

Charity Shops

Simon: Hello Simon, I have exciting news!

Simon: What is it?

Simon: I bought a brand new DVD from a charity shop, still in its plastic covering for only £1!

Simon: An excellent deal!

Simon: Obviously. But there's one thing that's bugging me.

Simon: What?

Simon: DVDs used to cost 50p from the shop...

Simon: So?

Simon: So? Its price has doubled. What if it keeps doubling? Next I'll pay £2, then 4, then 8, and before you know it, DVDs will cost millions. Even the trillions won't be far away.

Simon: Wow. How long has it taken to double?

Simon: At least a year...

Simon: Ah. I wouldn't worry about it then.

Simon: Ok. I wonder how much the shop will be earning in say 50 years time. It will probably be one of the most lucrative businesses in the world.

Simon: It would be in possession of most of the world's wealth!

Simon: Right. I'm sure the shop owners didn't really consider the bigger picture when changing the price of that DVD. I suppose the decent thing to do is tell them what's going to happen so they can be prepared.

Simon: What adjustments do you think need to be made?

Simon: Such a booming establishment really does need first class security. I mean Fort Knox style security. It really would transform my whole town. The armed guards in particular would be quite threatening and may put off more nervous shoppers. That's a problem as most of them are elderly and frail. Could be funny though.

Simon: When are you going there next?

Simon: Maybe a few days to browse the CDs on offer.

Simon: What if they think you're crazy?

Simon: That's rich, coming from people selling cheap items for absolutely obscene amounts of money...

Simon: You should point that out.

Simon: Yeah, I'll be like 'Who the hell do you think you are? The next Bill Gates?'

Simon: Then you could get the police involved. They'll know what's going on.

Simon: Right. They prey on drunk and foolish people, too. There's a kebab shop and a place that sells alcohol nearby. Imagine the super rich having a massive drunken party then coming across a charity they think is a joke. One billionaire says to his friend 'Ha! DVDs costing millions are on sale! Let's buy one, it would be hilarious!' When they wake up the next morning they realise it's not a joke and there's nothing they can do.

Simon: Wow.

Simon: A lot of the money goes to a good cause, though. I don't know how much. Let's say 50/50. Rather worryingly for us, it's possible third world countries could be the new super powers, whilst most of the UK goes completely bankrupt. That's another thing I should point out to the shop owners.

Simon: What DVD did you get anyway?

Simon: A Rhod Gilbert standup performance. The person donating it really must have hated the guy if he or she didn't even give it a try. It's like someone going 'Hey, do you like the new Goregrind jazz/funk band 'Decapitate the Squirrels'? And the person being talked to gives a very clear 'No'.

Simon: To be fair, I'd give that band at least a small try...

Simon: But many wouldn't, that's what I'm saying.

Simon: Ok. Agreed. I understand you're going to the shops?

Simon: Yep. Bye!

Simon: Bye bye!

Simon: I'm back. I'm having a really rough day, I can tell you. Not only is my update on my Mac Book not downloading, causing me much anxiety and paranoia, I lost an earplug, too.

Simon: Wow. Sorry to hear that.

Simon: I just want to know what's going on! I think I'm going to take matters into my own hands and restart my misbehaving computer. Here goes... :S

Simon: Good luck!

Simon: The computer has managed to turn off and back on at least. I bet the update won't even do anything. I'm not giving up though!

Simon: Maybe some soothing music will help you through.

Simon: Actually I'm listening to Soundgarden. They're more depressing than soothing, but maybe you could call them a BIT soothing? When compared to Slipknot at least.

Simon: Great!

Simon: Anyway, I think it's funny that computers have to keep constantly improving to fight hackers. You never hear of cars being hacked and going crazy. That's something we can look forward to if or when driverless cars become the norm. One could only imagine the chaos if American's fix guns to their vehicles for whatever reason.

Simon: Eek.

Simon: Yes, eek. In my opinion computers shouldn't be in charge of anything. I don't trust them.

Simon: What about computers that can't do much damage? Like Gameboys?

Simon: You know what? I've never had any trouble with Gameboys. The rest of the computing world can learn a lot from them. No one has ever played on such a device and found someone has stolen all their money, so they have to end up homeless. Ah, my computer seems to be making progress. The period where it looked like it lost all of my saved files was particularly terrifying. Now my computer has turned off again, and is showing the loading screen. Make of that what you will.

Simon: The download ordeal should be over in 9 minutes?

Simon: Apparently. It's been at the 9 minute mark for well over five or so. If it crashes again, I'm going to have to... Er...

Simon: Cry?

Simon: Err... Dunno.

Simon: Never mind. So your computer has finally installed the mysterious program?

Simon: Yes! I now consider myself quite the computer expert!

Simon: But all you did was a couple of clicks...

Simon: Not true. I followed some instructions on Google.

Simon: How many?

Simon: About one, maybe...

Simon: Wow.

Simon: You don't know what it was like! Stop being a buzzkill.
I don't have to put up with you, I'm going.

Simon: Byeeeeeeeeee.