

Simon: Hello, Simon. You have a very nice name.

Simon: Thanks. Mine IS better.

Simon: Oh.

Simon: It is though, isn't it?

Simon: Fair enough. Is Simon your favourite name?

Simon: Nope, Rishi Sunak is.

Simon: Why?

Simon: You don't see it?

Simon: What?

Simon: Sunak? Sun AK? As in Sun AK 47? Doesn't get more badass than that.

Simon: Oh yeah...

Simon: I'm assuming his dad was also called 'Sun AK.' So that makes him a sun of a gun.

Simon: Or rather a son of a sun gun...

Simon: Yes! That's even better! Even better than Simon. I admit it.

Simon: Could Rishi Sunak be improved?

Simon: I guess it would be a lot clearer if he was called Rishi Sun AK 47.

Simon: And could THAT be improved?

Simon: Hm.

Simon: Go on...

Simon: Dishy Sun AK 47?

Simon: Dishy? As in attractive?

Simon: Yes!

Simon: You're right, it's the perfect name for the man on the street. But for a politician??

Simon: It's better. Powerful.

Simon: Can you think of a more powerful name?

Simon: Sexy Moon Bazooka.

Simon: Prime Minister Sexy Moon Bazooka??

Simon: I'd vote for him. A man who gets the job done.

Simon: And what job is that? Invading a country?

Simon: No! Someone who can sort out the country's problems. Like education.

Simon: Ok. And what would be the worst name for a Prime Minister?

Simon: The exact opposite...

Simon: Which is?

Simon: What's the opposite of a sun?

Simon: I don't know. Darkness?

Simon: And the opposite of a gun?

Simon: A healer?

Simon: Ok. Primie Minister Ugly Darkness Healer.

Simon: I wouldn't trust him.

Simon: I know!

Simon: A while ago you mentioned that whilst on the gym hiking machine, you burnt 123 calories whilst doing 45 rotations a minute, and the numbers were right next to each other. Was that true?

Simon: Yes! And not only that, it was a freak one of a kind error! I actually do about 65 rotations a minute. It was as if the heavens sent me a sign!

Simon: And what sign would that be?

Simon: Nice number!

Simon: The heavens sent you a nice number on a hiking machine, prioritising you over everyone else, many of which have far bigger problems?

Simon: It was nice moment.

Simon: It's clearly stuck with you...

Simon: There you go. Not such a small story now, is it?

Simon: Could it be improved?

Simon: No.

Simon: Ok. Heard any more dumb lyrics?

Simon: Yngwie Malmsteen...

Simon: Him again?

Simon: Yes. ... Yngwie Malmsteen isn't known for writing great works of poetry, but this example is pretty bad, it's from his song 'Heaven Tonight'...

Simon: Go on...

Simon: 'It's now or never. Why can't women last forever.'

Simon: No way.

Simon: Yep.

Simon: Google says it's 'Why can't THIS NIGHT last forever.'

Simon: Really? Sounds like 'why can't women last forever' to me.

Simon: Play the song again...

Simon: Even now I know 'the real words' it sounds exactly the same!

Simon: Maybe the person who added the lyrics to the internet was confused by them and thought 'this can't be right...'

Simon: Sounds fair enough to me.

Simon: I noticed the song's from his 'Odyssey' album...

Simon: Yep. That's a weirdly produced album. Yngwie is very well known for his nice tone (his nice soloing not so much) but in Odyssey his guitar tone sounds just a little bit like a rusty chainsaw...

Simon: Is the production really heavy?

Simon: Not really, just kind of raw.

Simon: That's for the best.

Simon: Why?

Simon: If it was heavy, the song would be like 'WHY CAN'T WOMEN LAST FOREVER?!?!?!? >:( >:( '

Simon: Creepy.

Simon: Yes. You've been reviewing for Metal Rules again. Make any dumb mistakes when doing so?

Simon: Yes, I spent a fair amount of time reviewing the wrong album. In my defence though, the right and wrong releases were on the same web page.

Simon: Darn.

Simon: Yes, I thought I could make the best of situation and email the band I was writing about to see if they wanted their other LP to be reviewed instead. I got no reply, so I'm assuming no.

Simon: Darn again.

Simon: Yes. I even explained that their apparently forbidden album was better and I'd be giving a higher score to it, but it clearly wasn't enough.

Simon: Triple darn.

Simon: Not to worry, in my acceptable review I came up with two or three sentences explaining that the band have more material that's even better.

Simon: Success!

Simon: A small success, but better than nothing. An ever so slightly beefed up paragraph.

Simon: Has anyone said you look young for your age, again?

Simon: Yep. Interestingly, when I was a child people said I looked old for my age...

Simon: Your appearance has never changed in your life?

Simon: You could be very forgiven for thinking that, but it's not quite that extreme.

Simon: Did you act older than your age as a child?

Simon: I did actually. I was a very serious and grumpy infant. A bit of a dick, it was well noted by my teachers. My life is clearly going in reverse.

Simon: What was serious about you?

Simon: I remember passionately believing that children should be seen and not heard. It was my favourite phrase.

Simon: But not now?

Simon: Nope!

Simon: What's changed?

Simon: I don't know.

Simon: Ok. Well that was a weird anecdote, but if it makes you happy telling everyone that, good for you.

Simon: Thanks man.

Simon: Have any albums grown on you with repeated listens?

Simon: I always thought 'Angel of Retribution' by Judas Priest was a bit rubbish, but after the 10th listen or so, I really like it. I read a highly respectable review saying song 'Loch Ness' ruined the album! It's my favourite track on it!

Simon: I wouldn't let it get to you...

Simon: And how can a song be so bad it ruins everything else? It's not possible.

Simon: Did the lyrics upset the reviewer?

Simon: How?? It's a song about the Loch Ness Monster!

Simon: Very disturbing.

Simon: Hardly. In comparison, has there ever been a line in an otherwise amazing film that was so utterly terrible it made the whole experience completely rubbish? I have heard of terrible lines making terrible films funny, (e.g. the super confusing 'The woman is all we want! The others must die! They ALL must die! We do not even want the woman!') but if such a line appeared in Terminator 2 for whatever reason, would it make the movie deserve only one star?

Simon: I guess not. What about if the line featured in a completely inappropriate film? Like Bambi?

Simon: Maybe that would ruin the film. But Loch Ness didn't ruin the album. It improved it.

Simon: Agreed.

Simon: Really? It seems we rarely agree on anything...

Simon: No I get you.

Simon: Thanks! In contrast to earlier, I think you have a nice name, too.

Simon: :)

Simon: On that happy note, end things here?

Simon: Bye!