

# brian's ramblings /1/ **venice** hawaii ireland

My parents actually won the trip to Ireland. My father said **he'd rather** go to Italy \_\_\_\_\_ of Ireland. My mother said **she'd rather** go to Hawaii herself \_\_\_\_\_ she could see a volcano. Aunt Speed pointed out that they hadn't won a free trip to Italy, and they hadn't won a free trip to Hawaii, \_\_\_\_\_. They had won a free trip to Ireland. My father said he had always wanted to see Venice. My mother could live without \_\_\_\_\_ Venice but she said she would love to climb up a volcano.

It was spring. I remember that **maple seeds** were falling on the sidewalk. I like the \_\_\_\_\_ they fall down. A **chipmunk** was sitting in the middle of the sidewalk near our house. It got so involved in eating a maple seed that you could walk right up to it before it ran away. I never saw a chipmunk \_\_\_\_\_ close before. Maybe there was something wrong with it.

When **Callie called** me to say that her computer had broken down again, my parents were still \_\_\_\_\_ about the problems of going to Ireland in June. They talked for hours at a \_\_\_\_\_. They started to think of it \_\_\_\_\_ a second honeymoon. Where would the kids stay? Maybe Grandma would take care of Kate.

It gave me the \_\_\_\_\_ to think of my parents having a **second honeymoon**. I guess I never thought before then that my parents really knew anything about sex. I thought that they might have \_\_\_\_\_ an interest in it when they were younger. But when they won the trip they were already in \_\_\_\_\_ **thirties**. It's weird to think of people that old having any interest in \_\_\_\_\_ things.

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