On being funny

Hello

Apparently I'm hilarious and you people want to learn how.

Good news, you can.

Here's my strats for humor in general, and telling jokes for tech people.

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Your puns and rhymes and one-liners don't have to be good.

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They have to be executed consistently.

Repetition is recognition

When people start to get used to your PROs, they start expecting them.

When they start expecting them, they feel "in" on the joke.

When they feel "in" on the joke, they both feel included AND think you're extra funny because they "got it".

People love feeling like they are in on an inside joke, even if it isn't one.

Repeating something -> Recognition of the joke -> Reliable laughs

Examples in Cassidy's crap

- » "Pi time"
- » "It's done"
- » "Ah ha ha ha, that's so funny"
- » "I'm going to needlepoint that on a pillow"
- » "Like my butt"
- "That was my nickname in high school"

Writing humor

Write down EVERYTHING.

Humor comes at unexpected times in unexpected places.

Sometimes a joke might sit for years.

When its moment comes, it will be beautiful.

Examples of partial jokes that Cassidy has written down but hasn't actually told

- » A robber shoots through a fish store and says, "holey mackerel" before he leaves
- » A guy named Gus who is fun is fungus
- » Sponsors spawn sores
- » Wildebeest that is bewildered is a bewildebeest
- » Make Tests Not Testes: SDETS Against Birthing Males

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Conclusion

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