

'Kant Is an Idiot' Spray-Painted on Philosopher's Russian Home

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The home of 18th-century German enlightenment philosopher Immanuel Kant, located in what is now the Russian exclave of Kaliningrad, is in ruins and has become a hot spot for drinking and debauchery among local youths, news site Novy Kaliningrad reported.

Someone recently spray-painted a Russian phrase translatable as "Kant is an idiot" on the red-brick building's facade. The apparent insult is accompanied by a drawing of a flower and a heart, apparently from the same can of spray paint.

A Novy Kaliningrad reporter who visited the site found a fire burning in the grass nearby, saying it could have spread to the home had it remained unextinguished.

Regional authorities announced last year that they were seeking a caretaker for the home,

which has been declared a cultural landmark. Alas, the home's condition remains dismal.

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In 2013, an argument about the philosopher between two men in line at a grocery store in the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don ended when one of the men shot the other with rubber bullets.

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