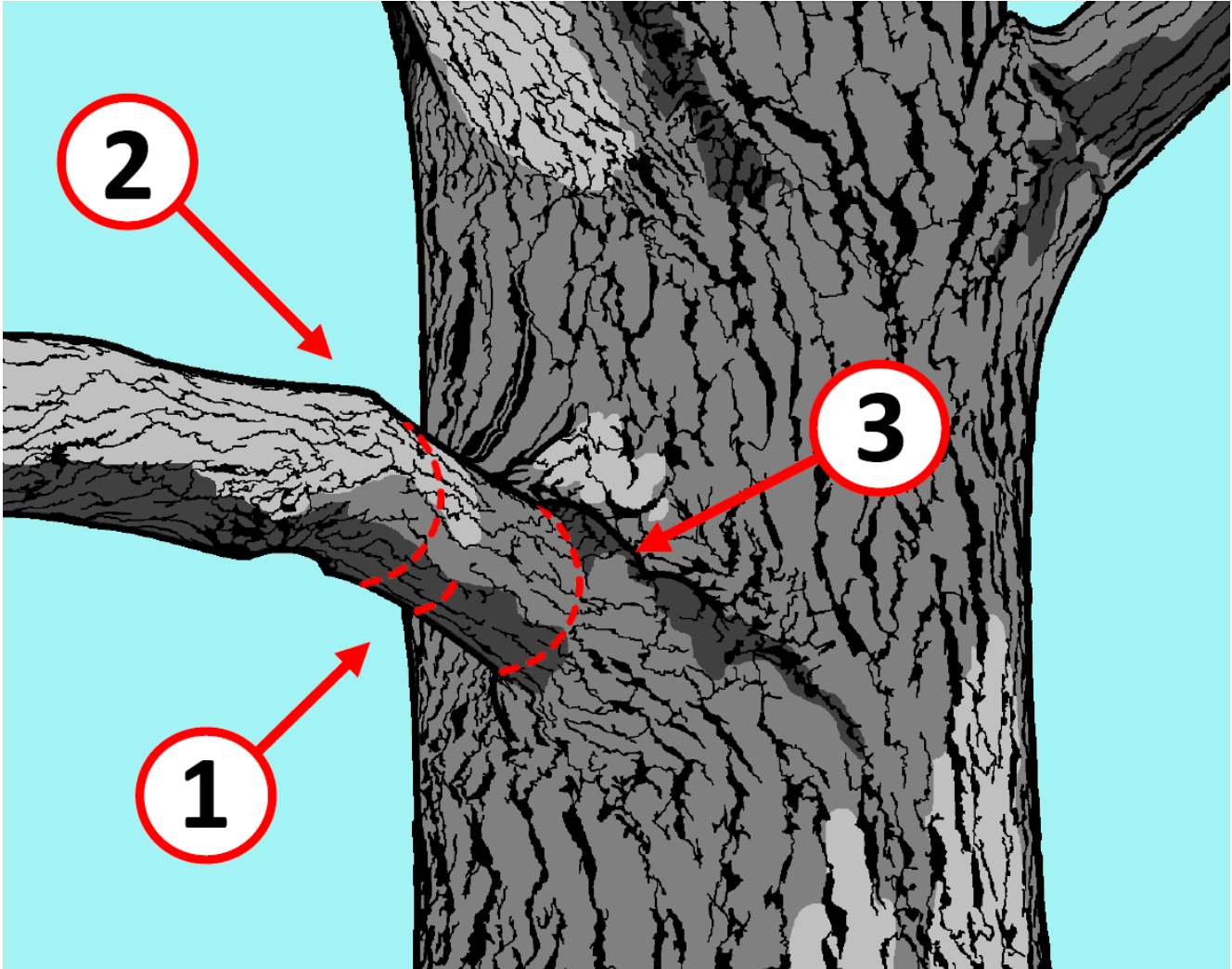
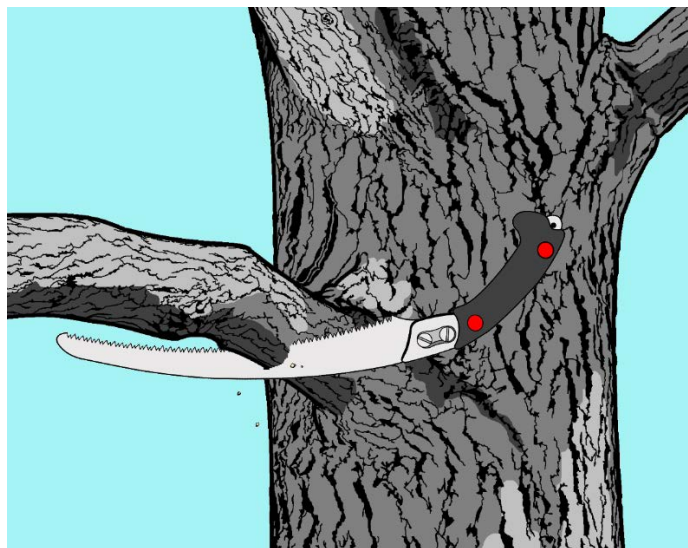


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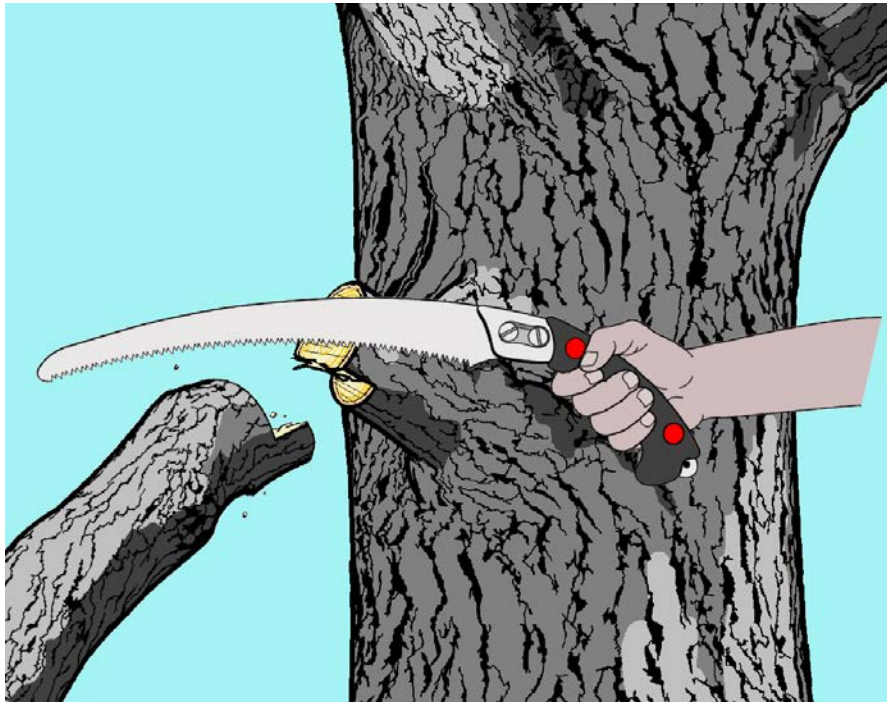


Large limb removal in three steps for wound reduction (a.k.a. avoid bark stripping, etc.):

1) Undercut ("Safety Cut"); 2) Weight Reduction cut; 3) Final ("Finishing") cut



Step ONE: The first cut is an undercut no more than 1/3 the branch width. This is a safety cut to minimize the chances of stripping the bark of the branch collar and trunk underneath from the weight of the limb during the pruning process (particularly, Step TWO).



Step TWO: The second cut is on the upper surface a few inches ahead of the first cut. When properly executed, the branch will detach without stripping the bark because of the safety cut.



Step THREE: With the bulk of the weight of the branch removed, this final cut is just ahead of the branch bark ridge and branch collar.



The resulting cut will offer the tree a better chance of callusing over and sealing the wound (forming a knot) over a shorter period of time.



– Jeff