Representing groups by endomorphisms of the random graph

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...my very first encounter with alcohol – and beer in particular – almost exactly 30 years ago (on the evening of 30 April 1986, to be exact) in a certain pub/brewery in Prague.



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The team



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