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WAITING FOR EMMETT: 2,611 word Flash Fiction Short Story about a man, a haunted house, and seven ghost cats.

(NOTE: This very short story is flash fiction and is only 10 pages long. Amazon's estimated page count is higher because this book contains the exact same back matter {About the author, copyright page, contact info, etc.} found in my longer stories; the back matter is 8 pages long.)

It is the retelling of a tale commonly referred to as just Waiting or Emmett.

The original tale dates at least as far back as the 1700s where it was passed down throughout the Southern Plantations. The original texts are rarely more than 200 words long and tell of an evil and violently abusive plantation owner, who one dark and stormy night found himself home alone. His slaves seeing an opportunity to escape attacked the vile slave master, chasing him deep into a haunted forest where a mysterious house full of black cats appeared out of no where. What the man was unaware of, was that it belonged to a Houngan (Voodoo Priest) whom had been murdered years earlier by the plantation owner's grandfather. Seeking shelter from the storm the plantation owner spends the night in Emmett's house, where he is tormented by the seven gruesome cats, until Emmett arrives to kill, cook, and eat the evil slave master, thus allowing the slaves to escape and gain their freedom.

In later versions of the tale, told in the mid-1800s during the Western expansion, the slave master evolved into a circuit preacher, a peddler of snake oil, or a shifty rainman. The story in all its many versions has always been told as a warning to evil doers to change your ways or face dire consequences.

In this version, I have taken the focus off of the victims, the evil man and Emmett, and put it upon the cats themselves.

## ABOUT THE SERIES:

EelKat's Twisted Tales is a collection of quick-read Short Stories inspired by classic Fairy Tales, FolkLore, and Mythology. Most of the titles in this series are less than 5,000 words long and can be read in under a half-hour, many are short enough to be read in under 15 minutes. The series was designed to give folks a short break from their busy lives to escape into the world of make-believe, even if only for a few minutes during your lunch break. I hope you will enjoy reading these stories as much as I have enjoyed writing them for you.

~Many hugs & kisses From EelKat

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