

**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 disappointing salad.



Network partitions.



**The miracle of
autoscaling.**












Five nines fantasies.



A can of Red Bull.



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<p>A lifetime of sadness.</p> 	<p>Bill Nye the Science Guy.</p> 	<p>Neil DeGrasse Tyson.</p> 
<p>A tribe of warrior SREs.</p> 	<p>BATMAN.</p> 	<p>Peeing a little bit.</p> 
<p>Being on fire.</p> 	<p>Never achieving my OKR.</p> 	<p>Handicapped.</p> 

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Sea of troubles.



Being fabulous.



**Genetically engineered
super-SREs.**



One trillion dollars.



Shiny objects.



The rhythms of Africa.



Drinking alone.



**My collection of
postmortems.**



Kubernetes.



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The taste of Cola.



Barack Obama.



A big incident.



Prometheus.



Tea party.



Poor life choices.



Tracing.



The big bang.



**Farting and walking
away.**



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**Drinking out of the
toilet.**



Friction.



Dying.



**Deploying before a
company meeting.**



Yogurt.



Fear itself.



Arnold Schwarzenegger.












**A thermonuclear
detonation.**












Goose.












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<p>The underground railroad.</p> 	<p>"Working" remotely.</p> 	<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> 










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<p>A genuine attempt to burn SLO.</p> 	<p>A violated SLA.</p> 	<p>Speaking to an angry customer about the violated SLA.</p> 
<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>Pretending that I know the Paxos protocol.</p> 	<p>Accidentally triggering an emergency alert.</p> 










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<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> 	<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> 










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<p>Crippling error budget.</p> 	<p>Using Protocol Buffers without reason.</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> 	<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> 










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<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> 	<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> 










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<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> 	<p>Cloud Native.</p> 
<p>DevSecOps.</p> 	<p>Hiring SREs to do sysadmin jobs.</p> 	<p>Frantically taking notes during every talk.</p> 










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<p>Getting a fourth cookie during a coffee break because I have no one to talk to.</p> 	<p>My grumpy 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> 
<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> 










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<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> 
<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> 










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<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> 
<p>Pushing Kubernetes to developers.</p> 	<p>Waiting for indexing.</p> 	<p>Breaking production.</p> 

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<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> 
<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> 

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<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> 
<p>The NSA's massive stack of amateur porn.</p> 	<p>Move Fast and Break Things.</p> 	<p>The person in the front row taking photos of every slide.</p> 

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



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



**Unbreakable military-
grade encryption.**



Undergrads.



Interns.



Secondary Oncall.



Passive Aggressive.












**Using Beamer because
it's social suicide to use
PowerPoint.**



**Wearing a conference
t-shirt in public.**












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<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> 
<p>Assuming there are backups.</p> 	<p>Averaging percentiles.</p> 	<p>Nonexistent Disaster Recovery policies.</p> 

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<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 it's the new hype.</p> 	<p>Doing containers from scratch because Docker is too mainstream.</p> 
<p>Aiming for 100% availability.</p> 	<p>A keynote speaker.</p> 	<p>Being an SRE for legacy systems.</p> 

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<p>Industry Zeitgeist.</p> 	<p>A Thought Leader.</p> 	<p>Automating office's coffee machine.</p> 
<p>Autoremediation fixes the wrong thing.</p> 	<p>Anxiety Disorder.</p> 	<p>No capacity planning.</p> 
<p>An emergency alert.</p> 	<p>An undetected outage.</p> 	<p>Using averages instead of percentiles.</p> 

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<p>Fighting technical debt.</p> 	<p>Dashboard Junkyard.</p> 	<p>New source of income.</p> 
<p>Works on my machine.</p> 	<p>Unnecessary Star Wars references.</p> 	<p>An email about a new production incident.</p> 
<p>Chaos without Monkeys.</p> 	<p>Lord of Chaos.</p> 	

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