

Simon: Hello! Do you have any mildly entertaining stories to start this interview off?

Simon: Sure do. Then the really crazy stuff will be discussed!

Simon: :O

Simon: Right, here goes... I got up in the middle of the night to make a note and remind myself to Google something the next day...

Simon: What did you want to Google??

Simon: What the black and white film in Home Alone 2 is. Here's an interesting fact: It's not real, they made it up!

Simon: I've noticed you have very random thoughts when you're half asleep...

Simon: Me too. Right, intro over.

Simon: The crazy fact, then?

Simon: Yes, I read that there aren't THAT many more particles in the observable universe than there are combinations on a 5X5 Rubik's cube! The former amount is a number with 81 zeros, the latter amount has 75! Isn't that crazy? My word... there are a ridiculous amount of particles in the known universe. Having said that, a number with 81 zeros after it is ten times bigger than a number with 80 zeros, so there are still quite a few more atoms than combinations. I guess the the number of particles is a million times bigger? Yeah, well that's where 6 sided Rubik's cubes come in...

Simon: THEY would be crazy.

Simon: I know!

Simon: As you're so wise when it comes to huge numbers, do you think you could pown a well respected scientist?

Simon: Yes, Einstein said something like 'weak people seek vengeance, strong people forgive and clever people ignore' but he also said that the world would not be destroyed by evil people, but people who do nothing to stop evil.

Simon: That doesn't make sense...

Simon: Right, stick to science and leave philosophy alone, as your ideas will only lead to anarchy and confusion.

Simon: I hate to say this, but you literally have just powned him.

Simon: Told you. I'm badass, too.

Simon: Go on...

Simon: Check out this name for a band, I came up with it myself...

Simon: ...

Simon: L Cut.

Simon: L Cut? Sounds like a really cool ninja move!

Simon: Yes. However, it's actually an acronym and it stands for 'Let's Corrupt Uncle Terry'. Is that badass or is it dumb?

Simon: Errr....

Simon: I'm not sure either.

Simon: Maybe it sounds a bit unfair? How do you plan on corrupting him?

Simon: Not sure... Throw things at him?

Simon: Another idea you had in your sleep?

Simon: No, I think about band names a lot.

Simon: You mentioned how one of your Metal Rules paragraphs was largely deleted because it was too silly...

Simon: Ohhh yeah...

Simon: Can you share it here?

Simon: Sure... Yore are a three piece doom and sludge metal band from Berlin, Germany, who released their only piece of work to date, the EP 'Beneath' on the 30th of June, 2023, through Riffcrusader Records. I'm so sorry Metal Rules, but I've been provided with a very short biography to put into my own words, I couldn't find any other info on the internet, and have nothing else to work with. To beef this paragraph up a bit, I guess I could point out how many tracks are in the release... There are five. 'Alter', 'Outrider', 'Nidhoggr' (I wonder what that means), 'Beneath' and 'Stormseer'. The latter is another word I'm unfamiliar with, I guess someone who sees storms??

Simon: Ah. Yes, too silly.

Simon: I thought I was being daring.

Simon: No, more weird.

Simon: You'd think so. However, another album bio I was given to put into my own words started with 'we all get lost'. A comforting thought for me obviously and I think that was weird, too.

Simon: Why did it start like that??

Simon: I can't remember. It did though.

Simon: Yep, musicians are weird.

Simon: Yes, and many are clearly just as obsessed with cool looking numbers as me.

Simon: No...

Simon: It's true. I noticed a Youtube music video was 'most replayed' at the time 1:23 and the video lasted for 4:56 minutes!

Simon: That's 123456!...

Simon: Yes!

Simon: I don't believe you.

Simon: I knew you said that, so I've provided you with some evidence. Youtube 'From the past comes the storms' by band Sepultura (found in the Sepultura official page)...

Simon: No way...

Simon: Told you! I really don't feel so weird anymore!

Simon: Oh I don't think that feeling is going to last long at all.

Simon: What do you mean?

Simon: Would you like to share any weird and crazy misunderstandings?

Simon: Yes...

Simon: -_-

Simon: What?... Oh right.

Simon: Anyway, what's the misunderstanding?

Simon: I read that 'Britain has invaded 178 countries'...

Simon: Seems fine so far...

Simon: Yes, but at first I read it as 17B, which is another way of saying 17 billion!

Simon: Wow. What a country of war mongers...

Simon: It's particularly crazy as there only 195 countries on Earth...

Simon: It implies Britain has invaded alien planets... Millions of them...

Simon: There goes the hope of learning from aliens, then. We have to blow them up, don't we?

Simon: I think you should go back to the lighter subject about how musicians are weird...

Simon: Sure. A music PR company sent me an email to my address and the same email to my boss's address at exactly the same time! How is it possible to send two emails so fast? Even more weird, why does that even matter? It sounds like the kind of thing I would do.

Simon: Excellent. And now do you have any stories about caffeine?

Simon: Oh I always have stories about caffeine.

Simon: Go on...

Simon: I spend ages looking for the drug on the ingredients list when I buy 'soft' drinks I'm unfamiliar with, but there really is no need as the word stands out immediately to me.

Simon: I guess that was worth mentioning in a way.

Simon: I'm just saying the word might as well be multicoloured and in huge writing.

Simon: I know.

Simon: Oh. Also, why do soft drinks have to have so much acid in them in so many different forms? Does that sound appetising to you?

Simon: Is it all acid in soft drinks?

Simon: Nope, one Fanta product has 0.1% passion fruit in it. Is it really worth adding the extra ingredient?

Simon: Fanta is 99.9% acid and 0.1% passion fruit?

Simon: Well no, that would be bad, I'm just wondering if anyone can even taste the fruit... I would have thought it would all be dissolved...

Simon: Awesome. And any thoughts on cop shows?

Simon: I saw on TV a policeman saying '9 out of 10 cops join to put bad people behind bars' or whatever. He didn't say what the other 10% join for which is bugging me, because I really am more than curious.

Simon: Hm. That's a puzzler. Maybe to help them? That doesn't sound right...

Simon: I'd really hope not. 10%??? That's a huge amount of corrupt policemen!

Simon: Were there any other strange things said in the show?

Simon: At one point, a cop chasing a crook in his car said 'speed six zero six zero'...

Simon: That's 6 thousand and 60 miles an hour!

Simon: Yep, and there's more. A cop also said 'I don't have much of an opinion on car thieves'. What's he supposed to say? 'Car thieves? love 'em.' Lastly a cop said 'criminals will often alter or deface VIN numbers.' Altering something IS defacing it!

Simon: The police you saw don't always want to arrest criminals, they drive over one hundred times the legal speed limit and they don't fully understand English?

Simon: Right!

Simon: Wow. I don't know what to say...

Simon: Me neither.

Simon: Bye then?

Simon: Byeeeeeeeee.