# Chapter 4. Epic Fail

We were looking for better interface and after meeting with Genomika (local company), we decided to go for LLM-like. User types a request to LLM and behind the scene data is downloaded and processed. With this concept we went to TECHNORAMA in KTU. We were thinking about free model, one of the best was Dolphin from Hugging Face. According to results it was the same or even higher quality than ChatGPT. But none of us had GPU to run it during TECHNORAMA, so we spent 5 euros for 1 million of ChatGPT tokens…

We won 1000 euros and divided across team members. We also participated in conference and wrote a paper about our idea and published it. Sounds like a big win, doesn't it? Well, again no. We were rushing to finish before TECHNORAMA (Sleepless night = 1). During conference week we focused on paper, and completely forgot about project (Sleepless night = 2). I was really tired after those events, while project were staying ruined. With nice coverage, but ruined.

We had to show at least something to Harvard. For scientists from there LLM is something complicated. They prefer excel which they have used to. It's more understandable than abstract LLM, more visible. We returned back to where we started, at least some back-end part we could reuse.

These happened at the end of May and the start of June. Luckily, I planned to visit New York City at the end of June and I planned a stop in Boston, where Harvard is located. We talked nicely. Interestingly that they thought about project not as I thought. They were apologizing because they declined our idea about LLM like we were partners, I were apologizing because we didn't fulfill their needs, didn't ask their opinion first like they were our clients.

After all, they are busy with other projects, so they don't set deadlines for us or push us. However, I still felt sorry that we did that.