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(Character: David, Tom)

David: I'm a !

我是個失敗的人。

Tom: Why do you say that, David? 大衛,你怎麼了? 怎麼會這樣講呢?

David: I haven't been able to quit smoking. I told my wife I would quit by the end of the year, and that's next week!

我還是沒辦法把菸戒掉。我之前告訴我老婆在今年底前 我會戒掉,但下禮拜已經是期限日了。

Tom: Maybe she forgot!

或許她忘記啦



David: I don't think so, Tom. My wife has

我可不這麼覺得,我老婆可是有驚人的記憶力啊。
Tom: Why don't you try quitting? 那為什麼你不試試一次就把菸戒掉呢?
David: If I do that, I'll start 但戒菸的話,就會讓我開始胃口、食量大增呢!
Tom: about a patch you can wear
on your arm. It will take the craving away. And besides,
you're the at the garage. I'm sure
you can enforce a non-smoking rule to help you quit. 曾經有人跟我說過,可以將一種設備貼在手上,它可以帶走你想抽菸的慾望,另外,你在車廠中,是一位優秀的領袖,我相信你可以透過設立一條禁菸法則來強迫自己將菸戒掉。
David: My position at the shop isn't that important. I'm the
bestand I make good money, but 哎呀,我在車廠的職位沒有那麼重要啦,我只是一個做得還不錯的 修車師傅 罷了,然後安分地好好幫公司賺錢而已,但是



Tom: You're right. You do make good money, not
And the boss listens to you.
你說的沒錯,你確實幫公司賺了不少錢,並非是微不足道
的小數目呢!再加上老闆也都很願意傾聽你的意見。
David: I agree. He does listen to me and he knows I work hard, but others don't work hard and he allows it. 沒錯,老闆非常賞識我,也很清楚我在工作上盡心盡力,但其他人並非如我這般認真,不過他卻默許這樣的情況
Tom: I know! Doesn't that? 我懂你,那這樣的情況讓你很困擾,覺得慣恨不公嗎?
David: It doesand just yesterday I searched everywhere for my tools, but I couldn't find them. Do you think someone took them? 是的,像是昨天我四處尋找我的工具,但我怎麼都找不到你不覺得可能是有人拿走的嗎?
Tom: You went on a?
I! Did you ask Peter for your tools? 那你不就白忙一場了,我覺得怪怪的喔,不太對勁耶。那你有沒有去問問看彼特?



David: No, he's kind of a lone wolf and I don't trust him to
give me an honest answer. He'll just give me
like the time he broke my snowmobile.
不,他是個怪人,而且我不相信他會給我一個明確的答案 他只會給一些 毫無根據荒誕的 事情。
Tom: Are you going to speak to Peter? 那你會去問問彼特嗎?
David: No, I'm quite sure he took them, but you, so I'm not going to
waste my time. 不,我覺得應該就是他拿走工具的,他那種個性本性難移啊,所以我不打算浪費時間在他身上。
Tom: Are you going to speak to the boss about Peter? 那你會去跟老闆說關於彼特的事情嗎?
David: No, I don't think so. 不,我想我不會這樣做。
Tom: Well, David, the boss knows you're an
, so at the very least I'm
sure you can get him to put up an on-smoking sign. 老闆知道你工作特別賣力,又極富熱忱,所以我相信你一定能爭取到讓他同意可以張貼禁止吸菸的標誌的。