

Simon: Hello Simon, it's been a while... now that these interviews have been replaced with monologues and all...

Simon: Yes, don't worry I won't talk of anything that can be better said in a whole monologue article.

Simon: So you're saying this interview will be deliberately boring?

Simon: Well, judge for yourself. There are two things I want to talk about for now at least, the first involves numbers the second involves me misspelling a word.

Simon: Sounds dull to me...

Simon: Great. So, very recently on YouTube I saw a train in America with five digits on it and those five digits were the area code of a town just three miles away from me!

Simon: I've changed my mind, that IS monologue worthy.

Simon: The odds of that happening are one in a hundred thousand...

Simon: Unless the train came from the nearby town and ended up in America...

Simon: And how would that happen?

Simon: That's not just monologue worthy, that's the story of an epic mystery novel.

Simon: I guess the train could have been transported in one of those massive planes or by a large boat, but again... I mean... why?

Simon: ...

Simon: Maybe... maybe to bring a bit of English culture to the USA?

Simon: Would you like to elaborate on that?

Simon: I think England has nice trains...

Simon: What's nice about them?

Simon: What's nice about them? Everything.

Simon: Mystery over, I guess?

Simon: Yeah, that's a rubbish idea for a book.

Simon: Ok, and what's the misspelling story?

Simon: I was listening to the radio in bed and heard a song I liked called 'Would I Lie to You?' by Charles and Eddy. I liked the song so much I got out of bed and made a

note of it. The next day I would find I wrote 'Voud I Lie to You?'

Simon: You replaced the W with a V?

Simon: It's the German in me I guess. I can't help myself.

Simon: As V is quicker to write than W, it was efficient of you as well.

Simon: Again, it's just my genes.

Simon: Have you done anything else that was efficient, recently?

Simon: Yes, you know Pope Francis?

Simon: I do...

Simon: Well, I efficiently shorted his name to Pop Francis, and all of a sudden I have the punchline of a joke!

Simon: And what is the full joke?

Simon: What religious leader likes to dance to disco music? Pop Francis.

Simon: The joke also works for a religious leader who hates party balloons...

Simon: A religious leader who dances to pop music AND hates party balloons sounds like a right character! Expect to hear from him in the not so distant future.

Simon: Blog 500?

Simon: Maybe, maybe. Maybe he'd fit in my OSD stories, too. There are more jokes: What do you call a religious leader on drugs?

Simon: What?

Simon: Dope Francis.

Simon: It would be less offensive if you change dope to 'hope'.

Simon: Yeah well. Anyway, you should watch the Would I Lie to You video, the singer has a cheesy smile on his face the whole time, it's very funny.

Simon: Ohhh yeah...

Simon: It's very common in pop songs to say 'yeah!' for no real reason, but it doesn't work there as the singer goes 'would I lie to you?' suggesting he won't fib, but then he goes 'yeah!' immediately afterwards, suggesting he will.

Simon: It's even more confusing than that Bohemian Rhapsody song...

Simon: Yeah, I don't even know what the title means, but Scaramouch doing the fandango? I just think it's annoying how that lyric is considered genius, but if I said I invented it people would think I was mental.

Simon: Yes, for once I agree with you. If you wrote a song that went 'Mephistopheles, would you like to tango?' and you called the song 'Avant Garde Symphony Opus 4' people would just think you being pretentious.

Simon: Yeah. Mephistopheles is a funny name, though. It's hard to believe he's a demon, he sounds too silly.

Simon: Yeah, imagine you were mugged and someone shouted 'don't mess with me, I'm Mephistopheles' you'd be more amused than scared.

Simon: Yeah. Could be a good dancer, though. Not overly serious, lives in the moment and fun to be around.

Simon: Very immature, though.

Simon: No, it was his parents that called him that. Unless it's his surname. A surname first given to someone for being overly silly...

Simon: I think you're speculating too much in this interview. Also, I've just remembered you've talked about the demon before AND you said he sounds like fun.

Simon: Oh. I guess he's on my mind a lot. Ah, I've thought of something else to talk about that's probably not monologue worthy!

Simon: What?

Simon: As the new year is approaching, that means there will probably be lots more people going to gym as part of their new year resolutions!

Simon: Oh no, other people hogging the already overused equipment?

Simon: I have to get rid of them...

Simon: Yeah. If the gym find out you said that, they'd get rid of you.

Simon: Whoops.

Simon: Are you still sad about Christmas being over?

Simon: Yeah.

Simon: There really is nothing you're looking forward to?

Simon: 2025 is a rounder number than 2024...

Simon: Ah, numbers again?

Simon: 2024 was a whole year of numerical frustration.

Simon: 2025 will be a whole year of 'numerical satisfaction'?

Simon: Probably not.

Simon: Wow. I'm so sorry.

Simon: It will be nice for a while, though.

Simon: And that's what you have to focus on. Speaking of numbers, you recently talked about dying on the palindrome year of 2112. If you did live to 123, what would you put on your gravestone?

Simon: Respect your elders.

Simon: Is there anything else you have to say?

Simon: Not really... I was going to get the Dominant Egg and his fiancé to appear in this interview, but they have their own lives to get on with, I don't want to interfere.

Simon: Exactly. Bye then?

Simon: Byeeeee.