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Simon: That was very straight to the point. Don't you want to give a better intro?

Simon: How?

Simon: Say 'hello' a few more times?

Simon: Hello, hello!

Simon: That'll do. But seriously, your intros always suck.

Simon: Good. I understand that you have a problem where you confuse lots of people. Would you like to set anything straight?

Simon: Yes, in my book 'The Danger of Proverbs' I parodied the Australian soap Neighbours, by making some of the characters in my own fictional soap program 'Carnage' fall down holes. I'm not sure if I ever gave an explanation as to why people kept getting injured that way, so I may have come across as random. Believe it or not, I saw someone fall down a hole at least three times in Neighbours over maybe 6 months to a year. Just at the end of the programs, I guess to create tension.

Simon: No way...

Simon: Exactly. I mean some cliches work, for example the main character dying in a film can be really emotional and powerful. But falling down a hole in different ways? Come on. Even if the holes got bigger and bigger over time which is what happened, it's still very lazy writing. It's like the program is being stupid for the sake of it. In comparison, you know the once respected band Hammerfall? Well picture the band changing their name to Ham Fool and writing about pigs doing dumb things like jumping off cliffs into the sea. What's the difference really? I'll tell you: One's TV, the other's music.

Simon: Ham Fool?

Simon: That's right.

Simon: Ok. Did you know that the film 'Snakes on a Plane' had a deliberately stupid title?

Simon: I did know that. Similar thing...

Simon: Have you seen any of the patients or staff you knew from the old mental home you went to, lately?

Simon: Yes, believe it or not, I've seen maybe 15 just in my small town and the local gym I go to. I was thinking 'Why are all the crazy people migrating to here?' I mean the place I went to was about 50 miles away, so it's very strange...

Simon: You know how like attracts like?

Simon: You're suggesting I'm a crazy person magnet?

Simon: Maybe...

Simon: And how would that work?

Simon: I'm not sure...

Simon: No, that would be really weird.

Simon: Did you ever get in trouble at the home?

Simon: I did a few times. Once I thought it would be funny to put one of my shoes on a patient's bed to freak her out when she woke up, but she woke up immediately and obviously I got caught. Then I got a lecture.

Simon: Great! On the subject of crazy people, but turning up the mental levels somewhat dramatically, do you have any thoughts on Charles Manson?

Simon: Yes, in one of his interviews he said that he can do whatever he likes to people, as that's what everyone has done to him. I'd love to point out the fact that actually I never did anything to him good or bad, but now he's dead so I can't.

Simon: Defeated by logic.

Simon: On a similar note, Guns'n'Roses once covered a Charles Manson song, and were accused of trying too hard to be controversial. I was thinking would it be good if they genuinely loved him?

Simon: Hm. Deep. Heard any other less offensive songs?

Simon: Yes, I've been listening to a song that goes 'I'm drowning in your tears.' Obviously that can't be true. Unless the singer is an ultra intelligent ant that can speak English? THAT'S a song I'd like to listen to. Usually I ignore lyrics, but not them... It may sound a bit weird for someone of my age and background, but I've recently been listening to a radio station that mostly plays house and techno music, and there was this track that goes 'You're mine, you're mine, you're mine' over and over again, with a really hypnotic voice. Actually, they were the only lyrics. I tried to find the song on Youtube, but I didn't get anywhere. I presume the song is called 'You're mine' but annoyingly, that's a very popular song title. I may never hear it again. :(

Simon: Damn. Maybe you'd like to lighten the atmosphere?

Simon: I guess it won't be too many years until I start going grey. When I was young, adverts would say 'get grey hair and you're a prick' or whatever, nowadays young people are dying their hair grey which I think is cool.

Simon: :) And maybe you'd like to give a harmless computer keyboard anecdote?

Simon: Yes, if you called Fred 'Anticlockwise Fred', he'd probably be really confused, but look at your keyboard. The letters F R E D are all next to each other in an anticlockwise fashion. So it makes sense.

Simon: Anticlockwise Fred?

Simon: Yes, poor Fred would be confused for a very long time, but when it clicks, he should see the funny side.

Simon: If you say so. Did you know Iron Maiden's Bruce Dickinson is a trained pilot who once tried to start his own flying company?

Simon: Yes. I'm not surprised it 'never took off' as who would trust a rockstar with their life? Especially with lyrics such as 'Is it right to believe in the need to be free, it's a time when you die and without asking why, can't you see what they do they are grinding us down...' etc. Such words are clearly inappropriately fearless.

Simon: We all know you were a very poor student in secondary school, but how about primary school?

Simon: I was mostly very good, but there were times I was confused. For a long time I thought Romans and Romanies were the same thing, which is a difficult thought to have. The Romans weren't really gypsies were they? How can such a powerful empire consist of people who just go about wandering the whole time?

Simon: How are your problems with OCD now?

Simon: I think I'm slowly getting better the more I 'face my fears'. But should I even face them? By that I mean, you hear stories such as the president's special protected car being pumped with the wrong fuel so it got stuck in the middle of nowhere. (I'm not sure if that was true or a made up story, as some of the tales on the same Youtube channel seem a little suspect). If that was true though, clearly the people responsible weren't OCD enough. Sure, president drivers not being able to leave the house due to fear of germs etc., would be very bad too, but I'd say the former was just that little bit worse. At least more expensive. Ner ner.

Simon: Had any job interviews, lately? If so, how did they go?

Simon: Not for a few years, now. I once said to a potential employer that I liked writing blogs the most because it's just my life and it's the easiest thing to do. (Well, they're relatively easy, I was trying to sound impressive. Interviews are even easier, but they weren't a big thing back then so I didn't mention them). Of course that didn't give the best impression. It's like a policeman saying 'my favourite thing to do is sit by a road for hours and wait for people who are speeding. Dealing with people carrying guns sounds scary.' Or it's like a fireman saying he only really wants to save cats with his ladder as he's terrified of flames. I don't mean to moan, but the short stories really do drain me. It's not so much the writing, but the relentless checking that everything makes sense can drive me slightly mad and question my reasoning

abilities. Why don't I blog more often then? Because nothing happens!!

Simon: Great stuff! Very random. Maybe you'd like to be irrelevant one last time?

Simon: Sure. I was watching videos of Super Mario Galaxy on Youtube, because it's supposed to be really good. However, Mario keeps saying 'weee' and 'wahooo' every time he jumps, even as the world around him gets completely destroyed. That's not normal, he's clearly mentally ill. A dark undertone for a children's game, I think.

Simon: You've just ruined children's games for everyone, but an interesting point. I guess bye?

Simon: Yip. Byeeeeeee.