

Molly Mallet

A  
Story about Molly Mallet  
and Charlie Chisel

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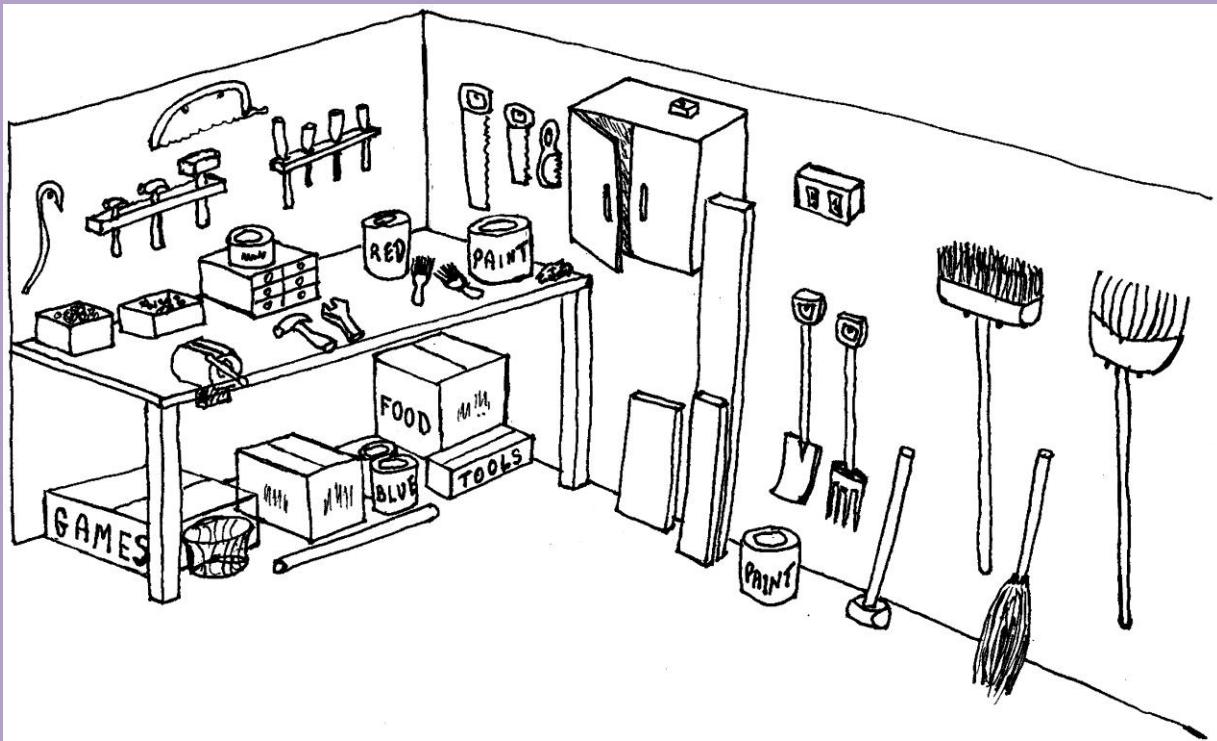
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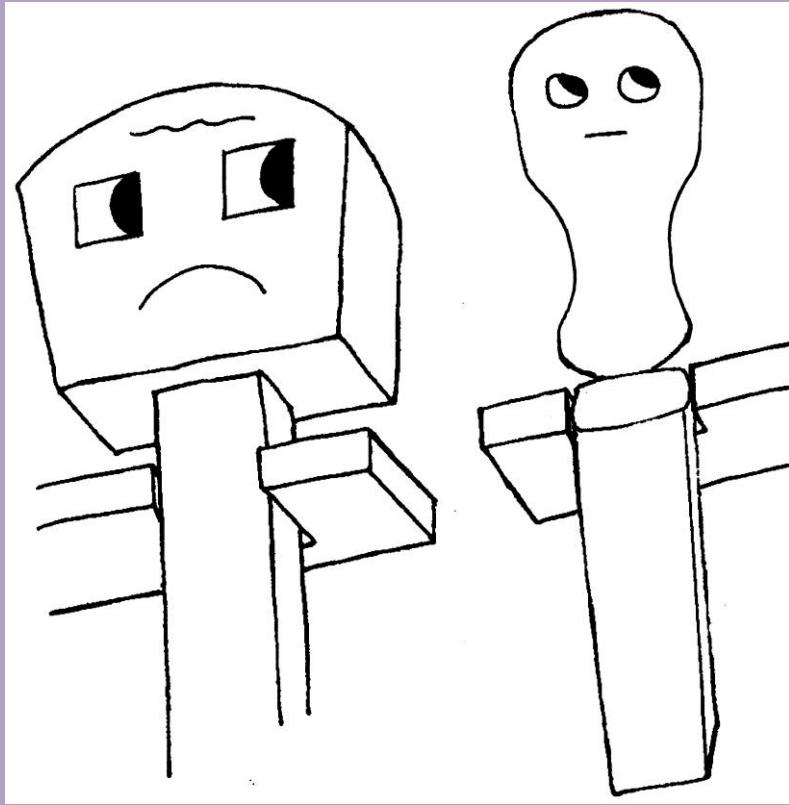
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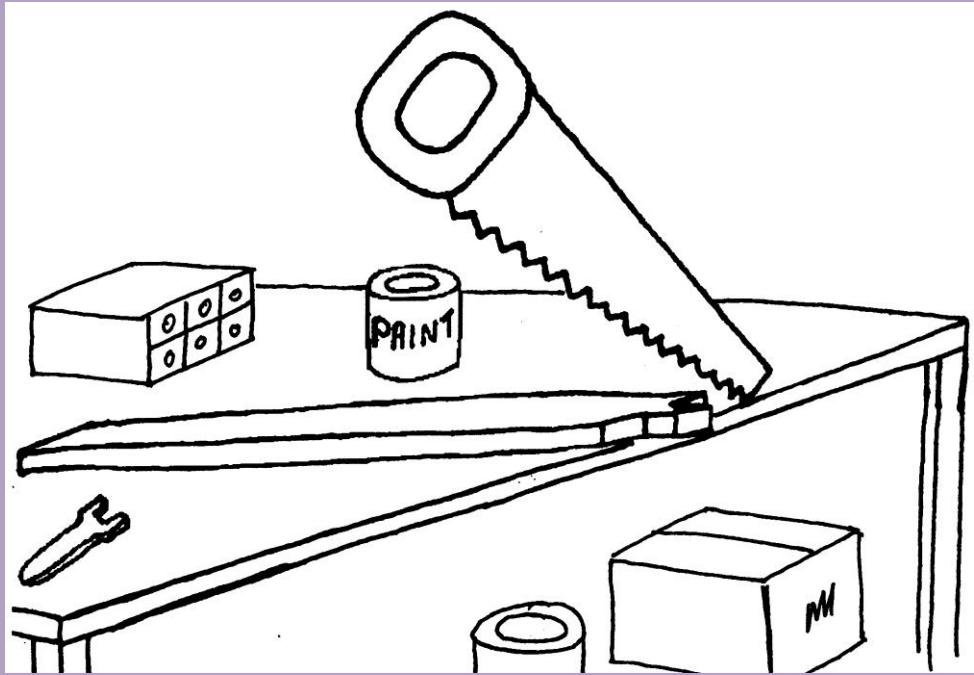
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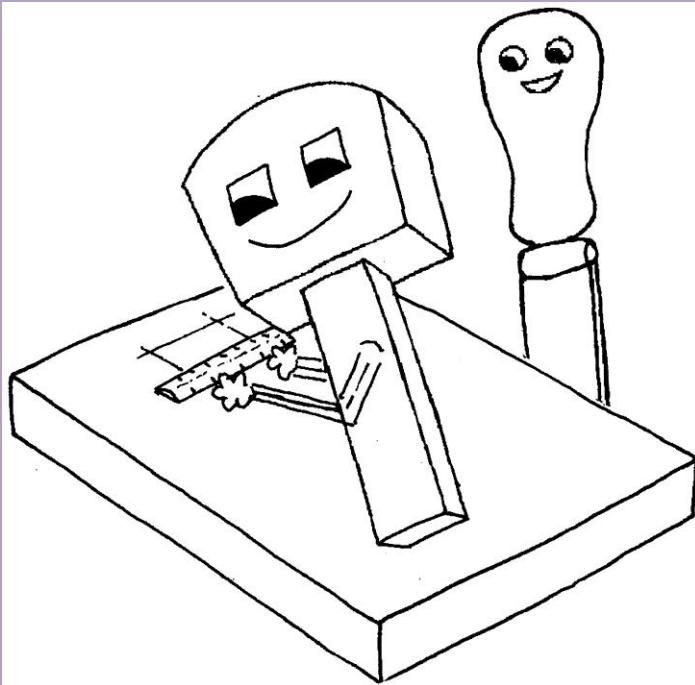
Molly Mallet was hanging on the wall in the garage above the workbench. She looked across at Charlie Chisel, who was hanging nearby, and who was staring at the ceiling. Charlie Chisel turned to Molly Mallet and asked, 'What are you looking at?' 'You', replied Molly, 'you are daydreaming again, aren't you?' Charlie Chisel was not happy with Molly Mallet's comment, sneered at her, and said, 'Huh!', while turning his head away.



'Come on Charlie, we have work to do', said Molly. 'Work!' said Charlie, 'What work do we have to do? I am quite happy hanging here doing nothing'. Molly Mallet frowned at Charlie Chisel, and said, 'You are always very lazy, never wanting to do anything'. 'Huh!' said Charlie, 'not if I don't have to'. 'We need to go and do our bit', said Molly. 'What bit?' asked Charlie. 'We need to go and help the Saw', replied Molly.



Molly Mallet pointed at the saw and piece of wood on the workbench, and said, 'Saw has already cut a piece of wood, now it's our turn to cut a hole in the other piece of wood'. 'Why is that?' asked Charlie. 'So that the first piece of wood can fit into it', replied Molly, 'it's called a mortise and tenon joint'. 'Mortise and what!' exclaimed Charlie, 'it sounds funny to me'. Charlie Chisel started to laugh. 'IT'S NOT FUNNY', shouted Molly, 'that's what it is called'. Charlie Chisel stopped laughing, became serious, and decided to help Molly Mallet.



They both jumped down from their brackets on the wall, to the workbench. ‘Where do we need to go?’ asked Charlie. ‘This way’, replied Molly, ‘the other piece of wood is over here’. They made their way over to the second piece of wood. ‘Now what?’ asked Charlie. ‘We have to measure the first piece of wood, and then, mark out where we have to cut a hole in the second piece of wood’, said Molly. ‘Sounds like fun’, said Charlie. Molly Mallet got a ruler and measured the first piece of wood. She then marked the second piece of wood with a pencil.