CANNIBAL HOUSEWIVES

C: Let's play a game of Scrabble! I got a new set.

H: OK, sounds like bloody good fun.

C: Great, I'll go first. (plays five tiles.) This is a website that helps you find long-lost friends so you can have them for dinner. 592 points.

H: What is the deal with this set? I've never used these tiles before. (plays four tiles.) Some people think this is a disease, and it has an anonymous support group. 185 points.

C: I know the tiles are unusual, but the board is exactly the same. (plays three tiles.) This is a synonym of "hermit." 286 points.

H: I don't think I can get used to this. (plays one tile.) This is a pronoun. 141 points.

C: The principle is exactly the same. (plays four tiles.) These swell and lead to a climax. In music, of course. 437 points.

H: Sigh. How many tiles are there anyway? (plays two tiles.) Almost everyone rides in this kind of vehicle exactly once, unless we eat them first. 54 points.

C: Not many more than a standard set. (plays four tiles.) My long fingernails make these. 258 points.

H: Maybe I'll beat you if I make more than one word at a time. (*plays two tiles.*) One of these words is an unexpected complication and the other is a mountainous feature. 168 points.

C: That's a neat trick but it works better when you do it like this. (*plays four tiles.*) One of these words is a very fiery word and the other is now much bigger than yours. 442 points.

H: Holy crap! (plays two tiles.) I wish I had one of these so I could kill and eat you. 73 points.

C: The way things are going for you right now, you'd miss. (plays five tiles.) This is a Beastie Boys song title. 342 points.

H: I see you used the highest-value tile on that play. (plays two tiles.) This is a simple type of crystal lattice. 118 points.

C: I'm just lucky I guess. (plays three tiles.) This is good if it describes a pastry crust, bad if it describes a person. 248 points.

H: Are you going to double my score every turn? (plays one tile.) I feel like I'm coming down with this. 80 points.

C: I can do better than that. (plays three tiles.) One word describes Ponzi schemes and the other is something French. 750 points.

H: Are you kidding me? You scum! (plays one tile.) This is a small body of water. 144 points.

C: Well I'm having fun. (plays four tiles.) One of these words describes the sort of blokes who might run Ponzi schemes and the other is a leafy vegetable. 729 points.

H: I wish I was having fun. (plays two tiles.) One of these words is a part of a street and the other is a synonym for clothing. 165 points.

C: Someday you'll get the hang of this. (plays two tiles.) One of these words is a Spice Girl and the other is the type of music they play. 283 points.

H: How is this even possible? (plays two tiles.) This is a book of the Old Testament. 72 points.

C: I think it's quite elementary. (plays three tiles.) This is how you remove a body part so you can eat it. 502 points.

H: Finally! (plays seven tiles.) Bingo! You can look up that definition and score it if you want. But I win! There's hardly any place left to play on this board.

C: \$&#^&!