



# Wrenching

## A Kid Walks into the Shop

*Kid comes in. Not his first time at the shop.*

**Kid:** My tire's flat. Can I use the pump?

**Mechanic:** Sure. You know where it is.

*Kid attempts to fill tire.*

**Kid:** It won't hold air. My inner tube has a hole.

**Mechanic:** Get the 15mm wrench and take the wheel off. You know how to do that.

*Wheel off, inner tube removed and patched.*

*Putting tube/tire back on.*

**Kid:** My brakes don't work either.

**Mechanic:** Ok. We'll have to take a look at those next.

*Wheel back on and tire pumped up.*

*Inspecting brakes.*

**Mechanic:** You have no brake pads. And it looks like your cables need to be replaced.

**Kid:** Can you fix them?

**Mechanic:** Let me find some cables and pads.

*Front brakes completed, starting on rear.*

**Kid:** My seat's loose too.

**Mechanic:** Get a wrench and tighten it. Should be a 13 or 14mm. Bring them both.

*Seat tightened. Rear brakes nearing completion.*

**Kid:** Do you have any lights?

**Mechanic:** Those are \$15.

*No response.*

**Kid:** Do you have any pegs?

**Mechanic:** Let's take a look out back.

*Pegs installed by kid. Rear brakes completed.*

**Mechanic:** Ok. We're all finished.

**Kid:** I need some grips.

**Mechanic:** Let's take a look out back. We've got some used ones.

*Old grips removed and used ones put on.*

**Mechanic:** All set. We're done.

**Kid:** How much is this going to cost, because I don't have any money.

*Mechanic cannot help but smile.*

**Mechanic:** No money, huh? That's okay. You just be careful out there. Make sure you come back if you have any other problems.

**Kid:** Thanks!

*Always a 'thanks'.*

**Mechanic thinks:** *Today is a good day.*