

On the following pages are some examples of how I write my scripts for Mupdates and Puppet Rants.

Please note:

- The font is Comic Sans, which is strangely easier for me to read than most other fonts, so I use it whenever possible, and the font size is 14. I keep the text color black, and I generally use 1.15 or 1.5 line spacing.
- The bullet points help me divide the main points, but I don't use them for entire Mupdates.
- The color-coding system (BGP Synchronization) works very well to divide my videos in an organized fashion if used properly. I might not color code a section if I know I'll have graphics covering the screen so that I don't have to worry about puppeteering, but any time the puppet may be seen, it must be color-coded.
- The order of the colors is always blue, green, then pink.
- When doing Mupdates, the description should be written at the same time the script is being written, with working links all at the bottom of the script. I always put the same sentence at the top of the descriptions for every Mupdate, and the same three links at the bottom. The font and font size of the description don't matter because they will not be copied.
- I don't write in what graphics I'll use because I can figure that out when I'm editing, and I don't write in sound effects or music. If I want to add a clip, I'll put in a note in parenthesis that will not be highlighted. The theme to Puppet Rants can go at the beginning after the puppet opens the video, or at the end if it seems more appropriate.
- Numbers are not necessary for Puppet Rants, but are helpful when doing lists.
- I try to always conclude videos with "Wocka Wocka, Wubba Wubba, and Weeba Weeba."
- I will start to introduce other characters into the videos soon, and I have not yet decided how I will show who's talking in which scene. As these decisions are made about this, I may release an updated version of this document.

Hi ho, Muppet fans! Here's what happened in the Muppet world in February 2014. Links down in the doobly doo.

- In the last Mupdate, you may recall that I mentioned the Muppets' Highlander commercial, which had been getting a lot of attention around the end of January and the beginning of February. Muppet fans were happy to see this continue during the first week of February.
- On February 4th, Benedict Cumberbatch faced his arch-nemesis Murrayarity, with the help of the Count, in a video from PBS that went viral on YouTube!
- And speaking of videos, the Muppets and Lovemovies.ie made a video that uses Constantine as a metaphor for pirated movies.
- Muppets Most Wanted continued its unique promotion with new banner advertisements, and new accounts/pages on Pinterest, Instagram, and Tumblr.
- After that, on February 7th, the winners of the Sesame Street T-Shirt contest were revealed, and they're pretty cool, so you should check them out.
- Then, check out the Muppets on the last episode of Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, singing "The Weight."
- So, remember the big Flappy Bird craze that's dying? Well on February 12th, Sesame Street released Flappy Bert, which is about the same thing, but it has Bert being carried by a pigeon and, it's slightly less frustrating.
- The next day, the Disney released videos of the Muppets cheering on team Canada in the Olympics.
- And because these random videos were not enough promotion for Muppets Most Wanted, Kermit and Miss Piggy were in a Subway commercial, along with the Swedish Chef, who apparently works there sometimes.
- On February 14th, John Henson sadly passed away from a sudden heart attack. Rest in peace John.

- An interview with Fozzie Bear was featured in the March edition of Maxim Magazine, which I would put in the upcoming section of this video, but we've been able to read it since February 19th.
- However, Maxim did not get nearly as Muppetized as Starburst Magazine did in issue 398 with a Muppet cover, and interviews with James Bobin, the director of *Muppets Most Wanted*, Brian Jay Jones, the author of "Jim Henson: The Biography," and Brian Henson, the Brian of the Hensons.
- "Red Carpet Style — Live from L.A." aired on February 28th on QVC, and Miss Piggy appeared to show off a Tote Bag thingy.
- While all of this was going on, Disney made a bunch of ads and promos for *Muppets Most Wanted*, so I'm not going to describe all of them, all just link you to a playlist that's full of 'em.

Now it's time to talk about the new Muppet Merchandise!

- The Muppet Show Grand Tour Posters
- Miss Piggy's QVC tote bag
- The Muppets Character Encyclopedia
- The strange sounding Kermit doll that sings "Together Again, Again"
- Kermit plush from TV
- Weird Muppet headwear from Elope
- And I know I saw some other Muppet merchandise that I haven't found anywhere online in a video from Stitchkingdom, such as a small Walter plush doll. I imagine this went with the little Muppet plush dolls and hand puppets from Madame Alexander.

February also gave us a lot of news about upcoming events to which we can look forward! Gosh, how can a sentence that sounds so weird be grammatically correct?

- On March 3rd, or for those of you who are watching this video on the day I published it, today, Gonzo will be appearing on Jimmy Kimmel Live at 11:35 at night. I'm not staying up that late. Just DVR it.

- Muppets songwriter Bret McKenzie and Walter will host a sing-along of *The Muppets!* This will happen on March 15th at 2:30pm, right before an early screening of *Muppets Most Wanted* at 6:00pm at The New York International Children's Film Festival.
- The Big Muppet Quiz Thing will be held on March 19th in Brooklyn, and you can go to ToughPigs.com for more details on that.
- On March 21st, well, you know.
- March 25th, *Creature Shop Challenge* on Syfy at 10pm, Eastern Time.
- On April 25th, 52 episodes of the Jim Henson Company's CGI children's show *Doozers* will be available on Hulu. Because we all need to see some *CG Doozers*.
- And also, while this isn't anything coming out soon, we did learn in February that Justin Monjo is writing a movie based on *Farscape* to be written by Brian Henson. Well, it's actually all according to rumor, but it's still a thing that could happen.

That's about it for this time. If there's anything I missed or got wrong, please let me know down in the comments. This episode was brought to you by Eleven Point Collar and is a MuppetHub.com production. MuppetHub.com is the place where you can find all sorts of Muppet fun, and see the latest posts from Muppet websites such as the Muppet Mindset and Tough Pigs, which is where I got most of the news for this show. Be sure to check 'em all out. Until next time, Wocka Wocka, Wubba Wubba, and Weeba Weeba!

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The Muppet Mindset's coverage of the Big Game ad:

<http://themuppetmindset.blogspot.com/2014/02/the-muppets-super-bowl-round-up.html>

ToughPigs' coverage of the Big Game ad:

<http://www.toughpigs.com/touchdown-muppets-most-wanted/>

Benedict Cumberbatch and the Sign of Four: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7jS7X-2ggA>

Constantine and Pirating: <http://vimeo.com/85849648>

Sesame Threadless winners: <http://www.toughpigs.com/ss-threadless2-winners/>

The Muppets on Late Night w/ Fallon: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otRr23Bri8>

The Muppets Encyclopedia:

http://www.amazon.com/Muppets-Character-Encyclopedia-DK-Publishing/dp/1465417486/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1393013427&sr=8-1&keywords=the+muppets+encyclopedia

Flappy Bert: http://www.sesamestreet.org/cms-static/flappy_bert/

Go team Canada: <http://www.toughpigs.com/team-canada/>

The Muppets at Subway: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfdSCjZRPA0>

Brian Jay Jones on John Henson:

<http://brianjayjones.com/2014/02/17/remembering-john-henson/>

Fozzie in Maxim Magazine:

http://www.toughpigs.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Maxim_March_2014_-_Fozzie_Bear_interview.jpg?9d7bd4

Starburst Magazine goes Muppets Most Wanted:

<http://www.starburstmagazine.com/subscribe/latest-issue>

Miss Piggy on QVC: <http://www.qvc.com/MuppetsMostWanted.content.html>

Muppets Most Wanted videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3L4jSE_lmw&list=PLOBsPYnWhgEFv7hd_uCf_OoeU0TDNaB_H&index=2

Muppet Show Grand Tour Poster:

<http://www.trendsinternational.com/store/product/muppets-most-wanted--grand-tour/>

The video from Stitch Kingdom: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BW0pqEOUPzQ>

Gonzo on Jimmy Kimmel: I'll have a link for this soon!

The Muppets Sing-Along and MMW screening: <http://www.gkids.tv/intheaters.cfm>

Creature Shop Challenge info:

http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Jim_Henson's_Creature_Shop_Challenge

Farscape movie: <http://www.ign.com/articles/2014/02/24/is-a-farscape-movie-in-development>

<http://www.muppethub.com>

<http://www.muppetmindset.com>

<http://www.toughpigs.com>

Hi there, folks. This is the first episode of Puppet Rants, in which the puppet, that's me, rants about something in a way that is hopefully entertaining. I want to talk about a Disney movie called Frozen, and if you haven't seen this movie, you've probably heard a lot about because everyone has been gushing about how perfect it is.

Well, I'm here to tell you that it's definitely not perfect. It's good in many ways, but there were a few things about this movie that really got on my nerves and almost ruined the movie for me.

So I want to ruin the movie for you! Obviously, there will be some minor spoilers, but let's begin.

1. They recycled Tangled. It's the story of a girl who's been trapped inside one room all her life because it was important that no one discovered her powers, and now she's breaking free and trying to be independent, even though she is still kind of depending on everyone around her. Of course, it's not the recycled story that bothers me much, since most animated movies repeat key elements of movies that come before, even the really good ones. (Side note, The Lion King is really Bambi in Africa with a little Hamlet. Think about it.) They just seemed like they were trying to make the princesses look the same as the princess in Tangled, make them and act the same as the princess in Tangled, and make the reindeer *just like* the horse in Tangled. Come on, people, let's be a little more original.
2. Too much originality. They completely changed the story of the Snow Queen. I won't make a big fuss about this, but I've known

for years about Disney's plans to make a movie based on the Snow Queen, but when I saw promotion for Frozen, I didn't recognize it as the Snow Queen at all. It doesn't mean much to me because I didn't grow up with this German fairy tale, but the movie may have been confusing to those who did. This point isn't that important though.

3. Assuming things aren't that important. Let me clarify. There are quite a few times when the movie doesn't explain what we're really seeing. What did Elsa do while she was locked away in her bedroom? Why does her ice power come with the ability to design clothing? What will the kingdom do now that it's the icy kingdom with the magical queen who keeps the place cold all year round and as crazy as an amusement park? This isn't even dealing with the obvious question: where did her powers come from? (It's just a show, I should really just relax; it's just a show, I should really just relax....)
4. The music. Well, actually I love the music. It's delightful and catchy and serves the story very, very well. I remember when I saw the movie a few months ago and had "Do You Want to Build a Snowman" stuck in my head while I laid in bed at night, and I got very annoyed. It's a great song, but it is very sad. I don't want to have a sad song bouncing around my head day after day! I want a happy one! What they needed was a reprise of "Do You Want to Build a Snowman" with rewritten lyrics to serve as the big closing number that this movie lacked, and to make the

catchiest tune in this movie a happy tune.

5. Their parents. If this movie exemplifies anything, it's how to be a terrible parent. While they engage with their kids more than the parents in Tangled who never spoke, they have no idea what they're doing. They had a child with ice powers, and never tried to figure out how to train her to use them, never went to any special doctors or any fairies or witches or anything? They only seek guidance on the ice powers thing when it could cost one of their daughters her life, and they get the guidance from the weird and slightly insane rock troll creatures. That's smart. Then, they tell their daughter "conceal, don't feel." "Conceal, don't feel?!" Really?! If having crazy powers isn't enough to make you go crazy and need therapy from a rock troll psychiatrist, then having to keep everything you feel bottled up inside and hidden for the rest of your life will do the trick.

Of course, it would be difficult to keep her powers hidden from all of the friends and family she, so they fixed this by cutting her off from all society and made sure that she was trapped in the same room her whole life, never seeing or communicating with anyone! That will definitely keep her from being psychotic. Oh, and then there's that sister she has who is going mad because she can't see anyone either, and she doesn't even have anything to hide. These parents have a child that's so crazy, she talks to painting. Because she can never go outside or have friends or see sunlight.

Then, these parents went out on a boat on a stormy day, always a good idea, and died. I would say that it's better off having the idiot rulers dead, but look who the kingdom is left with. The kingdom will now be ruled by a young woman who has never been taught how to interact with human beings. She knows very little about manners or common sense. I mean, her childhood was, in a sense, continued past an ordinary age because she never saw the real world. Without interaction with other people, she will have no sense for when someone is lying to her, she won't know how to make a good business decision, she won't know how selfish people can be, she won't recognize sarcasm, she won't know the needs of the people, and she won't be able to see her people because of her powers. These parents have made a completely dysfunctional queen that will ruin the kingdom even more so than they probably did with their stupidity. These are the kinds of parents that deserve to die before getting three minutes of screentime.

And with that, we come to the end of my Frozen rant. So, what did you think of Frozen? Do you think it's as good as people said? Let me know in the comments. Until next time, Wocka Wocka, Wubba Wubba, and Weeba Weeba.