Shadow – The Jealous Cat

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Shadow is a house cat
black as night,
quick on her paws,
and an excellent hunter.

She chases toy mice, bottle tops,
and, on very lucky days, even a fly.

But her favourite thing to catch?
Hair ties.

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She lives in a cosy little house in the countryside
with her human, who loves and spoils her.

After all, Shadow is a perfect cat.
She even helps out in the garden.

And Shadow shows her love, too.

On chilly days, she warms her human's jumpers
by covering them in soft, glossy black fur.

"Shadoooooow!"

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She "decorates" her shoes
with careful little scratches
making each pair one of a kind.

"Shadoooooow!"

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When her human is sick
Shadow takes good care of her
keeping her warm
and purring softly all night long.

Her life is perfect.

Nothing could ever change it.

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One day, as usual,
Shadow is eagerly waiting
for her human to come home.

At last, the door opens and…

SURPRISE!

In walks a tiny ginger kitten.

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Shadow's fur bristles.
She hisses.

Who is this?

His name is Lillo.
Her human found him crying
all alone by the side of the road.

"What are you doing in my house?"

"I love you!"

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Shadow looks at him, annoyed.

This cheeky little kitten
purrs louder than she does
and won't let her sleep.

He's already taken her spot on the bed
and maybe… her place
in her human's heart.

The next day, Shadow makes a plan.

She must get rid of him.

Meanwhile, Lillo makes a mess
and dashes off.

"Shadoooooow!"

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He gobbles up her food,
drools all over,
and then tries to give her kisses.The nerve!

He sprawls across the sofa
and lets out tiny, smelly toots
as kittens sometimes do.

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He follows her all the time everywhere. Wherever she goes!

Shadow is fed up.
She tries her best to avoid him.

“You’re so annoying!”

“I love you!”

He’ll never find me.

“I love you!”

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One morning,
her human forgets to close the window.

Shadow sees her chance.

She tells Lillo how wonderful it is
to go exploring in the woods.

Lillo believes her.

With one big leap,
he jumps outside
and disappears into the distance.

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But not for long.

Soon, he's back
with a gift for her:

a few little leaves.

Shadow turns away, cross and disappointed…
even though she loves leaves.

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That afternoon, Shadow wakes from her nap
and notices something strange.It's quiet.Too quiet.

Where is Lillo?

He's gone.

At first, Shadow is over the moon.

At last, she thinks,
I'm free of that clingy, smelly kitten!

Just to be sure,
she searches the whole house.

Lillo is nowhere to be found.

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But her happiness doesn't last long.

A funny feeling grows inside her
a hollow, empty ache
that not even kibble can fill.

Suddenly, she remembers…

When she was a kitten,
she felt the same way
whenever her human went out.

The only thing that helped
was curling up in the drawer
and cuddling the socks.

So Shadow runs to the bedroom,
jumps into the drawer, and…

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…there he is.

Lillo.

Fast asleep,
worn out from trying so hard
to win her over.

Slowly, gently,
Shadow curls up beside him.

“I love you,” she whispers.

Their purring fills the whole house.

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Life is perfect.

Nothing could ever change it.

But then…

SURPRISE!

“I love you both!”

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Shadow is the perfect pet. She knows just how to care for her beloved owner, and her life is perfectly peaceful… until Lillo arrives .

Could this new little kitten be trying to take her place? Winning Shadow over won’t be easy but it seems the tiny newcomer will do everything he can to earn a special place in her heart.