

Simon 1: Hello, did you hear a new James Bond actor has been confirmed?

Simon 2: No, but I've just Googled the person. I did indeed see the title 'Confirmed: The Next James Bond Actor Has Officially Been Revealed' and the picture that goes with the heading shows an elderly woman...

Simon 1: No, the next James Bond isn't an elderly woman.

Simon 2: Oh thank God. A young woman?

Simon 1: No, again.

Simon 2: Who?

Simon 1: Actually, I don't know either. I guess it's been confirmed obviously, but is a secret for the general public. I'm pretty certain it's not going to be an old lady, though.

Simon 2: Ok.

Simon 1: Who do you want the new James Bond to be?

Simon 2: Jennifer Lawrence.

Simon 1: Why?

Simon 2: Just for a change...

Simon 1: But you said 'oh thank God' when you heard the next James Bond wouldn't be a woman...

Simon 2: No, I said that about an elderly woman...

Simon 1: I see. And why Jennifer Lawrence?

Simon 2: Not sure. I actually knew someone called Jennifer Lawrence, she went to my infant school.

Simon 1: Is she a trained actor?

Simon 2: She might be...

Simon 1: And if so, do you think she could be an effective male spy?

Simon 2: Maybe.

Simon 1: Ok. What are your thoughts on James Bond in general?

Simon 2: Don't you think it's funny how he kills people with absolutely no emotion? No one seems to comment on how detached he is, even though his behaviour is

larger than life... Very strange.

Simon 1: What's your point?

Simon 2: James no bond.

Simon 1: Did you spend a long time thinking of that?

Simon 2: What do you mean?

Simon 1: The pun.

Simon 2: What pun?

Simon 1: Oh.

Simon 2: I was thinking of creating a character called James No Bond. The person keeps buying pets, but they all die because the agent has no bond with them, and doesn't feed them. When they die, the person just moves on...

Simon 1: That's absolutely terrible, who in their right mind would ever watch him??

Simon 2: It's a new twist on the film franchise. The whole point of hiring new actors is to mix things up a little!

Simon 1: So your character James No Bond, who I presume is an elderly woman, keeps buying pets and lets them die as she fights crime?

Simon 2: Yes! Exactly!

Simon 1: It's an idea for a comedy film I suppose, but you're not suggesting people should take the idea seriously?

Simon 2: She's a deep character.

Simon 1: No, she's a nonsensical character...

Simon 2: Wrong.

(A phone rings)

Simon 1: Hello?

Caller: It's James No Bond here.

Simon 1: No way. I notice you have the voice of an elderly woman...

Caller: Yes, and I don't care about animals. I fight crime, though.

Simon 2: Thank you for your service. I knew I heard about you from somewhere.

Part of me thought I made you up!

Caller: I'm right here. And I'm fighting crime right now.

Simon 2: How?

Caller: I have a license to kill.

Simon 1: You have to be joking. You're really the kind of person the government is hiring? Who have you been killing exactly? People who keep sneezing too much? People who cause minor annoyances?

Caller: That kind of thing, yeah.

Simon 2: I think that's a valid topic for a film...

Caller: Thank you.

Simon 1: I'm sorry, you have to go. Awful person.

Caller: I'll kill you, too.

Simon 1: Would you like to change the subject, Simon?

Simon 2: Why is the Summer solstice in the middle of Spring??? It's the Spring solstice!

Simon 1: I have to correct you, there.

Simon 2: Why?

Simon 1: It's actually at the very beginning of Summer...

Simon 2: Are you sure?

Simon 1: That's what the internet says. When did you think Summer started?

Simon 2: Early July?

Simon 1: You honestly thought the Summer solstice was in Spring?

Simon 2: I did, yeah.

Simon 1: Why?

Simon 2: It's like Winter wonderland, isn't it? That's in Autumn...

Simon 1: The beginning of Winter...

Simon 2: Is it?

Simon 1: Yep.

Simon 2: No, no, Google says 'Hyde Park Winter Wonderland in London starts in mid November'!

Simon 1: So you thought the Summer solstice was in Spring?

Simon 2: Yes!

Simon 1: Idiot.

Simon 2: On the plus side, I do know how many days are in each month of the year...

Simon 1: Yes I know, you boasted about that in your home page...

Simon 2: You just have to remember the rhyme, that's all.

Simon 1: Just as you have to remember the Summer solstice is in Summer...

Simon 2: That, again.

Simon 1: Talk about something else, then.

Simon 2: Alright, I will.

Simon 1: Go on...

Simon 2: People often complain of prime ministers not having charisma, but they're leading the country, not fronting a rock band...

Simon 1: As in 'I'm Keir Starmer, now let's get pumped and go crazy!!!'

Simon 2: Yeah, who wants that?

Simon 1: There's definitely a sketch, there...

Simon 2: Agreed. In that case, I'll stop talking about him so I have more to write about in my skit!

Simon 1: You can talk about confusing Spring with Summer again...

Simon 2: I can do better than that, I can talk about acing the seasons...

Simon 1: Ok, go on then.

Simon 2: I always knew my birthday was in Summer. That sounds obvious, but it was a few days before the Summer holidays in school...

Simon 1: THAT'S smart.

Simon 2: I know you can eat Spring rolls in any time of the year...

Simon 1: You can, but it will get you sent to jail...

Simon 2: Really??

Simon 1: Sure. It's class A food-date violation. It's very serious.

Simon 2: Really??

Simon 1: No, only joking.

Simon 2: I was going to say, my local Chinese restaurant is in very serious trouble. Nice noodles, though.

Simon 1: Not all bad...

Simon 2: Yes, they advertise their rice as 'special' but no, I prefer the noodles. Why aren't they special? They should be.

Simon 1: Simon Wiedemann, knows his seasons, knows his foods...

Simon 2: Yes!

Simon 1: And on that high?

Simon 2: Yes, bye!