

The
Woman

with

40

cats



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**For Gail,
May you and the cats live
happily ever after.**



**Gail was a woman,
Who lived on her own,
Her house was so empty,
And barely a home.**



**Alone she woke,
Feeling an emptiness that,
Could only be filled,
By a mouse chasing cat.**

**Now for Gail,
One cat was never enough,
She kept buying cats,
And selling her stuff.**



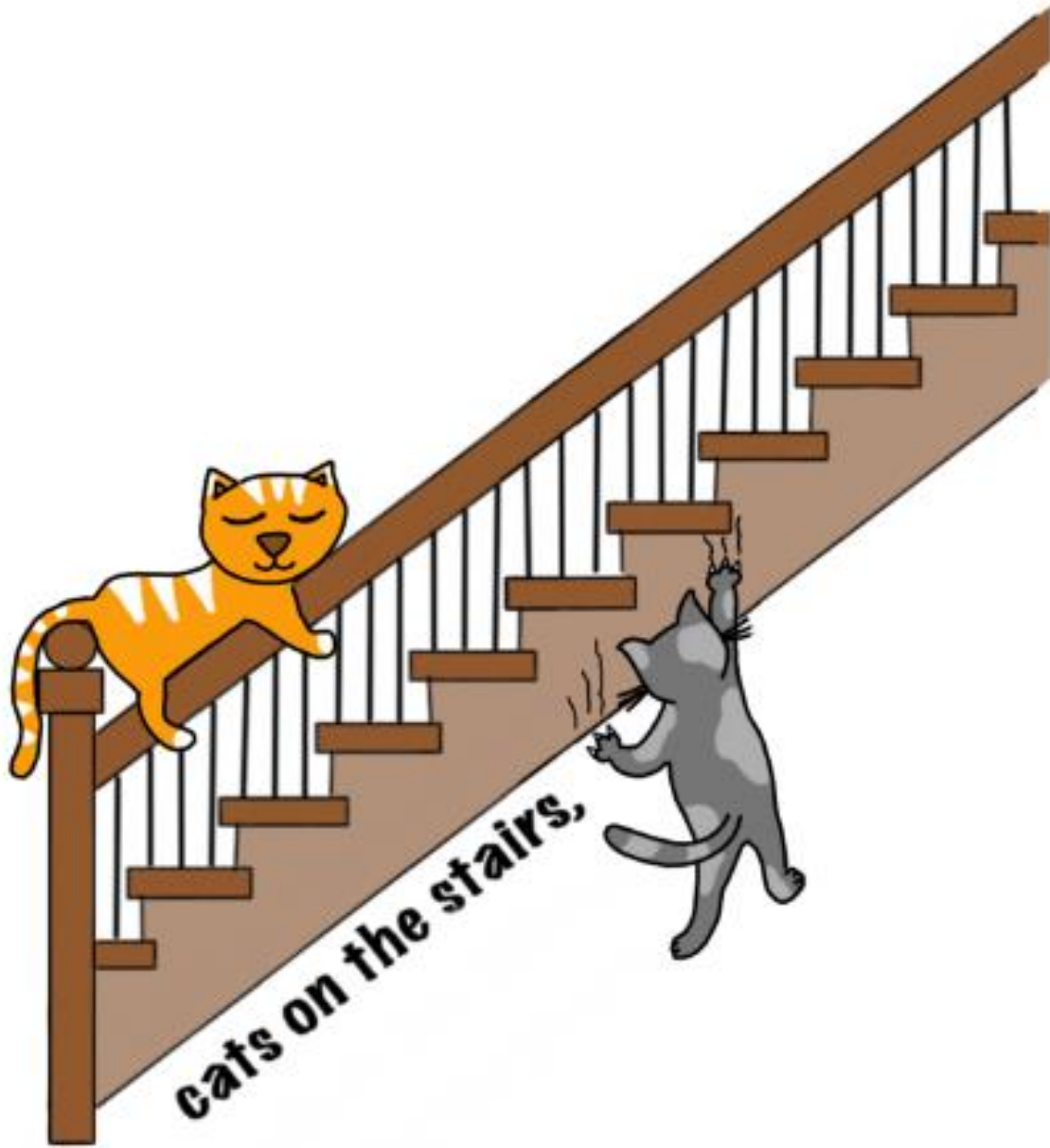
**Until at last,
Her house was finally full,
Of millions of cats,
Chasing pink balls of wool.**

So many cats,
In such little space,
Scattered about,
All over the place.



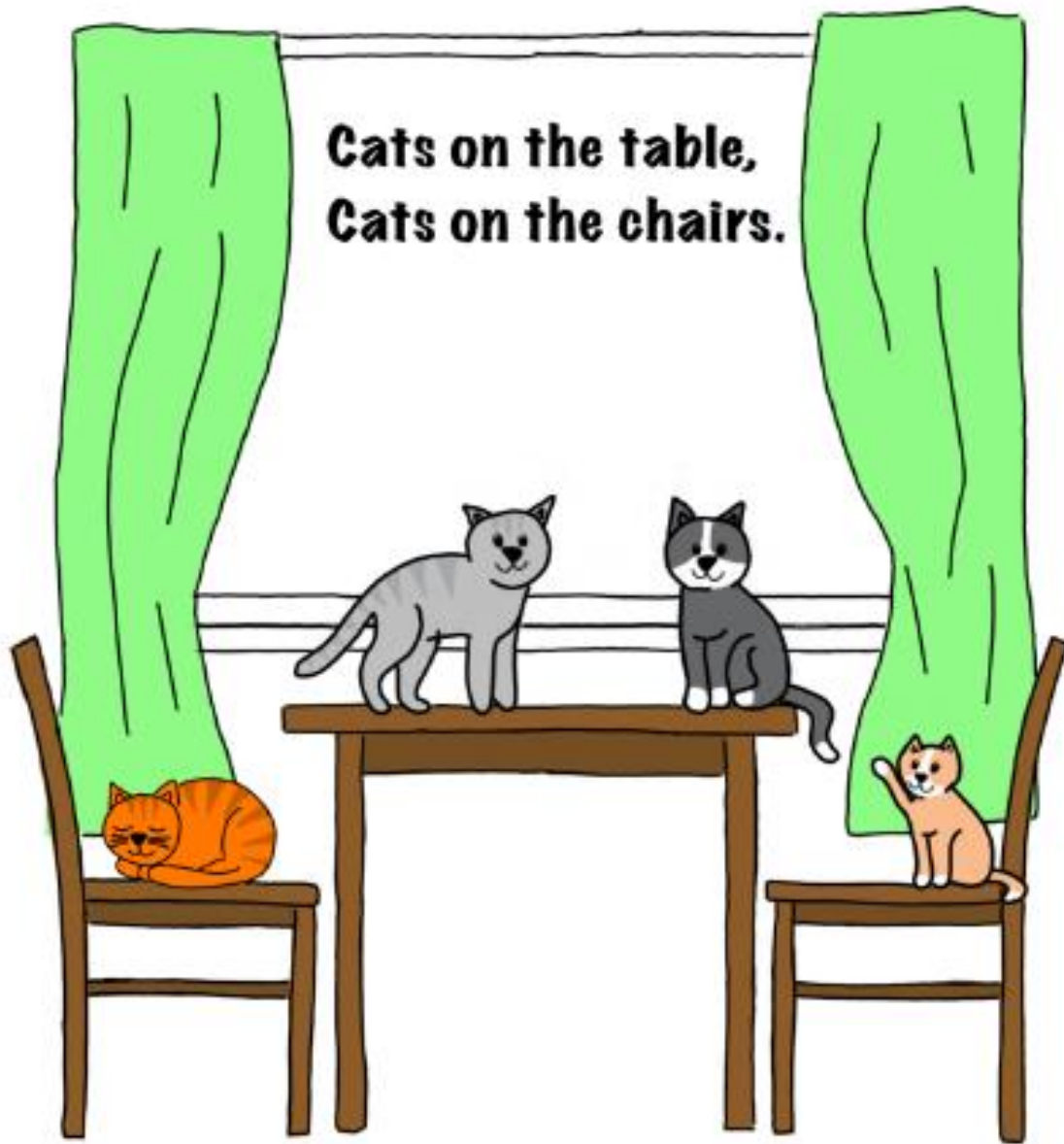


Cats in the bedroom,



cats on the stairs,

**Cats on the table,
Cats on the chairs.**





Cats in the dustbins,

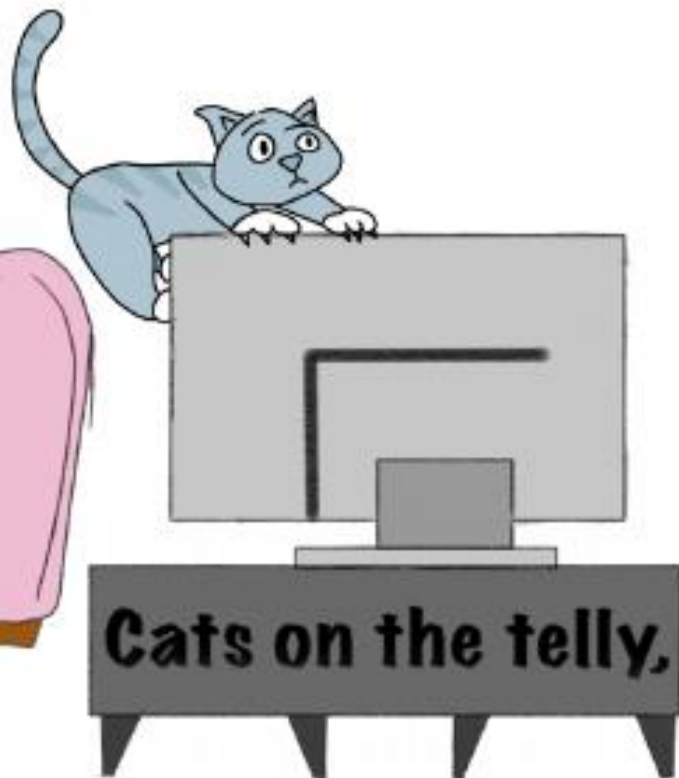
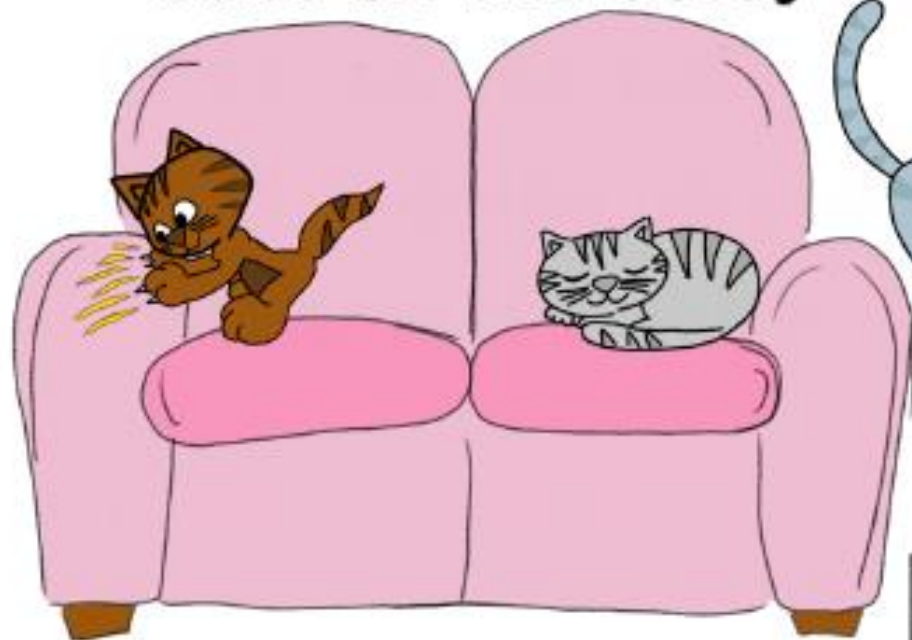
Cats on the street,



**Cats on the barbe,
Eating the meat.**



Cats on the sofa,



Cats on the telly,

**Cats pooing on carpet
Making it smelly.**







**Cats in the drainpipe,
acting aloof.**

(aloof means, not showing any interest)



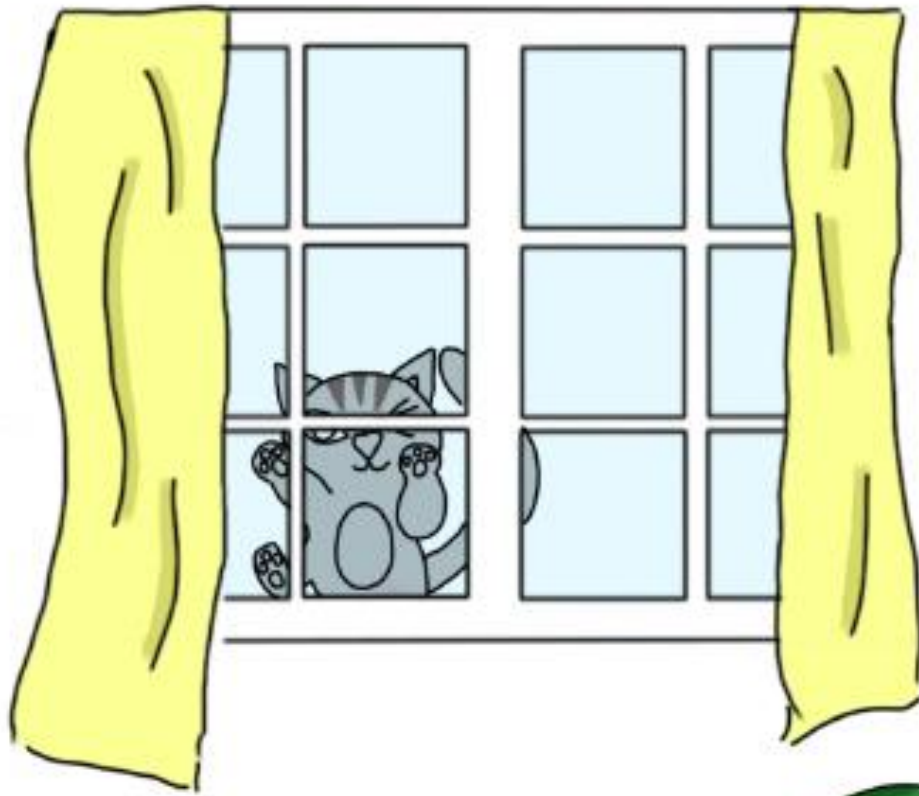


**Cats in the garden,
Cats in the trees,**



**Cats hunting mice,
Baited with cheese.**

(Baited means, to use something to catch)



**Cats in the windows,
Cats in the plants,
Cats curled up sleeping,
In a mountain of pants.**



**Cats in the kitchen,
Cats in the pans,**



**Cats in the cupboards,
Playing with cans.**

**Millions and millions
Of cats everywhere,
Until at last,
There was no room to spare.**



**Until poor Gail,
She had to sleep rough,
There was no more room,
She'd just had enough.**

**Fortunately Gail,
Had huge stacks of cash,**



**And bought the next house,
As quick as a flash.**

**With the cats all happy
And living next door,
But soon came a feeling,
That she'd felt once before.**

**With one house for cats,
And one on her own,
And that familiar feeling,
Of being alone.**





**So Gail came up,
With a sensible plan,
To create herself,
Her own little clan.**



**So now in the garden,
And outside her homes,
Is her very own army,
Of small friendly gnomes.**

**With all of the gnomes,
And cats safe inside,
Gail finally was happy,
And bursting with pride.**

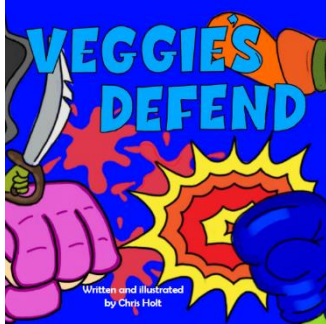
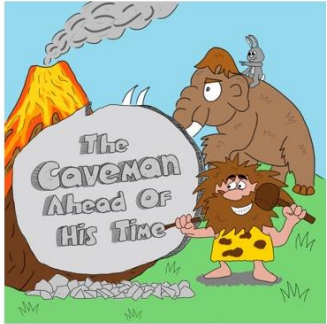




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