

Letting Things Down Gently

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Abstract—When I clean myself, I do so violently.

Index Terms—vulnerability, hermit

I.

A million things, rounding down. Floating point exhaustion.

II.

I like to play chess in other peoples' bathrooms. Some are better than others. For example, if I sit down to play a rapid game on the toilet seat, some of the cheaper plastic toilet seats will cave a little. So, I scootch my butt up to the very edge where the lid meets the bowl and that works just fine. And I escape, just for a little bit. Then, win or lose, I flush the toilet to make it sound like I'm finished, wash my hands, then back into the world I go.