

Simon: Hello, Simon!

Simon: Hello.

Simon: To start things off, I have some questions for you.

Simon: Go ahead...

Simon: Outside of music and writing, what are your interests?

Simon: Making psychiatrists feel ill.

Simon: Why does that happen?

Simon: I don't know. It just happens naturally.

Simon: And what's the most common thing that gets said to you?

Simon: 'I'm better than you' is fairly common.

Simon: And the second most common thing?

Simon: 'You're not better than me.' Not quite as bad.

Simon: Great. And if you could change anything in the world, what would it be?

Simon: I'd really like to have green blood.

Simon: Green blood?

Simon: Yes.

Simon: Why??

Simon: A cool colour. It would make me feel special.

Simon: And you need to feel special because you make psychiatrists ill?

Simon: You know what? That was pretty deep.

Simon: You must want something less trivial than green blood? How about world peace?

Simon: That's good as well.

Simon: Say you want world peace more than you want green blood. I'm serious, think very carefully before typing. Think of people's reactions towards you.

Simon: I'd rather have world peace than green blood.

Simon: And do you mean that?

Simon: You know what? Now that you've mentioned it and I've had time to think. Yes, I'd rather have world peace.

Simon: But green blood comes second to that?

Simon: Right.

Simon: What about an end to world hunger?

Simon: Now that I've had time to think...

Simon: Ok, I get the point. Have you misread a label on a chocolate bar in a humorous way recently?

Simon: I read 'smooth caramel' as 'smooth criminal'.

Simon: And what would a smooth criminal chocolate bar be?

Simon: Having Googled the word 'smooth' it means 'very polite, confident, and able to persuade people, but in a way that is not sincere.' That's pretty much what I thought the word meant, but I wasn't sure, which is why I Googled it. As I read the start of the sentence, I was thinking 'very polite?' How can you have a polite criminal?' Then I read the rest of the sentence and it made sense.

Simon: And what would a smooth criminal chocolate bar be?

Simon: I don't know.

Simon: Ok. And any other misunderstandings?

Simon: I read comedy film 'We Bought A Zoo' was about buying a decapitated zoo. That's not funny, that's horrifying. Then I read it again and realised it said 'dilapidated zoo.' However that wasn't ALL my fault as the word 'dilapidated' was misspelt as 'dilapitated' and again, it looked rather like 'decapitated'.

Simon: What do you think of A.I. getting more and more popular?

Simon: I don't like it at all. I hate the thought of computers being better than me in every way imaginable. If AI was just better than maths at me, I wouldn't care. But yeah, the fact the technology will end up doing EVERYTHING better than me really sucks. At least if you met a person who was better than you in every way, you could just say 'what a dick', but you can't say that to a computer as it wouldn't even care! Or even worse, imagine if it DID care and got revenge on you!

Simon: I bet if you were around in the industrial revolution, you'd be the first one to say you hate trains...

Simon: Yes, very likely. BUT trains can't take over the world! And trains certainly

aren't better than me at blogging OR maths, etc.

Simon: You know what, you're right. Trains can't take over the world.

Simon: Imagine if they could though. At very least it would be a very interesting film...

Simon: What would happen in it?

Simon: Trains running over people, ignoring traffic lights, that kind of stuff.

Simon: In your review of band Chastaine, you mentioned how the tracklisting of the album makes a cool poem. Do you stand by that?

Simon: Yes, but not the album I own as it's newer than the one I researched and has two bonus tracks at the end of the CD. If you listed the tracks of THAT in order, you get the following: 'The voice of the cult, live hard. Chains of love, share yourself with me. Fortune teller, child of evermore, soldiers of the flame, evil for evil, take me home. Chains of love, (alternate version), evil for evil (alternate version).'

Simon: Damn: But if you remove the words 'alternate version' from the last two tracks, it still works. Chains of love, evil for evil is like a chorus!

Simon: Agreed.

Simon: You mentioned that you like to feel special. Would you like to elaborate on that?

Simon: Yes, last year I complained about the hot weather. This year there's been a heatwave in Europe and America, but not so much England. What does that tell you?

Simon: I don't know, what?

Simon: The weather likes me.

Simon: Errrrr....

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Simon: You serious?

Simon: Deadly.

Simon: Do you keep in touch?

Simon: I say 'hello' to clouds every now and then...

Simon: Please tell me you're joking.

Simon: Ok, that was a lie. But whilst I don't really like the weather as a friend, I do

like the weather in that I sometimes enjoy it which is very similar. Like and like, same word isn't it? It just has two different meanings.

Simon: Are you having a good Summer?

Simon: As I keep saying, I often have a fairly bad mood in this time of year. Really my idea of a good Summer is not much emotional pain.

Simon: So are you having a good Summer?

Simon: Not bad, yeah!

Simon: Awesome. Are there any TV programs that you used to watch that you now consider dated?

Simon: To call Last of the Summer Wine 'twee' would be a bit of an understatement. Half the time, it's just a small group of OAPs sitting by a tree and talking to each other. It wouldn't be such a huge step if they climbed them. Even so, me and my family used to enjoy it.

Simon: Great! Anything else on your mind?

Simon: No, bye!

Simon: Byeeeee.