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# GHOST AUTHORS

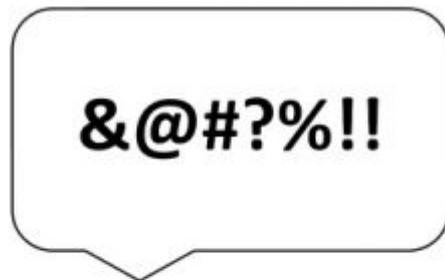
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We all know that there are animal co-authors in the [scientific literature](#) like the dog of Polly Matzinger. Here is another example, see a further nice story of Sophie Fessl ...



Sophie Fessl

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## The ghost of Stronzo Bestiale — and other fake scientific authors

What do you do if one of the authors on your paper is a total asshole?

**F**or most scientists, an asshole as co-author probably just a fact of life to get on with. For some, it's a joke. "Stronzo Bestiale" is co-author of two physics papers from 1987 and, as science writer Vito Tartamella found out, the man who's name means "total asshole" in Italian, has a secret — he doesn't exist.

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