

The Blackbird Nest

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“They were there when we left! What could have happened to them?” the girls exclaimed, staring at the empty nest.

The feathers surrounding it and the claw marks in the wet earth soon solved the tragic mystery.

“Girls.”

Their father gently explained the cause of this disappearance to them.

“But they’re in heaven now, right? Where they’re safe?”

Their father nodded solemnly as the girls took in the grave news.

One girl, stricken, stood silent.

“Then where do the cats go?” asked her sister.