

Simon: Hello! Any observations?

Simon: Yes, what's Earth day? I saw it advertised on Google. Isn't every day Earth day? Has it ever been Jupiter on Earth, for example? If so, I didn't notice the world turning into a massive gas giant, or anything like that. Unless Earth day means mud day which is also strange. Why celebrate that?

Simon: Great, and have any strange phobias?

Simon: Brown stains on bananas aren't too bad, but I don't like red ones. I don't like the thought of eating bleeding bananas, it's creepy.

Simon: Can bananas bleed?

Simon: I know what I saw.

Simon: Have you ever eaten a 'bleeding banana'?

Simon: Sure have, lots of times.

Simon: Taste good?

Simon: Just tasted of bananas...

Simon: Google what the red stains on bananas are...

Simon: Red stains are a sign of fungal disease and blood disease bacterium? That's even worse than I thought!

Simon: Wow.

Simon: Safe to eat, though.

Simon: :) All fine. Are there any phrases you disagree with?

Simon: 'There's no such thing as a bad question'...

Simon: What's wrong with that?

Simon: Say you're in a university art class and you ask 'What's one plus one?' Isn't that a bad question?

Simon: It wouldn't be good in a higher level maths class, either.

Simon: Exactly. Not good to ask in music, PE, RE, you name it.

Simon: Any tips?

Simon: Yes, if you buy chocolate buttons it seems like you're getting more food than a same brand chocolate bar of the same weight!

Simon: Why do you think that is?

Simon: I don't know but someone should definitely do some research into that as the possibilities are endless!

Simon: I'm not sure how chocolate buttons have endless possibilities...

Simon: Sure there are, for weight loss. Forget getting surgery to make your stomach smaller so you're not as hungry, just cut your food up into buttons!

Simon: What if it only works for chocolate? Wouldn't a chocolate only diet be pretty bad for you?

Simon: Yes, very...

Simon: Then forget the idea and move on.

Simon: Come on, why would it only work for chocolate?

Simon: I have to be honest, I doubt it does work, I think it's all in your mind.

Simon: That's what the research is for. When I'm proven right, I unleash my new super company: Simon's Buttoned Food!

Simon: Ok. Any thoughts on Papa Roach?

Simon: They have a song that goes 'take my money, take my possessions' etc. I'm picturing the biggest charity shop event of all time, it would be amazing. Sadly however, the band might as well wear clothes with 'mug me' written on them, they really are asking for it. As far as I'm aware, that's their only song that has those kind of lyrics, so I'm guessing the band have become wiser over time. More stingy, but it really is the best for them. You don't want to be living on the streets, you really don't want to live on the streets with no possessions. Imagine being so poor other beggars feel sorry for you. Just for the sake of writing a song...

Simon: I've never thought of it like that...

Simon: The Who have a song that goes 'I hope I die before I get old.' When the musicians got into their 70s, someone should have been like 'You're about to get really old now. Don't worry though, as I have a gun on me right now!' Then the singer would be like 'I hope I die before I get old' one last time, thinking he's cool, but actually he's rather foolish.

Simon: Agreed. Have you done anything foolish recently?

Simon: I'm not sure. I broke the gym rowing machine and fell off it, and it's still broken as I'm typing. Whether that was my fault or not, I don't know. I certainly acted like it wasn't my fault, though.

Simon: Any thoughts on whale songs?

Simon: Yes, their songs are 230 dB! If that wasn't crazy enough, if you get too close to them, they can kill you! What kind of song is that? Is that about double the volume of rocket launches, which are 180 dB or is it even louder? Why does the scale have to be so weird? Why can't it be simple like  $100 \times 2$  is 200, not the freaky system we have now? At very least there should be one scale for scientists, and another scale for everyone else. Even the acronym is strange, why does it start with a small letter and end with a capital, it should be the other way around!

Simon: Maybe the person who came up with the system was good at science but bad at language?

Simon: Or bad at both...

Simon: Any stories about mental health services?

Simon: Yes, I phoned about getting my medication and I was given another number to contact. I phoned that number and no one answered with was arguably for the best, as after Googling it, the number I was given seemed to be about reporting loan sharks!! It was the strangest search of my life.

Simon: Why do you think you were given such a number?

Simon: I have absolutely no idea. I hope other people don't think I'm involved with crime...

Simon: Huh. Would you like to lighten the mood?

Simon: Yes, cheese is a funny word and so is fromage, so maybe it's not the words that are funny but the food itself??

Simon: Try another language...

Simon: The Italian for cheese is 'fromaggio'... I think that's funny too.

Simon: German?

Simon: Kase. Not quite as funny.

Simon: Well, Germans are serious people.

Simon: Right. Not even cheese is funny in Germany?? Lighten up!

Simon: Any thoughts on censored songs?

Simon: There's an Eminem song that goes 'I drank fifth of vodka, dare me to drive', and the censored version goes 'I drank a fifth of cool aid, dare me to drive.' The latter makes NO sense whatsoever. Wow, he really drank a fizzy drink then drove? What a big man you are.

Simon: It's bad for your teeth, though.

Simon: Ok. But where did this whole 'it's good to die young and stain your teeth' business come from?

Simon: I don't know...

Simon: It should be stopped.

Simon: Agreed again. Seen any interesting online articles?

Simon: Yes, one said that Peter Higgs is the father of the God particle. I'm assuming that wasn't meant literally. If it was? Well, THAT'S somebody to admire. Not someone who brags about drinking unhealthy but still relatively harmless drinks largely aimed at children.

Simon: Drinking vodka then driving is bad too...

Simon: Right. The fizzy drink anecdote is good for the children at least, though. In a way, I mean. It makes them sound cool.

Simon: What do you mean?

Simon: They would be like 'Eminem, the world's most famous rapper wants to be like us!'

Simon: I guess that would be cool. He should rap about learning times tables and eating school lunches...

Simon: Yes, best song ever!

Simon: And cool train stories?

Simon: Recently, the electronic sign in Waterloo station said I just missed the train back home from London, so I wondered upstairs in boredom. Then the sign said the previous train was delayed and would be leaving in a couple of minutes, so I ran down at full speed and caught the train just in time. A spectacular feeling. It wasn't all good though, as when walking home, I fell over the same place I did a couple of months ago! I learnt my lesson though, I made a conscious effort to fall on my arm and save my wrist and it paid off.

Simon: Does it get any cooler than that?

Simon: It does!

Simon: I don't believe you...

Simon: Check this out: I saw a Chino Moreno numberplate! (CWM). That's pretty amazing as I was only searching for one for a few months, not the fifteen or so years

I was expecting! Well, I say I searched for it, really it jumped out at me. The only problem is, who do I look for now??

Simon: Matt Talbott from Hum?

Simon: I can't find his middle initial...

Simon: Leave it, you're bordering on stalker, it's creepy. How about Nine Inch Nails? They're a good band, not only that, you don't have to freak out the musicians of the group by finding out their middle names, you can just search for 'NIN'.

Simon: Ohhh yeah. Ok, I'll search for that, then...

Simon: Seen any interesting adverts?

Simon: There is one that goes 'your heart is precious, help us protect it'. Thank you very much. I like to think it's only my heart that is precious and the advert is just about me. Not out of narcissism, I just think that's a funny idea.

Simon: Imagine the reactions you would get in hospitals...

Simon: Yes, the nurses would be in awe and say, 'woah, Simon's heart is near us. It's precious!' I'd love that, that would be amazing.

Simon: But not out of narcissism.

Simon: Bingo.

Simon: As you're such a humble person, would you like to make an apology?

Simon: Yes, I'd like to say sorry to Leif Edling for misnaming his album, it's actually 'Songs of TORMENT, Songs of Joy', not 'Songs of Grief, Songs of Joy'. On the plus side, whilst the word grief sounds NOTHING like torment, the meaning? Damn close. I also said band leader Leif should sack the singer, but turns out Leif sung on the album in question, so he'd have to sack himself.

Simon: And do you need to explain any of your old jokes?

Simon: Yes, I have a joke that goes 'What band wrote about inviting a winged insect for a meal? You bee, for tea.' It doesn't work as the band I was thinking of is UB40 which doesn't sound like the punchline. However, there is coincidentally a little known tribute band called UB4T... If only they were more popular, THEN I'd have a solid bee joke.

Simon: And any thoughts on the band, Snot?

Simon: Yes, they have an album called 'Get Some'. However, if you don't know that, and you harmlessly want to search 'get some sleep' on Youtube, and you stop typing about two thirds of the way through, you will see 'get some snot' come up in the search bar. You'd just be thinking 'what the hell is that??'

Simon: I've never heard someone say 'hey, let's get some snort!'

Simon: The internet is a strange place.

Simon: And any thoughts on strange military tactics?

Simon: On TV, I saw a tactic where special forces occasionally but consistently throw objects at fences that detect movement, to make security guards think rats are disturbing the fences or whatever. Then the special forces cut the fence open and enter. A very clever idea, but now it's been shared on public TV, the idea can't be used again.

Simon: Is that an SAS tactic?

Simon: I dunno. Maybe...

Simon: The Silly Air Service...

Simon: Powned.

Simon: And any questions about Papa John's?

Simon: Yes, why do the company check their pizzas for so long? I've looked at the site that shows you how ready your pizza is after you order it, and the business apparently check everything is ok for around 5 minutes! I do trust you, you know?

Simon: Great guys...

Simon: Yes, tasty too.

Simon: And to wrap things up, what's your favourite inspirational quote?

Simon: Healthy body healthy mind. However, I just want to make one alteration: Healthy body healthIER mind, the gym cant cure everything so you know... I'm just saying, don't get your hopes up.

Simon: Reasonably inspiring!

Simon: Yes!

Simon: Bye!