

TRAPPED

Elizabeth May Isherwood had just come out of the closet, announcing to her husband and police colleagues she was gay, when weeks later she found herself in another—closet that is.

Getting up at night in her rented condo she took a wrong turn and ended up in the tiny laundry room, not the bathroom. The doorknob fell off, leaving her alone, naked and unable to get out.

Despite her ingenuity, she only made matters worse. Grabbing hold of a shelf, she swung it to make a hole in the wall, but hit a pipe which burst, spraying cold water everywhere.

For 24 hours she banged, thumped and shouted for someone to help. Finally losing strength and no doubt hope, she slumped down and succumbed to death from hypothermia.

Neighbours said they heard sounds, but decided it was only workmen making repairs. How often we do this—explaining away the bothersome noises of women who are trapped.