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Look on this as a learning experience	You are going to suffer
Let me explain the format of the defense	Let me make you even more nervous
I am here to lend you support	I'm here to destroy you so you won't look smarter than me
I found the overall concept interesting	This is my token compliment before ripping your idea to shreds
I would like to have had more time to study this	I didn't read it
I have some concerns about the theory upon which your study is based	I hate the theory but I can't insult the author so I'll just insult your work instead
There are some aspects of the study that I would like to hear more about	I read it but I just don't remember anything about it
Your hypotheses are not strongly enough linked to the existing literature	You came up with an innovative idea and I want to make sure you never do it again
Yours is an interesting extension of my own work	Why didn't I think of this before you did?
You have failed to take into account some of the more relevant literature	You failed to cite me
This really needs further revision; maybe I should help you with that	I think I'll add my name to the title page and submit it
I would like you to explain ...	I don't know anything about this stuff so you'll have to explain it to me
Your statistical results don't seem to support your hypothesis	I don't understand statistics
Your selection of statistical tests is rather simplistic	I'm the only one here that understands statistics and I want to rub it in
How did you ensure that you had drawn a random sample?	I had to come up with at least one question and this one always works
Let's wrap this up	I'm hungry
Maybe you should think more carefully about this issue before we get together again	Give me a break!!!
Could you step out of the room while the committee comes to a decision?	We decided beforehand to give you your degree, but we still want to make you sweat some more