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A lot has changed in the past few years. Countless people have entered my life and a slightly smaller number has left. Here I would like to pay tribute to those that have made it a memorable time.

First of all, Sera, thank you for giving me the opportunity to do a Ph.D. Without that chance, I honestly don’t know what I would be doing now, but I’m pretty sure it would be worse. Dave, thank you so much for all the discussions about science and everything else in life. I hope one day to give that experience to someone else. Samia, I’m very glad you choose to do your PhD here. It’s been great having someone to share the highs and the lows with. Salomé, thank you for your kindness and your unwavering optimism. Rich, you left far too early, there is still a lot I could have learned from you. Dipankar, you were also gone before I had properly started, but maybe we’ll meet again somewhere in the US.

Theo, you keep surprising me, and always in a good way. Caroline, thanks for the corridor conversations, but I really think it’s about time you finished that painting. Maithili, it was great sharing an obsession with you. I hope we manage a few more in the future. Gijs, for someone with those T-shirts you have a surprisingly cheery disposition. Let me rephrase that: for someone with those T-shirts you have a surprisingly cheery disposition. Martin, well, what to say about you. Based on all the stories I heard beforehand, it was surprisingly fun being your officemate for one and a half years. Although I don’t really think we reached the ‘core’ that often, you certainly have a unique way of leading/disrupting the conversation. Daniela, our resident Pollyannaish polymath. I’m pretty sure in a few years I’ll be able to say “I knew her before she was world famous.” Stefano, feel free to call me for dinner anytime. And the music is great. Oscar, I’m glad you decided to stay at our institute. Dario, your attempts to make Giulia speak English are inspirational. Yi-Jung, I enjoyed the
many long conversations we had. Thijs, thank you for the late night conversations and introducing me to my lovely paranymph. Thijs, although I was quite chuffed I finished my stretch in one go, you made it clear I’m still a rank amateur. Christian, it was great discussing all things typographical with you. Olga, your drawing skills are amazing and your Felix Baumgartner was truly inspired. Danai, you’re an instant +5 mood modifier. I really enjoyed the after-hours conversations. Yvette, thanks for being a good sport. I guess I overdid it a bit. Rik, you rock, don’t ever change. Joel, thanks for introducing me to the Ring des Nibelungen in a very indirect way. If it’s still running, I’m going to have a look. Antonia, I loved sharing my obsession for Multi-Element Radio-Linked Interferometer Network (you know what I mean). I hope we’ll escape Colditz soon. John, overall I really enjoyed the time spent at your house (I still think you have some unfinished business with my landlady). Anna, I still remember that marathon session at your place fondly. Phil, I think back fondly on all our discussions about language and hope we can add a few more. Matt, it was bad timing, but I have some free time coming up. Lucy, wasn’t that Richard III bloke story already news months ago? Adam, I think you’re the only person able to pull off wearing those trousers. Natalie, it’s great having you at the institute, even though you’re occasionally moonlighting for the other ones. To all the Brits above, just make sure next year there will be an institute-wide pancake day. Anton is worth it. Milena, thanks for taking no heed of social conventions and saying wildly inappropriate things. I think you by yourself are responsible for about half of all the stories in our institute. Minou, thank you for everything you’ve done for me. Eva and Nicole, it’s been a pleasure. Ralph, thank you very much for your patience and saving the day when I completely misunderstood or misinterpreted something. I owe you a great debt. Carsten, thanks for all the kindness. Alex, ik ben erg blij dat je een onderdeel van dit instituut bent. Godelieve, dank je wel voor het eindeloze nakijken en voor je hulp bij het organiseren van de NAC. Michiel, bedankt voor de hartelijke gesprekken. Rudy, ik ben blij dat we dat gesprek toch nog gehad hebben. Lidewijde, hartelijk dank voor de hulp bij alle financiële zaken.

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And now we move to people who may never even read this. I was very lucky to spend four months at the magical place that is Caltech. We may think we do some pretty outrageous things at our institute, but that is child’s play compared to what happens over there. Cathy, no amount of thanks can convey the gratitude I feel for introducing me to S.P.E.C.T.R.E. (it even won me the dry T-shirt contest) and Blacker, and through that, the about hundred other people I met while there. Without you it wouldn’t have been nearly such a social, explosive and insane experience. Alex, thanks for making me feel welcome in your kitchen/living room. Michael, those hourlong sessions of Mafia (that was just one round) will stay with me forever. Oana, thank you for forgetting your bus fare and being a perfect friend. It was really nice exploring Caltech together. Alessondra, because of you I know what the fourth of July means in the US and am also spoilt for life when it comes to fireworks. Laura, your tireless attempts to teach me how to swing a sabre has left me with a lifelong passion. David, I really enjoyed our scientific lunch breaks. Varoujan, every week I looked forward to the breaks and the many outings in and out of JPL you organised. The mars rovers one week, Mount Wilson the next, your phenomenal knowledge of the history and goings-on at JPL were absolutely enthralling. Vena, it was great sharing our love of all things Star Trek and other sci-fi. Aliza, thank you for recognising me on my second first day and immediately dragging me into the library life and the film nights again. Jenn, I was very lucky to have you as a friend, as well as a guide for the tunnel tour. Feynman’s mattress is a legend. Christian, thank you so much for letting me star (well, two lines, so let’s make that co-star) in your Batman film. I really gave student #2 all I got. Joanna, letting me play a rabbi conducting a gay beach wedding just before a tsunami, with as the only instruction “Just do something!” may not have been your wisest decision, but it was definitely one of the highlights of my time there. Kurt, don’t worry, I’ll never tell anyone who exploded that giant hydrogen balloon over Caltech. I’m sure the tesla coil and vortex cannon are still operational and in frequent use. Ilya, watching the Perseids while lying on the rooftop was simply awesome. Samson, thanks for being there when things quietened down and letting me join the laser tag. To everyone else I met, it was great, just great. Silvana, you should know it’s dangerous taking a stranger who doesn’t speak your language on a whirlwind trip through Buenos Aires. I’m glad you did, though. Manuela and Ana Maria, thank you for continuing that apparently South American tradition, and Marie, Huw, Tobi and Padi for finishing the week that ranks as one of the best I’ve ever had.

As mentioned above, after I returned from Caltech for the first time, I delved into a small subculture of people poking each other and liking this. I never realised how addictive this could be, and now I spend a fair amount of time hooked on an electronic machine. Paul was de beste maître de we ons konden wensen. Dat ik
me daar gelijk thuisvoelde, had alles met Alex te maken. Nadat ik zijn gevoel voor humor door had, was het heerlijk tegenover Lorenz op de loper te staan. Ik denk niet dat die sneeuwpop met Henriëtte er ooit nog van komt, dus misschien dat we het maar weer bij warme chocolademelk moeten houden. Helaas is er een tijdperk voorbij, maar het was wel een geweldige tijd. Tarek, it’s rare to meet someone whose company is always an utter joy. Thanks so much for saying “Yes” a lot and showing me a side of Amsterdam I never would have discovered myself. I’m sure we’ll beat that 105 some day. Anna, I’m sorry, I’m so sorry. Jeanice, all the best and good luck. Katja, het was erg leuk wat gedeelde geschiedenis op te bouwen. Ik hoop dat er nog flink wat bij komt. Sacha, Lucian, Niek, Lennaert, Diego, Gati, Eva, Mariska, Eoïn, David, Melanie, Robin, Boy, Daniel, Esther, Laura, Ginger, Susan, Valeria, jullie maken het een feest elke week te kunnen schermen. De geest is uit de fles. Succes dat te beteugelen, Daniël.

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