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<p>A violent and bloody PhD defence.</p> 	<p>Academic integrity.</p> 	<p>An inappropriate workplace romance.</p> 
<p>An overlooked patent.</p> 	<p>Asking for 2 room keys during check-in, knowing full well I'm not getting laid.</p> 	<p>Bart Preneel's private key.</p> 

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

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<p>Flirting with people at the conference registration desk.</p> 	<p>GDPR requirements.</p> 	<p>Government-mandated backdoors.</p> 
<p>Hands-on supervision.</p> 	<p>Hiding my conflict of interest.</p> 	<p>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.</p> 
<p>My crypto blog views getting into the double digits.</p> 	<p>My dear friend the Program Chair overruling 3 borderline rejects on my paper.</p> 	<p>My inflated sense of self-importance that warrants my PGP key.</p> 

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<p>My much more successful career as a singer after rocking the Crypto rump session.</p> 	<p>My second divorce.</p> 	<p>My successful career at a patent troll company.</p> 
<p>Pretending to care when my vegetarian coauthor complains about the lack of banquet options.</p> 	<p>Pubic key cryptography.</p> 	<p>Purchasing the Springer hardcopies I publish in because my mom is collecting them.</p> 
<p>Quantum key distribution.</p> 	<p>Security through obscurity.</p> 	<p>Serious rump session speakers.</p> 

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