

Simon: Hello, Simon. We all know you're one of the world's biggest palindrome experts and have taken the palindrome spotting hobby to new levels. Can you picture yourself taking it even further??

Simon: Yes, I've created a new kind of palindrome called a 'hidden palindrome'.

Simon: And what's that?

Simon: We all know that the time 16:11:61 isn't possible on a clock...

Simon: Obviously.

Simon: If only it was right? Then it would be a palindrome. Not to worry, the exact same time is '16:12:01' and whilst it isn't a palindrome in the traditional sense, you could call it a hidden palindrome because it goes unnoticed (to the average guy on the street).

Simon: No way...

Simon: Yep.

Simon: You've just taken palindrome spotting to a whole new level!

Simon: I know right?

Simon: This is big news.

Simon: I don't know, I mean...

Simon: Are you serious??? I can't even begin to imagine how many more palindromes there are on clocks, now! You're the biggest revolutionary since Hannah and Otto made the discovery of world's biggest palindrome, that is 1234567899987654321!

Simon: I have a confession to make...

Simon: Yes?

Simon: Hannah and Otto? They're both me. I was using a pseudonym.

Simon: No...

Simon: Yep.

Simon: That palindrome was HUGE.

Simon: You're too kind.

Simon: :)

Simon: There are some who say a bigger palindrome is possible...

Simon: How?

Simon: No one is completely sure. It's all very theoretical.

Simon: I see.

Simon: Anyway, maybe we should change the subject. It's getting a bit old. A bit weird.

Simon: Ok. I noticed you haven't aged at all in more than 10 years!

Simon: What do you mean?

Simon: Your Facebook pic has stayed the same. You haven't moved much, either.

Simon: Come again?

Simon: You're a very still person. What's that about?

Simon: I do move sometimes, it's just that... it's a picture...

Simon: What do you mean?

Simon: If someone takes a picture of you, I mean...

Simon: Go on...

Simon: Typically pictures never move...

Simon: Why?

Simon: Let me get Google to help you...

Simon: ...

Simon: Sadly my query of 'Why don't pictures move?' has no exact results whatsoever. You're stuck.

Simon: Really?

Simon: Afraid so. It will have to remain a mystery.

Simon: Never mind. What do you think of those crazy Buddhist monk/warriors who train themselves by kicking themselves in the balls as hard as possible?

Simon: What's the point? I get it, when hand to hand combat was the norm, being tough as possible would be a bonus, but now we have tanks and helicopters! Who's going to win in a battle? Someone who can shoot a missile from dozens of miles

away or someone with hardened balls?

Simon: The man with the missile?

Simon: Right. All that training and for what? A lifetime of agony.

Simon: It's still impressive, though.

Simon: Even the toughest balls in the world are no match for an Apache helicopter.

Simon: Imagine if they would be!

Simon: That would be incredible...

Simon: A sight to behold.

Simon: If a film about such a thing happening never surfaces, I'd still be happy with a cartoon.

Simon: Agreed. What do you think of the Racer X track 'Scarified'?

Simon: For a very long time I thought it was a dumb way of saying 'scared'. Then I finally Googled the word and it means 'cut and remove debris from a lawn,' which is worse. A very odd thing to write about.

Simon: Huh.

Simon: Turns out it has another meaning, though. It could mean 'make incisions in the skin' which sounds more metal.

Simon: When did you Google the meaning?

Simon: A few days ago.

Simon: So for years and years you thought it meant scared?

Simon: Yep. But at least I didn't think it meant cutting the grass. The problem is the track is instrumental so there are no words to give clues.

Simon: Ah. What do you think of robots?

Simon: Amazingly the robots in Short Circuit are pretty rubbish by today's standards. (Apart from the lasers, I mean). T 1000s are still impressive though. It's scary how the only way to defeat them is with a large barrel of molten metal or lava. Who has that and why? You'd need a damn good excuse.

Simon: A scary film.

Simon: I always thought robots that could run would never be made as there would be no point and they would be too hard to make. Boy was I wrong. Some can even

backflip! Why, I don't know, but it is impressive.

Simon: Backflipping robots attack with style!

Simon: I'd imagine it would be demoralising for the enemy if it killed all your fellow soldiers whilst backflipping.

Simon: There you go then.

Simon: Now that backflipping robots have been made, now all I have to do is wait for mechs.

Simon: Google says mechs will never be practical. :(

Simon: Damn. They look so cool.

Simon: Sadly the army doesn't care about looking cool...

Simon: Tanks and fighter jets look cool. Even camouflage looks cool. I mean, you can buy camouflage clothes in shops!

Simon: I think camouflage looking cool is a coincidence. I think it's supposed to hide you from the enemy. When people wore red clothes to battle they were easy to spot and shoot.

Simon: No, red just went out of fashion.

Simon: Ok. Seen any more funny Youtube subtitles?

Simon: Yep. The subs said music was playing as Pink Floyd's David Gilmour talked. (It wasn't).

Simon: I guess he has a very soothing voice. Lyrical.

Simon: Maybe that's what it was.

Simon: What do you think of emails from the NHS?

Simon: I got an email saying there was an NHS weight loss plan just for me. Just for me?? Many people complain about the NHS, I think it's pretty good. It might have been spam though.

Simon: The NHS is going through huge problems treating casualties, yet it has a weight loss plan just for you, even though you don't need to lose any weight?

Simon: It sounds very odd when you put it like that...

Simon: Is there any reason why you losing weight would be a huge benefit for the UK as a whole?

Simon: No... Surely not...

Simon: Can you try to think?

Simon: I'm trying, believe me.

Simon: ...

Simon: Maybe...

Simon: Yes?

Simon: No. I can think of no reason why me losing weight should be such a huge priority. And I think that's for the best.

Simon: It would be creepy?

Simon: Yep. Just too weird.

Simon: Do you have a funny story to lighten the mood?

Simon: At first I read 'testpressings' and 'trespassing for tents'.

Simon: Hahaha.

Simon: I know right? Trespassing tents? How and why?

Simon: Awesome. And seen any spooky adverts?

Simon: I once saw an advert where the time was 7:13, and the time on my clock was 7:07. Very close. The next time I saw the advert, it was 7:10! Even closer! The next time however, it was 3:58 which was rubbish.

Simon: You've talked before about how an editor for Metal Rules keeps changing your surname to Wiedeman. Or that it could have actually been you that did that. Has it happened again?

Simon: The other day, I caught myself in the act writing 'Wiedeman'.

Simon: I can see why there was a rumour that you couldn't spell your name in school.

Simon: No that was different.

Simon: Ok. You've also talked about how a model skull on your hifi speaker keeps moving without you touching it. Has it happened again?

Simon: It sure has. The skull jumped, I found it on my bed!

Simon: Have you been ignoring it?

Simon: I don't think so.

Simon: Been telling it its life isn't worth living?

Simon: No!

Simon: That's a puzzler.

Simon: The skull on my other hifi speaker is perfectly fine. I treat that the exact same way.

Simon: The other is just mentally ill I guess.

Simon: Very sad.

Simon: Have you considered taking it to a psychiatrist?

Simon: Yes, but what would I say?

Simon: That's a very good point. There's a good chance the psychiatrist would focus on you.

Simon: Because he or she wouldn't believe the skull jumped?

Simon: Right.

Simon: Maybe I could sing a happy song to it? Or buy it something nice? Or take it go karting?

Simon: Hm. The first two are not the kinds of things you want to get caught doing, but the third? Will you be buying the skull a separate go kart pass?

Simon: I guess I'd have to.

Simon: Maybe I'd leave it.

Simon: Why?

Simon: Too wacky maybe.

Simon: It does sound a bit wacky, doesn't it?

Simon: A bit peculiar.

Simon: Maybe if I drive with the thing in my pocket and don't tell anyone?

Simon: Yes! Yes, do that!

Simon: Awesome.

Simon: Is that all you have to say for the day?

Simon: It is indeed.

Simon: Bye!