Bolt Cutters
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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 Gary 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.

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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

...see Bolt Cutters on back

When I watch movies I picture myself as the main character, that’s why I don’t like it when he dies.
...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 appreciate this simple tool that made civilization possible.

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Hey dude – wake up. You have to move for the maintenance guy.

What time is it?

Uhm...

About Sam.

FUCK THE MAINTENANCE GUY.

That’s why I pack heat.

-John Earnest

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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