

Calvin **got it into his head** that he would become the next Houdini

never mind that he had no idea what it **involved**

and how much **practice** it would **likely take**

one day he simply **had** Hobbes **tie** him to a chair

the tighter the better, he said, let me do it **the hard way**

Calvin was very **confident** that he could **pull it off**

so he didn't want Hobbes to **go easy on** him

he specifically **asked** for the ropes to be **properly** tightened

so no one could **accuse** him **of cheating**

Hobbes didn't **even bother to** try to **talk Calvin out of it**

he knew **there was no point**, he'd **been there done that**

once he was tied up, Calvin **set about loosening** the ropes

mainly by shaking wildly from side to side

just as he **got going**, his mother called to tell him dinner was ready

this was something Calvin **failed to factor in the equation**

as he struggled to **get loose**, his mom **kept calling** from downstairs

Hobbes **offered to** untie him but Calvin **wouldn't let** him

in fact, he told him **not to** touch the ropes **at all**