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Airhead!

The diary of an incompetent air-con apprentice...

(Continued from last week...)

MONDAY

Max is at home convalescing after falling off Mr. Smith's roof last Friday, so today I completed the solar system job myself. It's total crap compared to the smart-looking installation by Penguin on the neighbouring house... But Smith wanted an 'economy-budget' solution and Max was happy to sell him cheap junk from our Far East supplier, Wang. The 'So-Happy So-Lar Kit' (sic) comprises two nasty-looking panels and a fat red water tank perched on a flimsy frame, with a manual in Chinese. But I'm pretty sure I connected everything OK... Or was there something missing?

TUESDAY

Smith came in today. He looked nervous. "The system's making a hissing, spitting noise – is it supposed to? Shouldn't you chaps

come and take a look? Is Max here?"

Max was still away, so I stepped up to the plate: "No sir, but at Al-Cool we're all fully-versed with Wang systems. It's simply 'settling-in' – an adaptive process as it adjusts to its environment, taking into account air humidity, water salinity, the aqueous-gaseous ratio etc."

"The wha-aat?"

"Oh yes – it's quite a science! But we're fully-trained, so never fear! What you describe is merely the system 'hyper-ventilating', as it's known in the trade – it'll be fine in a few days."

That got rid of him – phew!

WEDNESDAY

Max came hopping into the office on crutches this morning. "Everyfing alright? Ow's Smith's solar – did ya adjust the safety-valves? They're always well-dodgy on Wang systems."

"The wha-? Oh, those – er, yes... of

course."

Oops! I knew something was missing... Well, too late now – 'best keep my head down!

THURSDAY

Blimey, it's a scorcher today! Lucky there's no work on, so I read-up about safety valves on solar systems. 'Seems they're quite important – well, essential really. Otherwise the water pressure can build up to dangerous levels on very hot days, and...OMG!!!

FRIDAY

The Bombeiros called today and asked to speak to Max... Seems that Mr. Smith's solar system exploded and took half the roof off with it. Max was hopping mad. Especially after hurling his crutches at me – ouch!



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