

Simon: Simon! You've just finished reviewing this month's albums for The Independent Voice! Has that given you a chance to charge up your Wiedemann Comedy Randoms batteries?

Simon: Yep, but there really was no need to do so, as something rather special and blogable/interviewable has happened.

Simon: What?

Simon: You know when I said my vitamin D tablets predicted my dental appointment by running out?

Simon: Yes...

Simon: Turns out they also predicted the latest lockdown.

Simon: Oh yeah, your checkup was on the last day of freedom...

Simon: Right. But I wouldn't call it freedom, you couldn't exactly do a lot back then.

Simon: Is there a word for limited freedom?

Simon: Errrr.... You could have just said 'your last day of limited freedom'.

Simon: But that could imply MORE freedom would follow that, not less.

Simon: Someone needs to invent a word for limited freedom then.

Simon: How about twodom?

Simon: Why twodom?

Simon: Because it's less than threedom.

Simon: Perfect.

Simon: What's fourdom?

Simon: I don't know. Logic would suggest more than threedom?

Simon: And what's that?

Simon: Ummm... Doing whatever you want?

Simon: But that's anarchy. It wouldn't be fun, despite the popularity of the idea.

Simon: In a way, anarchy would be less freedom. Well it would be for the victims. Fourdom is less than threedom.

Simon: Why not change the subject to a less complicated one? I mean you say

you've recharged your batteries, but I found the preceding quite hard to understand.

Simon: Good idea. Here's an annoying anecdote: In my old notes I made for this interview, I told myself to discuss how my latest album isn't very good. I wish I wrote down more details as I really can't remember what I was on about. Especially as my latest albums ARE all good, if not very good.

Simon: You're a mystery even to yourself.

Simon: Apparently. It's not as good as it sounds, though.

Simon: On a deep level, everyone is a mystery to themselves to a certain degree...

Simon: Yeah! That's not so bad. It's like 'why do I have a need to break all my pens?' I need them and they've done nothing wrong... It doesn't make sense.

Simon: How about discussing an even lighter topic?

Simon: Good idea. Here's a funny phrase: 'I need to get some shut eye'. Where? The shops? What kind of shop sells shut eye? It should be 'I need to HAVE some shut eye'. Or even better 'I need to shut my eyes'.

Simon: Personally I think 'I need to sleep' is better. It's snappier and certainly less vague.

Simon: Right! I need to shut my eyes or whatever could mean you need to blink! Maybe they're sore or maybe the light's too bright.

Simon: It's like saying 'I need some closed hands'. Are you supposed to know what that means?? I mean I have a vague idea, but I'm far from certain.

Simon: The pain is real.

Simon: Yep. And I thought things were lightening up.

Simon: Ohhh, I know something cheerful.

Simon: Go on.

Simon: I saw a news article saying covid patients are getting younger. That's nice isn't it. Everyone wants to be more youthful.

Simon: I don't think that's what the article meant...

Simon: What did it mean, then?

Simon: I think it meant young people are getting more of the virus more than old people.

Simon: Oh.

Simon: It's ok, you know? That was very confusing.

Simon: Ok, good. If I ever hacked a website, that's how I'd do it. I'd love to be silly and ridiculous. I'd love to post loads of articles on the news, saying France has invaded Belgium or whatever.

Simon: Ok, I just want to be clear: The site wasn't hacked and people with covid aren't getting younger...

Simon: I know.

Simon:: Great.

Simon: Here's another positive thought: Many parents are against violent games like GTA but there is a simple solution - keep all the action, but when people die, they turn into huge mushrooms. Isn't that nicer for everyone?

Simon: It seems you've solved a decades old problem. But what if children play your version of the game then shoot someone in real life, thinking everything would be ok?

Simon: I'm not sure people turning into mushrooms would be ok. I wouldn't want to turn into a mushroom. But it's less gory, that's what I'm saying.

Simon: You've solved it then.

Simon: Excellent!

Simon: Is there anything else on your mind?

Simon: Yes, how come children have more energy than adults, yet adults can run faster and for longer?

Simon: I don't know.

Simon: It's just disappointing. I would love to see five year olds doing super marathons at 20 miles per hour.

Simon: I think we all would.

Simon: Someone should at least test it out. Maybe they can.

Simon: Sounds like exploitation to me.

Simon: Exploitation OR cool?

Simon: No it's definitely exploitation. Even if you paid the athletes with Haribo, they wouldn't really understand what's going on, and that's wrong.

Simon: Ten year olds have lots of energy, too.

Simon: No!

Simon: Interview over, then?

Simon: Yes! God...

Simon: I'll do another story, then...

Simon: Byeeeeeeeee.