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## Old age and treachery wins again

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79 year old man fights off (presumably a lot younger) home invader.

When you read the news story at the bottom I want you to focus on what's not there. On what's missing from the article.

Here's John Ballard, a 79 year old man who tackled a knife wielding home invader into a pool, simply because John is a good swimmer and he wanted to even the odds. This is after getting into a grapple with the home invader, and getting stabbed and bitten in the process.

So what's missing from the article below? What don't you see?

I'll tell you.

Hand-wringing.

What you don't see is this righteous old dude showing remorse and hand-wringing. No PTSD. No fearful "can't answer questions because he's in too much of a state."

What's missing is two-fold:

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Any snowflake bullshit about feelz and feeling bad :(.

Any sense of a defensive mindset.

When he saw the BG, John's first thought wasn't "hide" it was "get the gun". When the home invader put a knife to the the throat of John's wife, the only reason John didn't shoot him is because he couldn't get a good angle. So eventually he put the gun down (he felt it going sideways), then proceeded to attack the home invader anyway.

Then he tried to drown the BG for good measure.

## Dear feelings

There's an article I reread from time to time. It's called "Fuck your feelings you old goat". (See a copy [HERE](#), I can't find the original.)

Well this dude hasn't got any feelings to fuck.

All he has is a disagreeable [attitude](#) and [balls](#) the size of Big Ben.

This man does NOT look like prey. To him the BG with the knife [looked like prey](#).

And to celebrate this kick-arse man's super-freaking-coolness, I would like to invoke a fight Club-ism:

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### [Kloof pensioner, 79, fights off knife-wielding attacker](#)



© Provided by Independent Media Retired Sea World curator John Ballard was stabbed and bitten

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during a robbery at his Kloof home this week. Durban - RETIRED Sea World curator John Ballard used his swimming skills to disarm a man who had stabbed and bitten him on his hand during a robbery at his Kloof home this week.

Ballard, 79, said he had evened the odds by falling into his swimming pool with the robber in his grasp.

He and his wife Gaye, 74, were sitting on their veranda on Wednesday when their dog's bark alerted them to an intruder on the property.

Ballard, who worked for Sea World for nearly 50 years, followed his dog and caught sight of a man climbing over their back wall. He fetched his pistol from the house and went in search of the man, but could not find him.

Ballard went back to his wife. Suddenly the man appeared and grabbed his wife around the neck and placed a knife to her throat.

"He kept repeating: 'I will kill her.' He seemed deranged. I had my gun pointing at him but could not get a clear shot.

"He used Gayle as a shield. After his repeated demands to put the gun down, I had to comply or things would have turned ugly.

"I placed the gun on the floor. He loosened his grip on her throat and rushed towards the gun," Ballard said.

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Ballard grabbed him and a struggle ensued. The three of them fell on to the lawn. Ballard grappled with the man to disarm him. This is when he was stabbed and bitten.

Gaye Ballard ran into their home to contact the police and neighbourhood watch.

“As a commercial diver, I knew my strength lay in the water. I rolled with him from the lawn into the deep end of the pool. He dropped the knife, got out and ran off down the driveway. I evened the odds in the water,” Ballard said.

The police retrieved the knife from the bottom of the pool.

Although Ballard officially retired in October 2004, he has continued to mentor new staff at uShaka Marine World.

Police spokesperson Captain Nqobile Gwala said a case of attempted robbery had been opened at Pinetown police station.

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