

Simon: Hello! What do you think of the new Metallica song, 'Lux Aeterna'?

Simon: I seem to have the same opinion as a lot of people - good chorus, rubbish guitar solo.

Simon: What was wrong with the solo?

Simon: It sounds like it was written in 10 seconds, but it lasts about 22!

Simon: At least that was impressive. That shouldn't be possible.

Simon: I guess. Still though, if someone told you they had the special ability to bore you more than possible, would you be impressed, or would you tell them to try and affect you positively, instead? Use your powers for good!

Simon: I know what you mean...

Simon: Right. That's basically what Metallica do writing a rubbish solo quicker than it lasts, they're breaking the laws of physics. Why do they want to? Power. But they don't want to admit that, so they sneakily show their desires through rubbish leads.

Simon: IF he did write a solo quicker than it lasts.

Simon: He did. Someone on Youtube said the song had a 'descending' intro riff. That's true, but the way he said it made it seem like that was impressive and technical in some way. It's not, there are only three ways you can go - descending, ascending, or nowhere.

Simon: The song should be called 'Sucks Eterna.'

Simon: Well the solo should, anyway. As I said, good chorus.

Simon: 'Lux Aeterna, partially good, but sux solo'.

Simon: It would be honest, I suppose.

Simon: The name's not as efficient as the lead, though...

Simon: Right.

Simon: In one of your blogs, you wrote how you reviewed an Abba cover band, but a metal version of them. Heard anything similar, since?

Simon: Actually, I've heard of a band called 'Feuerschwanz' doing the same kind of thing.

Simon: Why??

Simon: Abba are popular, metal is popular. Maybe they genuinely thought they were onto something.

Simon: Maybe. I doubt it though. Do you have a funny anecdote that combines hills and jumbo jets?

Simon: I do actually. When I was about 4, I asked my dad how hills were formed, and he said they were formed by the steam coming out of jumbo jet engines. I'm sure he was thinking that would fill me with wonder, but all it did was confuse me. Like seriously. I asked him again about the hills when I was 5 maybe and he decided to tell the truth, I guess because I was too old for such fantastical stories. I pointed out he said they were formed by jumbo jets and he said he didn't which annoyed me.

Simon: And you think that caused you to develop paranoid schizophrenia later in life?

Simon: Ummmm. I'm not sure about THAT...

Simon: But maybe?

Simon: I suppose I'm still paranoid about facts concerning hills and planes, but other than that? I mean, I don't think so...

Simon: How are you still paranoid about hills and planes?

Simon: I just think planes have frightening magical powers, and stuff like that. I fear a hill will land on me when a plane flies overhead.

Simon: That's not too weird. Flying is a strange thing.

Simon: Yeah!

Simon: Seen any funny railway workers?

Simon: Yep, on TV. Well I thought I did. I thought I saw such people with GWAR written on their backs...

Simon: The metal band?

Simon: Yeah. But unfortunately it said 'GWR.'

Simon: Great stuff.

Simon: I don't see the problem with any workers advertising their favourite bands...

Simon: They're just defending the faith?

Simon: Right!

Simon: Maybe they should be defending their employers, instead?

Simon: Nah.

Simon: Ok. Seen any funny subtitles as you listen to music in the background?

Simon: I noticed that some subtitles block the 's' and 'f' words which is fair enough, but not the 'mf' word! Who's deciding this stuff? In another video, the naughty work rhyming with 'chitty' is ok. Again, I'm trying to picture the subtitle/censorship meetings. I even saw 'dumb' partially blanked out in another video.

Simon: That was dumb...

Simon: How DARE you?!

Simon: I guess the word should be censored, then.

Simon: Oh yeah.

Simon: Any thoughts on the SAS?

Simon: Yep. I was watching an SAS based program, and one soldier was called Commander Mayne!

Simon: And?

Simon: With just one small alteration, you get Commander Maybe. I just think that's funny. As in 'What do you think we should do? Let's find Commander Maybe!' Then Commander Maybe would be like 'Hm. Maybe, we should attack. Or maybe we shouldn't. That's the problem with me, Commander Maybe. I never know things for sure...'

Simon: That's hilarious. Well... an interesting thought at least.

Simon: Exactly. Most soldiers act so sure and confident all the time, it gets annoying. I think the world needs a Commander Maybe.

Simon: Seen any cool number plates?

Simon: I'm always on the lookout for funny number plates. I thought I saw one saying 'WHY' but it actually said 'MHY' which is disappointing. I just think WHY on a car is amusing. No one wants their car to have a pessimistic or lazy attitude.

Simon: It might break down...

Simon: Right. Or at very least take ages to start.

Simon: And do you have any observations about suntan lotion?

Simon: You'd think I wouldn't, wouldn't you? At this time of year, I mean. Actually, I have some of the stuff right in front of me right now. I'll tell what it's really good at: Getting 'permanent' marker off your skin in about 3 seconds.

Simon: Wow, that sounds powerful.

Simon: It sounds a bit too powerful to me. It sounds like it could have battery acid in it.

Simon: Still though, good at stopping sun burn!

Simon: I'd hope. You never know, some mysterious dodgy person could have tampered with my product somehow, took all the sun block out and replaced it with acid. Very funny. Except it's not funny, now I'm exposed to the sun and my skin's falling off.

Simon: And any humorous observations about your weight?

Simon: I've weighed myself once a month over three months, and I've been EXACTLY 60.0 kg every time! Such consistency and don't get me started on the nice whole number...

Simon: Almost as good as a palindrome...

Simon: No, better.

Simon: Better?? Wow.

Simon: On a darker note, footballer Declan Rice said 'England should be feared'. Hopefully he meant just in football, but I wouldn't know as I didn't read the rest of the article. Hopefully he doesn't want to invade anyone.

Simon: His ambitions have gone too far.

Simon: Yes, way too far.

Simon: And had any weird spam?

Simon: Sure have. I had a spam email heading saying 'We can help you?' 'Can we help you?' would be better as the former sounds like them being able to help is surprising.

Simon: What was the email for?

Simon: Oh I can't remember. Understandably, I didn't really take it too seriously.

Simon: Maybe it was about something they knew they couldn't fix. Like your personality.

Simon: No. I don't think so.

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Simon: Awkward...

Simon: I kind of have an extreme habit of checking my front door is shut when I leave the house, by pushing it over and over again. After many years of doing so, I finally broke the lock and I couldn't get back in!

Simon: :O

Simon: I was thinking 'Oh no. I've locked myself out of my own house. Because I broke my own door.'

Simon: How long were you stuck for?

Simon: Just a few minutes, then I worked out what to do.

Simon: Did your dad get locked out when he tried to get in?

Simon: Yep. Just for a few seconds though, which was annoying.

Simon: How did your dad react?

Simon: I said I didn't know about the lock and he left it that. I doubt very much he believed me, but he didn't say anything else, so I was fine.

Simon: Did you hear about Alex Jones paying hundreds of millions of pounds as compensation?

Simon: Yep, but on the plus side, at least he could afford it. Imagine if the average person had to pay that amount of money.

Simon: Oh no.

Simon: Exactly. Genuine horror.

Simon: And do you have anything else to say?

Simon: Nope!

Simon: Bye!