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10. You are a film director researching material for your new series *CSI: Gaithersburg*
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9. You are a casework examiner – and your backlog is gone – so you are looking for something to do with all your spare time!
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8. You just finished the Thanksgiving holiday with your in-laws – and you needed somewhere to come and de-compress!
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7. You are a defense attorney looking for some potential expert witnesses to use in your next trial.

Mona Lisa Vito (Marisa Tomei) in *My Cousin Vinny* (1992)
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6. You are out of crime scene tape – and you are hoping one of the vendors here is handing out free samples
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5. You are a closet hunter and are hoping to bag one of the 200 deer here on the NIST campus when no one is looking
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4. When you heard who was organizing this meeting, you were excited to finally meet this brave, historical figure and hope to hear him say “I have not yet begun to fight!”

When asked if they are related:

“I have not yet begun to genotype!”
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3. You are hoping that the computer forensics people here can help you recover from the Windows 8 blue screen of death
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2. It was an easy way to get an all expense paid trip to Washington DC – but why wasn’t the meeting scheduled during the cherry blossom festival in April?
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1. *Why it’s elementary my dear Watson… I am here for the DNA talks* – what else is there to forensic science?