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The cat-flap clicked upward, letting in a ______ sharp _______ draught of cold air. Framed within the opening appeared a black face with a white nose and chin, wide yellow eyes and a set of curving white ______ whiskers _______. The face stayed where it was, the eyes ______ surveyed ______ the room.

Bella, ______ lying ______ relaxed and sleepy in the armchair by the kitchen fire, turned her head at the sound. She jumped down from the chair and stood ______ rigid ______, ready to see off the ______ intruder _______.

The stranger returned stare for stare. His glance had taken in the two saucers of cat-food, one still ______ scattered ______ with untouched scraps, and the blue bowl crusted with a white ring where milk had stood for some time, left by cats who had had more than ______ enough ______ already.
He looked at the warm glow of the gas fire, at the armchair and at the clean white coats of the two females. This was a place where a cat could be comfortable, no doubt about that. He was ravenously hungry. He came wholly into the room and approached the saucer cautiously.

Bella circled round him, her fur bristling.

Before long Miss Betty Braithwaite's sensible medium-height heels could be heard clop-clopping along the hall corridor. The footsteps came nearer, the door-handle turned and she entered, a small woman with thick hair, once chestnut, now the colour of faded string, pinned off her face and neck.

As the door opened, his proud tail drooped, his ears went back in fear and he cowered low to the floor.

“It’s all right, puss,” she said. “I won’t hurt you.”

He straightened, reassured by the softness of her voice, and looked up into her face.
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