



Hector Hacksaw

A  
Story about Hector Hacksaw  
and Peter Pipe

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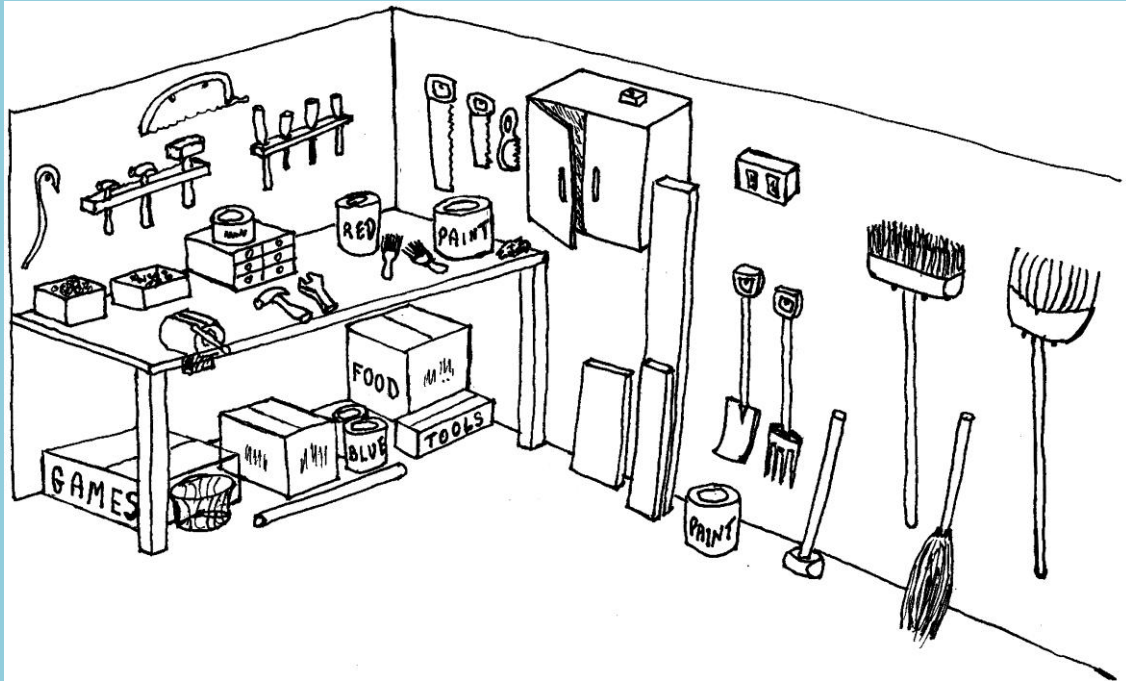
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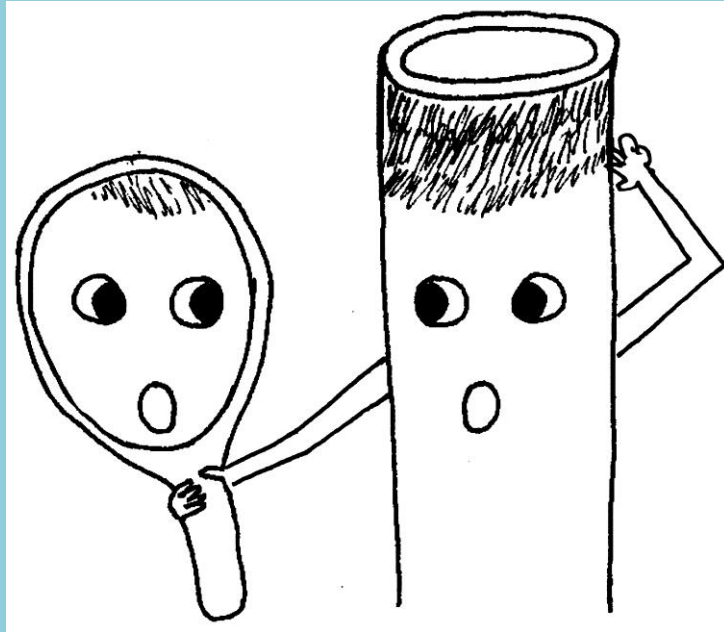
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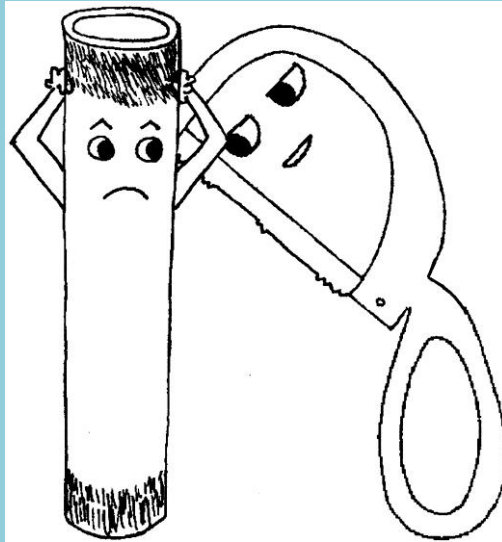
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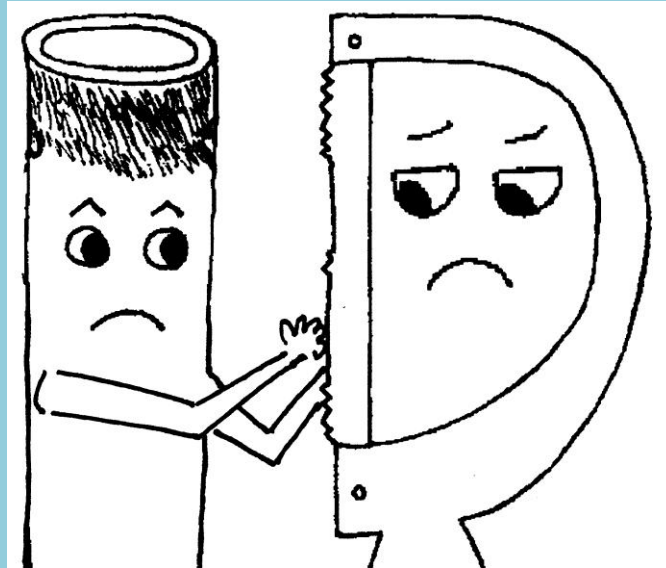
Peter Pipe was lying on the garage floor at the front of the workbench. Every time someone came to the workbench he was trodden on. 'I'm getting pretty tired of this', said Peter, 'I can't sit here forever and ever, just to be stepped on'. Hector Hacksaw was hanging on the wall next to the cupboard, and looked down at Peter Pipe. 'Ha! Ha! Ha!' laughed Hector, 'you look terrible from up here'. Peter Pipe wanted to see what condition he was in, but first he needed to find a mirror to view his appearance.



Peter Pipe searched in the boxes on the floor until he found a mirror. He took one look in the mirror, and was surprised to see his condition. He exclaimed, 'Oh dear me! I look awful. I am covered in rust all over'. 'I told you so', remarked Hector Hacksaw from the wall, 'you really do look terrible. 'What am I going to do?' asked Peter, 'I didn't realise I was in such a state'. 'From what I can see from up here, your two ends are in a worse state than the rest of your body', said Hector. Peter Pipe looked in the mirror again, and replied, 'Yes, I see what you mean. They are pretty bad'.



Hector Hacksaw climbed down from the wall, and said to Peter Pipe, 'I might be able to help you, I have an idea'. Peter Pipe then asked, 'What can you do for me? What can you do?' Hector Hacksaw checked out Peter Pipe from one end to the other, and said, 'It doesn't look good Peter, what I have in mind will change your appearance'. 'What do you mean?' asked Peter, looking a little confused. 'I will need to cut the rusty bits off each end of you', said Hector, 'and that will make you look much better'. 'That sounds good', said Peter, 'but, why will that change my looks?' 'It will make you a little bit shorter than you are', answered Hector. 'Hmmm!' said Peter, while thinking about it. 'Ok', Peter added, 'I don't mind. I want to look better, it is important that I look good'.



Peter Pipe and Hector Hacksaw agreed that both ends should be cut off of Peter, to make him look better. Hector Hacksaw then remembered that he had not been used for some time, and said to Peter Pipe. 'I have a problem'. 'What's that?' asked Peter. 'As I haven't been used for a while, my cutting blade is not sharp, and needs to be replaced', answered Hector. They both looked at the blade on Hector Hacksaw, and noticed some of the cutting teeth had been worn down. They were now smooth. 'I won't be able to cut you with a blade like this, it won't work', said Hector. 'What are we going to do?' asked Peter. 'I will have to find a replacement blade', answered Hector.