

Simon: Hello! You've eaten a few takeaways, now. What have you learnt from them?

Simon: When I was a child on my birthday, I always said 'I'm not eating anything again after that meal'. But you know what? I always did.

Simon: Were you an exceptionally short sighted child? Metaphorically, I mean.

Simon: You know that phrase 'live in the now'?

Simon: Yes?

Simon: I took it too literally.

Simon: Even so, you must have had learnt from previous experiences? I mean, you eat, you get full, then soon enough you get hungry again.

Simon: No.

Simon: Ok. Who's the person you feel sorry for the most?

Simon: Alice.

Simon: Alice who?

Simon: I'm not sure of her last name, but for whatever reason she must be going through a really hard time.

Simon: Why?

Simon: There's a band called 'Alice in Chains' which is bad enough, but there's also an album called 'Alice in Hell'! Poor Alice!

Simon: She's in Hell and in chains, too?

Simon: Apparently. There's another band called Alice Cooper. It's a long shot, but maybe Alice Cooper is in chains in Hell?

Simon: If so she's taking it very well. Never heard her complain once.

Simon: Actually Alice Cooper is a man...

Simon: Now that I think of it, Alice Cooper is the name of the band, not the singer!

Simon: So the band name could be in Hell? Maybe?

Simon: I guess.

Simon: How does that work?

Simon: It doesn't, does it.

Simon: So it must be another Alice...

Simon: Hm.

Simon: Actually I've done some Googling and it says Alice Cooper IS the singer.

Simon: Oh I don't know what's going on. Let's just move on. Any stories about bacon?

Simon: Yes, when I was a child I remember my dad sitting at the dinner table and going on a huge rant about American bacon not being as good as English bacon. Touched a nerve, maybe? But why??

Simon: It reminds me of that Peter Kay thing where the comedian was outraged and kept shouting 'Garlic bread????' over and over again.

Simon: Yes! I actually think garlic bread is a good idea.

Simon: What doesn't he like about American bacon?

Simon: Just doesn't taste as nice. Crispy sure, but lacking in flavour.

Simon: I can see how thinking about that would make someone extremely angry.

Simon: It's very easy to trigger him. Just say 'bacon' and wait.

Simon: Any thoughts on the band Mayhem?

Simon: The band said something like they spend years writing their music to ensure everything is as good as possible. Some of their songs repeat the same three chords over and over again. If what they said is true, which I doubt, rather than perfectionism, it suggests a profound lack of skill.

Simon: Can you give an example of a Mayhem chord progression?

Simon: E5, G5, F#5, E5, G5, F#5, etc.

Simon: Ohhh yeah.

Simon: Not perfect, is it? I would go further and say it isn't particularly inventive.

Simon: It took YEARS to write?

Simon: Apparently. An odd thing to boast about. I'd be embarrassed.

Simon: You recently said that you were listening to an album called 'Erotic Cakes'. Was it... good?

Simon: It's not the kind of album you think it is, believe me. It's actually instrumental

guitar music.

Simon: Where did the album name come from? Please be truthful.

Simon: It's a harmless Simpson's reference!

Simon: What, the episode where everyone has s...

Simon: It's just a harmless reference, move on.

Simon: Alright. Have you watched a Charles Bronson documentary about the guy appealing to be released from prison, recently?

Simon: Yes! In it, someone said 'this is hands down the closest he has come to release'.

Simon: How about the time he WAS released?

Simon: My thoughts exactly. The person saying that clearly knows nothing about the case at all. For Charles's sake let's hope he's not defending him. The judge would be like 'Do you even know why this man is in jail?' Then the other guy would be like 'No. But if he's never been released, it must...' Then the judge would interrupt and explain he has in fact been released, then the other guy would just be like 'Really? But on TV I said that... oh no.'

Simon: The guy should have at least talked to people who know about the case, and let's face it it's a very big and well known one. I mean there's winging something then there's not even caring.

Simon: The next reporter hired by the TV company will probably have to go through a far more vigorous interview. The company must feel quite the fool.

Simon: Agreed. You've talked about your reviews for Metal Rules. Has anyone given you a gift for your efforts?

Simon: Yes! Someone contacted me and offered me a free CD! Better yet, the band name is late-ish in the alphabet!

Simon: So you won't have to rearrange the whole of your alphabetised CD collection?

Simon: Right! Had I been given AC/DC's latest album, I would have to politely decline the offer. A nice chap and thoughtful too! If a bit intrusive.

Simon: You think because he knows about your preferences, he's been reading your mind?

Simon: Maybe he's been reading my blogs?

Simon: I never knew you didn't like people reading your blogs...

Simon: Fair point. I advertise them, don't I?

Simon: And have you thought up an interesting band name?

Simon: How about this: 'What if Apples Feel Pain?'

Simon: I like it. Thoughtful yet dark. Poignant.

Simon: Google says it's original!

Simon: Farmers would hate you, though.

Simon: Because it would put people off eating the things?

Simon: Yep.

Simon: I like eating apples. Better now?

Simon: You may have made the situation worse.

Simon: I love eating apples.

Simon: Coming from you, that almost sounded sinister.

Simon: What do you mean?

Simon: I'm just saying if I came across you in a dark street and you said that to me?
I'd run away.

Simon: Speaking of freaking people out, you know that mental home I went to?

Simon: Yes?

Simon: Someone wrote 'SMILE' on her door and I rearrange the letters to SLIME.

Simon: Any reason?

Simon: Just thought it was funny.

Simon: Did anyone laugh?

Simon: Not that I noticed, but what I do know is I must have confused a lot of people.
Why would someone write SLIME? Why in such huge letters? What is she trying to say?

Simon: It's not that funny. The poor patient who's door you rearranged would have felt like a complete weirdo.

Simon: Actually that's what I thought was funny. I could have written MILES which

would also have got a confused reaction, but in the end I thought SLIME was weirder, and of course consequently better.

Simon: You should have written a word on your door...

Simon: Like what?

Simon: LINGUAL PEST would be fitting.

Simon: What if someone rearranges the letters?

Simon: To what?

Simon: Let's open up an online anagram solver...

Simon: ...

Simon: How about 'Gelatin plus'. Or Salient plug.

Simon: Or genital plus.

Simon: NO.

Simon: Why not?

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