

DOROTHY

Oh, goodness! How did you ever get like this?

TINMAN

Well, when I was flesh and blood like you, I fell in love with a Munchkin maiden whose mother hated me. So to stop me from marrying her daughter she hired the Wicked Witch of the West to put an evil spell on my axe. When I tried to chop down a tree it chopped off my leg instead.

SCARECROW

It chopped your leg off?

DOROTHY

That's terrible.

TINMAN

But by good fortune I knew of a wonderful tinsmith and he made me a new leg almost as good as the old one. So back I went to work and you know what happened?

DOROTHY

Something terrible I bet.

TINMAN

I swung my axe again and dang me if it didn't take off the other leg.

SCARECROW

You shoulda got a new axe.

TINMAN

I guess you're right. But I got me a new leg instead. And back I went to work.

SCARECROW

You sure work the system.

TINMAN

This time I chopped off both my arms.

DOROTHY

Oh my.

SCARECROW

I can see how you coulda chopped off one arm, but how did you manage to chop off the other one?

TINMAN

I told you. The axe was enchanted.

SCARECROW

Of course. See Dorothy, If I had a brain I coulda worked that out for myself.

TINMAN

I sometimes wish I hadn't got a new pair of arms from the tinsmith cause the last time I swung the axe was the worst time of all.

SCARECROW

I don't want to hear this.

(He covers his ears)

DOROTHY

What happened?

TINMAN

I split myself right down the middle.

DOROTHY

Oh, you poor thing.

TINMAN

So the tinsmith gave me a new head and body but on the way home I got caught in a terrible rainstorm and rusted solid.

SCARECROW

It just wasn't your day, was it?

TINMAN

I've been here ever since.

DOROTHY

Well, you're perfect now.

*(The **TINMAN** turns his head sharply towards **DOROTHY** and it sticks)*

TINMAN

My - my neck, my - my neck.

*(**DOROTHY** and **SCARECROW** oil his neck)*

Perfect? Just bang on my chest if you think I'm perfect. Go ahead - bang on it!

*(**DOROTHY** gives it a thump and we hear a gong sound)*

SCARECROW

Beautiful! What an echo!

TINMAN

It's empty. The tinsmith forgot to give me a heart.

DOROTHY & SCARECROW

No heart?

TINMAN

No heart.