

**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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**Dying.**



**Deploying before a  
company meeting.**



**Yogurt.**



**Fear itself.**



**Arnold Schwarzenegger.**



**A thermonuclear  
detonation.**



**Goose.**



**The underground  
railroad.**



**"Working" remotely.**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Ignoring the session chair flashing 5 minutes left because I've got 23 slides to go.**



**Ignoring reviewer comments and resubmitting immediately.**



**Overselling it hard in the introduction.**



**Password1.**



**Live for outages.**



**Adrenaline Junkie.**



**My relationship status.**



**Not SREs fault.**



**Putting an outdoors-y photo on my company's webpage to look well-rounded.**



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

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

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

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| <p><b>The NSA's massive stack of amateur porn.</b></p>      | <p><b>Move Fast and Break Things.</b></p>                       | <p><b>The person in the front row taking photos of every slide.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>The secret Yubikey hidden in my underwear.</b></p>  | <p><b>Thinking I'm so clever for using cat pictures.</b></p>  | <p><b>Unbreakable military-grade encryption.</b></p>                   |
| <p><b>Undergrads.</b></p>                                 | <p><b>Interns.</b></p>                                        | <p><b>Secondary Oncall.</b></p>                                        |

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

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

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

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

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| <p><b>Using averages instead of percentiles.</b></p>  | <p><b>Fighting technical debt.</b></p>  | <p><b>Dashboard Junkyard.</b></p>                  |
| <p><b>New Source of income.</b></p>                 | <p><b>Works on my machine.</b></p>    | <p><b>Unnecessary Star Wars references.</b></p>  |
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