

The Real Truth About fern — Thumbnail comparison

[1] Strongest — Same composition: "ROOM 1046" in large white letters at the top, red-and-black palette, a body in red on a red floor grid, a handprint (bathtub in Spektator, bed in fern). fern's bed variant recorded in Lume's screenshot of 25 Aug 2026; on 3 Sep 2026 fern showed a different cover (a door), YouTube tests variants.

Earlier: Spektator, "The Enduring Mystery Of Room 1046", 2025-01-02, 1351568 views —

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMC742kCpHA>

fern: "The Unsolved Murder in Room 1046", 2026-08-19 (594 days later) —

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zy6ZN1qM3sY>

[2] Strong — Same composition: large white "GERMAN" at the top, fire background, angry cartoon character with mouth wide open. Title identical word for word.

Earlier: VEGA, "Why German Sounds So Aggressive!", 2023-10-19, 414 views —

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMwqKySnH_w

fern: "Why German Sounds So Aggressive", 2024-02-23 (127 days later) —

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3YQd8ya3z-E>

[3] Title only — Kriegsherr English: title formula "the Nazi Hitler feared"; thumbnail different. Historic People: thumbnail match, red background, coloured Heydrich face, red label, 28 days before fern.

Earlier: Kriegsherr English, "Reinhard Heydrich: The Man Even Hitler Feared", 2025-09-11,

14270 views — https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_CNcy9AR60

fern: "The Only Nazi Hitler Feared", 2026-02-15 (157 days later) —

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKXQnBlzqzs>

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Historic People: thumbnail match, red background, coloured Heydrich face, red label, 28 days before fern.

Earlier: Historic People, "Reinhard Heydrich - HITLER'S Most Evil Man | Full Documentary",

2026-01-18, 53387 views — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYUyIQR081Q>

fern: "The Only Nazi Hitler Feared", 2026-02-15 (28 days later) —

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKXQnBlzqzs>

[5] Same motif — Globe showing Africa with the caption "NEW OCEAN". Same motif in "Did you know?", 30 Jan 2021.

Earlier: BRIGHT SIDE, "A New Ocean Is Forming Under Your Feet Right Now", 2020-12-10,

1912644 views — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Meja2sZC6LY>

fern: "A New Ocean Is Forming in Africa", 2024-10-25 (1415 days later) —

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOuebgxPrXE>

[6] Same motif — Cutaway ship lifting a submarine from the seabed. Same motif in Dark Docs, 13 Feb 2018.

Earlier: The Infographics Show, "Incredible Way the CIA Stole a Russian Submarine",

2020-01-10, 4328490 views — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SttYTYYLuk>

fern: "How the CIA Stole a Russian Submarine", 2024-08-14 (1678 days later) —

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGsVo0uIJVs>

[7] Same motif — Teenage hacker in a red hoodie on a dark background.

Earlier: The TWS Channel, "The Boy Who Hacked NASA : The Tragic Life of Jonathan James", 2022-09-04, 1739487 views — https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8S_UlxHzH4
fern: "The Kid Who Hacked the Pentagon (and paid with his life)", 2025-07-22 (1052 days later) — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1rzcZWTljo>

[8] Same motif — Face on the left, photo of the island with people, text label.

Earlier: Joe Bartolozzi, "NEVER Go To North Sentinel Island.", 2023-07-11, 2925190 views — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3b19PeRtjzY>
fern: "Why You Should Never Go to North Sentinel Island", 2025-08-24 (775 days later) — https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_JPyhs6-0Gc

[9] Same motif — Close-up of an insect on tree bark.

Earlier: The New York Times, "The Animals of Chernobyl | The New York Times", 2014-05-06, 12378489 views — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TG-nwQBBfmc>
fern: "The Mutated Animals of Chernobyl", 2025-10-12 (4177 days later) — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4OKo0VpoeM>

[10] Same motif —

Earlier: How to Survive Show, "Why He Didn't Survive North Korea: The Otto Warmbier Tragedy", 2024-06-19, 6564307 views — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmXBIUDiVyk>
fern: "Why Otto Warmbier Didn't Survive North Korea", 2026-01-11 (571 days later) — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXdzKqhEA9M>

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[A] neo, "How the CIA Found Osama bin Laden", 16 Jan 2023 — corkboard, red string, pinned photograph, MOST WANTED — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wrx2QVJ2c3Q>

[B] fern, "How Peter Thiel Is Destroying Democracy", 7 Dec 2025, description: "Title and Thumbnail for this one are inspired by Riverwand" —

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TP7Z_EqxhXk

Riverwand, "The Man Behind The American Oligarchy", 14 Feb 2025 —

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=riX2Ww80Ow0>