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QUOTES FOR GEEKS, BY GEEKS

Sing to the beat of "Milkshake" by Kelis:

"My pokemon brings all the nerds to the yard, and they're like you wanna trade cards? Darn right, I wanna trade cards, I'll trade this but not my



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS THAT CATER TO YOUR INNER GEEK

2014 is behind us, and now is the time many of us make resolutions. You know the ones. The New Year's resolutions that we all love to hate, but feel obligated to make every year. What's yours? Lose weight, quit smoking, spend more time with family, finally get that promotion you've been wanting... These are the usual ones.

Resolve to Let Your Inner Geek Out:



> Read an Obscure Science Fiction Book: New releases are good, but bring your inner geek out by reading that really obscure book that didn't make the cut to film. C.S. Lewis wrote the amazing "Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe", but check out his [science fiction trilogy](#). Or check out [The Bees](#), by Laline Paull, written from a bee's perspective.



> Play a Vintage Video Game: Play an old arcade game, [Lazer-Tron](#) perhaps? Or visit a "vintage" video store and buy a Sega Genesis, or Super Nintendo. Or, if you really want to get in the mood...[Atari!](#) Failing that, there's always mixing of the vintage & new: [GoodOldGames.com](#).



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> Get Sorted: Get together with your friends, pass around a hat, and yell "Hufflepuff!" everytime the hat is place on anyone's head. Yell "Slytherin!" when it gets to someone you just pretend to like. Or you can go to [Pottermore.com](#) and be officially 'sorted'.



5..4..3..2..1...ALL KIDS IN BED?

AND NOW PARENTS WILL COUNTDOWN TO THE REAL NEW YEAR

Netflix has unveiled a new solution for the ethical dilemma every parent faces every New Year's Eve...to let the kids stay up to celebrate ringing in the New Year.

Midnight is a late bedtime for most youngsters, however 87% of parents planned to celebrate New Year's Eve with their kids. 37% of parents already "fool" their kids into thinking its midnight at an earlier time. Netflix has made it easier.

Netflix has produced a [special New Years' countdown for kids](#). To ring in 2015, the three-minute New Year's Eve countdown was hosted by King Julien (the animated Lemur Madagascar, and also from the company's series "All Hail King Julien"), and featured many of the dancing lemurs from the film.

In a prior statement released by Netflix, the fictional king of the lemurs proclaimed he was "changing the rules" so that his young audience could celebrate the holiday as well. "Move over, Ryan Seacrest, I've got my own on-demand countdown party on Netflix" boasted King Julien.

The countdown is another piece of Netflix's strategy to have content available for all ages, especially children. The company's Chief Content Officer, Ted Sarados stated that more than [70 kids shows](#) have been streamed by some 2 million Netflix subscribers in the first 9 months of October.

TRIVIA

Black Hat Hacker: A hacker who breaks into a computer system or network with malicious intent. A black hat hacker takes advantage of the break-in, like destroying files, stealing data for his/her own gain.

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**LET'S KEEP THE SEASON OF GIVING GOING
...ALL YEAR-ROUND!**



SANTA FLIES WESTJET

West Jet is famous for its holiday stunts,
but this one has to be one of the best.

250 passengers of 2 Calgary-bound
flights were asked to visit an on-screen Santa before boarding their
plane to Mount Hope in Ontario, Canada. Santa greeted them one-
by-one, by name (thanks to the scanning of their boarding passes).

One boy requested a Thomas The Tank Engine, while a little girl
requested a Doc McStuffins doll. Adults started getting in on the
fun, some requesting electronics such as big-screen tvs, and lap-
tops, but some choosing the simpler requests of socks & under-
wear. 1 passenger requested a pair of Santa boots.

As the flights took off, Santa looked over the list, and checked it
twice. WestJet volunteers then worked with partners CrossIron
Mills and Best Buy to gather as many of the gifts as possible. It
took several teams in separate vehicles racing to gather the gifts
prior to the flights landing. Then they wrapped them.

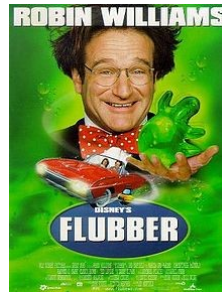
When an alarm went off at the baggage
carousel, and it started snowing (inside), the
passengers were very confused. Especially
when, instead of their luggage, gifts labelled
with their names appeared. Then confusion
turned to amazement, and tears, as they
realized that they were the gifts they
requested prior to boarding the plane.



If the above wasn't enough, WestJet released a video of the
give-away on YouTube. They requested all that like the [video](#), to
share it. If they reached 200,000 views, they planned to give
Christmas flights to a family in need.

Thanks to the many generous hearts that viewed and shared the
video, they surpassed their goal. They received (as of publication
time), 40,154,863 views. WestJet worked with Ronald McDonald
House Charities Canada to select a family to donate the flights to.

Kids bored with their gifts already and driving you bonkers?
Feeling nostalgic?



TRY FLUBBER!

Yes, flubber. The basis of the 1997 movie
"Flubber" with the late Robin Williams (and
the 1961 movie "The Absent-Minded Profes-
sor" - for those a little more 'seasoned').

You can now enjoy Flubber, right in your own
home!

Homemade, with regular household ingredients (except for 1 ingredi-
ent, which I was able to find easily in my grocery store)!

Check out the recipe, and instructions at:

<http://www.livecrafteat.com/craft/homemade-flubber-for-kids/>

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WANTED: HACKERS. EXPERIENCE AN ASSET

The growing threats posed by hacking and cyber thefts have been in the headlines in recent months, none more notorious than the unprecedented attack on Sony Pictures that the FBI has said was directed by North Korea. Now you can watch a hack in progress. Sort of.

SyFy are joining forces with Reality Television—who delivered us the cautionary cyber show ‘Catfish’ - to create an unscripted reality series surrounding the shadowy world of cyber-crime. The network’s aim is to “take viewer deep inside the shadowy and dangerous world of high-tech hackers for the very first time,” in a show they’ve decided to call...“Hackers”. Sorry folks, it’s not a small-screen version of the 1995 movie starring a young Angelina Jolie.

SyFy plans to present a series of notorious hacking scandals on a week-by-week basis. The show will explore the law enforcement angle while leaping into the head-space of the hackers. SyFy are confident that their approach will pander to public curiosity of the specifics behind an actual hack, stating, “Hackers will reveal the secrets behind the most infamous cyber-crimes ever committed, using sophisticated, never-before-seen digital graphics to create an experiential “hacking” scene that exposes what actually happens when a computer network is broken into—including what goes on inside the mind of the hacker.”

“Hackers” hopes to entice viewer by harnessing private and public fears of cyber-safety. As with reality endeavours, it all depends on its execution and how those specific cases will present onscreen.

I just want to see how they present a computer nerd sitting at their desk tapping on a keyboard as “sexy”. ‘Cause I could use that...



After the big Sony hack, it seems that Michael Mann’s new movie “Blackhat” couldn’t have picked a better time for release.

Building on a quote taken from Leon Panetta, Former Defense Secretary and CIA Director, during a senate hearing, “...The next Pearl Harbor that we confront could very well be a cyber attack...”, the movie delves deep into the mysterious world of global cybercrime.

Originally called “Cyber”, the movie stars Chris Hemsworth (Thor) as a man released from prison to help American and Chinese authorities pursue a mysterious high-level cybercrime network. The dangerous search leads them from Chicago to LA, to Hong Kong, to Jakarta.

To check out the movie trailer, go to: <http://blackhat.legendary.com/>

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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' FACEBOOK GROUP LEADS TO SCANDAL



It seems that Facebook is in the center of yet another scandal.

On Monday, the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario asked Dalhousie University to name 13 Facebook group members who made sexual comments about female classmates. The sexually explicit material posted on the Facebook page of the "Class of DDS 2015 Gentlemen" included a poll about having "hate sex" with female students and drugging women.

There are a total of 47 students in the fourth-year dentistry class—21 women and 26 men. 13 of the men were not members of the Facebook group.

On Monday, Dalhousie University announced that the 13 male members of the group have been suspended from all clinical activities in the program, pending consideration by the faculty of dentistry's academic standards class committee.

Irwin Fefergrad, registrar at the Royal Colleges of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, states they asked the university for the names of the 13 men involved in the Facebook group because the College is "concerned that if these students, soon to be doctors, if they applied for a licence here in Ontario, we would want to know who they are."

Dalhousie University requires complainants to reveal who they are when making a complaint. However, Dalhousie will not be releasing the names of the 13 dentistry students, a spokesman for the Halifax school states. University spokesman Brian Leadbetter states that "The university has an obligation to protect the privacy and confidentiality of our students."

Dalhousie University, however, requires complainants to reveal who they are when making a complaint. Jordan Robert, with the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group states "Rape culture is something that we see as an endemic problem across university campuses across North America." She states that allowing complainants to remain anonymous would have allowed what was happening in the Dalhousie dentistry school "come to light a lot earlier."

Although the university states it wants to take a "victim-centered, or student-centered" approach to dealing with the situation, and the students involved, "none of the staff or leaders of [leading organizations on campus that work with students around gender equality, sexual assault, and sexual harassment] have been contacted about this. They're talking about a student-centered approach, but we aren't seeing students being approached."

At time of publication, the Facebook page in question was still active.

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