

Airhead!

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



MONDAY

Max chatted-up some bloke at the golf club at the weekend... Got us a job to install air-con in a villa that's being renovated. We're going tomorrow to check it out, but Max warned: *"This geezer's a perfectionist, a right old fuss-pot... Let me do the talkin' and just agree with everything I say, alright? The trick is to be confident, OK?"* *"As in a confidence trick?"* *"Don't be a smart-arse with me, son..."*

TUESDAY

Mr. Fynepoynt (that's the client's name!) - was just as fussy as Max warned. As we went round the house, checking where to run the pipework, he asked me: *"Can you chaps do all the chasing and making-good after?"* *"Chasing? Well, er... Max? What's chas - OUCH!!!"* Max elbowed into the conver-

sation - literally (it really hurt): *"Yeah, 'course we can - I'll get a builder in."* *"Hmm, I dare say..."* Fynepoynt pondered, *"But not some damn cowboy - y'know Penguin have their own fully-certified builder and electrician, so they can cover all work in-house and keep the costs down?"* *"No bovver - Al-Cool can do anything Penguin can - my lad here is smarter than he looks!"* said Max, patting my shoulder (while prodding me in the back). *"Er... that's right!"* I agreed enthusiastically.

WEDNESDAY

A bit dodgy today... Max sent me to Fynepoynt's house to mark out the walls for Serghei the builder... Meanwhile Max played golf with FynePoynt to keep him away from the house. I drew lots of lines on the walls with a red

marker pen - it was like making graffiti, great fun! And it can't matter too much where the pipes go - can it?

THURSDAY

Serghei did all the chasing work today, drilling and channelling into the walls. He didn't seem to appreciate my markings, though, but he followed them anyway. Max said he took the money and disappeared quickly after. But I think he's just a bit shy.

FRIDAY

OMG! Disaster! Fynepoynt's villa has collapsed! He says we weakened a supporting wall - but aren't all walls supporting something? I don't geddit... Blimey, now we're the one being chased - !!

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