

Simon: Hello! Any stories about strange experiments?

Simon: Yes. When I was a child, I wanted to make the worst smell ever by leaving rotting foods in the garden, but my brother teamed up with my dad and destroyed my work, I presume out of paranoia. The former was known to spray lots of fart gas in my room.

Simon: I guess it's the loss of future pranksters. Why did your dad get involved?

Simon: Maybe because he played a part in the fart gas plots.

Simon: How so?

Simon: Cover ups and that kind of stuff, lies too. I suspect he gave my brother advice as to when the best time to strike was. But I have no evidence for that.

Simon: Do you have any neat facts for me?

Simon: Apparently it's possible to send a rocket from very far across the globe to England in just 3 minutes. Obviously I don't want that to happen, but can I have a look at one of your unarmed rockets going that fast, please? It genuinely sounds really cool. And imagine if you put a tourist on the missile instead of an explosive. The journey would be even better than the destination!

Simon: I'd like to ride a rocket going that fast...

Simon: I know, right?

Simon: Do you know that missiles aren't known for landing very safely?

Simon: That's what research is for.

Simon: Ok. So you're saying normal missiles are bad?

Simon: Yes!

Simon: To be clear, you just wish people could ride safe rockets, you don't want them to explode when the journey is finished?

Simon: Of course!

Simon: Then I think that's fine.

Simon: I'm not all about speed, though. Sometimes I just like jogging!

Simon: Are you getting beefed up at the gym?

Simon: Not really. I like to think I'm just building up my stamina. At least I hope I am.

Simon: And maybe you'd like to share an anecdote that combines the gym with

caffeine?

Simon: It's funny you should say that.

Simon: Go on...

Simon: I got a scare when I Googled Grenade protein shakes to see if they had caffeine in. (The ingredients list on the drink wasn't enough for me). Apparently it has 'natural caffeine' in. Oh no. Turns out I'm fine after drinking it though, thank flip. Intuitively I was convinced the drink tasted wrong somehow, but I clearly made that up.

Simon: Are the protein shakes working for you?

Simon: I don't know. I've been drinking them for a few days, and haven't noticed any difference.

Simon: What are you hoping to achieve?

Simon: I dunno. Excellent speeds, I guess.

Simon: Outrun a malfunctioning tourist rocket?

Simon: Again, that's what the research is for. They wouldn't malfunction.

Simon: You like to think of yourself as a pioneer?

Simon: Yes.

Simon: Have you lost any spoons recently?

Simon: Yep, maybe four or five. My dad's been asking where they're going. I think I've been throwing them away by accident with the rest of my rubbish. Or maybe subconsciously I've been doing on purpose to be annoying.

Simon: What's the weirdest thing you've seen recently?

Simon: There have been a few things. I saw a cyclist wearing sunglasses, and for a brief moment I thought that was because he was blind.

Simon: Did he have a guide dog?

Simon: Nope.

Simon: And he didn't keep crashing into things?

Simon: Nope.

Simon: And you still thought he was blind?

Simon: Afraid so, yes. I'll tell you what really confused me... This headline: 'Victorian boy, 13, has mental capacity to be tried for murder, court hears....' What??? Since when has this country gone back to the Victorian era?? I know the queen has just died and the monarchy is going through changes, but still, things shouldn't change like THAT. After some research, I found out that Victoria was a state in Australia.

Simon: Have you been confused by words, lately?

Simon: When I was young, I always thought being a punk was a good thing, as I loved the music. So when I hear the word negatively, I get confused and think it's a compliment. Which is lucky for me.

Simon: And have you done anything really dumb?

Simon: I got locked in my own new car at night, with no one around to help me. Then I realised you can open and lock the doors by pulling up a thing on the door...

Simon: A thing on the door?

Simon: Yes, a thing.

Simon: I can see how someone like you could get locked in your own car.

Simon: Yeah, well I figured it out eventually.

Simon: And of course, the car is relatively new, so you have an excuse.

Simon: Exactly. I saw a Youtube video heading saying 'Tell me about yourself - best answer.' Here's a good answer 'no'. Imagine saying that in a job interview.

Simon: I can see you saying that in a job interview.

Simon: Yeah, well.

Simon: What do you hate people saying to you?

Simon: I don't like it when people imply they're glad they're not me. But the frequency it happens really gets to me.

Simon: Do you feel like you're an evolved person?

Simon: Yes! Apparently not having a certain tendons in your arms means you're evolved because you don't need them anymore, and guess what?

Simon: What?

Simon: I DO have them, but only after going to the gym.

Simon: You've grown new tendons?

Simon: Apparently, yes.

Simon: And do you have any unique skills?

Simon: I can shove my fingers down my throat without gagging. I don't like doing it though.

Simon: I can see how that could be useful for you.

Simon: Go on...

Simon: No, only joking.

Simon: How about if I want to impress someone in the most random way possible?

Simon: There you go, then. You recently said how one of the Metal-Rules editors keeps 'correcting' your name for you and spelling it wrong. Is there a possibility YOU spelt your name wrong?

Simon: As I've seen myself write my surname as 'Wiedeman' twice... yes.

Simon: You're a brave man admitting that, you know?

Simon: Thank you.

Simon: What do you think of that song that goes 'I'm every woman'?

Simon: I don't believe it. I mean the person may THINK she's every woman, but in reality? Not possible.

Simon: On this rare occasion, I agree.

Simon: Woah.

Simon: Yes. Now let's end on a high.

Simon: It only gets better, I know how to spell AND pronounce Joachim!

Simon: Go on then...

Simon: First, I just have, and second 'wackeem'.

Simon: Google says it's pronounced 'yow-a-keem'.

Simon: Really?

Simon: Yes.

Simon: Well, sometimes you can pronounce the same word in different ways. I swear I've heard it be pronounced 'wa-keem'.

Simon: Well, even if you're wrong, you do know how to spell it.

Simon: Yeah!

Simon: Bye.