

Airhead!

The diary of an air conditioning apprentice...



MONDAY

Max has renewed my contract with *Al-Cool*. Well, he's given me another 3 months' trial, on minimum wage (the cheapskate), but at least it's a new chance. "You've got 3 months to prove you're not bloody useless", he said gruffly. Charming, what a moron - he's too thick to appreciate my business skills. But I'll show him. After all, even Richard Branson got bad school reports, so they say...

TUESDAY

Wow! Max came in today with a shiny new box of tools - just for me! "No excuses from now on" he said. "A good technician looks after his own tools, so these are yours... Oh, except that screwdriver with the built-in pen torch, I'll keep

that, very handy..." Typical - that's a really neat screwdriver, just like Tom Cruise would use in *Mission Impossible*...

WEDNESDAY

Got a call from a client wanting his air-con serviced. "Right" said Max, "Book it for tomorrow. And this job's for you, nice and simple - we'll see if you've learned anything yet." Blimey, the pressure's on.... Still, it's hardly rocket science, is it?

THURSDAY

Did the air-con job today. Max made me go up the ladder and service the fan unit on my own. He didn't even supervise - just smoked a cigarette and read the paper. The light was bad, I couldn't see what I was doing, so I just fiddled around. But I

pretended really well, and even borrowed Max's new torch-screwdriver to see inside the machine. Not that he was paying any attention...

FRIDAY

Morning: Max spent ages looking for his precious new screwdriver. How would I know? Anyway I thought he said a good technician looks after his own tools? Ha!

Afternoon: Yesterday's client called to say that as soon as the air-con was switched on there was a horrible crunching noise from inside the fan unit, then it seized up completely.

Now I remember where I left that screwdriver.

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