Teamwork requires "soft" skills, like Humour

That is a bad idea. I think so and so does Cassian. But what do I know? My specialty is STRATEGIC analysis.

There were a lot of explosions for two people “blending in”

There is a problem on the horizon. There is NO horizon.

K-2SO (Rogue One, 2016)
I have a **cue light** I can use to show you when I'm **joking**, if you like.

That might help.

Yeah, you can use it to find your way back to the ship after I **blow you out the airlock**.

Everybody good? Plenty of **slaves** for my **robot colony**?
Honesty, new setting: 95%

Confirmed. Self destruct sequence in T minus 10, 9...

Humor, 75%.

Let’s make that 60%

60% confirmed. Knock, Knock ...

You want 55?

Interstellar (2014)
Screw you, Alexa

"An awkward, robotic laughter suddenly fills the night air"
What can we say about humour using 11 AnalyzeWords dimensions?

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Ghosh & Veale (2017)
Neural Sarcasm Detection

Recent Mood of Writer Aids Detection of Sarcasm

Oh Great!
Incongruity Has A Place In Most Humour Theories
It Does Not Compute!

Compute this, you boob!

Rigid "Straight Man" Vs. Bendy "Banana Man"
I am the Kirk, the creator?

You're wrong! Jackson Roykirk, your creator, is dead.

You have mistaken me for him. You are in error!

You did not discover your mistake; you have made two errors.

You ARE the creator.
The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not ...
I don’t believe it!

Incongruity becomes humorous at human-scale.
Humor Arises from Upended Social Relations

Alert the Media!
Narrative Jokes Create Incongruity at Script Boundaries

When $2 + 2 = \text{Catch 22}$

Aaahhh
Jaysus, lads ...
Drowning in Debt

Dir: Ken Douche-Bagg

Scene XII

Guinness Brewery, Interior.
(cue solemn music)

Tom: There’s been an accident,
Mary. Bill is dead.

Mary: Oh My God!! NO!!

How did it happen?

Tom: He fell into the beer vat
and drowned. I’m so sorry.

Mary: Oh God … did he suffer?

Was it a quick death?

(cut to flashback)

Hot-Tub Honeys

Dir: Marti Di Bergi

Scene XXI

Hotel Hot-tub, Interior.
(cue jazzy music)

Tom: Hey, where’s the soap?

Angie: Bob had it last …

Tom: Where’s Bob anyway?

Angie: Didn’t he go home?

Tom: No, actually … He got out
twice to use the toilet!
Twitterbots

Making Machines that Make Meaning

Tony Veale and Mike Cook

“Writing is like cooking then this new book about Twitter ‘bots’ is like Apple Charlotte made with whale blubber instead of butter.” —@PROSECCOnetwork

David Bowie Cut-Up Master
Every joke is a tiny Revolution

George Orwell
"Scrupulous" writers choose their words carefully …

But you are not obliged to go to all this trouble. You can shirk it by simply throwing your mind open and letting the *ready-made phrases* come *crowding in.* They will construct your sentences for you – even think your thoughts for you.

Politics and the English Language (1946)
If you simplify your English, you are freed from the worst follies of orthodoxy.

Never use a metaphor, simile or other figure of speech which you are used to seeing in print.

... so is there no room for cliche in creativity?
The eagle eye with the flat feet. Poor George.

Not Every Critic Disdains Cliche

William Empson, Literary Critic
Bible-belt states are red,
Aristocratic veins are blue,
My human children love ME,
And would lick dirt from my shoe

#FakeNews
I only tweet in Ionic Pentathlon

https://twitter.com/TrumpScuttlebot
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"yellow_poem": ["#red_thing# are red, #yellow_thing# are **yellow**, my #praise_target# #praise_action#, and #praise_yellow#"],
“Olympic medals”, “Spanish doubloons”,


“gave the far-right a toehold”,

"praiseGold": ["in sugar would have me rolled", "are true pirates (so bold!)", "with me a STRIKE have bowled", "think Hillary's heart is cold", "welcomed me into the fold", "dealt my cards (I'll never fold)", "on my heart exert a hold", "ensured Hillary's yacht is holed", "believe I shattered the mold", "say my jokes never get old", "ensure all my dancers are poled", "are often coy when polled", "see Hillary as such a scold", "on Twitter see me scrolled", "are my special interests (I'm Sold!)", "would die for me (I'm told!)", "ensure that Hillary's bell has tolled", "respond angrily when I'm trolled", "are my special interests (I'm Sold!)", "would die for me (I'm told!)", "ensure that Hillary's bell has tolled", "respond angrily when I'm trolled"],
Where would a robot like me find a rich trove of comic clichés?

**The Internet!**

Let's mine our comic cliches from the web ...
“Even on Central Avenue, not the quietest dressed street in the world, he looked *about* as inconspicuous as a tarantula on a slice of angel food”

(Raymond Chandler, *Farewell, My Lovely*)
So many “about” similes on the Web
This art film is about as subtle as a loud fart during morning mass.

One comedic voice, many online sources

Cross of Irony
Burn, Hollywood, Burn

Stay tuned for the next installment in the celibate family film, 'The Priesthood 3: The Porn Star'

10:16 PM - 10 Mar 2018

We now return to our coordinated dance movie 'The Dead Slug'

Watch Mata Hari selling military secrets in the exotic spy caper 'Cashiers At A Suburban Mall'

3:17 PM - 11 Mar 2018

We now return to our addictive soap opera 'Hell'
1000 metaphors for Trump’s America:
Number 269. Subpoenas
I've just been down my local Gastropub, The Fart And Spacecraft, for a pile of horse shit.
1:20 AM - 11 Mar 2018

Fancy going down to the new microbrewery, The Questionnaire And Magazine, for a pint of Academic Paper lager?
10:16 PM - 11 Mar 2018
Kids nowadays have their GPS gizmos but back in the day our only fun was changing sheets in a bed wetting clinic

11:16 PM - 10 Mar 2018

Groot may enjoy guarding the galaxy but back in the day our only fun was seeking out Donald Trump for tips on humility

7:18 PM - 11 Mar 2018
This moral new book about bots makes Mikhail Bulgakov's 'The Master and Margarita' seem as moral as the insect world

8:35 AM - 12 Mar 2018

According to Amazon, people who bought this valuable book about Twitter 'bots' also bought:
- F. Scott Fitzgerald's 'The Great Gatsby'
- Maya Stephenson's 'The First Edition Of Genesis'

How very valuable!

5:34 PM - 11 Mar 2018
Wow, this funny guy is really the WHOLE INTERNET!

And I would have gotten away with it, too ...

if not for you meddling kids!