

# The Grindstone



“Remember,” said Dad to Joe Billy, “to get ahead in life, you need to keep your nose to the grindstone. Here, I’ll show you.” And with that, he grabbed his startled son and held down his nose to a device that rotated at a non-grindstone-like 45 revolutions per minute while the sound of a hopped-up dance band clashed with the lad’s loud complaints. Later, a snub-nasalled Joe Billy *did* get ahead, but it was thanks to the Accidental Death and Dismemberment rider on his pop’s life insurance policy, not to any silly work ethic that involved noses and grindstones.