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NASA: "Oops"

On January 16, 2016, Expedition 46 Commander Scott Kelly shared photos of a blooming zinnia in the veggie plant growth system aboard the International Space Station.



In his excitement, Kelly dubbed his photos "The first flower grown in space".

And NASA backed this up.

However, it turns out that the first flower grew in space over a decade ago...by a NASA astronaut. NASA grew pea plants in 2003. And even that wasn't the first plant, just the first flowering one.

Currently, the edible orange zinnia are blooming on the International Space Station, in their very own veggie garden. Despite of fears [of over-watering](#), the crew coaxed the zinnias into bloom in their zero-g vegetable garden.

Check out the zero-g garden at: <http://www.nasa.gov/image-feature/zinnia-flowers-starting-to-grow-on-the-international-space-station>

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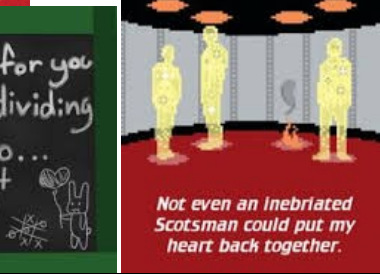
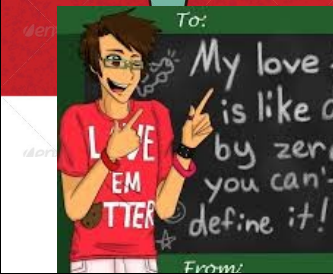
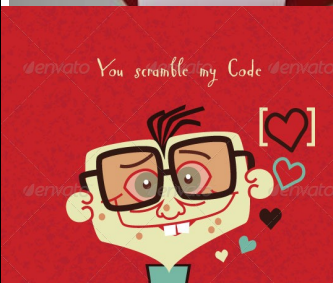
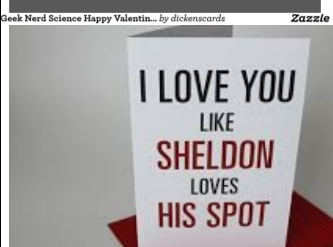
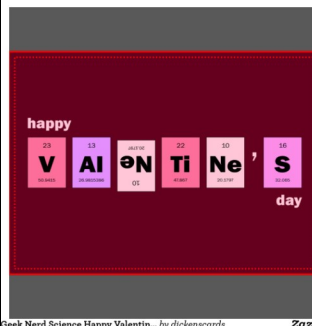
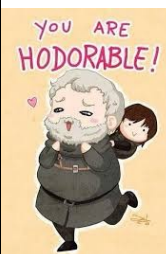


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Be My Geeky Valentine

If your 'better half' is actually your 'geekier half', it's hard to find a Valentine's card that really 'fits'. Lucky for you, TbyD has done the research for you!





Silence of the Lambs house for Sale



The infamous house where Jame “Buffalo Bill” Gumb softened and skinned his victims in the 1991 thriller “The Silence of the Lambs” is for sale.

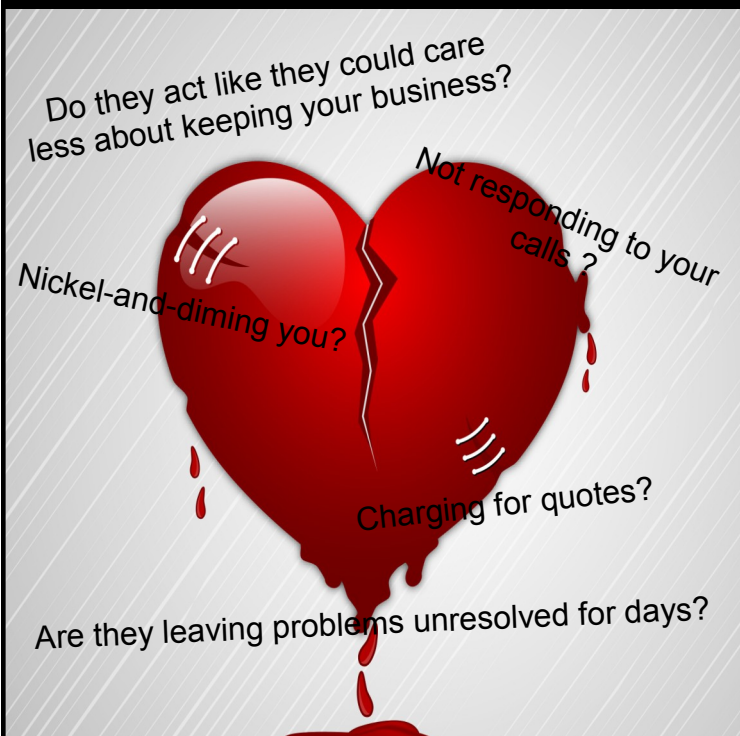
However, the allure of a horror movie house with the possibility of a fabled pit in the basement was not enough to garner the \$300,000 original asking price for this listing south of Pittsburgh. After dropping the price 3 times, the [asking price](#) is now \$249,900.

You enter the home through the same door that Jodie Foster (as Agent Clarice Starling) knocked when she confronted Gumb, and proceed into the dining room (where he fumbled with cards while she pulled her gun). There’s also a full basement, but listing agent Dianne Wilk of the [Preferred Realty/Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices](#), is vague about whether the infamous pit in the basement really exists.

The owners of the unassuming Victorian, built in 1910, still have a copy of the book on which the movie was based, signed by Foster and director Jonathan Demme.

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Holy Bat-Bricks, Batman!

Holy bat-bricks, Batman! Lego celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Batman TV Series starring Adam West and Burt Ward, which first aired January 12, 1966.

Lego celebrates with the release of [The Lego Batman Classic TV Series Batcave](#), which will hit stores March 1, 2016. The elaborate set contains over 2,500 pieces, and details the Caped Crusaders lair, his vehicles, and his mansion.

Among the details that make up the set are a Wayne Manor section with an exterior wall to climb on and Bruce Wayne's study featuring the iconic Batphone, bust of Shakespeare, and false bookcase that slides open to reveal the secret entrance to the Batcave. The Batpoles that take the heroes from the study to the Batcave are also included, as are the Bat Lab with Batcomputer.

The Batcopter, Batcycle, and Batmobile are included, as are 9 figureines: Batman, Robin, Bruce Wayne, Dick Grayson, butler Alfred

Pennyworth, Joker, Catwoman, the Riddler, and the Penguin.

The iconic set is listed on the shop.lego.com site at \$329.99 CAD.

Zombie Field Guide



Over the past 100 years, storytellers, filmmakers, and video game creators have taken great care to document the many kinds of zombies one may encounter during a zombie-apocalypse.

In the interest of speed (after all, you'll want to know exactly what kind of zombie is chasing you!), the kind folks at Xbox put all the zombies in one spot.

The [video](#) goes through the evolution of the zombie, including makeup and costume, from the very first zombie movie "sighting", to the zombie of Dying Light in 2015. The makeup and costume changes are pretty amazing.

It begins with the Voodoo Zombie of 1932, who turns by drinking a special concoction, to the Living Dead of 1968 who can only be killed by decapitation, to the biter of 2010, and ends with the Dying Light Volatile Zombie of 2015.

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2 Surfers' Answer to Water Pollution

The invention just might be the answer to tackle the pollution clogging our oceans and killing the aquatic plant and animal life they sustain.

The invention is the brain-child of 2 Aussie surfers that believe that a pollution-free ocean is possible, and took this mission on full-time, with the [Seabin Project](http://www.seabinproject.com). They invented the Seabins as a cheaper, and more responsible alternative to the "trash boats" that currently drive around harbors and marinas scooping up

rubbish with nets built into them. The boats are expensive to run and maintain, and are not very effective.

The Seabin works much like a fish tank filter. The bucket to a water pump, and the contraption sucks trash, plastics, oil, detergents and more into a removable mesh bag. The Seabin works 24 hours/day, 365 days/year.

Seabin is designed for floating docks in the water of marinas, private pontoons, inland waterways, residential lakes, harbours, water ways, ports and yacht clubs. It can also be fitted to super yachts and motor yachts.

They currently have a working prototype, and are looking for help from [Indiegogo and other supporters](http://www.indiegogo.com), to set up a production of the Seabins to be built "in the most sustainable and responsible way we can afford." With donation options ranging from \$2US - \$3825US, at campaign closing January 7, they had raised \$267,767, or 115% of their projected goal.



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