

The Office Manager tasted his coffee, "Cold," he pronounced. "You're fired," he yelled at young Thibodeaux. Then pointing at young Boudreaux he announced, "Tomorrow morning you go get the coffee, and if it's cold by the time you get back - you'll be fired too."

Boudreaux was scared, it was twelve blocks to the coffee shop. While a young man could run down there he had to walk carefully back to balance the six cups of coffee. It just took a while to do - too long sometimes.

Working in the office wasn't exactly fun but it was air conditioned, it beat working on a shrimp boat by a long shot - Boudreaux wanted to keep the job. All morning he plotted and schemed. Late in the afternoon he came up with what seemed like a workable plan.

The next morning Boudreaux ran down to the coffee shop, pushed a large thermos bottle on the counter as asked, "Do ya think dat six cups will fit in dere?"

The clerk studied the thermos bottle, "Sure no problem," he said.

"Good," Boudreaux said, "Put in two regular black - two French roast with cream - and two decaf with sugar."

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