The Website Called TV Tropes

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Summary

A version of the often parodied song "We Didn't Start The Fire" about the website called TV Tropes. Based, specifically, on the subtitles of the music video on Billy Joel's official YouTube channel.

Note to tag wranglers: This work does mention real people, but only in terms of what they actually did in real life (like administrating a website or posting about said website in a webcomic). It does not attach any fictional plot or characteristics to real people. Also, TV Tropes is portrayed as a regular website and not an anthropomorphic character.

Note to fandom historians: This was first posted to AO3 in September 2024, then reposted to fanfiction.lol during the great AO3 outage in November 2026.

The Website Called TV Tropes
to the tune of
We Didn't Start The Fire
by Billy Joel

[upbeat cheerful music]

Buffy fans back in the day had things on tropes to say
Made a wiki, it was headed by FastEddie (oh)
Following the website's mission, branching out from television
Getting critique in a comic by Randall Munroe

[upbeat cheerful music]

Topics to read on: Sugar Wiki, Just For Fun
We have your index! So? Screw this index, I have tropes!
Dogs heroic, cats mean, good princess, evil queen
Gilligan cut, surprisingly realistic outcome

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It will get you tropin' the more tabs you open
The website called TV Tropes
Can become a habit, not that unlike Reddit

Much is done by volunteers, forum mods, engineers
Split examples to subpages due to page bloat
Some tropes get a head start, magnificent bastard
Complete monster entries need a vote
Wonder why we populate the subforums?
Wiki administration, discuss media fandoms
Take your interest wherever it fits best:
Forum Games, role-play space, On-Topic and Yack Fest

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Now it gets you tropin' the more tabs you open
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After all you've read, at - some point start to edit

Post to the trope launch pad, collect fewer bombs than hats
Describe topic here, flesh out your trope idea
'Til you reach the end stage: new'st trope on the front page
Now go out and flex it, don't forget to index it

[upbeat cheerful music]
(Oh-h-h)

It gets even easier: pages made for media
No launching limbo, few things are a no-go
You too can add, we - don't need notability
Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho" next t'"My Little Pony"

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No matter your pages, they don't pay you wages

Strangled by red string, WikiWords break formating
Indentation, unabridged version
Laconic and Trivia, links to Wikipedia
Press this button, now see what page you're on
Does it look decent? Examples are not recent (!)
Outdated (!) page remade (!) as the edit reasons state (!)

The website called TV Tropes
It still keeps you tropin' the more tabs you open
The website called TV Tropes
Want to take a break there? That would be much healthier!

Forgot to sleep again as the website's chronicling
Old-ass fan spats, ship-to-ship combat
Tropes at sea sound similar, but cause way less drama
Wooden ships and iron men, pirates don't do anything
Bitter almonds (cyanide), useful notes on suicide
Clean-up threads, Google ads, red links t'real-life sex
Hyperlinks that worked before, Trope Repair Shop, Troper's Law
Narm and natter, edit wars, I can't take it anymore

The website called TV Tropes
It has got you tropin' - see the tabs you opened
The website called TV Tropes
For each tab you close, there are still more tropes
And tropes, and tropes, and tropes, and tropes, and tropes, and tropes, and tropes
[deep breath]
The website called TV Tropes
Don't get back to tropin' with the tabs still open
The website called TV Tropes
Cannot live without it, write a song about it
The website called TV Tropes
Some say they're still tropin', their old tabs re-opened
The website called

[music fades]

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