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"The trouble with unemployment is that the minute you wake up in the morning you're on the job."
~Slappy White

An Earnest Guide to Being Prepared for ANYTHING

By John Earnest ~ Daily Bull

It's happened to the best of us, while cavorting with other members of the cultural elite over sophisticated banter, holding dinner with similarly pivotal figures of society, or even upon the exceedingly undesirable occasions we find ourselves lowered to the point of being in the presence of the dreadfully uncivilized peasants that surround our grand manors. From time to time, even a beacon of perfection finds him- or her- self unprepared. This simply will not do, but how shall we rectify this grievous issue? Read onward for my as always

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Bolt Cutters

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What's the most useful tool you can think of? That's right- bolt cutters. They are without a doubt the most awesome cutting instrument known to man, but to relegate them to the status of mere shears cannot truly do these wondrous contrivances justice. Bolt cutters can be used for anything from opening tuna cans to imposing vigilante justice.

Personally, I'm intrigued by their potential as a movie plot device. Imagine the serial killer of *Scream* outside your window, armed with bolt cutters instead of his usual knife. Reliable sources indicate that this is at least 3.2 times as frightening as the original film. What's more intimidating than the dental work of the inimitable James Bond goon "Jaws"? Yes- Jaws with bolt cutters. I've mailed a number of letters to writer Garry Paulsen regarding a film adaptation of his book "The Hatchet"- A boy finds himself stranded in the wilderness and must learn to survive with only the clothes on his back and a pair of bolt-cutters. I'm

choosing to interpret his lack of a response as stunned silence.

The majority of you are likely finding yourselves doubting my assertions regarding bolt cutters, so let us delve into the long and illustrious history of this utensil. Bolt cutters were the third tool invented by primitive humans, the first being the hammer, and the second being the crescent wrench. Bolt cutters helped early man bypass padlocks and fences, opening up previously inaccessible hunting regions. A few cavemen used the bolt cutters like a primitive club to kill prey, but I think we can all agree that's a pretty stupid way to do that- crescent wrenches are much easier to swing with a single arm. Oh, the folly of primitive man!

Fast forward to the Middle Ages, where Europeans had discovered that the bolt cutter was precisely the thing for removing suits of armour. Once removed from their

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When I watch movies I picture myself as the main character, that's why I don't like it when he dies.



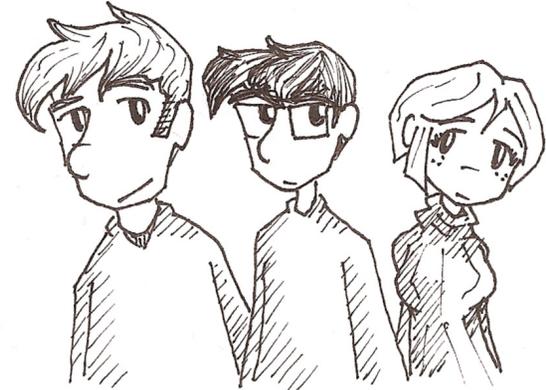
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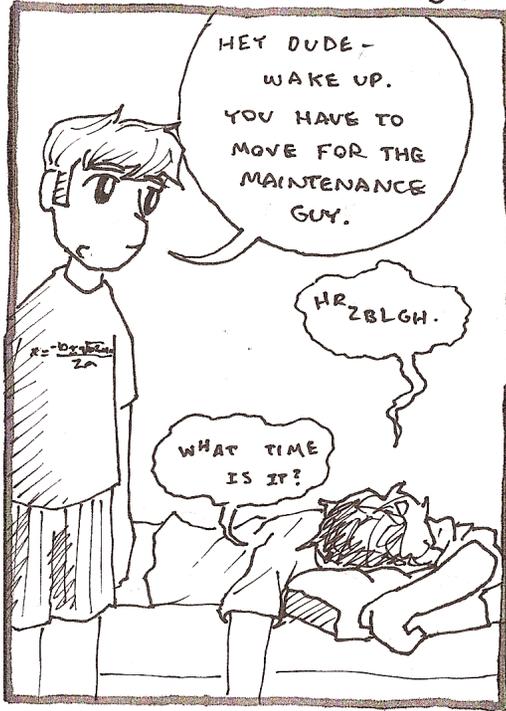
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...Bolt Cutters from front

protective carapaces, knights were easily dispatched with a swift kick to the face or nether regions. The only hope for survival was to attempt to dismantle an attacker's bolt cutters with your own. Fortunately, nobody ever thought to try dismantling a pair of bolt cutters with themselves, which has now been scientifically proven to end the universe in a manner similar to dividing by zero or thinking too hard about YouTube's profitability model.

In today's peaceful times, bolt cutters are rarely raised in anger or for survival. The next time you use the kitchen bolt cutters to spread butter on your toast, or your heavy bolt cutters to perform regular maintenance on your car, pause for a moment to

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appreciate this simple tool that made civilization possible. ☺

-Never throw anything away- this can only lead to lost possessions and an increased chance of private detectives rooting through your trash. Instead, develop an elaborate filing system for organizing your refuse, and purchase a small island for its safekeeping.

usurped.
-Befriend key members of several foreign governments, which may open future possibilities with regard to escape routes, smuggling of illicit materials, and military engagements.

and feeding of large reptiles, bass guitar chord structure and underwater basket weaving. You'd be surprised how well these skills can serve you. ☺

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illuminating advice.

-It is a known fact that the probability of possessing paperclips, twist-ties, or rubber bands is inversely proportional to the likelihood of your needing their use at any given time. As such, act as the Nigerian Magpie-Squirrel, and bury caches of these items everywhere on your property, taking the precaution of carrying with you a spade for their speedy retrieval when they are needed.

-Invest in a number of servants surgically altered to act as body-doubles. Don't let the movies fool you- they're actually quite effective at foiling would-be assassins, and as long as you imprison one of their loved ones or implant remote explosives in their skull, (even both if you have some free time) there's very little risk of being turned upon and

-Hire a talented multilingual translator to follow you at all times, ensuring both that you will be able to communicate smoothly in any situation and that your contacts don't get away with any clandestine comments about "your maternal ancestor".
-Finally, gain a working knowledge of acupuncture, the care



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