

brian's ramblings /6/ getting the job done

Dogs always seem to worry what you think about them, but cats don't _____. I like to watch the way cats move. "When you come _____ to my house," I said, "you always want to play with Meeko."

"**That's different**, and you know it."

"How is it different?"

"In your house you have different rules. If you want to play with Squirrel that badly, we can go outside. Not now, _____. Later. If I can't get this **computer fixed** in half an hour or so, my father's going to find out and _____ mad and send it back."

Squirrel was gone now. "I don't see why it's such a big _____ to let a cat in your room."

"You don't know my father. He's always on the verge of saying that we have to get _____ of Squirrel. My mother gets upset when she sees dead animals on the welcome mat. My **father gets mad** when Squirrel tears up the screen. That's why there's no screen on my window. Squirrel _____ ripping it with his claws, climbing up it and hanging there and yelling at me."

"O.K. Let's get to work." Callie _____ me a screwdriver. I had a little trouble **loosening the screws**. "You weren't kidding when you said you tightened these screws, were you?"

"Here, _____ me try."

"I can do it." I got the back cover _____ and looked inside. It was exactly what I thought. The consumer magazine had warned _____ **this problem**, too. It was related to the problem of grounding the circuit. The case is so flimsy that if you _____ it too hard or knock it against something, the contact I mentioned gets broken. The whole thing was a little bent now. But _____ I had known what to expect, I had come prepared.

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