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Dear "SigBovik":

We regret to inform you that, after careful deliberation, the Rail and Transit Progress Advocacy Group (ratpag) delegation will not be attending your annual meeting. We simply have too much to do and believe that attending your meeting would be nothing more than a waste of our valuable time. In addition, you have stubbornly refused all requests by ratpag regarding our reasonable appearance fees and backstage requests. Your insistence that "this is just for fun" was not made clear during the paper submittal process and so now we will refuse *your* request to "lighten up."

From this point forward ratpag will utilize all its resources to test SigBovik's apparent 100% acceptance rate policy. You may have thought the three papers submitted by ratpag this year to be a bit overboard and off-topic, and to that we say: wait until next year. ratpag vows to inundate SigBovik 2015 with so many submissions—updates on Bridge-gate, more pet techniques, completely autonomous coffee makers, one-word non-joke papers, two-word non-joke papers, unabashedly plagiarized papers—so as to overwhelm SigBovik servers and communications.

Think we're kidding? Try sifting through 50 terabytes of this: :-) :- (;-) :-P ==O :-* :O B-) :-\$:-! :-[O:-) :-\ :'(:-X :-D o_O :-/ X-(X-P :-| <3 :-V XD :-Q :-@ :-C :-O :-3. And guess who just discovered SC1gen? The authors of the draft paper "Decoupling 802.11 Mesh Networks from B-Trees in Consistent Hashing," that's who. Warning: it's long.

So why are we telling you all this? Wouldn't it be easier for ratpag to follow the tried-and-tested surprise attack approach? Perhaps. But suppose ratpag left the door cracked just a bit. Suppose SigBovik was granted a way out of this total and assured destruction and suppose ratpag was generous enough to grant it? Is that something you'd be interested in? "What do we have to do to avoid total and assured destruction?" It's funny that you ask—we were just thinking of it—all you have to do is donate a sizeable sum to ratpag.wordpress.com—so sizeable so that we may change our domain name to our dream, ratpagdotorg.com, or perhaps, simply, ratpag.com.

The ball is in your court, SigBovik. Despite ratpag's shabby appearance, poor copy editing skills and often repetitive content we are surprisingly resourceful and, worse, have nothing but free time. We hope you make the right decision.

Respectfully,

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Nicholas Fudala, founder

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P.S. We're clearly joking. Unless we're not. Psychological warfare initiated.

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