

Simon: Hello! Any thoughts on soap Neighbours?

Simon: Oh there's always something to talk about in that show...

Simon: Go on...

Simon: This is a bit out there, very out there, in a way it's sad too but believe me, I have checked this over and over again...

Simon: Go on...

Simon: I'm being deadly serious, it's messed up.

Simon: ...

Simon: Right, here goes. According to Google, character Toadfish Rebecchi, who was born in 1979 has a father and HE was born in 1974.

Simon: His dad is 5 years older than him?

Simon: Yeah. Imagine getting raised by a toddler. The very best it could do would be to name some animals and write the letters of the alphabet!

Simon: Is that how you were raised?

Simon: Kind of yeah. My dad's argument was that he never needed to discipline me, but the less said about that the better. I'm very much reminded of Adam Sandler film 'Big Daddy.' It's only a comedy film, but my dad would think it's really deep. Anyway, if you thought that world first wasn't INSANE enough, Toadfish has a brother, and guess what?

Simon: What?

Simon: His brother and dad are the same person!!!!!!

Simon: They're clones?

Simon: According to Google. It's the kind of thing the other characters would ask about...

Simon: Maybe it's a family secret. I'd keep it quiet if my dad was my brother, I can imagine a lot of unwanted attention...

Simon: Maybe. Some families are embarrassed about alcoholism maybe, but the Rebecchi family are a bunch of secret mad scientists. Brilliant, but shady.

Simon: Are you sure his dad and brother are the same person? Kevin Rebecchi, right?

Simon: Yes!

Simon: I think the confusion is there's a Kevin Rebecchi who is the father, but a Kevin 'Stonefish' Rebecchi JUNIOR, who is the brother...

Simon: Oh. But Google says the father and brother are played by the same person...

Simon: You've got me there...

Simon: Told you. Neighbours isn't much of a soap, more a mad science fiction program.

Simon: I guess...

Simon: It would be like 'Mrs. Rebecchi is feeling very sad as Grandma Rebecchi is dying. I really think you and clone Rebecchi should visit her in the hospital. Bring her some grapes and her favourite science magazine. I believe it's called 'Sewn Clothes 'n' Clones.'

Simon: Sewn clothes 'n' clones??

Simon: Yes. Old people like knitting, don't they? And the person in question like cloning people, too. Sounds silly, but it works.

Simon: What's the clone's nickname?

Simon: Clonefish Rebecchi...

Simon: Lol.

Simon: Or how about this dialogue: 'Karl has been feeling very down since Grandma Rebecchi has been in hospital. Let's cheer him up with a prank. Clonefish Rebecchi and father Rebecchi could freak him out by being in two different places at the same time! We could tell him we've invented a special person doubling machine. Hahaha.'

Simon: Are there any other clones in the program?

Simon: I don't think so...

Simon: I wonder what's so special about the Rebecchi family...

Simon: Me too. I heard they're not even people, they're literally fish.

Simon: No way.

Simon: Yep, just in human form. I'm sure many people are wondering why Neighbours stopped running, I think it was because it was simply too unbelievable.

Simon: Can you think up some fish related dialogue?

Simon: Yes: 'Mrs. Rebecchi is feeling very sad as her long lost uncle has been killed

and eaten by a fisherman.'

Simon: Interesting...

Simon: Or 'Mrs Rebecchi is feeling very sad as her long lost brother, Troutfish, has been caught in plastic packaging.'

Simon: Yeah, you can't take that seriously.

Simon: Neighbours was actually once considered one of the best soaps of all time...

Simon: Do you have anything you'd like to clear up?

Simon: Yes. In a recent blog, I said it took me 45 minutes to add 7 CDs to my collection.

Simon: Oh no...

Simon: Yes. I actually had 9, as I had a couple of charity shop CDs to add that I couldn't be bothered to add beforehand. I may not blog lie, but I do blog mishap on occasion. On the plus side, 45 minutes doesn't sound so bad now. And of course that's 5 minutes for every CD which is a nice round number. Super cool.

Simon: What CDs did you order from the internet on your birthday?

Simon: I got a Frank Gambale album that got a one and a half star review, and a Chastain album that got an impressive two stars. I also got an album that was too unheard of to get a review.

Simon: Was the music bad?

Simon: No! To be fair, the Chastain was apparently rehashing earlier albums, but I wouldn't know about that as I don't have them. But the Gambale??? What's the problem with that?? 'Forgettable jams'??? Are you out of your mind? 1st rate smooth jazz.

Simon: I didn't know you liked smooth jazz...

Simon: It's alright... What does the fact I really liked the Gambale tell you?

Simon: It's great smooth jazz?

Simon: Bingo.

Simon: What about the CDs you bought in Kingston? Good?

Simon: Maybe they'll grow on me.

Simon: I'll take that as a no, then.

Simon: Yeah. Well I don't know. I did like some songs at least. Promising stuff at least in a way.

Simon: And the CDs you bought from a charity shop?

Simon: More Simply Red. THEY'RE a band who rehash songs. Still though, a welcome addition to the CD family as the songs they rehash are just so soothing. I also got a B-side/rarity album by Green Day, which is reasonable I suppose. It would be very surprising if their B-sides were their best songs, but if you like listening to music that's just alright, you're in for a treat.

Simon: Awesome. And any humorous misunderstandings?

Simon: I read quokkas are 'about the same size as a house...'

Simon: Wow, that's amazing. What are quokkas?

Simon: A small macropod...

Simon: And what's a macropod?

Simon: You'd think it's an electronic device as it has 'mac' and 'pod' in the same word, actually it's an animal!

Simon: An electronic animal??

Simon: Nope.

Simon: Wow at the quokka being the size of a house though...

Simon: Yes. But sadly, the whole sentence was 'quokkas are about the same size as a house CAT.'

Simon: A cat that's as big as a house?

Simon: You know what? I don't know. Probably not, though. Actually I know it's not.

Simon: How?

Simon: Google.

Simon: Oh. Maybe they'll be house-sized cats in the future though. If not in reality, at least in Neighbours.

Simon: Oh God I hope they bring the show back for that reason alone.

Simon: Is any of the music you bought growing on you now?

Simon: Actually, a little. I have little hope for the other three CDs I bought in Kingston though.

Simon: But there's a chance they'll be good?

Simon: ???

Simon: Ok. Any thoughts on Youtube?

Simon: A Youtuber pointed out a mistake in one of my favourite guitar solos, spoiling it for me. Then I forgot where the mistake was and I liked it again.

Simon: And any thoughts on Twitter?

Simon: The site has an option saying 'add an existing account'. If it already exists, how can you add it?

Simon: Click on it to find out?

Simon: I'm too scared to. What if doing so takes me to an alternate universe where nothing makes sense?

Simon: I'm sure if Twitter did that, it wouldn't be a popular site at all.

Simon: I guess. But it could be used in Neighbours. Just saying.

Simon: And any thoughts on popular phrases?

Simon: Slow and steady wins the race makes very little sense. Sure some formula 1 drivers crash by going too fast, but it would be a very exceptional circumstance if EVERYBODY else crashed as you drive slowly. And you have to think of the spectators, watching you drive at 5 mph for God knows how many hours. Maybe even weeks???

Simon: It would be amazing if a race could be won that way. But a whole championship?

Simon: A billion to one.

Simon: And any coincidences to talk of?

Simon: I was listening to Soundgarden album 'Superunknown' on the 4th of July. It has a song on it called 4th of July! That's even weirder when I didn't even know that was the song name. Did my subconscious bend to the will of Soundgarden? It's just that I haven't listened to the album in at least a year!

Simon: Last 4th of July?

Simon: Maybe!

Simon: Excellent. If you were to write a song, what would it be called?

Simon: I'd call it 'New hash brown recipe taking the world by storm'. It works because its based on reality! The local petrol station hash browns just have something about them that was missing before. I have no clue what it is...

Simon: Sounds like a silly song to me.

Simon: The lyrics will be worded very carefully...

Simon: Can I have a sample?

Simon: Hash browns all around, improved, so shrewd.

Simon: And the shrewd people are the ones making hash browns?

Simon: Exactly.

Simon: Again, it still seems a bit silly. Many will say it's rubbish.

Simon: Some of the music on the Eurovision Song Contest gets laughed at. Maybe my song would fit in there?

Simon: What's the band name called?

Simon: Simon Wiedemann and the Hash Browns.

Simon: You know what? I don't know how people would react to that. Probably negatively.

Simon: Or Simon Wiedemann and the Petrol Station Hash Browns.

Simon: Errr...

Simon: Simon Wiedemann and the Excellent Petrol Station Hash Browns?

Simon: Do you want to know a good band name?

Simon: What?

Simon: 'Yes'. It's friendly and positive. Everything you and your band names aren't.

Simon: I think one hundred and twenty three million, for hundred and fifty six thousand, seven hundred and eighty nine is a good band name. A bit of a mouthful to say, but written down it looks cool.

Simon: Great.

Simon: I have an idea for a film that isn't called 'No Time to Die', but 'No Time to Mud Pie'.

Simon: So what?

Simon: Just a play on words. It's friendly and positive sounding, just the way you like it.

Simon: No I don't like it.

Simon: Why?

Simon: Because you can't make whole films about eating desserts!!!

Simon: There's a film called Sea of Lies, my version is Sea of Pies.

Simon: Well done.

Simon: I'll tell you what's good - try putting subtitles on Youtube, during screamed death metal songs. One lyric that came up for me was interpreted as 'find my own journey, my boyfriend' which I seriously doubt was yelled.

Simon: And one last thought to end on?

Simon: Band 'Bad Brains' have a schizophrenic singer and a song that went 'Rise Up'. Rise up against what? Nothing, it was all in his head.

Simon: Great! Bye!