GE NEWS
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All I want for Christmas!!

Sonic Screwdriver Tooth Brush

My Little Pony mugs!

Rock, Paper, lizard. Scissors, Spock anyone?

Just in case the Doctor needs a 'cup of tea', you need a TARDIS Tea Infuser.

Robb Stark Sword "'Game of Thrones'

Now you can enter the TARDIS anytime you want with this door decal.

A 'Different' Christmas Poem
Nightmare Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a peripheral was stirring, not even a mouse;
The modem was hung by the keyboard with care
In hopes that a download soon would be there.

The pirates were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of unprotects danced in their heads.
And the wife in her kerchief, and I in my cap
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap

When up on the hard drive there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the monitor I flew like a flash,
Sat down at the keyboard, gave the spacebar a mash.

The sight on the screen, a'flicker with snow
Gave the luster of power surge to the menu below.
When, what to my wandering eyes should appear,
But an autoexec.bat that seemed rather queer.

With a little print driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment I had seen a new trick.
More rapid than eagles my cursor it came;
My voice box whistled, and shouted, and called me by name.

"Now format, now rename, copy, and enter!
On num lock, on caps lock, on scroll lock, and printer.
To the top of the page, to the top of the doc,
Now tab it and bold it and merge it and block."

As utilities that build up the CPU speed
Clash with just the programs I need,
So up to the screen top the curser it flew,
With a RAM full of memory and an extension board too.

And then, in a twinkling I heard on the speaker,
The grinding of the hard drive growing much weaker.
As I tried to reboot and turn it around,
The attributes changed from blue into brown.

I hit the control, the alt, and delete.
The message it gave me, I cannot repeat.
It asked me to Ignore, Retry, or Abort.
It told me the parallel had become the comm port.

Its lights how they twinkled; its pixels how merry.
Its prompts were all scrambled, like a bowl full of cherries.
It sounded just like it wanted to blow;
The screen was suddenly white as the snow.

It scrolled the directory before my eyes
With programs I didn't even recognize.
It wouldn't see D; it wouldn't see E.
I couldn't get out of B into C.

Norton's tried to read it;
It finally found the FAT;
But alas!, the disk was faulty,
And couldn't reformat.

Away flew the DBase;
Away flew the Doses;
Away flew the WordStar;
Right out with the Windows.

The spreadsheets were spreading;
The footers were heading;
What once had been memory,
Was close to forgetting.

When the grinding was over,
And the smoke had all cleared,
I looked at the unit,
And it was just as I feared.

The 335 meg wonder had crashed in the night.
I'll never be able to block out that sight!
So tell everyone to avoid my plight;
Back up! Back up! Merry Christmas! Good Night!

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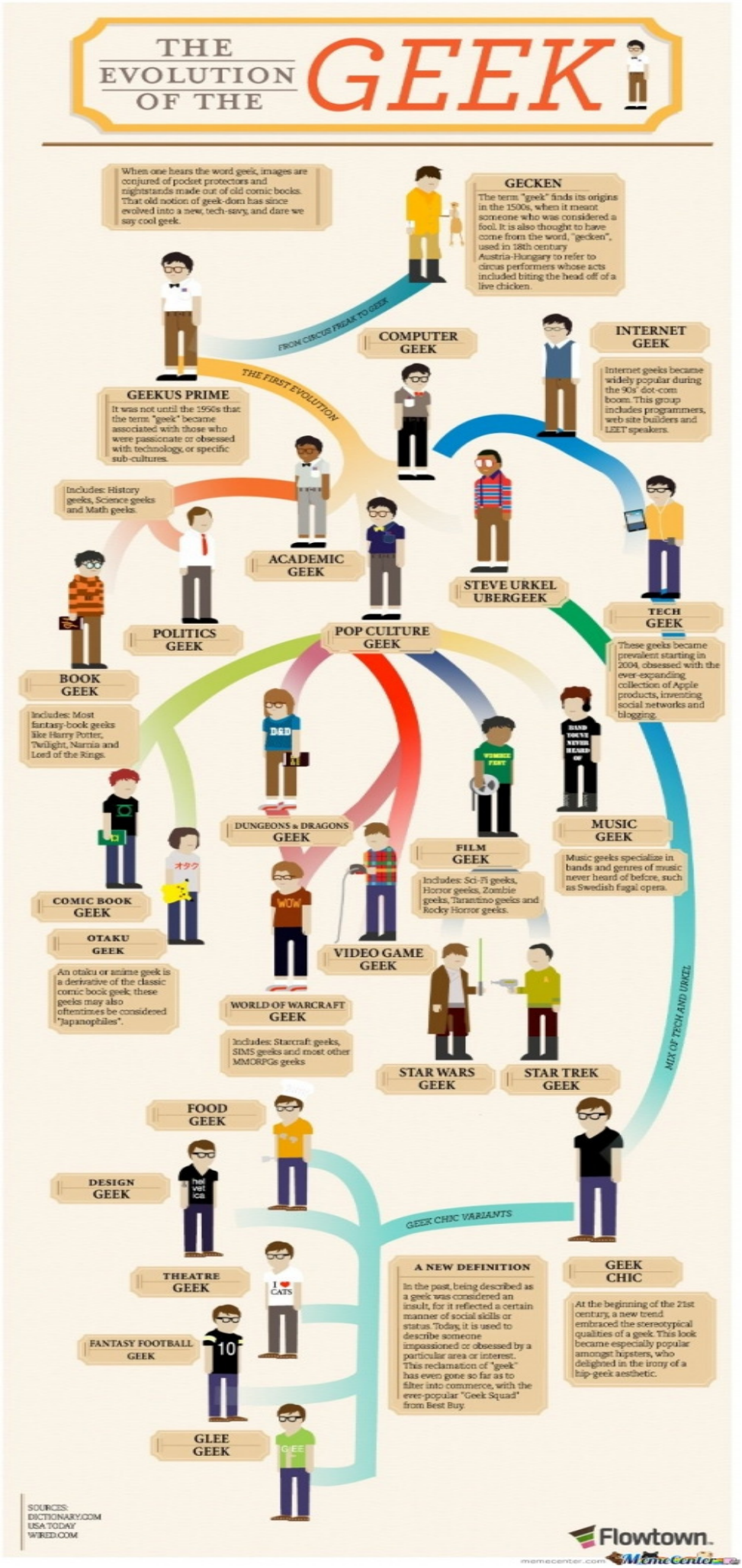

the Sacred Order of Geeks

Spawned from the union of yesterday's memes and obsessive technophiles, the mythical empire of Geekdom has been steadily expanding for decades, evolving and diversifying at each turn. Though hailing from different territories of geek, each new variety marches under the same banner. Check out some of the diverse inhabitants of Geektopia and see where you fit in.

Das Übergeek

- The one geek to rule them all
- Has multiple Linux builds on multiple hard drive partitions
- Fluently codes in 5+ languages while listening to recordings of Neil deGrasse Tyson breathing

Apple Fanboy Geek

- Uses the word "intuitive" as often as possible
- Doesn't technically know what a megahertz is, but waxes nostalgic for all 300 his bright-orange iBook boasted
- Though unemployed, can be spotted wandering around the Apple Store helping customers

Chic Geek

- Paired oxfords with shorts before seeing it on The Sartorialist
- Knows the chefs by name at top-rated restaurants
- Has never set foot in an Old Navy

OLD NAVY

Cosplay Geek

- Flashes battleaxe / cleavage in every photo
- Will have you know that anime is more than "just tentacle porn"
- Can be spotted downing Redbulls after pulling an all-nighter putting the finishing touches on a codpiece

Star Wars Geek

- Knows that the 12 parsecs of Han Solo's Kessel Run are a distance, not time, measurement
- Owns an old VHS cassette of Return of the Jedi with suspiciously worn out sections of tape due to excessive rewinding and resuming
- At war with Trekkie Geeks

Trekkie Geek

- Knows over 10 ways to say "honor" in Klingon
- Only consumes "hard" science fiction, none of that "soft" drivel
- At war with Star Wars Geeks

Pop Culture Geek

- Knew about Britney Spears' divorce before even she did
- Has applied to The Real World for five consecutive years
- Knows the entire history of the Kardashian dynasty

Sports Geek

- Owns a baseball card collection more impressive than any 13-year-old boy's
- Though not physically able to play sports, destroys his alpha male counterpoints every fantasy season
- Knows what beer pairs best with each professional sports league

Film Geek

- Knew who Jim Jarmusch was before Coffee and Cigarettes
- Won't permit the eating of food during screenings
- Will tell anyone who'll listen that "3D is destroying film's artistry"

Encyclopedia Geek

- Spends upwards of two hours every day browsing random Wikipedia articles
- Kills conversations daily with phrases like: "That reminds me of Ibn Battuta's 14th century exploration of Galata"
- Thinks Jeopardy! is too mainstream

Music Geek

- Knows the difference between math rock and mathcore
- Scours online auctions for obscure 70s ambient electronica vinyls
- Claims to possess a vial of spit from Donald Fagen's saxophone

Gamer Geek

- Shouts "+1 mana!" after every chugged Mountain Dew Code Red
- Thinks Final Fantasy VII is the greatest story ever told
- Plays DOA: Xtreme Beach Volleyball for the "physics engine"

Gadget Geek

- Likes any device that can be described as "modular"
- Brings a solar powered shower camping
- Subscribes to Popular Mechanics and shops at The Sharper Image

Comic Book Geek

- Claims to have once touched a copy of Action Comics No. 1
- Knows the entire history and mythology of the Marvel and DC universes
- Can accurately predict the outcome of any hypothetical battle between any two superheroes

Craft Geek

- Calls televisions "picture boxes"
- Can knit from zero to bivouac in 6.8 seconds
- Is on a first-name basis with the staff at Jo-Ann Fabrics and Home Depot

Internet Geek

- Identifies with either 4chan or Reddit, but never Digg
- Takes an unhealthy amount of pride in discovering new content before anyone else
- Reads infographics about geeks

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