

"You know, Kendy's never been thrown in the pond," My brother announced to the world at the supper table about a week and a half ago.

Beside me, I could feel my boyfriend's ears perk up. "You mean, never?" he asked, and I could see his fiendish mind at work. (When my brother and my boyfriend start scheming, nothing is safe.)

"Never!" my brother affirmed. "And you know what? I don't think it can be done."

"It can't." I muttered, hoping to close the

subject. And the conversation moved on to other subjects. But I should have known better than to think it would end there.

Thanksgiving Day was bright and clear, if a little cold. Too cold for any self-respecting boyfriend to harbor thoughts of pond dunkings. I thought, and so when I was ambushed while walking between the barn and the house, it came as a complete shock and I was half-carried, half-dragged almost to the pond before I realized what was happening.

Luckily, there was a wooden fence close by, and I managed to break my boyfriend's grip long enough to wrap both legs and arms around and through that fence and hug it for dear life, while screaming bloody murder. The fact that I was firmly entwined did little to slow him, however, as he systematically started to pry and unravel my body from its perch.

The only effects my screams had was to bring the family out back on the porch, complete with cameras, to watch the historic event.

With a final yank, the fence and I parted company, and I felt my body being slowly pulled the remaining twenty feet to that cold, uninviting pool of water. With little else to do, I pulled a typical Borry trick--when all else fails, panic!

I threw mud at him, I pulled his hair, I kicked, I hit, but the whole time the pond loomed closer and closer. I felt like I was lashing out at a six foot tall moving wall for the effect I was having on him. Finally, the end came.

In I went. He was nice, I only got wet up to about my knees. But I never know when to quit. I came charging out at him--splashing water and deter-

mined to get him as wet as I. The result was that I was thrown in again, this time wet to the hips.

By this time I didn't even feel the cold wetness I was that furious. I again charged out of the pool only to find myself pushed deeper into the water until my head went under and I was choking. It was time to call a truce.

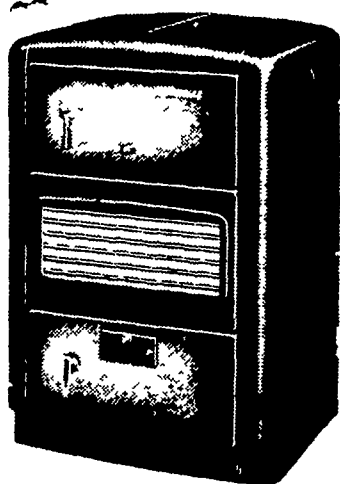
Yes, my record has been spoiled. I have been thrown in the pond, the last of the Borry children to meet her fate. But I eagerly await another tradition to be fulfilled in the future. All those who regularly date a Borry must be pond-dunked to be officially accepted. My day of revenge will come.

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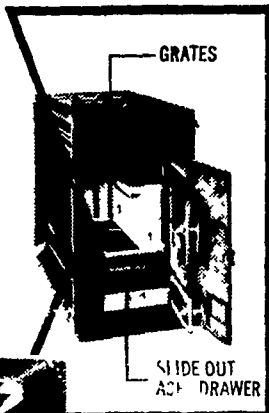
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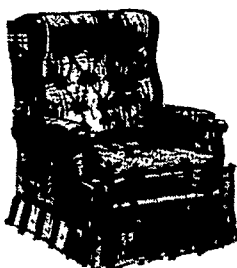
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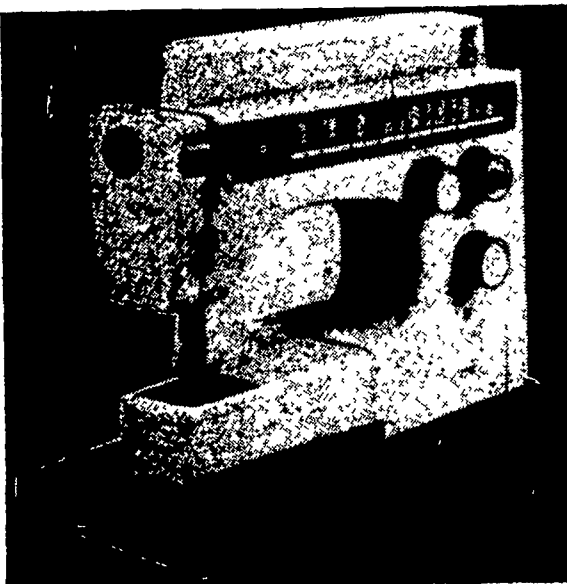
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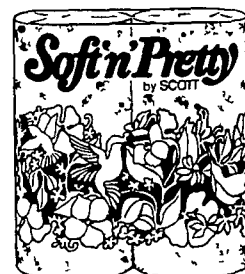
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