










<p><b>A Facebook friend request from a cryptographer I actually despise.</b></p> 	<p><b>A long-term nonce.</b></p> 	<p><b>A tight security reduction to the problem of fending off a sexually voracious goat.</b></p> 
<p><b>A violent and bloody PhD defence.</b></p> 	<p><b>Academic integrity.</b></p> 	<p><b>An inappropriate workplace romance.</b></p> 
<p><b>An overlooked patent.</b></p> 	<p><b>Asking for 2 room keys during check-in, knowing full well I'm not getting laid.</b></p> 	<p><b>Bart Preneel's private key.</b></p> 

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<p><b>Being forced to attend social events because I'm the visitor's official host.</b></p> 	<p><b>Being the only smartly dressed person in the room.</b></p> 	<p><b>Bragging about getting held up at Border Control for saying I'm a cryptographer.</b></p> 
<p><b>Conferences with 5 submissions at 11:59pm.</b></p> 	<p><b>Dual_EC_DRBG.</b></p> 	<p><b>Deadline day flatulence.</b></p> 
<p><b>Doing Facebook maths puzzles to show I am better than those idiot 97%.</b></p> 	<p><b>Falling asleep in a 5-person meeting.</b></p> 	<p><b>Feeling flattered because a conference spam email addressed me as Professor.</b></p> 

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<p><b>Flirting with people at the conference registration desk.</b></p> 	<p><b>GDPR requirements.</b></p> 	<p><b>Government-mandated backdoors.</b></p> 
<p><b>Hands-on supervision.</b></p> 	<p><b>Hiding my conflict of interest.</b></p> 	<p><b>My automated reply saying “email responses will be delayed”, when I know damn well I’ll be online with high-speed internet access 24/7.</b></p> 
<p><b>My crypto blog views getting into the double digits.</b></p> 	<p><b>My dear friend the Program Chair overruling 3 borderline rejects on my paper.</b></p> 	<p><b>My inflated sense of self-importance that warrants my PGP key.</b></p> 

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**My much more  
successful career as a  
singer after rocking  
the Crypto rump  
session.**



**My second divorce.**



**My successful career  
at a patent troll  
company.**



**Pretending to care  
when my vegetarian  
coauthor complains  
about the lack of  
banquet options.**



**Pubic key  
cryptography.**



**Purchasing the  
Springer hardcopies  
I publish in because  
my mom is collecting  
them.**



**Quantum key  
distribution.**



**Security through  
obscurity.**



**Serious rump session  
speakers.**



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<p><b>Social sciences.</b></p> <p><b>Someone less senior than me signing off with “Thanks in advance”.</b></p> <p><b>That feeling when my article is sitting pretty at the top of the ePrint archive.</b></p> 	<p><b>Someone less senior than me signing off with “Thanks in advance”.</b></p> <p><b>That feeling when my article is sitting pretty at the top of the ePrint archive.</b></p> 	<p><b>That feeling when my article is sitting pretty at the top of the ePrint archive.</b></p> 
<p><b>That one asshole who’s always sleeping during my Eurocrypt talks.</b></p> 	<p><b>The MIT Mafia.</b></p> 	<p><b>The latest dance mix album by DJ Bernstein.</b></p> 
<p><b>The one person I don’t want to get stuck next to on the conference excursion bus.</b></p> 	<p><b>The student body.</b></p> 	<p><b>Throwing a party for my next citation milestone.</b></p> 

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**Tweeting about my  
paper acceptance.**



**Using “we should  
talk about this offline”  
because the question  
exposes holes in my  
paper.**



**WalnutDSA.**



**Wearing a T-shirt with  
a Linux joke.**



**When you realize that  
quantum computers  
have been 10 years  
away for 3 decades.**



**Yet another  
cryptographer falling  
into the blockchain  
startup abyss.**



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