Comedy Tropes

Tag	Trope Name	Link	Quote from a Movie	Description
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conservation	Dude, Not Funny!	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki .php/Main/ DudeNotFu nny	"Even I'm offended by this. And I'm a fat Southern sheriff." — Chief Wiggum lookalike, The Simpsons, "Love, Springfieldian Style"	Not funny, someone offended from a joke
situation	Accidental Marriage	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki .php/Main/ Accidental Marriage	I don't have a wife. Zoe, why do I have a wife?" — Malcolm Reynolds, Firefly, "Our Mrs. Reynolds."	Marrying someone by accident or having an arranged marriage
conversation	Actually, That's My Assistant	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki .php/Main/ ActuallyTh atsMyAssis tant	Slevin: I'm sorry. Who are you? The Boss: I'm The Boss. Slevin: I thought he was The Boss. The Boss: Why? Do we look alike? — Lucky Number Slevin	The boss's assistant is mistaken for the one in charge, actually that's my assistant
situation	Alien Lunch	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki .php/Main/ AlienLunch	"I'd just like them to kill my food before I eat it. Is that too much to ask?" — Cale Tucker, Titan A.E.	A person given disgusting food, like to alien food
action	Aliens Steal Cattle	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki .php/Main/ AliensSteal Cattle	"Why would alien beings travel light years through space in order to play doctor on cattle?" — Agent Dana Scully, The X-Files, "Eve"	Aliens abduct cows, animals, cattle
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Character, action	The Aristocrats	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki .php/Main/T heAristocra ts	"The Aristocrats!" That's disgusting! (Pause)So how much for season tickets?	A joke where a family goes to a talent agent and does a very obscene act, which they call 'The Aristocrats'.
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	Activity	.php/Main/ AwkwardFa therSonBo ndingActivi ty	emotionally-stunted father, is it?" — Hank, Community, "Advanced Advanced Dungeons & Dragons"	Son Bonding Activity
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acton	Calling Your Nausea	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/C allingYourN ausea	"I think I'm gonna be sick!" Vomits	A character says he's about to vomit
abstract	Celeb Crush	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/C elebCrush	"CATHERINE ZZZZZZEEEEETA JOOOOOOOOONNNNNNZZZZZ! One day you will be mine." — The Nostalgia Critic about Catherine Zeta-Jones	A person has a crush on a celebrity
action	Check, Please	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/C heckPlease	Brian: Check please! Steve: We already paid! Brian: I know. It's what you say after restaurant weirdness. — The Sarah Silverman Program	Check, Please, when someone asks for the check because they are in a hurry or are unhappy in a situation
conversation	Cannot Keep A Secret	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/C annotKeepA Secret	N/A	Cannot Keep A Secret, bad at keeping secrets

conversation	Didn't Think This Through	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/Di dntThinkThi sThrough	Sonic: I was just trying to protect you! Tails: How? By putting me in <i>more</i> danger? Sonic: The plan had holes! — Sonic Boom, "The Sidekick	Didn't think this through, Someone comes up with a plan to do something, but the plan ends up failing because of a crucial detail that the planner failed to realize before it was too late to do anything.
conversation	Don't explain the joke	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/D ontExplainT heJoke	"Humor can be dissected, as a frog can, but the thing dies in the process and the innards are discouraging to any but the pure scientific mind." — E. B. White	A character makes a joke and then ruins it by going to the trouble of explaining the joke, Don't explain the joke
conversation	Even nerds have standards	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/Ev enNerdsHav eStandards	"OK, now you've crossed over into the realm of supernerds, whereby even regular nerds steal your lunch money and throw rocks at you." — Ethan, Ctrl+Alt+Del — "A game of nerds"	Someone's a nerd, but not a big enough nerd for this thing. Even nerds have standards
situation	Give Me a Sign	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/Gi veMeASign	Send me a sign! A hint. ANYTHING!" — Anya, Anastasia	Give me a sign, Sometimes, when in a moment of great need, a character will cry out to God
character	Harmless Villain	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/H armlessVilla in	"And when she arrives, I shall squirt her with CITRIC ACID!" — Jokerella, The Non-Adventures of Wonderella, "For Whom the CELL Tolls" Tolls"	Harmless villain, A villain who fails to be an actual threat
conversation	How is that even possible	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/H owlsThatEv enPossible	"This doesn't seem physically possible!" — Many People, Red vs. Blue	How is that even possible, Someone witnesses an impossible event and asks how it can actually happen.
conversation	How much did you hear	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/H owMuchDid YouHear	Gandalf: What did you hear?! Speak! Sam: N-nothing important! That is, I heard a good deal about a ring and a Dark Lord, and something about the end of the world — The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring	How much did you hea, when someone hears things they were not supposed to hear

situation	Home Alone Antics	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/H omeAloneA ntics	N/A	Being left home alone
conversation	Hint Dropping	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/Hi ntDropping	Edmund: Yes. It might be wise to appoint a new Lord, to make sure the old Lords vote the right way. Prince George: Good thoughtnew Lordany idea who? Edmund: Well, sir, one name does leap to mind. Prince George: Does it? Edmund: Yes, sir. Prince George: (long pause) You couldn't make it leap any higher, could you? — Blackadder the Third	Get the hint, hint dropping
conversation	#HashtagFo rLaughs	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/H ashtagForL aughs	Finding out I had herpes was quite a shock! #pikachu" — Todd in the Shadows	HashtagForLaughs, When hashtags are used for comedic purposes. It is mostly used in these two scenarios
conversation	I have this friend	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/IH aveThisFrie nd	Denise: Dad, I have a friend that wants to talk to you about something important. Cliff: Is this person related to me? — The Cosby Show	Asking for advice by saying I have this friend who
conversation	I'm going to hell for this	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/Im GoingToHell ForThis	"All right, then, I'll GO to hell." — Huckleberry Finn, <u>The Adventures</u> of Huckleberry Finn	When someone does something bad then says I'm going to hell for this
situation	I want my mommy	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/IW antMyMom my	"Mom, where are you?" — Kevin, Home Alone	I want my mommy, Someone in trouble comically pleads for their mother to save them, mom where are you
situation	Jaw Drop	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/Ja wDrop	"I've achieved 'exasperating,' and I've achieved 'eye-popping'. (THONK!) All right!!! 'Jaw-dropping'!!" — Garfield, reacting to Jon Arbuckle doing this, after seeing Garfield had torn up his furniture	When someone says something jaw dropping

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conversation	Knock Knock joke	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki. php/Main/K nockKnock Joke	Person 1: Knock, knock Person 2: Who's there? Person 1: X. Person 2: X who? Person 1: Terrible pun based on X	A joke with the format "Knock knock" "Who's there?" "X" "X who?" "[pun about X]"
conversation	Lame Comeback	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki .php/Main/L ameComeb ack	Jesus Quintana: You ready to be fucked, man?Dios mío, man. Liam and me, we're gonna fuck you up. The Dude: Yeah, well, you know, that's just, like, uh your opinion, man. — The Big Lebowski	When someone responds with a lame comeback
conversation	Pun	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki .php/Main/P un	"Puns are little plays on words that a certain breed of person loves to spring on you and then look at you in a certain self-satisfied way to indicate that he thinks that you must think that he is by far the cleverest person on Earth now that Benjamin Franklin is dead, when in fact what you are thinking is that if this person ever ends up in a lifeboat, the other passengers will hurl him overboard by the end of the first day even if they have plenty of food and water." — Dave Barry, "Why Humor Is Funny"	Pun or word play as a form of joke
conversation	Scream Like a Little Girl	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki .php/Main/S creamsLike ALittleGirl	Rose: They're rats! Dozens of rats, vacuum-packed rats. The Doctor: And you decided to scream. Mickey: It took me by surprise! The Doctor: Like a little girl? Mickey: It was dark, I was covered in rats! The Doctor: Nine, maybe ten years old. I'm seeing pigtails, frilly skirt — Doctor Who, "School Reunion"	A man has a feminine-sounding scream, man streaming like a little girl
action	Self-Deprec ation	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki .php/Main/S elfDeprecati on	"He had the kind of face only a mother could love, if that mother was blind in one eye, and had that sort of milky film over the other one, you know? You know what I mean? But still, he was my identical twin." — Colin Mochrie talking about Ryan Stiles, during a game of "Narrate" on Whose Line Is It Anyway?	Self-deprecation, Someone or something makes jokes at <i>their own</i> expense
action	She Cleans Up Nicely	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki .php/Main/S heCleansUp Nicely	"Did not the Abbe F-M say: 'Lost is that man who sees a beautiful woman descending a noble staircase', and were not both these ingredients here, and ready to her hand? What else but a staircase could so perfectly set off the jewel she had made of Elfine?" — Cold Comfort Farm.	Clean up nicely, makeover

conversation	To make a long story short	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki .php/Main/T oMakeALon gStoryShort	Before I put on this dress, you couldn't even remember my name." — Carter to Donny, Princess Protection Program Captain America: How long have I been out, doc? Bruce Banner: Actually, that's what we wanted to talk you about, Steve. We're still not sure if it was suspended animation or just an unexpected side-effect of the super soldier serum, but Captain America: Would somebody please just give me a straight answer here? Nick Fury: Fifty-seven years, Captain. — The Ultimates Wadsworth: "To make a long story short" Colonel Mustard: "Too late." — Clue "Long story short, you have a magical evening. Short Story Long? Anything by Dickens." — Kingdom of Loathing	Long story short, summary of situation
conversation	Too much information	mwiki/pmwi ki.php/Main/ TooMuchInf ormation	"I dream of the day when I will learn to stop asking questions to which I will regret learning the answers." — Roy Greenhilt, <u>The Order of the</u> <u>Stick</u>	Too much information, Someone reveals personal information (often something gross or risque) that they really should've kept to themselves
situation	We ARE Struggling Together	https://tvtro pes.org/pm wiki/pmwiki .php/Main/ WeAreStrug glingTogeth er	[the group whips off their cloaks] Haley: THE RESISTANCE! Isamu: Wait — "The Resistance"? I thought we agreed we were going to call ourselves "The Azure City Underground"? Thanh: I thought we were going with "Sapphire Liberation Front". Niu: I still prefer "Rebel Alliance". — The Order of the Stick	We are struggling together, we are in this together