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<p><b>16-bit AES.</b></p> 	<p><b>17 slides for a 3-minute rump session talk.</b></p> 	<p><b>2 to 4 kilograms of top quality amphetamines.</b></p> 
<p><b>2-sentence Eurocrypt reviews.</b></p> 	<p><b>4mm reasonable margins.</b></p> 	<p><b>A 25-year old policy on sexual harassment.</b></p> 










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

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

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

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

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<p><b>Fighting over LaTeX syntax.</b></p> 	<p><b>Filing a patent application for modular multiplication... in 2017.</b></p> 	<p><b>Forgetting my VGA adapter.</b></p> 
<p><b>Frantically taking notes during every talk.</b></p> 	<p><b>Getting a fourth cookie during a coffee break because I have no one to talk to.</b></p> 	<p><b>Getting rejected, but then taking immediate solace in the fact that the selection of papers was a difficult and challenging task.</b></p> 
<p><b>Getting stuck at the French-speaking banquet table.</b></p> 	<p><b>Getting tenure, then chilling the f— right out!</b></p> 	<p><b>Getting turned on by a proof.</b></p> 

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

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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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<p><b>My side job as an incompetent security consultant.</b></p> 	<p><b>My Silk Road purchase history.</b></p> 	<p><b>My supervisor's morning breath.</b></p> 
<p><b>Nigel Smart's new Hawaiian shirt.</b></p> 	<p><b>Overselling it hard in the introduction.</b></p> 	<p><b>Password1.</b></p> 
<p><b>Picturing the FSE audience naked.</b></p> 	<p><b>Politely starting an answer with "That's a good question...", when the question is actually idiotic.</b></p> 	<p><b>Post-quantum RSA.</b></p> 

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

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

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

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

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

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