

# The Dr. Drill Show

MY FIRST GUESTS TODAY ARE JACK AND MINNIE.

JACK SAYS MINNIE, HIS EX, BORROWED HIS RIDING LAWN MOWER AND PROMISED SHE WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT. WHEN SHE RETURNED IT, HE WAS **SHOCKED** AT ITS POOR CONDITION.

MINNIE SAYS JACK'S MOWER WAS ALREADY IN LOUSY CONDITION, AND THAT HE ONLY LOANED IT TO HER IN A PATHETIC ATTEMPT TO WIN BACK HER LOVE.

SO WHAT'S THE FLAP, JACK?

LAST APRIL I LOANED MINNIE MY 42-INCH, 19.5 HP LAWN MOWER. WHEN I PICKED IT UP I WAS HORRIFIED, DR. DRILL. IT HAD A BROKEN BLADE AND NOW IT WON'T START.

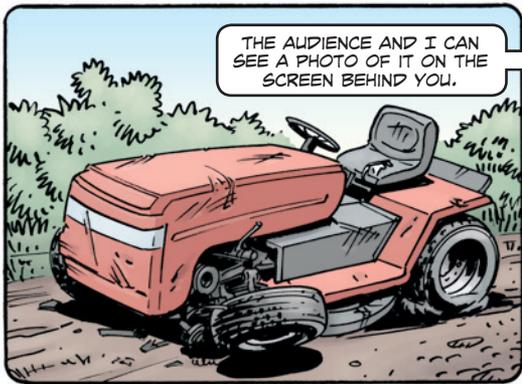
YOU DIDN'T TAKE CARE OF THAT MOWER WHEN WE WERE TOGETHER, SO WHY IS IT SUCH A BIG DEAL NOW?

WELL, MINNIE, IT COST ME \$226.92 TO GET THE MOWER FIXED. IF I WASN'T SUCH A NICE GUY, WE'D BE ON THE PEOPLE'S LAWN COURT SHOW INSTEAD.

I'D SUE YOU FOR THAT BILL AND PAIN AND SUFFERING, TOO.

SO SAD.

DR. DRILL, THAT MOWER WAS MY BABY. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE PICTURES?



THE AUDIENCE AND I CAN SEE A PHOTO OF IT ON THE SCREEN BEHIND YOU.



YOUR PRECIOUS MOWER COULD SURE USE A FRESH COAT OF PAINT, SON.



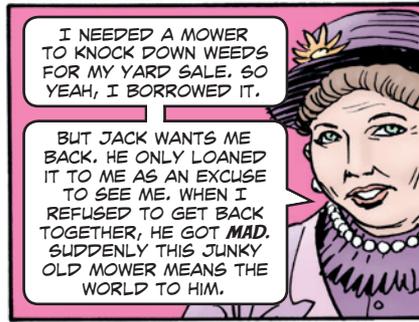
SAVE YOUR BREATH, SON. THIS AIN'T MY FIRST RODEO.



MINNIE, EVERY COIN HAS TWO SIDES.

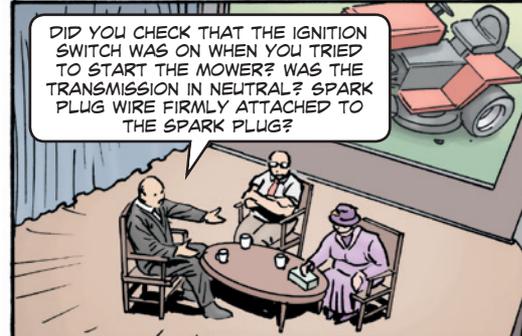


OK, MINNIE, WHAT'S YOUR SIDE OF THE STORY?



I NEEDED A MOWER TO KNOCK DOWN WEEDS FOR MY YARD SALE. SO YEAH, I BORROWED IT.

BUT JACK WANTS ME BACK. HE ONLY LOANED IT TO ME AS AN EXCUSE TO SEE ME. WHEN I REFUSED TO GET BACK TOGETHER, HE GOT MAD. SUDDENLY THIS JUNKY OLD MOWER MEANS THE WORLD TO HIM.



DID YOU CHECK THAT THE IGNITION SWITCH WAS ON WHEN YOU TRIED TO START THE MOWER? WAS THE TRANSMISSION IN NEUTRAL? SPARK PLUG WIRE FIRMLY ATTACHED TO THE SPARK PLUG?



I-I DON'T KNOW! SOB!



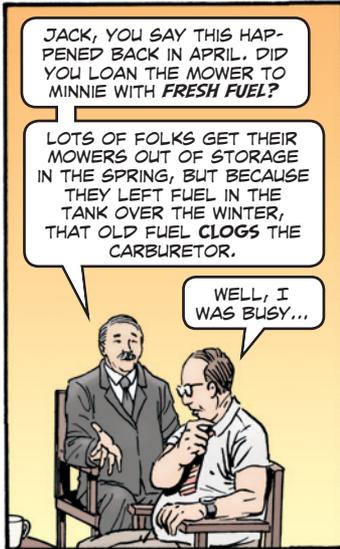
MINNIE, WHEN YOU CALLED THE SHOW, YOU TOLD MY STAFF THAT THE MOWER WAS ALREADY IN DISREPAIR BEFORE YOU BORROWED IT.

YES. IT WAS HARD TO START AND KEPT STALLING.



MOWER PROBLEMS USUALLY FALL INTO ONE OF THREE CATEGORIES... COMPRESSION, FUEL OR IGNITION.

OR, IF THE SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE IS OVERDUE, IT COULD BE ALL THREE.



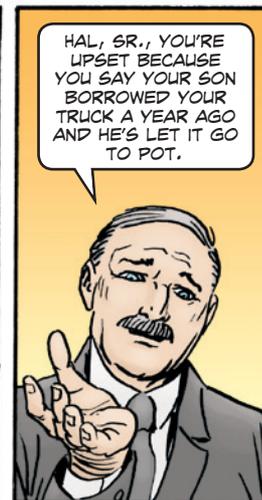
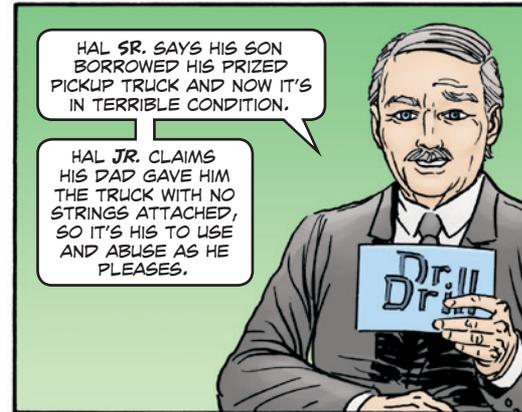
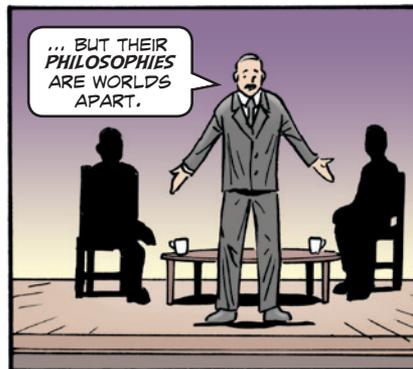
JACK, YOU SAY THIS HAPPENED BACK IN APRIL. DID YOU LOAN THE MOWER TO MINNIE WITH FRESH FUEL?

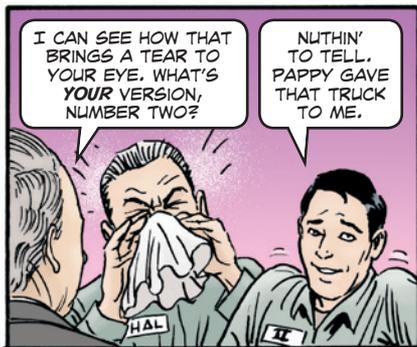
LOTS OF FOLKS GET THEIR MOWERS OUT OF STORAGE IN THE SPRING, BUT BECAUSE THEY LEFT FUEL IN THE TANK OVER THE WINTER, THAT OLD FUEL CLOGS THE CARBURETOR.

WELL, I WAS BUSY...



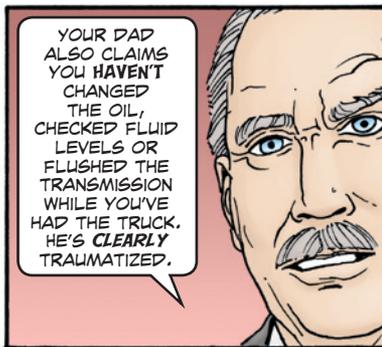
THEN I'M GUESSING YOU DIDN'T CHECK COMPRESSION, CLEAN THE SPARK PLUG OR CHECK THE GAP, EITHER.





I CAN SEE HOW THAT BRINGS A TEAR TO YOUR EYE. WHAT'S YOUR VERSION, NUMBER TWO?

NUTHIN' TO TELL. PAPPY GAVE THAT TRUCK TO ME.



YOUR DAD ALSO CLAIMS YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED THE OIL, CHECKED FLUID LEVELS OR FLUSHED THE TRANSMISSION WHILE YOU'VE HAD THE TRUCK. HE'S CLEARLY TRAUMATIZED.



WELL, SINCE IT'S MY RIDE NOW, WHO CARES?



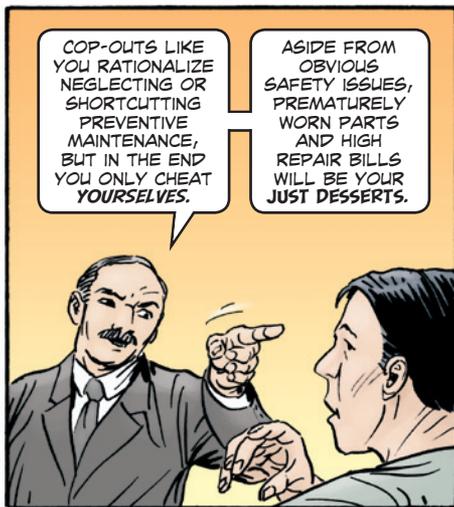
I CARE! THE AUDIENCE CARES!

THAT DOG DON'T HUNT, NUMBER TWO.

HOW CAN YOU EVEN WEAR THOSE COVERALLS WITH A STRAIGHT FACE?

BOO-YAH!  
WHOOO!

YEAHH!



COP-OUTS LIKE YOU RATIONALIZE NEGLECTING OR SHORTCUTTING PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE, BUT IN THE END YOU ONLY CHEAT YOURSELVES.

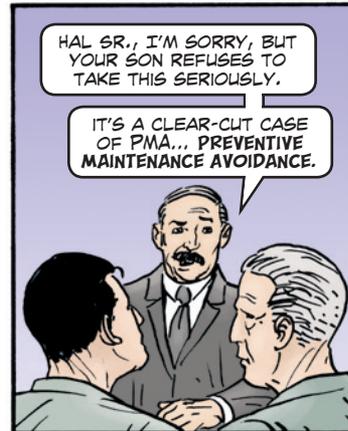
ASIDE FROM OBVIOUS SAFETY ISSUES, PREMATURELY WORN PARTS AND HIGH REPAIR BILLS WILL BE YOUR JUST DESSERTS.



DESSERT? WHERE?

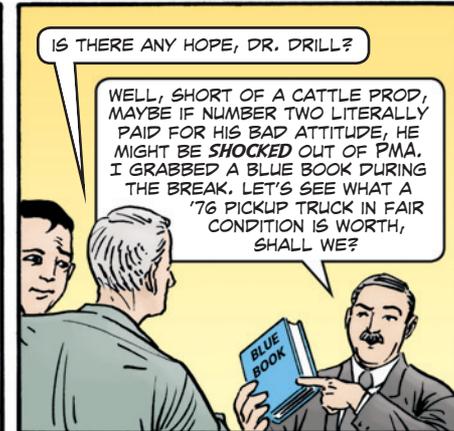
GASP!

BOO!



HAL SR., I'M SORRY, BUT YOUR SON REFUSES TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.

IT'S A CLEAR-CUT CASE OF PMA... PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AVOIDANCE.

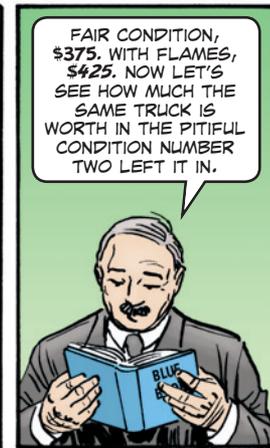


IS THERE ANY HOPE, DR. DRILL?

WELL, SHORT OF A CATTLE PROP, MAYBE IF NUMBER TWO LITERALLY PAID FOR HIS BAD ATTITUDE, HE MIGHT BE SHOCKED OUT OF PMA. I GRABBED A BLUE BOOK DURING THE BREAK. LET'S SEE WHAT A '76 PICKUP TRUCK IN FAIR CONDITION IS WORTH, SHALL WE?



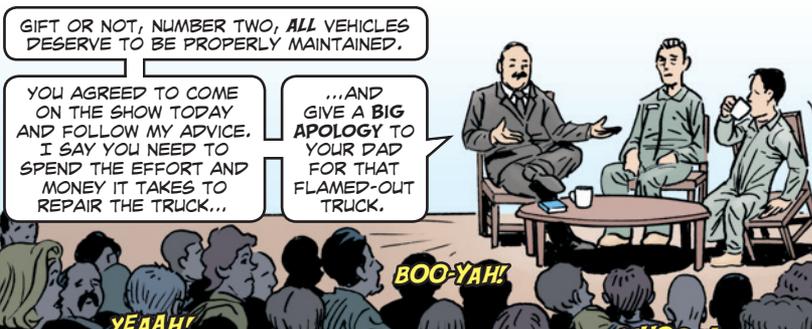
WITH FLAMES PAINTED ON THE HOOD!



FAIR CONDITION, \$375. WITH FLAMES, \$425. NOW LET'S SEE HOW MUCH THE SAME TRUCK IS WORTH IN THE PITIFUL CONDITION NUMBER TWO LEFT IT IN.



YUP, JUST LIKE I FIGURED...\$20. AND THAT'S FOR SCRAP METAL!



GIFT OR NOT, NUMBER TWO, ALL VEHICLES DESERVE TO BE PROPERLY MAINTAINED.

YOU AGREED TO COME ON THE SHOW TODAY AND FOLLOW MY ADVICE. I SAY YOU NEED TO SPEND THE EFFORT AND MONEY IT TAKES TO REPAIR THE TRUCK...

...AND GIVE A BIG APOLOGY TO YOUR DAD FOR THAT FLAMED-OUT TRUCK.

BOO-YAH!

YEAHH!

WHOOO!

