

# Chopping Wood-Ostriches

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Cat is sitting at her vanity, touching up her hair with the point of a comb. She grazes a Livestock Weekly in front of her shooting glances at it casually.

3-1/4 MW

EVE  
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CAT

Listen to this: They're asking 95 dollars for a cord of Pinon on the plains, and getting it too. Cut a few cords of that, Robby.

ROBBY

What? You think I'm some mexican wood chopper? I'm a patrolman, baby.

CAT

You've got time to cut a few cords of wood. Don't you know how to?

ROBBY

I can cut the wood, Cat. But why?

CAT

A cord we could sell, a cord we could keep. I like a fire at night. It contents me. If you cut me some wood, it would be sweet.

ROBBY

I'm a Trooper, baby, I said. It's not my way to be up in the range, chop chop chop.

CAT

All right. Robby no chop wood. What if we bought some ostriches, though? They're doing it in the valley. I think we should invest in some ostriches.

ROBBY

You like those things?

CAT

They put meat on faster than a Lubbock trailer wife.

ROBBY

What's your plan?  
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ROBBY (CONT'D)

To build up an empire on ostriches  
and big old eggs that are so big  
they're disgusting? I got full  
benefits, thanks.

EVE  
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CAT

I don't plan to build an empire.  
But up on this kind of range, you  
have to be a little imaginative.

ROBBY

Your images are kind of goofy, baby.

CAT

What's so goofy?

ROBBY

Ostriches are.

CAT

But they're edible. They're very  
edible.

ROBBY

I know. But are they patriotic?  
Are they proud for the county? You  
haven't thought about this right.  
Are you having cramps or something?

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Cat atomizes around her head and opens the window.

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CAT

Go outside fifteen minutes.

ROBBY

Oh, Cat.

CAT

Go on.

ROBBY

Cat.

CAT

You go on. I get annoyed by your,  
let's say, lack of sodium.