

# Kendy's Kollumn

by Kendace Borry

There has to be one in every group. You know, the guy (or gal) that manages to make a fool of himself by being the biggest klutz of all time. I guess it was just inevitable that my turn would come up sooner or later.

It all started a couple of Saturdays ago, one that dawned bright and beautiful.

Six if us decided to take advantage of the day and go "river hopping".

River hopping is that unique art of exploring a small river or a large creek by simply hopping from rock to rock down the river.

Most girls prefer to river hop along the edge of the river, and my two girlfriends were more of that demure type, but the guys, true to form, rambled right out in the middle of the river, and struggled from rock to rock.

Now, as some of you may know, I have always been a tomboy, and much to my mother's chagrin, will probably always be so. So when it came to a choice of staying with the girls where I probably belonged, or ranging out there in the thick of the slippery rocks and cold water, well, I just couldn't help myself.

I went with the guys.

Everything was fine for awhile, I was quite proud of myself. I kept up with those self-styled explorers and vaulted from boulder to ledge with the best of them. Yessiree, I was showing those guys a thing or two.

Then I got sidetracked, watching this little whirlpool in a rock, and tracing the patterns that it made. The rest of the crew, my boyfriend included, ranged on, leaving me behind.

About ten minutes later, I heard a shout, and looking up, saw the guys waving for me to watch my boyfriend try to bridge the river on an undersized tree branch. I couldn't see very well where I was so I skittered to another rock.

Still not satisfied with my view, I stretched up on my toes to see better what was happening.

The rock I was standing on was covered with wet moss. I didn't notice it at the time.

The next thing I knew my feet flew up in the air and I went sailing into the water—that icy, cold, murky depth that instantly froze my blood.

My friends all missed the action. They said one minute I was standing there and the next I wasn't. I wished I could have kept it that way, but it was unbearably cold and I hurt.

So I came shivering out of my Wintery bath, to stand chagrined and shaken before my unbelieving peers.

Yes, there is always one in every crowd. Sorry, gang.

Next time I go river hopping it's going to be in the dead of Summer and I'll be wearing my bathing suit. That will take care of that little problem.

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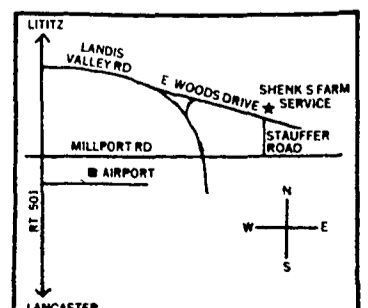
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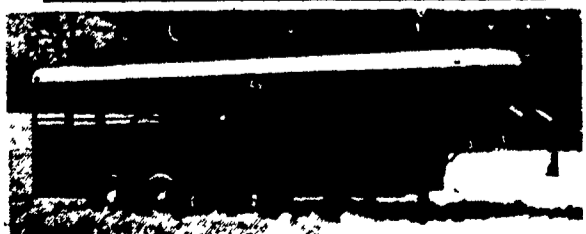
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