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Subject: Aaaahhhhaaayyyahhhh!

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Folks,

There are days (almost always when there are tight deadlines on multiple projects) when you just don't need it!

I just spent five hours over two days (and woke up several times last night thinking about it) chasing a most perplexing bug, only to discover my favorite gotcha at the other end:

Memo to Self: Make DAMN sure what you pass to WHERE is a scalar and not an array. ASSUME NOTHING!!!!

Who would have thought this:

```
name = OBJ_CLASS (classname, /Superclass)
```

would return a 1-element array!? Good thing I've lost the key to the ammo case. :-(

Cheers,

David

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