

第 94 篇 [驅鴿記[Drive out Pigeons]

命題大意： 任意寫一故事

寫作大意： 寫出去年尾家中一真實故事

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Write a story in your mind.

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By end of last year (2004), a small nuisance came to our condominium. We found some pigeons were beginning to perch on the offset portion of the four roof water drainage duct produce shit piles on the pavement. As the HOA president I eventually solved the problem but was blamed by my wife and family when I told them.

The offsets are about eighteen foot high. It is difficult to put something like wire mesh to block the pigeons. I considered climbing up and standing on the top of a short available ladder and embrace the 6"x4" metal upright drainage duct to do the work but dared not.

I thought of hiring some contractor to do the work, but during such a time contractor might be not available and likely be overcharged on such an occasion.

I finally thought of a method to stand on top of the ladder, using a rope loop to bind my body loosely against the duct capable sliding up and down to protect from falling down and then insert big bunches of waste newspapers in the four overhang offset gaps.

After the work was done in a sneaky way, I proudly told my wife.. She verbally attacked me and said: "Your falling to death is easy. The worst is your half death and my remaining lives". In the Christmas party with a part of our family folks, when telling the story to boast my braveness, I was disappointed finding them all on the side of my wife.