A slide deck entirely in Comic Sans.	Ctrl+F'ing to see how many times I'm cited and finding "0 results".	"Working" remotely.
16-bit AES.	17 slides for a 3-minute rump session talk.	2 to 4 kilograms of top quality amphetamines.
2-sentence Eurocrypt reviews.	4mm reasonable margins.	A 25-year old policy on sexual harassment.

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A career-limiting card game.	**A dancing cryptographer.**	**A genuine attempt to configure IPsec.**
A hand wavy argument.	**A non-fabricated use of pairings.**	**A painfully slow Tor masturbation session.**
A popup Skype notification from "lovemachine69" during my keynote talk.	**A proof that appears in the "full version".**	**A shepherd that won't budge.**

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Aaron Aaronson's insistence on alphabetical author ordering.	**Accidentally sexting my co-supervisor.**	**Actually being "sorry for the late reply".**
Actually efficient indistinguishability obfuscation.	**Adleman-Rivest-Shamir encryption (the ARSE algorithm).**	**An "anonymous" reviewer insisting I cite 6 papers by the same author.**
An IACR board meeting.	**An insecure VPN straight to the Kremlin.**	**An overfull hbox.**

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An SSL vulnerability with a silly name.	**Arriving 13 minutes late to a 15 minute talk and having the gall to ask a question.**	**Beefing up my Proposition to a Theorem because I'm that awesome.**
Best rejected paper award.	**Brexit.**	**Checking my Google Scholar profile daily.**
Chocolate-covered shrimp.	**Citing personal communication.**	**Crippling student debt.**

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Crypto wars.	**Deliberately hiding inefficiencies inside the big O.**	**Deliberately not referencing a superior paper.**
Diffie but definitely not Hellman.	**Double ROT-13.**	**Drinking alone.**
Dropping the word Blockchain into my research proposal as many times as possible.	**Encrypted database security definitions.**	**Explaining what my job is at a family reunion.**

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Fighting over LaTeX syntax.

Filing a patent application for modular multiplication... in 2017.

Forgetting my VGA adapter.

Frantically taking notes during every talk.

Getting a fourth cookie during a coffee break because I have no one to talk to.

Getting rejected, but then taking immediate solace in the fact that the selection of papers was a difficult and challenging task.

Getting stuck at the French-speaking banquet table.

Getting tenure, then chilling the f— right out!

Getting turned on by a proof.

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Going straight to journal.	Having to write a polite rebuttal to the reviewer who clearly didn't read past page 2.	Hillary Clinton's BlackBerry.
Home-baked, snake oil crypto.	HTTPS everywhere!	Ignoring reviewer comments and resubmitting immediately.
Ignoring the session chair flashing 5 minutes left because I've got 23 slides to go.	Including an XKCD comic in my slides because I'm so original.	Knapsack cryptosystems, revisited.

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LNCS' 25-foot margins.

Making claims in the submission that you hope you can achieve before the rebuttal.

Maths-terbation.

My *h*-index.

My butt.

My genitals.

My inappropriate supervisor.

My relationship status.

My sex life.

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My side job as an incompetent security consultant.

My Silk Road purchase history.

My supervisor's morning breath.

Nigel Smart's new Hawaiian shirt.

Overselling it hard in the introduction.

Password1.

Picturing the FSE audience naked.

Politely starting an answer with "That's a good question...", when the question is actually idiotic.

Post-quantum RSA.

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Preparing for two weeks to give a 15-minute presentation to a room of 7 people all on their laptops.	**Pretending to understand.**	**Publishing anyway.**
Putting an outdoors-y photo on my academic webpage to look well-rounded.	**Quadruple XOR.**	**Quickly trying to peek at someone's badge as I shake their hand, but it's flipped backwards.**
Reading the person in front's emails.	**Relatives who ask me to help them install their printer on Windows.**	**Rogaway's loose morals.**

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Satoshi Nakamoto.	**Sending an email at 11pm so people think I work hard.**	**Sexual tension.**
Skype dropping out every 10 to 15 seconds.	**Spending 3 Bitcoin on pizza in 2012.**	**Spending all of my Levchin prize money on cocaine.**
Springer's editorial team.	**Starting a conversation with "When did you fly in?", because I have nothing interesting to say.**	**Taking a group shower with my recent co-authors.**

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Telling anyone who'll listen quite how busy I am.	Thanking the anonymous reviewers for their "useful" comments.	The awkward question the chair asks when nobody understood the talk.
The awkward silence of 8 people standing in a circle during the afternoon coffee break.	The great firewall of China.	The great paywall of IEEE.
The intoxicating aroma of 12 PhD students in one office.	The North Korean Cryptographic Standard.	The NSA's massive stack of amateur porn.

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The one really hot person at CHES registration drinks.	**The one suit I own for meetings with industry.**	**The person in the front row taking photos of every slide.**
The secret flash drive hidden in my underwear.	**The walking zombie corpse of Claude Shannon.**	**Thinking I'm so clever for using pictures of Alice (Cooper) and Bob (Marley).**
Trying to make TCC friends at the bar in order to get the IACR 7-conference grand slam.	**Turbulent bowel movements in the middle of my Asiacrypt presentation.**	**Turning up to one meeting and claiming co-authorship.**

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Unbreakable military-grade encryption.	**Undergrads.**	**Using "it clearly follows" when the implied following is anything but clear.**
Using Beamer because it's social suicide to use PowerPoint.	**Using indecipherable, non-standard notation to hide a dodgy proof.**	**Vital sugar beet auctions.**
Wearing a conference t-shirt... in public.	**Wistfully looking out of the window of my overly-cramped PhD office.**	**Writing a reference for someone I can't remember meeting.**

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