

Rosellen: does she wish she knew as much (about anything) as Owen abt the dam,  
Hugh about taking the cure, Proxy abt sex...

when Neil wants to leave the dam: Can't close a book without seeing how it comes out.  
First law of wingwalking, don't let go of something until you have hold of something  
else.- She hardly even knew where to start (arguing against going berore the dam was  
done.)

me or  
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or @ picnic?

Rosellen had been secretly a little thrilled by Neil's duel of fists (with the Swede).

(But had said "If he keeps coming home like that...")

Rosellen: some minds she can get into, (she decides) some she just can't.

lunge  
said abt Neil.

--Got to handle him with kidskin.

Kate

How can a <sup>woman</sup> man love both leather and silk? (~~Angus about Anna and Dair~~)  
Neil Owen

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Toston would do

She had the odd wish that Charlene lived somewhere else, Panama maybe,

*after letter*

and she could write letters to her telling her these things. That wasn't

*down*

quite it, Charlene and Owen and Darius in from the moon were all part

of the story. There'd need to be another Charlene, the way Neil and

Bruce were twins. ~~Of course~~

Neil

OO went as steadily as an eight-day clock.

seven-

Neil & Rosellen

People who'd rather fight among themselves than love anybody else.

At times like this the Duffs baffled Rosellen, and she had a guilty inkling that she was with Neil because he baffled her a bit less than the others.

Rosellen when she and Owen begin their affair goes to Proxy--"I need to know some things. To do."--and Proxy figures she'd just trying to keep Neil happy in bed. (all that trucking, who knew what he was up to?)

*armed, gilly*

Neil came home white,

"Saw a guy get killed."

Neil knew where he lacked.

pomade; hair slickum

- Neil was for his date w/ Kate.

Neil ?

OO was a work machine (someone who overworks)

"Neil's going girling." (one of the other Duffs--Hugh?--says to Owen, who finds himself perturbed that the girl is Kate.)

have Bruce sing mockingly to Rosellen (while ~~Bruce~~ Neil is out trucking):

"Tell old Neil

when

he comes home

To leave those

down-

town

women alone."

Neil

out of true (carpenter's phrase--a house leaning out of true, for ex)

Neil?

Not nearly all the force in him came to the surface.

Neil

I still felt like <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ third wheel.

the private language of twins:

--Tony Angell mentioned that Bryony and Gilia had one, when they first started to talk.

--alludetto this, without entirely tipping the reader off, in 1st scene of Bruce/Neil?

Nothing to write home about.

- to desc. *Martina's* face?  
Neil about himself?

A person can be fluent in other parts of the head than just the tongue.

Neil:

There were times when he wanted to push Bruce off a railroad trestle (shove him in the river?).... But after Bruce hooked up w/ Rhonda, Neil missed him.

Rosella

Some character--~~Kate?~~--wonders at the stories of everybody at Fort Peck.  
Where this one had come from, what had happened to that one...

Francine, aka Fran

Francy Pants

The Yebbet sisters are from Toston; thus, grew up on the Missouri near its mouth.

Their father was the barber, in a town with none too many male heads to start with, and those that there were, in the habit of a haircut only about every sixth Saturday. (Their mother a hairdresser?) He spent his spare time, which was a lot, trying to catch every fish in the Missouri River.

spit bath

- Kate takes one

cleaning fingernails with jackknife

*Neil before date w/ Kate*

... could you ... ?

① ~~Yell~~ could and would and did.

twin(ness): dwell on it briefly, w/ detail, for Bruce & Neil?

Call me a slow starter. (Jick, abt Ray's interest in Marcella Withrow)

Neil?

Every so often, Neil would come out of the wallpaper (at you).

Neil @ the homestead:

--peaceful

--sees a bobcat?

One of the newly-wed women--Rosellen--develops cystitis, and asks one of the  
others--Meg?--about it?

larva-green, living (the green mark in Neil's eye after the eclipse)

Neil's eclipse incident:

--God's eyebrow/The Devil's eyebrow/Heaven's.../Hell's.../Whoever's...

--green wound  
the sun float down into an eye?

--tuft of <sup>λ</sup> fire (fed by...)

--green beyond green, a vivid friction of color (calefaction)...

--Never flickered. Never wavered.

--solar

--wounded by the sun

Neil, in his trucking rig?

Goddamn, Fred, I hate to have to do it on the come. Ain't you got any  
wage money?

What do you know for sure?

- Owen-Neil?
- . . . other of them has interior monologue triggered by this,  
as to what he doesn't know? or does know that's damning  
to . . . asker?

- doesn't know if he's a pot or horseback
- said of Neil, dating Kate?

A sheen on everything in her kitchen. (Phoebe's?)

carpenter Cuddy to Neil  
abt Darius?

"Detter-minded bastard, ain't he?" (i.e., determined)

touch off a shot

Neil & Phoebe  
&  
Bruce & Rhonda?

FHS

Robert Elliott ms--DETAILS

Neil & Phoebe  
&  
Bruce & Rhonda?

9--sheepherders stove of sheet iron

10--"homemade yeast rising bread"

11--killed deer, stored it in hole chopped out of small glacier on n. slope

→ 11--target shooting: would stick dynamite cap on stump 50-60 ft away; when hit, would go up in "slivers and shavings."

--pistol: 32-20 single action Colt with 7-inch barrel

15--smokechaser packs: mattock, ax, shovel, compass, food

-- " rations: can ~~corned~~ beef hash, can bacon, bar of chocolate, 2 packages of hardtack, dried rice.

16--unofficial rations made up instead of above: "Bannock" flour (white flour with some baking powder and salt stirred thru)--4# in cloth sack; 4# dried beans in another sack; and a hink of hard smoked bacon

→ 30--homemade wine: dried and canned fruit, sugar, cake of yeast, and if in autumn, huckleberries.

Phoebe, to herself about  
her feelings for Owen.

climbing his leg (woman making an advance, the way a dog in heat straddles a  
person's leg.)

sotter (for "solder)

*Phoebe*

~~Kate~~: has had sex in field scene w/ teenage boy during the grasshopper siege

--at Ft. Peck, is drawn to Owen?

Dell Stark diary, April 17

"I had just seventy cents so we could go to the show. Hated to lay all the chicken feed on the bar for the tickets so got a dollar from Kelly and gave her all the change."

-Neil, counting Kate?

was w/ her?

used

Cover

Bruce joshing Neil after 1st date w/ Kate: "So did you get any?"

Bruce

"considerable" (as a noun (Thesaurus 31.3, as if "great quantity"))

"You did not."

"That's kind of the truth." (remark by Marcus Matovich, Lewistown, 6 Sept. † '90)

Neil?

Jackie

who would plunge into any and everything without hesitation.