

Airhead!

The diary of an
air conditioning apprentice...



MONDAY

Max needs another car after 'sacrificing' his nice new *Audi* last week, so he called his mate Carlos who works on a stand - 'Second-hand Carlos', we call him. He's bringing over a little *Fiat* tomorrow that Max is interested in...

TUESDAY

Max insisted on test-driving the *Fiat* on his own for a couple of hours. Carlos agreed but asked for a €200 security deposit. So Max gave him cash and drove off.

As it happened, Carlos owed €200 to the local mechanic. Confident that Max would

be happy with the *Fiat*, he decided to stroll down the road with the cash and pay his debt. But the mechanic also owed €200 to one of his suppliers, who happened to come into the garage shortly after, so the mechanic simply passed over the cash to him. By chance, the supplier also had a debt of his own, again for €200, to the local barber. So he popped down the road and paid the cash to him.

Shortly after, Carlos went to the barber shop. He'd rented-out a car to the barber a couple of weeks earlier, and was still owed €200. So half

an hour later, Carlos left the barber's with a smart new haircut and €200 cash in his pocket. He then returned to our office to meet Max, after his test-drive.

Unfortunately, Max didn't like the *Fiat* at all and so he handed back the keys. Carlos said that was no problem, gave Max back his €200 security deposit and drove away with a smile...

But Carlos had an extra reason to smile. He hadn't made any money, yet all those debts had been paid... How did he manage that? Never trust Second-Hand Carlos!

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