

BREAKDOWN

It's a bright and beautiful morning. Everything is covered with 3" of snow, and it's so cold.. All the family are touching and looking at me. I never realised how important I am. In fact I am the mainstay of the family.

I have stood inconspicuous in a dark corner of the kitchen for ten years. Today I am the centre of attention. Why? Because I've stopped working .I'm worn out.

"This house is freezing cold. We haven't any hot water or central heating on. This has never happened before. What can we do?" the Lady said.

"I'll ring a few people to see if they can help us" the man replied.

He came back into the kitchen shaking his head "As its Boxing Day no-one is prepared to visit us for the next few days. We'll have to compromise. Work out what to do. We'll borrow an electric convector heater from our son's conservatory. He doesn't use it in the winter. Our other son has a six feet long electric tube he uses to warm his greenhouse. The man next door has a two bar electric fire in his shed. We can carry them from room to room as we need them."

Days later a tall young man called at the house. He examined me then left shortly afterwards. Two days later he returned. He stripped me down. Was I shocked? No I was happy. He gave me two new parts that brought me to life again. Everyone is touching me and laughing. I'm very popular now.

The people can't live without me. I am a COMBI Boiler.

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