

brian's ramblings /8/ of **women** and **mice**

Callie started to show me a list of the **video games** she could play now _____ she could communicate with the big computer. Most of the names didn't mean anything to me, but she kept _____ that I should take my pick. All of a _____ I saw Squirrel on the window sill. He was carrying a mouse in his teeth the way you would expect him to carry a kitten.

"**Squirrel!**" said Callie. "Who opened the window?"

The mouse wriggled. Callie stood up. Squirrel jumped down into the room and _____ the mouse. The mouse ran under Callie's bed.

I heard Callie's mother calling from the kitchen. "Callie! Your **father's home.**"

"Oh no," said Callie.

"Callie?" said Mr. Clemson. "Do you _____ if I come in?" He opened the door without waiting for an answer. The mouse ran out. Squirrel ran after it. "What the hell," said Mr. Clemson.

"It's **my fault,**" I said. "It was me who opened the window."

"You'd _____ not tell your mother," Mr. Clemson said to Callie. "She _____ get hysterical."

Callie's mother screamed. "She's afraid of mice," said Mr. Clemson. He was taking it pretty well.

We all went out to the kitchen. "A mouse just ran _____ me," said **Mrs. Clemson.**

"Why don't you go for a little drive _____ the kids and I catch the mouse?"

"I'm not afraid of mice," said Mrs. Clemson. "But I _____ have to **do some shopping.**"

"_____ the time you get back, we'll have it all _____ care of."

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