

Simon: Hello, you have less than five seconds to impress me, go!

Simon: I'm known as one of the most prolific bee joke writers in the business.

Simon: Bees again? I've never heard of the bee joke writing business...

Simon: It's huge.

Simon: Because of you?

Simon: Partly because of me, yeah.

Simon: How many bee jokes have you written now?

Simon: I'm not sure. 60? Maybe a little more.

Simon: Why?

Simon: I don't know.

Simon: Do you like bees?

Simon: I have nothing against them...

Simon: You have another ten seconds to impress me, be more original, go!

Simon: In a shop, I knocked a glass bottle of cider over and caught it with one hand. Oh if only someone saw. I'm still glad it happened though.

Simon: CCTV?

Simon: Maybe. I'm sure people heard me though, because I shouted f...

Simon: SIMON!

Simon: There were no children around it was fine.

Simon: What about people in general? They could have assumed you fell over and injured yourself...

Simon: I doubt it, no one came to help me...

Simon:

Simon: What?

Simon: Would people bother?

Simon: How dare you.

Simon: ...

Simon: The only reason no one ran towards me after shouting f... was because they were jealous and couldn't face my catching skills.

Simon: But you said they wouldn't have known you caught... Oh never mind. Have you been practicing catching things?

Simon: You know what? I've found going to the gym alone has improved my coordination abilities. I used to drop everything, now I'm like a cheetah but with hands.

Simon: That's very inspiring.

Simon: I rarely need to catch things, but when I do? Magic.

Simon: What's the best thing you've caught?

Simon: The cider, BUT there is something I'd reaaally like to catch, just for the purposes of a joke.

Simon: What?

Simon: A flute...

Simon: I don't understand...

Simon: Don't you see?

Simon: No.

Simon: Why did the man fall ill after grabbing the woodwind instrument? He caught the flute. It's a joke I've just written. I'd be living the joke.

Simon: Ooooh yeah.

Simon: Very cool. I hope that happens.

Simon: Have you ever caught the flu or a flute?

Simon: Nope.

Simon: Have you tried?

Simon: No...

Simon: You have ten seconds to give me an insight about Dick Van Dyke.

Simon: I recently watched a Youtube of video him, and one comment said he brings back childhood memories. It's funny the poster could have been well into his 70s.

Simon: I wonder if the poster still dresses young...

Simon: He wears trainers and hoodies?

Simon: Yes!

Simon: I think that would be inspiring.

Simon: And he says stuff like 'sick' and 'bangin'.

Simon: Again, inspiring.

Simon: And he graffitis palindromes...

Simon: You're getting a little weirder, but fine.

Simon: Seen any good clock palindromes?

Simon: The best one is 00:00:00 because I only ever see it after the London Comedy Writers meeting when I'm back home and chilling out in my room. It's also satisfying seeing the date on my computer change. Now I'd appreciate it if you stopped talking about the subject.

Simon: Because it's addictive.

Simon: For the last time, yes.

Simon: Bees and palindromes, that really is all there is to your life, isn't there?

Simon: Yes.

Simon: Any comments on video game speed runs?

Simon: A famous speed runner released a video of him clearly faking a run on April 1st which was a brave thing to do as many people thought it was a real attempt at cheating, myself included. I thought it was very strange, but I did think he was a fraud.

Simon: Heard any strange comments from Rishi Sunak?

Simon: When arguing his case for forcing people to study maths until they're 18, he said you get people saying they're no good at maths and that's (wrongly) accepted, but you don't get people who say they're no good at reading. Yes you do, dyslexia!

Simon: Ironically he needs to learn more English.

Simon: Still though, nice name.

Simon: Sounds like dishy sun AK 47?

Simon: Exactly.

Simon: A man who gets the job done.

Simon: Yes.

Simon: Any thoughts on group Extinction Rebellion?

Simon: I think they're worrying about nothing. Only a COMPLETELY mad government would let the world end in just a few years. It's incredibly shortsighted.

Simon: What kind of government makes plans on where to get energy decades into the future but doesn't care if everyone burns to death?

Simon: Exactly, very confusing. I'm not saying global warming doesn't exist, but I don't think people need to rebel against extinction. If they do, you'd probably expect the group to be bigger and more dramatic. People should be genuinely panicking.

Simon: Interesting...

Simon: If they want to stop people from dying, maybe them starting an anti-smoking campaign would be more beneficial. Drugs are bad too, there are lots of things the group could do. But stopping the government from destroying the whole Earth? Come on. Sure rebel against rising temperatures, I hate Sumer too, but either find another activity or change your name to Heat Rebellion.

Simon: What do you think of quiz show 'Unbeatable'.

Simon: There are literally only two samples that get used in it that I've heard, anyway - amused murmurs and light clapping. They get used ALL the time, I've even heard a murmur being followed by the same murmur just seconds later, it sounded very strange.

Simon: Do lots of funny things get said?

Simon: Apparently, but only ever slightly funny things. No big laughs whatsoever.

Simon: And do the contestants ever do really impressive things?

Simon: Only mildly impressive, explaining the light clapping. The samples were still used at least a little bit well though. Imagine if a contestant repeated (for whatever reason) this classic joke: Knock Knock. Who's there? Doctor. Doctor Who? You just said it! (That was a favourite of mine when I was 6 even though I'm not sure I understood it). Then imagine a sample of a crowd roaring with laughter was used...

Simon: ... and light clapping followed.

Simon: Yes and a murmur! It really shouldn't be too hard to get hold of more samples. Think how many comedy DVDs have been released, how many laughs

were in each one.

Simon: I suppose there's the risk a sound engineer trying to impress his bosses would go overkill with the samples...

Simon: And turn the program into a full-blown comedy show?

Simon: Yep. I understand your 35th birthday is coming up?

Simon: It is...

Simon: So you'll be in your mid thirties?

Simon: About that, I've been doing some thinking. I think I won't really be in my mid-thirties until I'm 39. Or 40.

Simon: Why is that?

Simon: It's all very complicated. I wouldn't worry. You'll only understand if you're super good with algebra and that kind of stuff. A real maths whizz, just trust me. Or maybe I didn't mean 40 years old, but 50. Again, complicated.

Simon: That sure does sound complicated.

Simon: You have no idea.

Simon: Brain ache?

Simon: The worst one ever.

Simon: I feel bad for you.

Simon: I've been doing a lot of thinking, and last year I was only 12 and a half!

Simon: THAT'S complicated.

Simon: Very much so.

Simon: Seen any weird news?

Simon: I read that a dragon caught fire at a Disneyland show in America. That's not news. Even if I read that in America, I would be confused. Unless it was a real dragon of course. In that case, wow.

Simon: How would a real dragon catch fire?

Simon: You know the theory dinosaurs had feathers?

Simon: Yes?

Simon: As dinosaurs are very closely related to dragons, maybe dragons have feathers too. And of course, feathers are flammable.

Simon: Interesting...

Simon: Maybe the dinosaurs didn't all get killed by an asteroid, maybe when they worked out how to breathe fire they burned themselves alive...

Simon: Fires are very powerful. An incredible power to have. Addictive.

Simon: Yes, and extremely deadly.

Simon: We've just solved a huge mystery!!

Simon: That's incredible...

Simon: Dinosaurs were dragons. Or at least they evolved into them.

Simon: Or devolved.

Simon: Exactly. Anything else on your mind?

Simon: Nope, I'm burned out!

Simon: Hahahahahahahahahahahahaha!

Simon: Great stuff.

Simon: Bye!

Simon: No wait! Out of morbid curiosity, I searched controversial figure GG Allin on Youtube, to check out his first band (or at least one of them) called 'Malpractice'. The band's song 'Devil's Triangle' is actually pretty good!

Simon: No way... What's it about?

Simon: Getting lost at sea and dying...

Simon: Not getting lost at sea, getting naked and throwing poo at people?

Simon: Nope. Well I say the song's pretty good, the tune is. The lyrics are pretty dumb, though. Check these out: Listen people to what I say, you might be there tomorrow. Don't you take a chance on death, you'll be filled with sorrow. I should know cos I'm down there at the bottom of the ocean. Waiting at Devil's Triangle, you've got the potion.'

Simon: You've got the potion?

Simon: Yes. I get the sense the word was used not so much because it made sense, but because it rhymed. You could make the argument the lyrics are deep and

thoughtful but yeah, it's because they rhymed.

Simon: An innocent enough song, though.

Simon: Oh I know.

Simon: Now bye?

Simon: Byeeeee.