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ARTS & CRAFTS

FAVE FIVES
STEPHEN KING

The world-famous author selects his favourite comedies

1941

"A delicious goofball slapstick. Almost as good as a Marx Brothers film, and visually more exciting."



Shaun Of The Dead

"This is scary (a little) and hilarious (a lot), mostly in the first half, where the zombie apocalypse is happening everywhere, and poor clueless Shaun never quite sees it."



Monty Python And The Holy Grail

"Notable for the knight who loses all his limbs ('It's just a flesh wound!'), for the Knights Who Say 'Ni!', and most of all for the Holy Hand Grenade."



Monty Python's Meaning Of Life

"Every sperm is sacred, every sperm is good, every sperm is needed, in your neighbourhood! Need I say more?"



The Blues Brothers

"Belushi and Aykroyd are funny (and impossibly cool) in their porkpie hats and shades. Plus, the music is excellent."



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A4-foot mechwarrior

Using plastic to create Gundam models is for kiddies



PAPER

As boys, *FHM* had three favourite robots from Japan: Astro Boy, Doraemon and Gundam. The first is, well, the first ever; the second was the guardian/genie from the future we wish we had; and the third was what we dreamed to pilot when we grew up (when we said we wanted to be astronauts, we really meant Gundam pilots). Then our mum burst our bubble and said all three were just fiction – especially Gundam. It took us years to get over it, and to forgive her, but there are two recent incarnations that have helped us heal our childhood trauma: the 1/1 scale Gundam statue in Shizuoka, and this incredible four-foot papercraft Gundam model.

Created by Taras Lesko of Seattle, USA, the Freedom Gundam took around 180 hours in two months and 175 sheets of letter-sized paper to build. Taras first built a miniature model and a 3D replica before he made the 500 different parts of the 1.22-metre papercraft model. "It was one of my early papercraft models, which came with two failed attempts, as I was still learning," says the 28-year-old designer, who's originally from Ukraine. "Luckily my wife always encourages me, and with her support I was finally able to complete this model the third time around." Yup, you should always work at your craft, and Taras did just that, with the equally amazing Audi R8 Spyder. He created it when he joined the video game

studio behind the Xbox260 video game *Forza Motorsport 3*. This time, he only needed 80 hours and 65 sheets of paper. So Taras has given us hope again. Maybe, with lots of hardwork and dedication, we too could make our own papercraft mechwarrior. Or our very own supercar! "I typically don't offer templates for most of my models." Oh, okay. Or better yet, how about our very own papercraft girlfriend? "The sexiest girlfriend out there is my wife. If I were to make a sexy papercraft of her it would be for my eyes only." Right, back to crying ourselves to sleep...

To see more of Taras' work, visit www.visualspicer.com

