

**A whole new kind of
porn.**



**My side job as an
incompetent sysadmin.**



Puberty.



God.



**A mime having a
stroke.**



Shit.



Tearing apart.



Oil.



Michael Jackson.



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**Wearing glasses and
sounding smart.**



Linus Torvalds.



A saxophone solo.



Ebola.



A dissapointing salad.



Network partitions.



**The miracle of
autoscaling.**



Five nines fantasies.



A can of Red Bull.



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A lifetime of sadness.



**Bill Nye the Science
Guy.**



Neil DeGrasse Tyson.



**A tribe of warrior
women.**



BATMAN.



Peeing a little bit.



Handicapped.



Sea of troubles.



Being fabulous.



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Shiny objects.



The rhythms of Africa.



Orgasms.



Drinking alone.



**My collection of
postmortems.**



Kubernetes.



The taste of Cola.



Barack Obama.



A big incident.



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Vehicular manslaughter.



Prometheus.



Tea party.



Poor life choices.



Tracing.



The big bang.



**Farting and walking
away.**












**Drinking out of the
toilet.**












Friction.












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| <p>Dying.</p>  | <p>Deploying before a company meeting.</p>  | <p>Yogurt.</p>  |
| <p>Fear itself.</p>  | <p>Arnold Schwarzenegger.</p>  | <p>A thermonuclear detonation.</p>  |
| <p>Goose.</p>  | <p>The underground railroad.</p>  | <p>"Working" remotely.</p>  |










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| <p>31 slides for a 4-minute rump session talk.</p>  | <p>Wheel of Misfortune.</p>  | <p>Chaos Engineering.</p>  |
| <p>A 10-year old policy on backups.</p>  | <p>A 25-year old policy on deployments.</p>  | <p>A career-limiting card game.</p>  |
| <p>A dancing SRE.</p>  | <p>A genuine attempt to burn SLO.</p>  | <p>A violated SLA.</p>  |










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| <p>A TLA+ proof.</p>  | <p>2 to 4 kilograms of top quality amphetamines.</p>  | <p>Ctrl+F'ing to see how many times I'm cited in a postmortem and finding "10 results".</p>  |
| <p>A painfully slow VPN connection.</p>  | <p>Accidentally triggering an emergency alert.</p>  | <p>Accidentally calling my VP.</p>  |
| <p>A hand wavy argument.</p>  | <p>An insecure VPN straight to the Kremlin.</p>  | <p>An SSL vulnerability with a silly name.</p>  |










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| <p>Arriving 13 minutes late to a 15 minute talk and having the gall to ask a question.</p>  | <p>Brexit.</p>  | <p>Drinking alone.</p>  |
| <p>Trying to explain what DevOps means.</p>  | <p>Chocolate-covered shrimp.</p>  | <p>Crippling error budget.</p>  |
| <p>Deliberately hiding inefficiencies inside the big O.</p>  | <p>Deliberately not referencing a superior paper.</p>  | <p>Dropping the word Blockchain into my incident report's action items.</p>  |










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| <p>Encrypted database security definitions.</p>  | <p>Explaining what my job is at a family reunion.</p>  | <p>Fighting over LaTeX syntax.</p>  |
| <p>Forgetting my USB Type-C adapter.</p>  | <p>Going straight to journal.</p>  | <p>Bloom but not Filters.</p>  |
| <p>A Slack notification from my supervisor during my keynote talk.</p>  | <p>Humiliation on a historic scale.</p>  | <p>Home-baked, snake oil crypto.</p>  |










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| <p>HTTPS everywhere!</p>  | <p>Having to write a polite rebuttal in the postmortem.</p>  | <p>Actually being “sorry for deleting the production database”.</p>  |
| <p>A board meeting.</p>  | <p>Like a cult.</p>  | <p>A Post-Agile world.</p>  |
| <p>Test Driven Development.</p>  | <p>Best outage award.</p>  | <p>Checking Hacker News daily.</p>  |










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| <p>Cloud Native.</p>  | <p>DevSecOps.</p>  | <p>Frantically taking notes during every talk.</p>  |
| <p>Getting a fourth cookie during a coffee break because I have no one to talk to.</p>  | <p>My inappropriate supervisor.</p>  | <p>A microservice in Haskell.</p>  |
| <p>My Silk Road purchase history.</p>  | <p>My side job as an incompetent security consultant.</p>  | <p>Including an XKCD comic in my slides because I'm so original.</p>  |










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| <p>Ignoring the session chair flashing 5 minutes left because I've got 23 slides to go.</p>  | <p>Ignoring reviewer comments and resubmitting immediately.</p>  | <p>Overselling it hard in the introduction.</p>  |
| <p>Password1.</p>  | <p>Live for outages.</p>  | <p>Adrenaline Junkie.</p>  |
| <p>My relationship status.</p>  | <p>Not SREs fault.</p>  | <p>Putting an outdoors-y photo on my company's webpage to look well-rounded.</p>  |










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| <p>Satoshi Nakamoto.</p>  | <p>Sending an email at 11pm so people think I work hard.</p>  | <p>Relatives who ask me to help them install their printer on Windows.</p>  |
| <p>Slack dropping out every 10 to 15 seconds.</p>  | <p>Spending 3 Bitcoin on pizza in 2012.</p>  | <p>Hooli.</p>  |
| <p>Developers pretending to be SREs.</p>  | <p>Imposter Syndrome.</p>  | <p>AIOps.</p>  |

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| <p>Pushing Kubernetes to developers.</p>  | <p>Waiting for indexing.</p>  | <p>Breaking production.</p>  |
| <p>Pretending to understand what DevOps means.</p>  | <p>Publishing anyway.</p>  | <p>RestartOps.</p>  |
| <p>Spending all of my ACM award prize money on cocaine.</p>  | <p>Starting a conversation with "When did you fly in?", because I have nothing interesting to say.</p>  | <p>Telling anyone who'll listen quite how busy I am.</p>  |

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| <p>Preparing for two weeks to give a 15-minute presentation to a room of 5 people all on their laptops.</p>  | <p>Quickly trying to peek at someone's badge as I shake their hand, but it's flipped backwards.</p>  | <p>The great firewall of China.</p>  |
| <p>Taking oncall selfies.</p>  | <p>Committing to the wrong branch.</p>  | <p>The North Korean Cryptographic Standard.</p>  |
| <p>The awkward question the chair asks when nobody understood the talk.</p>  | <p>The awkward silence of 8 people standing in a circle during the afternoon coffee break.</p>  | <p>Thanking the anonymous reviewers for their "useful" comments.</p>  |

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**The NSA's massive
stack of amateur porn.**



**Move Fast and Break
Things.**



**The person in the front
row taking photos of
every slide.**



**The secret Yubikey
hidden in my
underwear.**



**Thinking I'm so clever
for using cat pictures.**



**Unbreakable military-
grade encryption.**



Undergrads.












Interns.












Secondary Oncall.












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| <p>Passive Aggressive.</p>  | <p>Using Beamer because it's social suicide to use PowerPoint.</p>  | <p>Wearing a conference t-shirt in public.</p>  |
| <p>Writing a reference for someone I can't remember meeting.</p>  | <p>Turning up to one meeting and becoming a product owner.</p>  | <p>Negotiating SLOs with Product Owners.</p>  |
| <p>Persuading my manager about SLO value.</p>  | <p>Burnt all the Error Budget.</p>  | <p>Hoping it will work in production.</p>  |










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| <p>Assuming there are backups.</p>  | <p>Averaging percentiles.</p>  | <p>Nonexistent Disaster Recovery policies.</p>  |
| <p>Hiring Physicists as Chaos Engineers.</p>  | <p>Creating a DevOps and SRE team.</p>  | <p>Throw it under the bus.</p>  |
| <p>Building beautiful dashboards.</p>  | <p>Intuition Engineer</p>  | <p>Generate lots of money.</p>  |

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| <p>Spending months negotiating SLOs.</p>  | <p>A Marketing Story</p>  | <p>Violating SLAs.</p>  |
| <p>Doing Rocket Science.</p>  | <p>Software Engineer's Fault.</p>  | <p>Mercenaries.</p>  |
| <p>Migrating to a cluster orchestrator because we follow the hype.</p>  | <p>Doing containers from scratch because Docker is too mainstream.</p>  | <p>Aiming for 100% availability.</p>  |

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| <p>A keynote speaker.</p>  | <p>Doing SRE for Legacy systems.</p>  | <p>Indsutry Zeitgeist.</p>  |
| <p>A Thought Leader.</p>  | <p>Automating office's coffee machine.</p>  | <p>Anxiety Disorder.</p>  |
| <p>No Capacity Planning.</p>  | <p>An emergency alert.</p>  | <p>An undetected outage.</p>  |

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Using averages instead of percentiles.



Fighting technical debt.



Dashboard Junkyard.



New Source of income.



Works on my machine.



Unnecessary Star Wars references.



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