For The Cat Locked Out

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As the cat runs laps, leaping from couch to chair, skidding into the yellowed tiled kitchen, and finally diving into a sack left on the floor, we make love this late winter afternoon. He jumps at the bedroom door, lands, and reaches his paws underneath, clawing while we move slowly together. He springs up and dashes back to the kitchen where he stares at the caged finches fluttering in the dwindling light.