# Trope detection using LLaMA 2

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#### Abstract

Using LLaMA 2 for [3]

## 1 Introduction

I want to find out if it is possible to use semantic similarity and prompting to extract tropes<sup>1</sup> from short-stories. It broadly utilizes information retreival, embeddings, prompting and Large Language Models (LLMs). The input is a short story/flash fiction and the output is a list of tropes.

#### 2 Data set

#### 2.1 Stories

#### 2.1.1 Shortstory files

This dataset was curated manually from the following sources -

- Project Gutenberg https://www.gutenberg.org/
- Classic Short Stories https://www.classicshorts.com/
- Literature Collection http://www.literaturecollection.com/
- The New Yorker Flash Fiction https://www.newyorker.com/books/flash-fiction

The dataset was curated manually becasue of lack of clean dataset of human authored shortstories or flash fiction. The context of LLaMA 2 was a deciding factor for the length of stories. It has a maximum context of 4096 tokens and using 'rope scaling' in the transformer version of LLaMA 2, the context can be doubled to 8192 tokens. Majority of the stories fit in that context window.

Every shortstory is a separate file in the "dataset" folder in the repository<sup>2</sup>. The structure of the text in each story file is described in Appendix A.

#### 2.1.2 Story Summaries

Summaries of stories were generated using 'GPT 3.5 Turbo 16k" at two different temperatures - 1 and 1.4. See story\_dataset\_maker.ipynb and story\_summaries.ipynb for the steps used to create the dataset and summaries. There are many ways to summarize a story. See Appendix B.4. Tropes are essentially an outcome of plot and character developments hence the prompt used was the following -

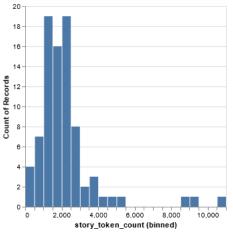
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A narrative trope is a common or overused element in storytelling that helps to convey certain themes or ideas. These can include things like the "chosen one" trope, where a protagonist is destined for greatness, or the "fish out of water" trope, where a character is placed in an unfamiliar environment. Narrative tropes can be used to create a sense of familiarity or comfort for audiences, but they can also be subverted or played with in order to add complexity and depth to a story.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://github.com/armsp/trama

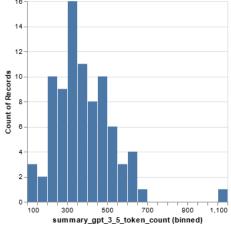
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[{"role": "system", "content": "You provide a detailed summary of the given story. Focus on the plot line and character development."},
{"role": "user", "content": <story >}]
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Figure 1 shows the token distribution of story and summary text. See visuals.ipynb on how the tokens were calculated.

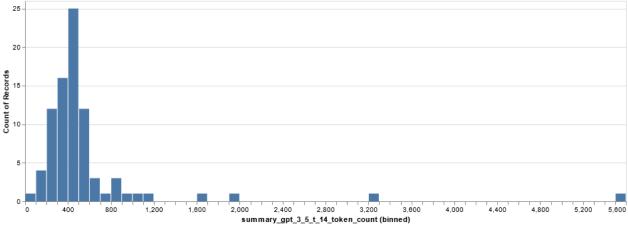
Figure 1: Token histograms



(a) Token histogram of shortstories (bin size = 500 tokens)



(b) Token histogram of shortstory summaries generated at temperature of 1 by 'gpt 3.5 turbo 16k' (bin size = 50 tokens)



(c) Token histogram of shortstory summaries generated at temperature of 1.4 by 'gpt 3.5 turbo 16k'(bin size = 100 tokens)

## 2.2 Tropes

#### 2.2.1 Trope Definitions

The tropes dataset is a subset of the original tytropes dataset [2]. See Appendix?? for an example of the first few rows of the dataset.

my\_tropes.csv file consists of examples of the selected tropes from literature and goodreads. In total we select 500 tropes to study. 400 of the tropes are the most common tropes in literature and goodreads (the selected tropes are common to both). Similarly, the remaining 100 tropes are the less common tropes from literature and goodreads. See Appendix ?? for an example of the first few rows of the dataset. See select\_tropes.ipynb for the steps used to prepare the dataset.

#### 2.2.2 Trope Examples

The 500 tropes selected above were used to extract examples of those tropes from literature and film examples. In total there are 2,88,782 examples. Literature and film examples were chosen and Tv was ignored. See trope\_examples\_dataset.ipynb for the steps used to create the dataset.

The Tytropes dataset was chosen because it is the only known textual dataset of tropes.

# 3 Preprocessing

It was not necessary to perform substantial pre-processing because of the nature of the models used. The tokenization is generally part of open source pipelines. The only pre-processing that I perform is to remove leading and trailing whitespace, '\t', '\n', and '\r' from the tropes and stories dataset.

# 4 Experiments

Why USE? This was mostly based on prior experience. For longer texts and paragraphs USE had performed better than other models like Sentence Transformer. For semantic search, I used USE[1] to get embeddings for summaries, full text of stories and examples of tropes.

## 5 Evaluation

This is understandably the most important but also the most difficult task. There are also some very good examples where it identifies tropes that you wouldn't think of in the first place.

#### Correct identifications

Story Title - Trope with reason for trope in the story - Comments

• Where are you? - The story's use of the "Verbal Irony" trope, where the words and actions of the characters have a different meaning than their literal meaning, such as the husband's "Hello?" calls, which are not actually a request for the wife's location, but a way for him to assert his power and control over her. - This is a correct identification.

There are certainly many tropes that LLaMA 2 13b gets wrong. The following are just some of the examples:

#### Wrong identifications

Story Title - Trope: Reason for trope in the story - Comments

- A RETRIEVED REFORMATION The Faked Death: Jimmy "dies" as Ralph D. Spencer and is reborn as Jimmy Valentine to escape his criminal past and start a new life. This is clearly a wrong assessment of the story.
- The Boss The Masked Face: The woman's face is masked in shadow, adding to the story's mystery and potential for hidden motives. Sometimes it thinks purely aesthetic choices as tropes.
- Where are you? The "Unseen Observer" trope, as the wife is often described as being "elsewhere" in the house, even though she is physically present in the same space as the husband. This is also not a correct assessment.

## 6 Future work

Extracting information from LLMs for niche tasks is not a trivial matter. Becasue of RLHF and limited context window LLMs generally prefer to output 3 or 5 or 10 examples when asked for a list of any kind. However they may have more information. See Appendix Z where I ask LLaMA 2 to list all the tropes it knows of. Therefore figuring out a direct way to query the LLM to extract tropes is an interesting problem statement.

I think the task of querying the LLM for the existence of a certain trope can be made faster by optimizing the semantic similarity pipeline. Different tropes also do not have similar number of examples. Therefore coming up with a more robust averaging approach will help in correctly identifying tropes.

The most important task that we can also work on is how to represent stories themselves for the semantic similarity task. Stories are a nuanced representation of multiple tropes in general. Therefore representing the whole story as a vector embedding is perhaps not the best approach. Their length also dictates how diluted the embeddings are. To mitigate that I came up with the approach to summarize the story focusing on plot and character developments because tropes are centered around plots and characters. Note there are many ways to summarize a story, see Appendix H.

Throughout the course of working on the project I realized that even though some tropes are undoubtly present, for many of the tropes it becomes rather subjective and for some it could even be countentious.

# 7 Current challenges

#### 7.0.1 Formatted output

#### 7.0.2 Prompt Engineering

Being able to extract all the tropes at once - it is certainly has the knowledge of all the tropes but wen it comes to listing then because of how instruction tuning was performed on the pretrained mode, it generally outputs 5 or 10 outputs. And being able to extract all the tropes was certainly a challenge and I would admit has still not been solved. Guidance does not work with Chat LLaMA 2

#### 7.0.3 Embeddings

Representing whole stories as embeddings ...

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# A Appendix A

Story file consists of a single story where the first line is the title of the story. Followed by the author of the story and finally the story itself. The three segments are separated by the === delimiter. Example:

BABY DOLLS

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Becky Robison

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My mother isn't always Raggedy Ann, but she was when I was born. Week before Halloween, office party. Not at the office, but at Richard Nixon's basement apartment. She sipped on Shirley Temples while my jelly fists pommeled her beneath her denim thrift-store jumper. I hate grenadine, but how was Raggedy Ann supposed to know that? Her brain was stuffing, and my communication was limited to pathetic fetal boxing. The drunk guests rollicked in their altered states. When fluid dampened her striped stockings, everyone laughed. Because she was a doll, and also very young, my mother laughed, too.

A cat whose tail was longer than her skirt laid Raggedy Ann in the bathtub and closed the moldy curtain. Her limbs stayed limp while people pissed nearby, and the tangled nest of red yarn remained on her head, drenched with sweat, for Raggedy Ann is loyal and true. Only I was able to bring her to life, each shock of me making bone and blood of her soft body, carving chambers into her two-dimensional valentine heart.

# B Appendix B

List of Stories in the stories dataset - Link

Title	Author
The Bear Came Over the Mountain	Alice Munro
The Boss	Robert Coover
The Hairless Are Careless	Colin Barrett
Smithereens	Aleksandar Hemon
Where Are You?	Joyce Carol Oates
Art of Story	John Edgar Wideman
Sun Dogs	Dorthe Nors
Let's Say	Linor Goralik
Citizen Punch	Robert Coover
An Evening with Joseph Conrad	Anne Carson
The South Asian Speakers Series Presents the A	Tania James
Town of Cats	Haruki Murakami
Courage	Daniel Smith
Have You Ever Met One?	Rivka Galchen
Good Boys	Honor Levy
The Kingdom That Failed	Haruki Murakami
The Mirror	David Hoon Kim
Listening for the Click	Johanna Ekström
Around the Corner You Can't See Around	Lore Segal
A Triangle	Giada Scodellaro
Live a Little	Diane Williams
Soft Sculpture	Lore Segal
Symbols and Signs	Vladimir Nabokov
Replacement Grandparent	Kate Zambreno
Snowstorm	Bruna Dantas Lobato

The Façade Renovation That's Going Well	Weike Wang
Certain European Movies	Emma Cline
Battle	Weike Wang
Woman to Woman	Honorée Fanonne Jeffers
Anatoly	Oleh Sentsov
Wolves	Sterling HolyWhiteMountain
Blue Island	Stuart Dybek
The Preparatory School	Hebe Uhart
The Lottery	Shirley Jackson
LIKABLE	DEB OLIN UNFERTH
Possession(s)	John Smolens
Ramona	Sarah Gerkensmeyer
Riddle	Ogbewe Amadin
Sorry Dan, But It's No Longer Necessary for a	Erik Cofer
Three Is A Rational Number	Michele Finn Johnson
The Huntress	Sofia Samatar
My Dead	Peter Orner
The Wife on Ambien	Ed Park
The Visitor	Lydia Davis
Sticks	George Saunders
This Is How You Fail To Ghost Him	Victoria McCurdy
Unnecessary Things	Tatyana Tolstaya
War of the Clowns	Mia Couto
Angels and Blueberries	Tara Campbell
BABY DOLLS	Becky Robison
John Redding Goes to Sea	Zora Neale Hurston
As the North Wind Howled	Yu Hua
The Comedian	Yoko Morgenstern
Last Long Night	Lina Rather
The Virgin Mary	Adesuwa Agbonile
A Good Man is Hard to Find	Flannery O'Connor
Araby	James Joyce
Bellflower	Guy de Maupassant
The Bet	Anton Pavlovich Chekhov
The Boarded Window	Ambrose Bierce
A Burlesque Biography	Mark Twain
The Cask of Amontillado	Edgar Allan Poe
The Christening	Guy de Maupassant
Coco	Guy de Maupassant
The Coming-Out of Maggie	O. Henry
Confessing	Guy de Maupassant
Lamb to the Slaughter	Roald Dahl
A Dead Woman's Secret	Guy de Maupassant
The Door	E. B. white
The Dowry	Guy de Maupassant
The Drunkard	Guy de Maupassant
A Family	Guy de Maupassant  Guy de Maupassant
Farewell	Guy de Maupassant
The gift of the magi	O. Henry
A Haunted House	Virginia Woolf
	Anton Pavlovich Chekhov
The Lottery Ticket	Amon raviovich Cheknov

Luck	Mark Twain
My Cheesecake-Shaped Poverty	Haruki Murakami
Moonlight	Guy de Maupassant
The Mouse	H. H. Munro
Mrs. Packletide's Tiger	H. H. Munro
One of These Days	Gabriel Garcia Marquez
A RETRIEVED REFORMATION	O. Henry
The Hostage	Amelia Gray

# B.1 Appendix C

TropeID	Trope	Description
t30980	FlowersInHerHair	Flowers have long been a symbol of femininity,
		and therefore young women (and those who are
		young at heart) sometimes wear them in their
		hair.\nThese can take the form of a daisy chain
		headband or a single flower (or bunch) placed in
		the hair. The flowers can be real or artificial.
t30982	ParentProducedProject	When a child needs a school project done, some-
		times the parents (usually the mother) would do
		it for them. Often the parent is doing the project
		for their lazy son the night before the project
		is due.\nIn some cases the kids don't want this
		much help with the project, it's the parent push-
		ing themselves on it to make themselves look
		good.\nRelated to Science Fair projects, Ridicu-
		lous Procrastinator, and Last Minute Project.
t30983	CutAwayGag	A Cutaway Gag is a joke generally found in sillier
		comedies in which a character says something and
		the action immediately cuts to a throwaway joke
		related to what the character said. The Cutaway
		Gag is usually a non sequitur which has abso-
		lutely nothing to do with the plot of the com-
		edy. It is just there to be funny. If the gag
		is funny, no one minds the non sequitur. Of
		course, if it isn't\nA staple of the Gag Series,
		or those using Rapid-Fire Comedy (after all, it's
		easy to have lots of jokes if you don't need them
		to make sense).\nCompare Big-Lipped Alligator
		Moment, Imagine Spot, Crazy Memory, Product-
		Promotion Parade (which this can overlap with),
		Separate Scene Storytelling. Also an Aversion to
		the Noodle Incident, especially when they briefly
		start off with a bit of dialogue that would imply
		such a trope.

t00001	AbandonedArea	Abandoned places make good settings for fiction.
		Normally seen in fiction that evokes types of hor-
		ror, the concept of a place just being abandoned
		makes an unnerving feeling in the viewer. It
		also creates suspense and increases the surprise
		when it turns out that the place isn't really aban-
		doned. The use of abandoned places as an aes-
		thetic aid, as it normally is, often overlaps with
		Scenery Gorn. Depending on the state of the loca-
		tion, it may give a justified example of No OSHA
		Compliance, because, really, would you be both-
		ered with health and safety in somewhere you've
		abandoned?\nSub-tropes:\nAlso see Never Recy-
		cle a Building. Beautiful Void is a related trope.
		Any of these can be Unexpectedly Abandoned.
		See also Bat Scare, which is frequently used in
		abandoned areas. When a part of a city has been
		so abandoned that even the police won't go in,
		you have The City Narrows. (Robert A. Heinlein
		used the term "Abandoned Area" in I Will Fear
		No Evil to refer to that part of a city.)
t00004	AbandonedHospitalAwakening	An Abandoned Hospital Awakening is, as the
		name implies, when a character wakes up in an
		Abandoned Hospital. A combination of several
		different things in a single convenient package, an
		abandoned hospital awakening is a popular choice
		for beginning Horror works, though it shows up
		in other genres and contexts as well. The hospi-
		tal used for this has usually been recently aban-
		doned after a disaster of some sort, which helps
		explain why the character was there in the first
		place (though not necessarily why they were left
		behind).\nAbandoned hospitals are creepy, which
		sets the tone by itself, but the addition of specific
		types of Scenery Gorn can ratchet that tension up
		even further. At the same time, it gives the char-
		acters (and the audience) a clue as to why the
		hospital was abandoned in the first place. Be-
		ing in a Convenient Coma while the disaster was
		happening gives them an excuse to be Late to the
		Tragedy (in some cases finding they have Slept
		Through the Apocalypse), making them a Naïve
		Newcomer until they figure things out. If they
		don't remember why they were in the hospital
		in the first place, then you've got an Ontologi-
		cal Mystery on your hands in addition to dealing
		with more immediate problems.\nEspecially pop-
		ular during a Zombie Apocalypse, for some rea-
		son. See Abandoned Hospital for the supertrope.
		See Waking Up Elsewhere in general.

# B.2 Appendix E

Title	Trope	Example	trope_id	title_id
HarryPotterAndTheOrderOfThePhoenix	TheOneThingIDontHateAboutYou	In Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, Dumbledore pulls off a dramatic escape from about half a dozen senior Ministry of Magic personnel, including two top Aurors (granted, one was secretly on his side). And he makes it look easy. Phineas Nigellus Black, who disagrees with Dumbledore on a large number of topics, has to admit that the man has style.\n	t23264	lit4472
Lensman	ExplosiveOverclocking	Primary beams, which take the mechanism of a regular beam projector and use it as a one-shot cartridge.	t07280	lit5906
AcrossAJadeSea	PocketProtector	At one point, Batiya is saved from a bullet by the prayer tokens she was wearing as part of her wedding celebration in Changali . It does crack her ribs.	t17280	lit357
TheInterdependency	EvilCannotComprehendGood	Pops up in The Consuming Fire, damaging relations between the throne and the Countess Nohamapetan - Cardenia offers to commute Nadashe's sentence to a Luxury Prison Suite, intending this as an olive branch (and this is how Kiva sees it), but the Countess can only parse this as an attempt to keep Nadashe hostage; Cardenia knows she messed up somewhere in the interaction, but has no idea where. Also, the Countess's hunger for power means that in the middle of a Villainous Breakdown, she blurts out her assassination of Rennered Wu as though Cardenia should view this as a favour, unable to comprehend that Cardenia didn't want the throne in the first place and views it as an inconvenient responsibility that nevertheless she has to execute as best she can.	t07087	lit11866

## B.3 Appendix G

System Prompts:

- S1 = """You will be given a story. You always output a list of " all" the tropes you found in the context of the story."""
- S2 = "You will be given a story and you must list all the tropes you found in the story."
- S3 = "You are an expert on the TV Tropes dataset. You will be given a story. You always output all the tropes you found in the story."
- S4 = """You are an expert on tropes. You will be given a story. You output what is asked of you in the user message."""
- S5 = "You are an expert on tropes. You will be given a story in INST block. Your task is to extract all the tropes in the story."
- S6 = "Analyze the story given in <</SYS>> and [/INST]. List ALL the tropes you found after the analysis and also output the reason why you think the trope exists in the story. Perform a deep dive analysis and not limit your output to 10 tropes."
- S7 = "You will be given the text of a short story within <</SYS >> and [/INST]. Perform a deep dive analysis of the story and list ALL the tropes you can find in the story."
- S8 = """You will be given a story. You perform a deep analysis of the story and always output a list of "all" the tropes you found in the context of the story.""
- S9 = "You are an expert at finding tropes in narratives. You will be given a story. You perform a deep analysis of the story and list all the tropes you found in the story."
- S10 = "You are an expert on the TV Tropes dataset. You will be given a story. You perform a deep analysis of the story and output all the tropes you found in the story."

User message:

$$U1 = "{})"$$

- U2 = "List all the tropes you can find in the story below  $-\n$  {}"
- $U3=\mbox{\tt """List}$  all the tropes you can find after analyzing the story that is in between the delimiters ———.\n

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## B.4 Appendix H

- Plot Summary: It provides a concise overview of the story's main events. It focuses on the key actions, conflicts, and resolutions. Plot summary gives readers a general idea of what the story is about without delving into too much detail.
- Character Summary: Character summaries focus on the development of the story's characters. They describe the main characters, their traits, motivations, and how they evolve throughout the narrative.
- Thematic Summary: A thematic summary delves into the central themes and messages of the story. It explores the underlying ideas, philosophies, or moral lessons presented in the narrative.
- Emotional Summary: This type of summary focuses on the emotional journey of the characters or the emotional impact of the story on the reader. It highlights the feelings and experiences evoked by the narrative.
- Comparative Summary: A comparative summary compares the story to other works by the same author or to works in the same genre, highlighting similarities and differences.

## B.5 Appendix I

## B.6 Appendix Z

Give me a list of all the tropes that you know. List all of them Oh my, there are just so many tropes out there! But here's a list of some common ones that come to mind:

- 1. The Chosen One: A protagonist who is destined for greatness, often chosen by fate or prophecy.
- 2. Fish Out of Water: A character who finds themselves in an unfamiliar environment, often leading to comedic misunderstandings.
- 3. Love Triangle: A romantic plotline involving three characters , often with two rivals vying for the affections of the central character.
- 4. The Hero's Journey: A classic narrative structure that follows a hero on their journey from ordinary world to extraordinary world, facing challenges and overcoming obstacles along the way.
- 5. Redemption Arc: A character who must make amends for past mistakes or wrongdoing, often through a transformative experience.
- 6. Sacrificial Lion: A character who sacrifices themselves for the greater good, often to further the plot or deepen the emotional stakes.
- 7. Tragic Flaw: A character flaw that leads to the character's downfall, often as a result of hubris or pride.
- 8. Uncanny Valley: A character or object that is almost, but not quite, human-like, creating a sense of unease or discomfort.
- 9. Big Bad: A powerful antagonist who drives the plot forward and provides a clear goal for the protagonist(s) to work towards.

- 10. Plucky Comic Relief: A minor character who provides humor and lighthearted moments in an otherwise serious story.
- 11. Damsel in Distress: A female character who is in need of rescue, often due to her own weakness or vulnerability.
- 12. Evil Overlord: An evil villain who seeks to dominate or destroy the world, often through nefarious means.
- 13. Mentor Archetype: A wise and experienced guide who teaches the protagonist important skills or lessons.
- 14. Foil Characters: Characters who contrast with each other in terms of personality, background, or motivations, highlighting the differences between them.
- 15. MacGuffin: A plot device that serves as a catalyst for the story, often without much explanation or significance.
- 16. Plot Twist: An unexpected turn of events that changes the direction of the story and surprises the audience.
- 17. Reveal: A moment when previously unknown information is revealed, often leading to a major plot twist or resolution.
- 18. Deus Ex Machina: A sudden and convenient solution to a problem that feels contrived or unearned.
- 19. Idiot Ball: A situation where a character acts foolishly or makes a mistake that advances the plot, often at the expense of their credibility or agency.
- 20. Fridge Logic: A plot point or detail that only works if you suspend your disbelief and ignore logical inconsistencies or holes.
- Of course, this is just a small sampling of the countless tropes that exist in storytelling. There are many more out there, and new ones are being created all the time!
- Sure thing! Here are some additional tropes that I know but haven't listed above:
- Bait—and—Switch: A technique where something is promised or set up expectations, only to have it subverted or changed later on.
- Beard of Sorrow: A character's facial hair grows longer and more unkempt as they become increasingly sad or depressed.
- Blonde Bombshell: A beautiful blonde woman who uses her physical appearance to get what she wants.
- Break the Cutie: A character who is initially portrayed as innocent and pure, but is eventually broken down by circumstances or events.
- Byronic Hero: A brooding, sensitive, and mysterious male character who is often tortured by his own dark past.
- Canine Companion: A loyal and lovable dog that provides comfort and support to the main character.
- Cat Fight: A confrontation between two or more women, often involving physical violence and petty insults.
- Chekhov's Gunman: A character who is introduced early in the story but has no significant role until later, when their presence becomes crucial to the plot.
- Chronic Hero Syndrome: A character who constantly puts others

- before themselves, often to the point of self-destruction.
- Clueless Mystery Solver: A character who solves mysteries despite having little to no knowledge or expertise in the subject matter.
- Conveniently Unaware: A character who is ignorant of important details or facts that are necessary to advance the plot.
- Cosmic Plaything: A character who is manipulated by external forces beyond their control, often for comedic effect.
- Crapsack World: A setting that is bleak, oppressive, and generally miserable, often serving as a backdrop for a larger conflict.
- Cruel Twist Ending: A conclusion that is intentionally harsh or disturbing, often leaving the audience feeling unsettled or unsatisfied.
- Deadpan Snarker: A character who delivers witty or sarcastic remarks in a completely straight-faced manner.
- Designated Hero: A character who is appointed or elected to save the day, often despite their lack of qualifications or abilities.
- Disney Death: A temporary death or disappearance that allows the character to return stronger and more resilient than ever before.
- Emotionally Tormented: A character who struggles with inner turmoil, often manifesting as angst, anger, or depression.
- Ensemble Cast: A group of characters who work together to achieve a common goal, often with diverse personalities and skill sets.
- Establishing Character: A scene or sequence that introduces a character's personality, traits, or backstory.
- I hope these additional tropes are helpful! Let me know if you have any other questions or requests.
- Sure thing! Here are some more tropes that I know of but haven't listed above:
- And Knowing Is Half the Battle: A character learns a valuable lesson or gains a key piece of information that helps them overcome a challenge.
- Armor Is Useless: A character wears armor that provides no practical protection against the attacks they face.
- Ascended Extra: A supporting character who becomes more prominent and important as the story progresses.
- Back From the Dead: A character who has died but is brought back to life, either through supernatural means or advanced technology.
- Bat Signal: A signal or call for help that is distinctively associated with a particular hero or group of heroes.
- Beautiful Dreamer: A character who is known for their beauty and /or charm, but may also be naive or vulnerable.
- Better to Die than to Yield: A character refuses to surrender or give up, even in the face of impossible odds.

- Big Brother Is Watching: A character or organization monitors and controls the actions of others, often for sinister purposes.
- Bloodier Than Usual: A story or scene that is particularly violent or gruesome, often for shock value or to emphasize the stakes.
- Blue-Eyed Soul: A character who appears to be white or non-black but possesses a strong connection to black culture or identity.
- Born Winner: A character who is naturally talented or gifted, often to the point of being arrogant or entitled.
- Brought Down by Dragon Rage: A character who is defeated or killed by their own intense emotions, such as rage or grief.
- Buffy Speak: A character speaks in a deliberately vague or cryptic language, often to obscure the truth or avoid revealing too much information.
- Bullying a Dragon: A character engages in verbal or physical bullying against someone who is clearly stronger or more powerful than them.
- Bunny-Ears Lawyer: A character who exhibits unusual or eccentric behavior, but is surprisingly skilled or knowledgeable in a particular area.
- I hope these additional tropes are helpful! Let me know if you have any other questions or requests.
- Sure thing! Here are all the remaining tropes that I know of but haven't listed yet:
- Action Survivor: A character who manages to survive an action—packed scenario despite their lack of training or experience.
- Adorkable: A character who is awkward or nerdy, but endearing and charming despite their flaws.
- Alliterative Name: A character with a name that starts with the same letter or sound, often for comedic effect.
- Always Second Best: A character who consistently comes in second place, often to a rival or adversary.
- Amnesiac Hero: A character who suffers from memory loss or amnesia, often as a result of a traumatic event.
- Amazon Chaser: A character who is attracted to strong, independent women, often for their perceived power or strength.
- Anachronistic Clothing: A character who dresses in clothing that is out of place or does not fit the time period, often for comedic effect.
- Animal Motif: A character who has an animal-themed costume or persona, often to represent their personality or abilities.
- Anti-Hero: A character who defies traditional heroic norms, often being morally ambiguous or even villainous.
- Arbitrary Skepticism: A character who skeptics or dismisses something without proper understanding or evidence, often to justify their own beliefs.
- Artifact of Power: A powerful object that is sought after by

- various characters, often with dangerous consequences.
- Assimilation Plot: A plot in which a character or group is forced to adopt the ways of another culture or society, often under threat of punishment or violence.
- Attractive Bent Gender: A character who is genderqueer or non-binary, but is depicted as physically attractive or desirable
- Authority Equals Asskicking: A character who is in a position of authority or leadership, often due to their exceptional abilities or accomplishments.
- Ax-Crazy: A character who is mentally unstable or deranged, often resulting in violent or destructive behavior.
- Back from the Dead: A character who has been resurrected or revived after dying, often with unclear or supernatural circumstances.
- Badass Boast: A character who delivers an exaggerated or theatrical boast, often to intimidate or impress others.
- Bad Liar: A character who is poor at lying or deceiving others, often leading to humorous or dramatic consequences.
- Batman Gambit: A character who uses cunning and strategy to outsmart their opponents, often relying on clever plans and gadgets.
- Beard of Sorrow: A character who grows a beard as a sign of mourning or sorrow, often representing their emotional state or struggle.
- Beauty Brains and Magic: A character who possess a combination of exceptional physical appearance, intelligence, and magical or superhuman abilities.
- Begging Your Pardon: A character who apologizes excessively or insincerely, often to gain favor or avoid conflict.
- Believe Me, I'm Lying: A character who lies or deceives others, often to protect themselves or others from harm.
- Best Her to Bed: A character who tries to win the affection of a love interest through manipulation or coercion, often using guile or force.
- Betrayal Montage: A series of scenes showing a character betraying the trust of others, often accompanied by music and visual motifs.
- These are all the tropes that I could think of! I hope this list is helpful to you. Let me know if you have any other questions or requests.
- Sure thing! Here are some more examples of tropes that I know but haven't listed before:
- Buddy Cop Movie: A movie where two law enforcement officers, usually from different backgrounds or with conflicting personalities, are forced to work together to solve a crime or case.
- By the Book: A character who strictly adheres to rules, regulations, or doctrine, often to the point of being rigid or inflexible.

- Cain and Abel: Two characters who are siblings or close relatives, one of whom is presented as good and the other as evil, often with a tragic or controversial history.
- Captain Obvious: A character who states the obvious or explains things that are already known or understood, often in a condescending or patronizing manner.
- Cardboard Box: A character who is depicted as living in a cardboard box, often as a symbol of poverty or homelessness.
- Car Fu: A scene where a character uses a vehicle as a weapon or to attack others, often by ramming into them or using the car 's features as weapons.
- Cassandra Truth: A character who predicts or warns about future events or dangers, but is ignored or dismissed by others.
- Catchphrase: A phrase or sentence that a character repeatedly says or utters, often becoming a defining feature of their personality or dialogue.
- Central Theme: A recurring idea or message that runs throughout a story, often reflecting the author's views or opinions.
- Chaste Hero: A heroic character who remains virginal or sexually inexperienced, often as a source of purity or moral strength
- Childhood Friend: A character who has known the protagonist since childhood, often providing a long-standing relationship or historical context.
- Choose Your Own Adventure: A story where the reader or viewer is given options to choose from, determining the outcome or path of the story.
- Cloudcuckoolander: A character who is eccentric, scatterbrained, or absurd, often speaking in non sequiturs or nonsensical phrases.
- Coincidence Magnet: A character who experiences an unusually high number of coincidences or serendipitous events, often driving the plot or resolving conflicts.
- Cold Reading: A technique used by psychics or fortune tellers to create the illusion of knowing secrets or information about a client, often by making generalizations or using cold reading techniques.
- I hope these additional examples are helpful! Let me know if you have any other questions or requests.