



THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE.

Others said magazine formatting traditions demanded it. Still others just wanted to find a way to fill eight more pages. But then the greatest thinkers at Geek Monthly sat down and asked ourselves, what the hell have we really done for humanity lately? Why not use our superpowers constructively for once and compile a list of everything we find fascinating, alluring, and utterly cool in the world and present it to our readers for their pure astonishment? Wouldn't that be worth the investment in blood, sweat and tears? Naah.

WHAT DIDN'T STOP US FROM TRYING...

THE BIG LIST

100 THINGS THAT RULE



1 JON HODGMAN This former literary agent and author of *The Areas of My Expertise* is kind of like some amazing nerdy-looking character actor from the '60's who never existed—but should have. He winds up inadvertently making PCs seem cooler (or at least more loveable) than Macs.

2 HATTER M: THE LOOKING GLASS WARS Ben Templesmith created this multimedia inversion of the Lewis Carroll *Alice in Wonderland* story by placing the characters in a disturbing new context. It's a novel, a comic book, and a soundtrack...can a movie be far behind? thelookingglasswars.com

3 MARILYN MONROE WINE Stare at the ageless beauty of this dead sex symbol while you get wasted. marilynmerlot.com

4 THE CONSERVATION FUND Discover exactly how much of our planet's resources your miserable life will waste, then replace them all. Cool conservationfund.org

5 GRACENOTE It's the software that allows iTunes to identify every track title, artist name and other information about the CDs you put in your computer to copy. Gracenote is so omniscient and sneaky it even knows all the track titles from illegal bootlegs and CDs that haven't been released yet. WTF?

6 BILLIE PIPER'S ACCENT ON DOCTOR WHO Can we just admit that we'll put up with practically anything on *Doctor Who* just so we can listen to (and watch) Billie Piper?

7 HEAT VISION & JACK We don't know about *The Pick of Destiny*, but this failed pilot from Ben Stiller, with Jack Black as an astronaut who turns into the smartest man on the planet ("I know everything!!") when exposed to the sun's rays, is still one of the funniest things he's ever done. Look it up on YouTube.

8 EVERYTHING ABOUT PICASA Even the most amateur digital photographer can benefit from this fantastic photo editing/sharing/organizing software from Google. It's rare we come across a program for PC that looks (and works) better than its Mac counterparts, but iPhoto ain't got nothin' on this. Oh, and it's completely free. Now how about a Mac version, Google? Don't make us beg! google.com/picasa

9 ASIMO Honda's robot can run faster than half our staff. Yeah he's cute...until he's strangling you in your sleep.

10 GOOGLE MARS You're all over Google Maps, Google Moon is ancient history, but you can probably still impress a few friends with this one. And let's be honest—that's what's really important, isn't it? mars.google.com

11 WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR? Sure, *An Inconvenient Truth* is getting all the attention, and with a charismatic star like Al Gore, that goes without saying, but *Who Killed The Electric Car?* is an even more devastating environmental story that's already happened. This is the most attached you'll be to a car since the Mach 5. Shame on you, GM!

12 MENTOS IN DIET COKE As millions of Google video users can tell you, mixing Mentos and cola delivers where Pop Rocks and cola falls short. Keep 'em separated, Mikey!

13 FUTURE HIRO'S GOATEE FROM HEROES If *Star Trek* established nothing else, it's that alternate time or universe versions of regular characters must always sport a fiendish-looking goatee.

14 RON MOORE'S BATTLESTAR GALACTICA PODCASTS The only thing better than a new episode of *Battlestar Galactica* is listening to Ron Moore's podcasts dissecting it when it's over. scifi.com/battlestar

15 THE HOLE Steve Wynn put one in his \$100 million plus 1932 Picasso painting *Le Réve* with his elbow while showing it off to friends. Nora Ephron tells the tale on huffingtonpost.com.

16 CADE SKYWALKER'S PANTS FROM STAR WARS: LEGACY Luke Skywalker's grandson doesn't give a crap about the Force in *Legacy* from Dark Horse set 100 years after the Battle of Yavin. The comic is a stereotype-laden hack-job, but his Darth Vader pants look so sweet we're shamelessly buying every issue.

17 ATTACHING THE SHARPER IMAGE "ALIVE" CHIMPANZEE TO A ROOMBA Quick—Screetching animated monkey head cleaning your floors: hilarious or horrifying? Search YouTube for "monkey on the move" and find out.

18 STUDIO 60 ON THE SUNSET STRIP. We still love Aaron Sorkin—even if we're the only ones. Great writing doesn't translate into great ratings, but no one writes television like Sorkin. And the *Howie Mandel Deal or No Deal* sketch was funnier than anything on SNL this year.