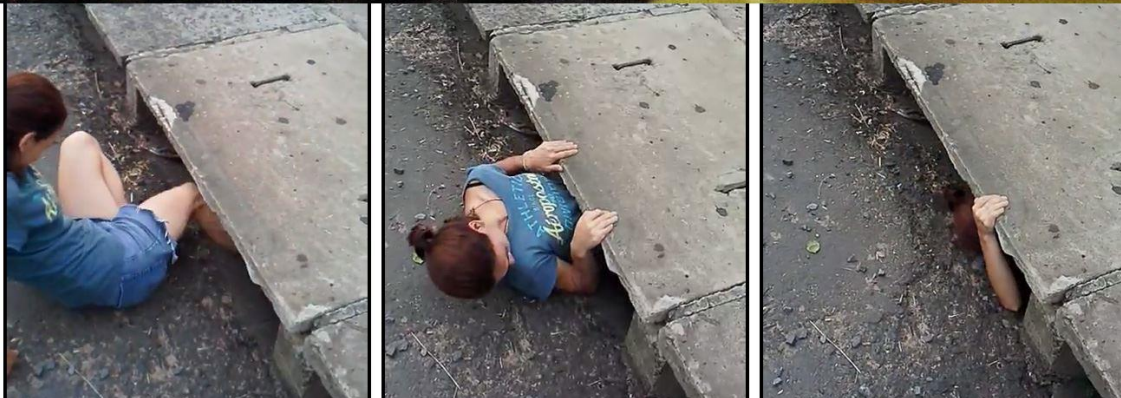
Awaiting The Muppet Show Season 4 DVDs

9/14/17 | 11714.506

Scott



ME:



ToughPigs coverage of Hollywood Bowl

9/14/17 | 17293.39-40

Joe N-G

According to the puppeteers and the Wiki, Noel MacNeal puppeteered Sweetums to Matt's vocals, and Julianne Buescher was both Wanda and Yolanda.

Matt Wilkie

Julianne's contract states all her characters' names must rhyme. Next role - Zondra!

Ryan R

I do want to reiterate that I don't think this means their future projects should only be The Muppet Show Again, and Again, and Again. I still don't consider the ABC show a creative failure. A version of it with similar behind-the-scenes goings-on, but with generally more friendly Muppets, and more glimpses of onstage acts, would have come closer to hitting the sweet spot.

Dan!, Esq.

Totally. I don't think the show was a failure, but I think the talk show premise might be? Purposely forming it as a question there. I think having the show within a show being anchored to a talking head desk did a disservice to the characters, though really, they didn't really bother explore the Up Late all that much. I think a blend of old and new bits, old being Vet's Hospital and Pigs in Space, not redo's (though a nice novelty to bring back) and new bits would be stellar.

I think my thing with the show in the theater is that it doesn't really have to be acknowledged as a tv variety show, but as a show about an off-broadway troupe and their theatre. It's not really doing the Muppet Show again and again if the material is what changes. It's just the framing and location that is the same. Show us the place from different angles, give us more an idea of the space. I'd like that the 2015 series has character driven plots. Maybe instead of working two or three of those into each show, maybe a general behind the scenes plot, one character plot (or combo of those two), and at least one sketch. Oh, and a musical number. Perhaps a full or extended version for the web.

Jes

I disagree that the show within a show part was the problem. If they had done more with the Up Late portion, instead of focusing on the backstage drama, I think it would have been a winner. At least for the first couple seasons, they should have brought in more zany stuff and explored Up Late's format. Then they could have moved more into the personal lives of the crew. Having Fozzie date a woman was too much of a jolt right out of the box.

Dan!, Esq.

I see what you mean there. Maybe that was my problem with it. They didn't really explore the show much at all, and when they did, it was Piggy, talking through scripted content, with her Guest, which isn't really all that fun. Maybe if the interview was ad-libbed or something. But yeah, they just didn't do much with it. Most of the current late night shows are more Muppety than Up Late was ever allowed to be.

Jes

Exactly. They should have brought in acts like a real show... music, comedy, zany animals, etc. Or hey—they could have made Kermit the host... he's more Johnny Carson than Piggy is.

Tom

Wow. As much as I would have loved a straight-up "Up Late with Miss Piggy," I might have liked "Up Late with Kermit the Frog" even more!

Shane

Piggy's the only one in the troupe who's a "star," though. I think it makes total sense that she'd be the one with a show to revolve around here (i.e. The Fantastic Miss Piggy Show).

Jes

True. But classic talk shows don't have a "star" at the helm. Johnny Carson, Merv Griffin, Mike Douglas... all foils for their guests.

Ryan R

I'll give you Mike Douglas and Merv Griffin, but Johnny Carson was absolutely a star.

Also, it would have been fun to see Kermit as the host of Up Late, but if that had happened within a version of The Muppets that had the same format, what would Piggy's role have been? It's difficult to imagine her accepting a part as sidekick, announcer, or any behind-the-scenes job. Kermit was the host of The Muppet Show, but that show was full of onstage acts Piggy could participate in.

Matt Smith

His show was even called The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson ... Carson was the star, not just a host. (Leno changed it to "with" instead of starring which fit his hosting style... but Fallon brought back the "starring" which also fits his show/style).

Jes

Johnny was a star talent but he wasn't a "star." His demeanor was more understated, especially in the early years. If they had made Kermit the host, Piggy could have been the headliner for the house band or what if they flipped it totally and made her a crazy business producer/manager who really wished she was still headliner? I'm just saying, there were ways to go.

Joe

But was Johnny Carson a star when he took the Tonight Show gig? I know he was an actor and comedian, but I honestly don't know if he was a household name at that point.

Jes

No, he wasn't. He grew into a "star" but was not one outright when he began.

Ryan R

He'll always be a star in my eyes!

Jes

You know who's a star? You're a star! You should be the host of a talk show!

Ryan R

Thanks!

Now tell me: When is your new movie coming out?

Jes

I'm glad you asked that...

runs away

Ryan R

Jes, ladies and gentlemen.

We'll be right back with Flip Wilson. Don't go away!

[Nominated by Joe N-G]

Judge Everything

9/19/17 | 8892.7492-99

Ryan R

Forgetting to put my sandwich in the refrigerator at the beginning of the day: 5

A room-temperature peanut butter & jelly: 4

Jes

Personally, prefer unrefrigerated PB&J.

Different strokes for different folks: 8

Ryan R

Even if you made the sandwich at 7:15 AM and ate it at 1:00 PM, with no refrigeration in between?

Jes

Yes, sir. Until now I didn't realize that was weird.

Joe

I don't think there's anything in a PB&J that needs constant refrigeration. Maybe the jelly, but it wouldn't matter if it's in a baggie and out of the sun.

Jes

Refrigerating it makes the bread hard and yucky. I don't mind slightly melty/soaky PB & J. Now if it was tuna salad, that would be a different story, although I'd still eat it warm because I'm me.

Scott

Personally, I prefer to make my PB&J before I go to bed, bag it up securely in a zip-lock, and sit on it all day to keep it warm until lunch.

Judge Everything

Sep-21 | 8892.7515-19

Carolyn

I was so upset when the sticker started peeling off my Mickey and Minnie box from too much washing. I kept trying to keep it down with scotch tape and use it anyway.

Even though one time my Dad's helper put milk in my Mickey and Minnie thermos instead of hot water and I wound up with a destroyed, milky cup noodle.

Ryan R

Oh, you just reminded me!

I once had an old lunchbox that lost its stickers somehow, so I went through some kind of pop culture merchandise catalog and cut out various pictures of cartoon characters, Gizmo from Gremlins, and superheroes. Then I glued them all onto the sides of the lunchbox, creating a glorious collage of stuff I thought was neat.

The first time I took it to school, I used it in the cafeteria, then put it in the appointed lunchbox holding area outside while I played on the playground. When I returned to retrieve it, I found that almost all of the beautiful cut-outs had fallen off and blown away. My work of art was forever lost.

That lunchbox: 10

That sad ending: 2

Carolyn

Awww. I guess art really is fleeting.

Gonzo's baloney spiders?

Sep-21 | 17308.1-12

Ryan R

In the Hollywood Bowl show, Gonzo told Bobby Moynihan that his big act was going to include "baloney spiders." Moynihan reacted in a way that indicated that baloney spiders are off-putting creatures best avoided.

So... there's no such thing as baloney spiders, is there? It's an extremely funny-sounding animal, but... they don't really exist, right?

Right?

Scott

Nah, they're baloney.

Jes

They go well with pimento cheese...

Ryan R

When was the last time you had a baloney spider sandwich?

Carolyn

They sound like a mid-century cookbook monstrosity.

Erik

Right, are these spiders that eat baloney, or baloney that has been artfully arranged to resemble spiders?

Andrew Leal

Given a lot of older recipes and advertising....

**IF YOU WANT TO BE HAPPY
WHEN COMPANY COMES...**

Build an easy, low-point-cost menu around this Super Salad Loaf!

SUPPER FOR SIX
 Crown of Tomato Soup
 Celery Crackers
 SUPER SALAD LOAF
 Corn Sticks
 Honey Fresh Pineapple Mint Cup
 Ginger Cookies
 Coffee

Recipe - Super Salad Loaf

DON'T FOOL YOURSELF...
 Real Mayonnaise makes a real difference
 The real thing! Real Mayonnaise is made with eggs freshly broken from the...

Erik

Sometimes I want to go back and burn the 50s down.

Emmet Otter book back in print

Sep-29 | 17318.1 -6

Joe

The book that inspired Emmet Otter's Jug Band Christmas is coming back to stores next month!

<http://www.toughpigs.com/otter-book/>

Shane

Will this be cropped into widescreen too?

Scott



[Nominated by Joe N-G]

New traveling Henson exhibition **Oct-2 | 17091.23-29**

Ryan R

Our own Julia Gaskill went to check out this exhibition, and told us all about it (and took lots of photos)!

<http://www.toughpigs.com/report-jim-henson-imagination-unlimited/>

Mary A

"Sometimes it's hard to be a Muppet fan who doesn't live in New York or California. We kind of get the short end of the stick, don't we?"

Stick? What stick? You get a stick?

Try being a Muppet fan in South Dakota. There's Muppet Mount Rushmore, and occasionally Kermit mentions the zoo in Omaha, which is technically in a different state. That's about it.

Mark

Disney has digitally removed all sticks

Muppet Movie: Jim Henson Pictures logo?

Oct-2 | 17319.1-15

Ryan R

A question of remarkable minutia: Does anyone know whether the Nearly 35th Anniversary Blu-ray & DVD editions of The Muppet Movie includes the Jim Henson Pictures logo (with Kermit at the camera) before the movie starts?

Ian

All the post-buyout prints have it, yes.

Ryan R

I suspected, but I wasn't sure. Thanks!

Tom

I watched that a few months ago with my stepson, and was astonished to see the logo still there! Even though Disney didn't make it, they only distributed it, I figured that post-buyout, they would try to keep the branding consistent. (After all, all ITC logos had to be removed for later airings and home video.) So I was happily surprised to see that they retained the JHC logo.

Incidentally, it's the "Kermit at the camera" logo from MFS, not the "Kermit drawn by some sort of CGI bug" logo from MCC.

Scott

The "Kermit at the camera" logo from MFS ends with him almost crashing though, doesn't it? While the TMM version is a smoother version without the crash.

It's odd that Henson added it to TMM anyway since it obviously wasn't attached to the theatrical print.

Someday I hope we get proper HD rescans of the Henson trilogy without any DNR and cropping.

Tom

Yeah, the crash was cut out, but I think it's the same footage. Anyway, I just meant it's not the animated logo.

Shane

It's a shame; I thought the crashing thing was a funny, Muppety touch.

Tom

Yeah, I agree. I loved the crash, and when I saw it removed (on this and other movies), I thought it was a mistake.

Ryan R

So was it only the Muppets From Space version that had the crash and Animal saying "Sorry...?"

Shane

Elmo in Grouchland has it too, only without Animal's vocal cameo.

Tom

It sounds like there were 3 variations, then:

Logo w/crash and "Sorry" (MFS);

Logo w/just the crash (EiG);

Logo without either ("Buddy," as well as TMM and GMC re-releases).

The funny thing is that "Buddy" was released first, which would technically make the other two the variants. But if the footage with the crash and the "Sorry" existed in 1997, why not use it for its debut appearance? I can't imagine they re-filmed the whole thing in '99 just for MFS.

Shane

They're all the same footage; the non-crashing ones aren't retakes or anything, they just freeze the frame before the crane drops.

Tom

Yeah, that's what I'm thinking, too, which is why it's weird that in its inaugural appearance in Buddy, they didn't use all the footage.

Carolyn

That's because Buddy is a very serious movie.

Mr. the Dan©™

I'll never forget the day I almost ate the Buddy DVD when it fell out of my cereal box.

[Nominated by Scott]

Henson/LeVar vs PBS**Oct-3 | 17322.1-4****Nick Moreau**

<http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/thr-esq/reading-rainbow-owner-accuses-levar-burton-theft-extortion-lawsuit-1027372>

This article is over a month old, but LeVar Burton's RR Kids, which was supposed to be digital-only, hooked up with Henson to develop a Netflix series. WNED Buffalo-Toronto isn't amused, and for many reasons beyond that alone, entered legal action to protect their brand.

[Edit] WNED is the local PBS affiliate who created/produced the series in the first place.

Corwin

WNED's Reading Rainbow site says that the lawsuits have been settled.

Scott

I'm glad we had this conversation.

Ryan R

Carol Burnett's Theme from *THE CAROL BURNETT SHOW*
I'M SO GLAD WE HAD THIS TIME TOGETHER
By JOE HAMILTON

Slowly

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[Nominated by Joe N-G, Max]

Muppets on Dancing with the Stars sorta

Oct-16 | 17334.3-8

Mike Chapman

This is the first chance I have had to see Matt as Kermit. Actually doing well with comic timing. "ping pong eyes" joke was really funny. Quite a bit of screen time. Only Muppet on the show, but he played off Kermit's history with DWTS: "Tom, I thought we were friends!" Voice is still off. A bit deeper than Steve. But not horrible.

Ryan R

It was fun that they let him sit in with the judges for that song. And it looked like he popped up elsewhere in the show, so that was great and unexpected. I assumed there would be clips on ABC's YouTube channel, but I haven't seen any yet.

I wasn't nuts about the vocals on "Rainbow Connection." The singer did that pop music thing where she pronounced "you" like "yeiaou." But I'm just a cranky old man.

Scott



Ryan R

That is my LinkedIn profile picture, yes.

The Muppet Show: 40 Years Later Reviews

Oct-13 | 16915.283-95

Matt Smith

I never thought of Fozzie's "koala bear" joke [in *The Muppets Take Manhattan*] as an unexplained punchline.

I always thought that the "joke" of the koala bear story was that a grizzly bear got a phone call from a polar bear, afterwards the grizzly remarks to a panda bear that he didn't know the polar bear was a "koala bear." Given Fozzie's emphasis on koala... (koala... ko-ala... co-alla'...c-alla'...calla'... caller) the grizzly was surprised to get a phone call from him because the grizzle didn't know he was a "caller bear." Sure, it's not a great joke... but the bad overly stretching for a pun is given with that sincere determination and earnestness only Fozzie Bear could deliver.

But perhaps I'm grasping to find a punchline... like all those people who create puns for why a raven is like a writing desk.

Erik

Why do ravens wear red suspenders?

Tim Mierz

Probably to differentiate them from writing desks.

Shane

I don't know why, but I find this hilarious.



Scott



Halloween

Oct-26 | 17337.12-13

Scott



Shane

That's a great Kermit the Martini Olive costume.

Down at Fraggle Pop

Oct-31 | 17356.12-21

Grant

I still think Funko Pops are dumb, but it's really cute that they each come with a Doozer.

Mr. the Dan©™

But everyone knows that Red and Cotterpin should be packaged together. Epic fail.

AnthonyW2



Makes sense to me!

Mr. the Dan™

Looks like a fake friendship to me!

The Muppets @ Hollywood Bowl

Nov-2 | 17056.405-07

Jes

I've heard that Cleveland rocks...

Joe

You have heard wrong. Rocks are unsustainable for architecture. Cleveland bricks is more like it.

The internet is weird

Nov-14 | 16654.22-29

Ryan R

Reddit's TipOfMyTongue is a Subreddit where people post memories of media they vaguely remember in the hopes that someone will be able to identify it. Sometimes it seems like folks don't try very hard to Google the thing before posting.

This one is especially ridiculous: "kids show with a bear in the house and the house is blue, a Disney show, i think its an old show, haven't been airing for 10 years."

https://www.reddit.com/r/tipofmytongue/comments/7cwddu/tomt_movie_kids_show_with_a_bear_in_the_house_and/

It was solved about one minute after being posted.

Matt Smith

Hmmm, so a Disney show about a bear in a blue house... what size was the house?

Ryan R

Well, it wasn't a small blue house. It was bigger than that. I'm pretty sure it wasn't a medium-sized blue house either. But I can't quite recall what size it was...

Matthew

I remember! Who can forget Big Bear in the Blue House?

Ryan R

I was a little older than the target audience, but that didn't stop me from watching *Jim Henson's A Bear in the House and the House Is Blue!*

Joe N-G

It's a Very Beary Blueish House Movie

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade 2017**Nov-10 | 17370.1-4****Joe**

Big surprise: Sesame Street is returning to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade this year, and Leslie Odom, Jr. will be performing along with them!

<http://www.toughpigs.com/macys-2017/>

Anthony

Last year, Chris "George Washington" Jackson was on the Sesame float. I hope this means they'll have an original Hamilton cast member on the float every year until the end of Earth.

Nick Moreau

But... but... there's only 10 lead actors. That means only nine Thanksgivings left until the end of the Earth?

Shane

I guess then they move onto the leads from [Spamilton](#).

[Nominated by Joe N-G]

Muppet Thought of the Week videos**Nov-20 | 17151.65-70****Shane**

This video series has lasted longer than the 2015 series, JHH and the Ghost of Faffner Hall.

Matt Smith

To be fair, the total run-time of the 33 Muppet Thought of the Week videos is under 16 minutes total (or 27 minutes, if you count the "subscribe to our channel" tags on the YouTube versions).

The Muppets was 22 times longer (352 minutes), The Jim Henson Hour was 32 times longer (523 minutes), and Faffner Hall was about 18 times longer (286 minutes). They're just milking this content and releasing it more slowly (but, to be technical, they took their time and took 3+ years to release all of The Jim Henson Hour... so you could argue it "lasted longer").

The production of the 2015 series, JHH and Faffner Hall certainly lasted longer... heck, they probably had pre-production lunches that lasted longer than the entire production of the Thought of the Week videos took.

Matthew

I know it was a typo, but 286 minutes seems appropriate for Faffner Hall.

[Nominated by Scott]

Joey from Sesame Street**Nov-26 | 17173.16-19****Andrew Leal**

Well, right now someone on Muppet Wiki has been trying to edit the page (even removing the Unpaved quotes) and claiming the girl in question is her, not Joey Calvin, and that all those segments were filmed in Washington DC (!) Reminds me of the hordes of folks who claimed to be Little Rascals (and there's been at least one "John-John" impersonator).

Matt Lydick

A lot of the Little Rascals impersonators were in forgotten knock-off series, or local, small town look-alike contests, who thought they actually were the real deal. A few were outright liars, though.

But yeah, don't know what fake Joey's deal is.

Andrew Leal

One of the outright liars is in a 1962 directory claiming to be Buckwheat, and there were others of that kind (Maltin covered many).

I'm waiting for someone random to claim to be the very first right hand for Beautiful Day Monster.

Matthew

Y'know, funny you should mention that....it was 1966, I was in Gimbels looking for socks, when Jim Henson approached me, saying "I just adore your right hand. The left hand is fine, but I have a job that requires a right hand and it must be yours." I didn't have the heart to tell him I was left-handed. I didn't want to upset someone that had been on The Jimmy Dean Show, of all shows, dontcha know?

Muppet-Vision 3D Changes

Nov-27 | 17179.49-50

Mitchell

According to reports by some users on the WDWMagic forums, the extended queue for Muppet-Vision 3D has re-opened, and is mostly intact. Some things that were lost were the FX-GN8R and the posters were moved as well. Honestly didn't expect this to open back up again, but I'm glad to see they didn't remove it, as there's so much great stuff hidden back there.

Scott

Good ol' FX-GN8R.

what is that again now?

YouTube vids

Nov-30 | 10888.2330-38

Shane

Here's a really rare one I've been waiting to see - the Muppets' song from [the 1973 TV special] Keep U.S. Beautiful:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJp6FLupheU>

Scott

I love days like this! This thing from 1973 is brand new!

Anthony W2

That was absolutely wonderful. I do wish someone would dig up whatever master footage there is of this as it would do wonders for detailed puppets like these, but if course finally seeing things like this at all is a joy itself.

Also, I've been watching this over and over again to figure out which one had the stale bagel attached to it. Anyone find it?

Shane

I think it's the second one (Frank); something looks like a bagel on their right hand.

Joe

Which one has the shmear?

[Nominated by Shane]

Somebody's getting married

Dec-4 | 17364.9-11

Erik

in reply to 17364.8

Apparently one month is the Sesame Street anniversary.



Truly one of the happiest days of my life! My 1 month wedding anniversary with my love @pattonswalt on Sesame Street! 🌈💙 @sesamestreet



2:22 PM - 4 Dec 2017

Scott

Aw, everyone loves kissing Oscar.

Mind-blowing facts with Snuffy

Dec-5 | 17395.1-5

Joe

Mr. Snuffleupagus provides some mind-blowing facts with Vanity Fair:

<http://www.toughpigs.com/facts-snuffy/>

Shane

I didn't know I needed this in my life until now.

Dan!, Esq.

More like Mr. Whatthefuckagus.

Karsten

No.

Anthony

Counterpoint:

Yes.

Bryan Fuller on Twitter

Dec-6 | 17397.2-5

Joe

I heard he's leaving American Gods. Maybe this is a hint at his next project...

Scott

I heard that about American Gods. I liked the first season. How does it compare to the book?

Matt Wilkie

The pictures move.

[Nominated by Grant]

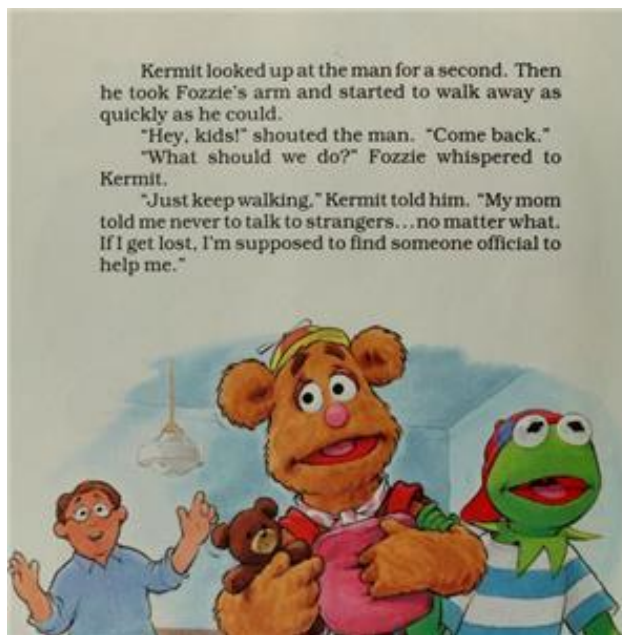
Muppet Kids' stranger danger

Dec-17 | 17413.1-5

Andrew Leal

The Muppet Kids books were often a little odd. In their efforts to impart valuable life lessons, they either went too bland (how to share or clean up your room) or revealed the bigotry underlying the Frog Scouts (in NO BEARS ALLOWED).

From HELP! WE'RE LOST!, when Fozzie and Kermit miss their train stop and end up at an unfamiliar station, this scene occurs.



The next page, they turn around and the mysterious stranger is gone.

Scott

"Hey, kids!"

Ryan R

They turn around and he's gone? So who was he? A ghost? Jesus? Batman? It would have been safe to talk to Jesus or Batman, although it's probably best that backwards-baseball-cap Kermit opted to be cautious.

Dan!, Esq.

I don't understand why the kids are afraid of Dave Goelz.

The Random Thread of Randomness

Dec-17 | 9511.11170-72

Jes



... or as we call them on Tough Pigs, "Friends Who Haven't Met."

Ryan R

There's no such thing as strangers when a stranger says, "Hello. What's your favorite episode of The Muppet Show?"

Scott

That's my favorite Paul Williams lyric.

VMX Revisited

Dec-18 | 17415.1-5

Joe

Julia (a Muppet expert) and her boyfriend Stephen (a normal person) watched It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie and shared their combined thoughts. They make a lot of observations about how the movie doesn't quite hold up in today's climate.

<http://www.toughpigs.com/review-vmx/>

Joe N-G

This is fun! I like Stephen. And I'm glad to see someone else who'd rank VMX near the bottom of Muppet projects.

Anthony

You will be glad to meet a lot of people, in that case!

Muppety (Christmas & Holiday) Gifts 2017**Dec-28 | 17431.1-8****Jes**

It's time for the Muppet Christmas & Holiday Gift Parade (2017) to begin! Post your list of Muppety gifts in this thread- bonus applause for photos!

Ryan R

I got a six-ounce bottle of strawberry kiwi juice with Kermit's head on it!

And a Muppet blanket I'd never seen before and didn't know existed!

And the Dark Crystal book. Now I have to find time to read it!

Shane

All I got Muppet-wise was their 2018 Wall Calendar.

Macy

I got the Up Late with Miss Piggy mug, and the Diamond Select Gonzo and Camilla figure set.

Joe

I got a rock.

Max

Had the rock been passed around 37 times?

[Nominated by Joe]

Recent Muppet quotes in real life**Dec-29 | 17434.1-23****Ryan R**

Has anyone incorporated lines from the 2011 & 2014 movies and the 2015 series into their regular lexicon of quotes, catch phrases, and references? I was just noting that I occasionally say "In con-troll..." like Animal in the movie The Muppets. On rarer occasions I talk like Constantine. I'm sure there are others, but I can't think of them just now. Anyone?

Mitchell

I often question myself several times a day on whether I'm a Muppet or a Man.

Macy

I talk like Constantine sometimes too, and my dad and I quote the "spacebar spacebar spacebar" line a lot.

Karsten

Whenever Rainbow Connection comes on, my little brother and I always sing "The lovers, the dreamers, and cheese" like Constantine.

Anthony

I very often say "iced cream" like Uncle Deadly from the 2015 show.

Jimmy M

I say "You sure got nice teeth, Jack Black" surprisingly often. If I ever meet him in person, I will have to see if that's accurate. I also always tell my husband a fun fact about Imagine Dragon's original band name every time one of their songs comes on.

Macy

There have been a couple times that I've picked up a muffin and said, "Siri?"

[Santa's Version...](#)

December | 17390

Santa

It's time to play the carols
It's time to light the tree
It's time to sit with Santa upon his suited knee

It's time to put on tinsel
It's time to dress up gay
It's time to load the presents before it's Christmas day!

HO HO HO!

Jes

YOU GUYS, SANTA KNOWS OUR THEME SONG!

Joe

Welcome back, Santa Claus!
I'm so glad you had good cause
To look past our geeky flaws
And return to us without pause
So now we greet you with more applause
Than that Spielberg movie Jaws

Santa

Now Jaws was really quite the show,
the Mrs. begged and begged to go.

But Christmas eve that very year,
after packing up the toys and gear.

I sat upon my sleigh with fright,
thinking of the sharks at night.

We're high above the ocean blue,
and yet my heart pounded true.

Mrs Claus, I love you to this day
But we're never seeing Child's Play!

Joe N-G

Santa! I was feeling blue-ish
Since it's Christmas, but I'm Jewish

And though our holiday suffices
Christmas feels like it's the nicest

You get tinsel on the tree
We get Rugrats on TV

You get carols, Yank or British
Ours are chiefly sung in Yiddish

Still I know you find me fine
You love all holidays, including mine

So thank you for the cheer you gave us
Wishing you a Chag Sameach!

Santa

Ah my dear boy, for you are so right,
though Christmas comes but one night.

Your candles light for all to know,
8 great nights - now that's a show!

From me to you and back again,
our wish is the same and for all men (and women... and yes, Miss Piggy, pigs and frogs included)

Peace on earth and love abounding,
is what we need in our surrounding.

For you Joe, each night
another candle lights.

Joe N-G

Thank you, Santa, for the Hanukkah cheer
Will save you some latkes (and maybe a beer)

Santa

Latkes and beer to fill out my frame!
'tis not only cookies that won me my fame.

Ryan R

Santa! Thanks for dropping by
Our forum right here on Delphi

We don't get as much traffic as we used to
But all of us still here look forward to you

I got all my Christmas shopping done - ain't that great?
Now I'm ready for Christmas, so please don't be late

(Just like the Chipmunks sang in '58
When they could hardly stand the wait!)

Have you heard of our new Tough Pigs project? It's a doozy!
It's a podcast that's all about The Muppet Movie

So Santa, this is my request
If you can do it, you are the best

When you come to town with a "ho ho ho"
Please bring us listeners for our show

Bring people to download and hear us talking
Please bring as many as will fit in my stocking

Santa

Hmm now Ryan my lad, that sounds a bit queer? Kidnapping people, or perhaps just their ear?
Now let us reverse and bring you to the fans and with a podcast that's the general plan.

If I've learn anything from flying about, is skip all the whisper and go for a shout!

This forum right here >(Delphi Forums: Hosts Support) is a good place to start, then we ask others to
share and they'll do their part.

Cstar for one can Twitter your case, and soon you'll have ears, all over the place!

Bump me the details soon you will see, that mission's accomplished and that was your plea!

Jes

I've put off my letter because my year has been rocky
But it's time to get writing— the clock's ticky-tocky

Seeing Santa return does give me a smile
For this, I'll admit, it's been awhile

Thanks for the reminder of Christmases past
I know this phase cannot last

Though I'm grateful she's gaining knowledge
I've been blue since my daughter left for college

So Santa please make smooth what's rough
For this transition sure has been tough
This year I'm hoping for inner peace and joy
That cannot be bought like a toy

Santa

Life is quite funny with no way to predict
the things that make us smile or sick.

It constantly changes neither for good nor for bad
but quite simply put, it can make us feel sad.

Much like the tide that ebbs to and fro
that loneliness felt, surly will go.

To you I bring memories, sweet and light
for you to treasure on Christmas night.

Matthew

Santa, my old friend, it's been a rough year
I'm finding it hard to summon my holiday cheer
The menorah is lit, as Hanukkah's come
But lately I'm finding that I'm simply glum
So my wish for this year is that you'll be a reminder
For people to be smarter, empathetic, and kinder
No gift could be greater, no cell phone or sweater
Than if this wreck of a year could lead to something better.

Hoping all's well with you and the rest of the gang at the North Pole,

Matthew

Santa

Of all of the things I'm kindled with, empathy and love is the greatest gift.
To light the way along that path, a child's hand is the best thing to grasp.

Please keep hope close and forgiveness as well, for there's one more thing, I want to tell.
As the saying goes about dark night to morn, the lightness will come and love will have won.

Good vs evil will always be near, to remind us all for whom we must cheer.

Thank you Matthew your words are so dear, up at the Pole we had a good year.

Anthony

Santa, I just want to say that you're neat
I loved you in Miracle on 34th Street
I watched it last night, and I always get nervous
Until the day is saved by the US Postal Service

Santa

Postal workers and I are in rather tight
We both have a motto involving the night,
the weather and lugging and even the sack.
The bringer of gifts and the breaker of back.

Trod, trod, trod go our feet as onward we trundle,
delivering gifts all tied up in a bundle.
Me with reindeer and sleigh to assist
and them with their trucks that can't be missed.

One fulfills wishes, the other a list
Mistake can be made, names could be missed!
Remember please if your gift's not quite you,
Don't shoot the messenger, whatever you do!

Santa

Well folks, the time has come to pack my bag,
to hook up the team, from doe to stag.

To check my list, not once but twice,
glad that the naughty is much less than the nice.

My thoughts are straying to those cookies that wait,
so patiently placed upon the plate.

A glass or a beverage is sitting there too
and my belly is so very grateful to you.

The trees are ready, the fire is out (hopefully!)
My team is waiting upon my shout.

Now Dasher, now Dancer, look lively you lot!
Now Prancer and Vixon use all that you've got!

On Comet, on Cupid please quicken your step!
On Donder and Blitzen pour on the pep!

Until next year when we meet here once more
your kindness and friendship I'll always adore.

Love one another, forgive and forget,
for we've only one life, it's all that we get.

Merry Christmas Muppet Fan Forum
I love your decorum!



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