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BRIAN O'NEIL'S FAMILY STORIES

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When my grandpa was growing up, his dad had his own wine vat in the cellar. He grew his own grapes for it. The cellar was down stairs by the bottled fruits and vegetables. This makes it easy to get to the wine.

It was a lovely saturday afternoon. Mom had dinner cooking, and dad was out fishing. We were playing hide and go seek. I was the best, of course. I hardly ever lost. I had the best hiding places that there was, they just didn't get any better than it.

We were in the middle of our game when we heard dad screech into the driveway. We all jumped out of our hiding places to go see what he had caught. Dad liked to tell stories, he didn't have any fish, but he said he let them all go.

We all went into the house, and mom told us to wash because dinner was almost done. We got washed and all returned to the table. Someone was missing. Beth. She was gone and no one had seen her since the last game of hide and go seek.

Mom needed some canned peaches, so she asked me if I would go down in the cellar and get her some. I ran down the stairs and grabbed a couple bottles of peaches, and was just leaving when I saw something underneath the wine vat.

I went over there, and there was Beth. I talked to her but she didn't answer. She was knocked out cold, she was drunk. I suppose while we were playing she crawled underneath there and turned the valve that you got wine out of. She drank a whole bunch and had got herself drunk and knocked out.