

The story that I read was The Black Cat by Edgar Allan Poe.

1. What is the plot of the story? In point form, identify the different plot elements. (Point of view is the guy who carved the black cat's eye.)

- Exposition
  - In the beginning, the narrator informs readers that this story will be ugly.
  - (Now) in a place where he may be in jail or unpleasant.
  - The man's loving childhood between animals
  - Loved caressing and feeding the animals and spent all his time.
  - Married, and he and his wife don't share the same opinion. (His ideas are different than nurturing.)
  - Having different kinds of pet in their home , monkey, cat (Pluto), rabbits.
- Conflict
  - Change of the behaviour due to excessive consumption of alcohol (to his wife and his pets)
  - No maltreating to the cat, Pluto, but other pets got their share
- Rising Action
  - Carving black cat's eye just because it doesn't fancy him and (it loses interest and escape from him.)
  - Cat recovers from the attack and runs away from him every time sees him.
  - Kills cat by hanging to the tree.
- Climax
  - On the day he killed Pluto, his house caught fire. Everything burned except for the compartment wall (head of his bed).
  - Dead cat prevented his death (By assuming somebody threw the cat to awake him).
  - Thrown into poverty after they lose their house to the fire.
- Falling Action
  - Another black cat comes, similar to Pluto, and he caresses the cat. Then he starts to dislike it.
  - Brings another cat who lacks an eye, just like pluto. Wanted to destroy it, but former crime disables
  - Wanted to kill the cat, but his wife understands. Then she wants to stop him. Murders his wife and hides her body between the cellar and the wall. As long as the cat is nowhere near, then that was fine for the narrator.
- Resolution
  - His crime is exposed due to the meowing sound of a cat that was trapped in a wall

2. Describe the plot of the narrative in your own words using transitions. Use the elements from question 1. Make sure you connect your ideas clearly. Use the **transitions** in Appendix A.

The story may take place in jail or somewhere else. In the beginning, the man warns that he is going to tell an ugly and unpleasant story, and the reason is that he wants to get rid of this burden. In his childhood, he liked to spend time with his pets, but somehow he felt greedy and selfish in doing it. Over time, he married a woman who didn't share the same ideas as him. They had different kinds of pets, which were monkeys, rabbits and cats. The cat, Pluto, was distinguished one around the other pets. After some time, the man experienced behavioural changes as a result of excessive use of alcohol. He maltreated his wife and all the pets except Pluto. One night while he was returning home from his drinking, he assumed that the cat didn't like him anymore. He tried to caress the cat, but there was no avail. The cat hissed back at him. He got fury over this and carved Pluto's eye with his penknife. In the morning, he felt guilty, but with drinking wine, all of this went into darkness. During this time, the man's hatred towards the cat enlarged, and one night, he killed the cat, Pluto, by hanging on the tree. On the night that he killed the cat, his house caught fire and burnt down everything except the compartment wall. After the fire, he went to observe and realized that the cat's corpse prevented his death. He assumed that somebody threw it to awake him. He felt guilty and ashamed afterward. After they moved into another house, a black cat, just like Pluto, approached him, and the man caressed the cat. He grew a dislike and evil thoughts to the cat over time. When he aimed to kill the cat, his wife prevented him from continuing. However, this made him very angry and killed his wife. He hid his wife's body between the cellar and wall so that nobody will ever find her body. The police came to investigate in the following days, and while they were investigating, they heard the cat's voice coming from the wall. They opened up the wall and saw that his wife's corpse was there.