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I've debated adding this post for a few weeks...so here goes.

Two months ago I stopped to check out some water that looked fishy...my first cast I landed a nice 10" brown and with each subsequent cast more very nice brownies - all told 8 fish in 15 minutes.

...and this is the tale of my epic heavyweight battle

**\*\*Round 1\*\***

So I go back - same experience and I think to myself this place is a hidden treasure with no pressure...and then it happened - the epic battle began. My dropper fly dipped into the water and I set the hook only to think I got snagged on a rock - my line would not move and then I realized there was a very large fish on...I could not move this fish and finally I caught a quick glimpse of her butter belly before she shot under a cut out in the rocks...in my haste I waded into the stream trying to land this trout from under the rock...the fight continued and then she quickly/smarty managed to snap my line against the rocks and she was gone...

Lesson Learned:

Do not wade into the water trying to net a fish that goes up and under the rocks.

**\*\*Round 2\*\***

I go back about a week later - directly to the same spot with the hopes of connecting with this monster. Second cast and BAM she is on the line - there is no mistaking this trout - the fight began...this time she tried to go under the rock cut out but I was able to keep her away - so her Plan B was to race down stream to another cut out of rocks...as I caught a glimpse of her shadow racing through the water I was awe struck - she is a very nice trout especially given the size of the water. This round was more intense and lasted 25 seconds but she is very smart and spit the hook...

Lesson Learned:

It is true - brownies like there territory and if you find them there once they are likely to be there again

**\*\*Round 3\*\***

I give it another 2 weeks and go back. This time was rather uneventful - there were a couple of strikes on my nymph but I came up empty handed.

Lesson Learned:

Trout really are unpredictable

**\*\*Round 4\*\***

Today I am running on some errands and my route takes me past the home of the monster - I have to stop and I do. 5th cast and BAM she is on again, but I know her tricks, I was able to block her go to move and did not let her swim to the first rock outcrop, and I knew she would race down stream to the lower rock outcrop, and I was able to defend this tactic as well and then it happened...I pulled her up into very shallow water and we were eye to eye...I thought to myself this is it I'm finally going to land this monster (she is beautiful - length/girth/color). So I go for my net and it is locked...I am face to face with this trout and I can't scoop her up because my freaking net won't move...so I go to unlock the net and just like that she laughs in my face and breaks the line....

So it continues...my stalking of the monster. I really hope I can land this fish so I can share some photos of her on here.

Here are some photos of the stream and another brownie that I pulled out after Round #4 today.

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