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How the Cat’s Banquet Stopped the Traffic

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A cat once found a tiny broken pane of glass in the window of a butcher shop. You can imagine how fast she got through it!

The shop was closed for the night, with just one light burning. And then didn’t that cat have a feast! Never before had she known the joy of having everything she wanted to eat, all at once, with no one to stop her.



Some passersby noticed what a good time she was having and stopped to watch. Then more people stopped, and more, because it was so amusing. It was like a funny play, watching the cat pick out the choicest morsels, play with them, then eat them. The crowd grew until the whole street was jammed. No one could pass. Soon even the cars and trucks couldn’t get through.

When she had eaten as much as she wanted of the butcher’s large supply, a watchman finally arrived. With the help of a good many men, he got the crowd moving and went into the shop. But the cat simply flew out through the window and vanished into a side alley, where she probably lived on scraps.

The butcher shop looked a sight. The cat hadn’t quite finished everything, but she had tried everything.

“Well,” said one of the people who had been watching, “that’s the cleverest cat I’ve ever seen. She wanted a good meal, she knew just when to escape, and best of all, she stopped the traffic of cars and trucks and people who might have been in a hurry to get somewhere.”

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