

The Honeymooners in the 21st Century

Ralph and Ed were having a beer in Ralph's kitchen and talking about the latest cool gadgets.

Ed had seen an article about the next generation of portable entertainment devices.

The video wizards at SONY had taken a page from the music revolution that was pretty much started by the Apple iPod.

SONY had produced a miniature video player. It fit in your shirt pocket and had a thin cable that connected to the end of the bow behind the ear of a pair of glasses. Except the glasses had micro speakers in the bows and the lenses featured a pair transparent thin film projection screens. The V-Pod had a 2.6 giga-hertz processor that could project 45 frames per second to both screens for true 3-d effects. The unit had slots to accept standard 4 giga-byte compact flash cards and larger capacity micro drives. Best of all SONY had perfected a new advanced image compression routine that was virtually loss-less and enable the storage of feature length movies on one micro drive card.

Ralph was mesmerized as Ed spewed the details of this new wonder.

When Ed had finished, a pensive Ralph, gazed out the window and wondered out loud, "How much space would it take to store the whole Nightmare on Elm Street, and Friday the 13th movie series?"

Ed scratched his head and said, "Geeze, I don't know --- probably a couple of terror bytes."

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