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It's a big one you know, a whole room full of water. The cat's trying to swim the English channel in the cistern, and Muriel could hear it crying and splashing around, but she couldn't see over the cistern wall. That's the first problem. She called me, but I never heard her. She's always calling me, you know, especially when I'm watching something on TV she doesn't care about, so I have the tune out mechanism working pretty good."

"All men have that. All women know it, too. You got any more beer? Beer that's maybe not fifty years old?"

"Help yourself, just as long as you stop tapping the damn bottle with your fingernails. I'll be finished soon. So when I didn't go down to the basement, Muriel figured she'd better rescue the cat before it drowned. She grabbed an old ladder we have down there, set it up on the cistern wall, crawled up it, and there was the little cat paddling around in the water yowling like a soap opera queen. It couldn't get out because the water is about a foot down the cistern wall. Muriel reached down for the cat, and it ran up her arm like it was a tree limb and never stopped until it landed right on top of her head. That kitten's claws were buried in her forehead enough to draw blood, because no way was that cat falling in the cistern again. Now Muriel is caterwauling more than the cat. Shrieking, she says, but still I couldn't hear her."

"No wonder she's mad. She figures you could hear her but were locked into the Lazy Boy."

"Well, it was the eighth end of the Briar, and Ontario was in the process of stealing two points from BC, but I swear

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