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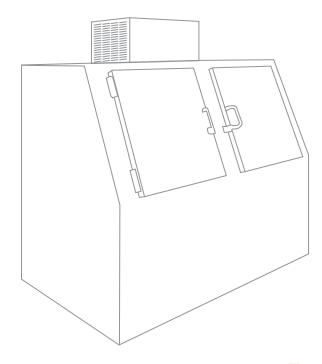
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# Endless Opps With What We Do

Refrigeration Magazine congratulates, AGAIN, KEITH Manufacturing who placed as a finalist in a creative event, recently held in Oregon. Keith also just partnered Ecovative Renewables, a company located in the UAE.

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KEITH Manufacturing Co.'s WALKING FLOOR® System is One of the Coolest Things Made in Oregon!

The Madras, Oregon-based company's innovative horizontal loading/unloading solution for bulk materials has been chosen as a finalist in the Coolest Thing Made in Oregon contest. The competition, created by Oregon Business and Industry, in partnership with Here is Oregon, honors the best products made in the Beaver State.

KEITH's WALKING FLOOR® unloading system was named one of 16 finalists, chosen by a panel of industry, education and media leaders. Members of the public will choose the winner through several rounds of voting, the first of which runs through September 26. You can place your vote at www.hereisoregon.com/coolestthing/. The ultimate winner will be announced in October. "We're thrilled to be a finalist in the Coolest Thing Made in Oregon contest," said Mark Foster, CEO of KEITH Manufacturing Co. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, who are passionate about creating innovative and high - quality products that make a difference in the world." The WALKING FLOOR® system uses a series of slats that move back and forth sequentially to

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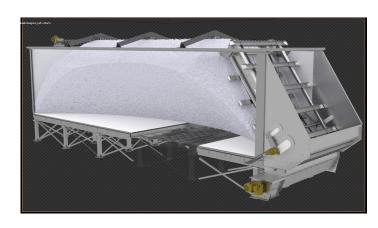
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For a moment, his mind was quiet. He considered his surroundings. The room was large and held over two hundred pallets of ice. These pallets were double stacked and each held bags of ice. The temperature was cold, very cold, but felt comfortable to the man of ice. There were 4 sets of 3-fan blower units on the walls, near the top. They blew chilled air into the room. One of these was just over his head. The cold air felt good and seemed to calm him a bit, but just a little bit. The demands that required answers bombarding his mind started up again. Rapid-fired question, one after another, cluttered his mind, none of which could be answered, but one continued to rise to the top. "Who am I?"

Slowly, ever so slowly, trembling hands, as large as hams, with knuckles as large a golf balls and fingers long and icy, lightly reached down and touched massive thighs as large as tree trunks. Sluggishly, his hands traveled downwards. Thick, frozen legs, long, solid and muscular feeling, met cold frosty fingers. He marveled at how well-developed they felt. Feet, wide and thick, bore long, icy toes that resembled icicles. They wiggled when asked. He moved his fingers next was relieved to see they too, obeyed his mind's request. Well, that's good. The iceman's chest was huge. Its immenseness was considerable. The fact that he knew it was enormous but didn't know how he knew troubled him greatly! With frozen eyes opened wide, he held his arms out in front of himself. He was both alarmed and bewildered. Alarmed, because as with the rest of his body, his arms and biceps were mammoth, and bewildered because how could he not be? The formidableness of his being was undeniable. Bot still... How do I know what I know without having any recollection of anything prior to the robber and the young couple!

Icy lips formed into an hideous attempt to smile at his next thought. He knew what a headache was because he now had one. The inside of his head pounded badly. The wetness he had felt earlier, outside of this room, had been replaced with a slick new cover of ice. The sigh released was both relaxed and confused. That he quit melting was comforting but the fact that he was constructed completely with tubular-shaped ice cubes filled his thoughts with questions and a great deal of fear. It was at that very moment he picked up a bag of ice

from the many bags he sat upon. With a shocked realization and a feint, foggy remnant of an unfocused memory, he looked at bag and then back to this body. The ice was identical.

Benny walked into the break-room of the packaged ice plant. A long-time employee, he loved the physicality of his job. He worked hard and knew the company appreciated him. His boss, Charlie, and one of the other delivery drivers, Casey, sat in comfortable upholstered chairs.

The long wooden table before them had begun service the day the company came to being, thirty-seven years ago. A half-filled box of Dunkin donuts, two tall paper cups filled with Yubancoffee, and a newspaper opened lay in front of them. Charlie shook his head in amusement as he read the morning newspaper.

"Sometimes," Charlie said, "I think these reporters just make this stuff up. An iceman, made of ice, comes to the rescue. Hah! What a crock."

"Hey, I read that," Benny chirped in as he sat down with a hot cup of deep-roasted black coffee. "Rescues a pregnant woman and her husband from a druggie."

"Bunch-a-crapola!" Charlie flipped to the sports page as he grabbed a sprinkled donut and continued to chuckle. "Leave it to the press to give him a name. He doesn't even exist and already he has a name. 'Tubular Dude.' What a crock. The husband said the guy was made of little round tubular ice cubes, all stacked together.

Any of you guys gluing little ice cubes together in your spare time?" Charlie rolled his eyes, threw his head back and laughed heartily. "Leave it to the press."

Looking at his employees, he

Leave it to the press to give him a name. He doesn't even exist and already he has a name. 'Tubular

continued. "This, boys,"
he said, waving the
newspaper at them,
"is what we call
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sell a paper. Boys,"
he said, looking each
man in the eyes, don't
believe everything thing

you read in this rag," waving long, bony fingers at the newspaper, "and never believe what you hear on the tv news.

"Well, what about the cop then, huh?" Benny laughed. Scratching his scraggly beard, he sat up in the chair, anxiously wanting to dissect the story with his boss. "He said the crack head was unconscious on the steps of the police station, tied up from head to toe. The couple positively identified him!"

"Yeah, boss," Casey added. "The cop is a twenty-year veteran. He said just before he saw the druggie, he saw what he thought looked like little a white tornado filled with snow fast-tracking it away from the station. Whoo-ee! It's July, man."

"There it is, boys. July. Man of ice in the middle of summer. Right." Charlie threw down the paper and tilted his head towards the time clock.

"Message received and understood, boss," Benny said with humor. Charlie was done talking about it. It was time to start the day.

The frozen man spent the day in the freezer. In that time, he had allowed frozen fingers to touch his face and head. It was large, round, and hard. He could blink his eyes and move his lips. He placed his hand, palm up, to the short piece of tubular ice that









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served as his nose. There were small round holes at its point the served as airways. He marveled at the foggy mists that came out of his nose as he breathed. In the guietness of the room when the fans were not blowing cold air, he had time to further examine himself. Exhaling with his mouth, a larger, denser, white mist came out. He was fascinated. He spent several minutes watching the cold vapor evacuating from his mouth and nose. Twice he hid himself as a couple of men came into the freezer from a large sliding door and took out some pallets of ice. One of the men had a short, shaggy beard and came very close to seeing the man of ice. He had walked down the narrow isle between the wall of the freezer and the row of pallets nearest the wall and picked up what appeared to be a candy wrapper lying on the floor. He was almost close enough to touch. An odd feeling surged through the frozen creature as he viewed the tall thin man.

After the man walked out of the freezer, the iceman became even more concerned. Raising his hands to his head confirmed what he already knew.

I'm a monster, some sort of creature. One thing for sure, he told himself was that he was not human. I am not human. "Or am I? The frosty air that flowed out with his words fascinated him.

"Hello, hello, hello." Puffs of icy mists vented outward with each word.

Looking once more at his body caused him to scream. The echo reverberated back at him. It frightened him badly. What if someone heard? He ducked low and held his breath. Each second seemed an eternity as he waited to be discovered. But no one did come. He exhaled heavily, almost unseen in his own cloud of snow.

"Who and what am I?"

The sun was set low in the sky as the man of ice let himself out of the freezer. He waited until the sound of the men outside the freezer and the sound of the trucks became quiet. He walked through a room that had several chairs in it. They looked comfortable. He sat in the largest one, relieved to be out of the freezer. His legs had cramped terribly during his squat atop the pallets. That was another question as he had tried to rub the cramps out. How can ice get cramps? The thought had caused a laugh, and his laugh had caused another laugh. It was deep and small chips of ice flew from his mouth.

It was still warm but not hot enough to melt very quickly. He had realized that what had melted off the previous evening, during the rescue, had re-accumulated during his stay in the freezer.

Powerful hands roamed his body giving comfort as he realized that his body felt harder and stronger than the night before. "Whew," he said with a great sigh of relief. As the word came out, a long exhale followed. The man of ice jumped back in fear as the visual scene of snow that came forth from his mouth coated the building wall, he stood next to with a thin coat of ice.

"Now isn't that something!"

Pondering what just took place, the self-proclaimed creature startled as a truck pulled into the parking lot of the ice plant. Crouching low behind an ice merchandiser, he held his breath. The truck backed up to the dock.

That's the guy that picked up the candy wrapper in the freezer!

Benny grabbed his clipboard and the small leather pouch that held his receipts, checks and cash from the day's deliveries and stepped out of the truck. As he reached the front door to the office, he heard someone behind him. He turned around just in time to see a massive fist coming towards his face.

Lying on the ground, close to unconsciousness, he saw two men. They grabbed his leather pouch and then rifled through his pockets, finding his wallet. The last thing Benny remembered before succumbing to the punch, was a vague image of snow and a large man, made of ice, running

towards the attackers.

His jaw hurt. Placing a hand to it only increased the pain. Opening his eyes was an effort. He could feel softness beneath him as he forced his eyes open. Everything was a blur. A white shadow moved back in forth in front of him.

Slowly, Benny's eyes focused. He started to sit up but the pain in his head stopped him. He fell

back to the couch that he now realized he had been lying on. I'm in the lunchroom! How did I get here? The only thing that seemed real was an incredible pain in his jaw. Lifting his hand to his face, he gently rubbed it. Slowly he opened his eyes again.

A scream of horror burst forth from Benny. The echo, loud and high-pitched, shattered the confines of the small lunchroom at Always Nice Ice Company. Benny leaped off the couch and ran for the door. His head felt as if it would explode. Reaching the door, he saw his receipt pouch on top of the coffee pot that sat on the counter. He grabbed it and ran out.

One hand on his head and the other clutching the pouch, he raced out of the building.

Suddenly, he stopped. He stared at his delivery truck as the image of the two men, and the man of ice came flooding back to his memory.

That's why my jaw hurts? One of those guys knocked me out and, something rescued me.

Benny turned around and cautiously walked back inside. His heart pounded worse than his head.

It can't be. This stuff is only in comic books.

He laughed nervously as he stared at the lunchroom door. A sad, moaning sound came from within the room. Looking in every direction, he walked towards it.

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