WHERE ARE YOU?

YEAR
Masters 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th

GRAD STUDENT Motivation Level

BLISSFUL OPTIMISM

ADVISOR LURES WITH VISIONS OF GREATNESS

REALIZE QUALS ARE UNAVOIDABLE

QUALS!

FRIEND FROM UNDERGRAD WHO DIDN'T GO TO GRAD SCHOOL SHOWS OFF HIS/HER NEW B.M.W.

P.H.D DEFENSE

REALIZE YOU JUST GAVE 20-MINUTE TALK ON 6 YEARS OF WORK

THINK ABOUT HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL ACTUALLY READ THESIS

REALIZE BLEAKNESS OF JOB OUTLOOK

I WILL BE AN AGENT OF CHANGE!

GET USED TO BEING "AVERAGE"

ABSORB CYNICISM OF LAB MATES

THE "POST-QUALS SLUMP"

"I'VE BEEN HERE FIVE YEARS!?"

ADVISOR RUNS OUT OF FUNDING

START WRITING DISSERTATION

A CURSE! A CURSE ON THE LOT OF YOU!

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