

brian's ramblings /9/ not in front of company

"What **kind of cereal** do you want, Callie?" asked Mrs. Clemson.

"Oh, anything."

"Do you like that new kind with the dried bananas in _____?"

"Sure."

"Anything else you can _____ of?" Mrs. Clemson was trying to _____ that she wasn't hysterical.

"No," said Callie. "Don't forget to buy **cat food**."

"Don't buy too much," said Callie's father. "We don't know how long we'll be _____ it."

"I'll be going then," said Callie's mother. "As _____ as you're sure you don't need my help."

"We can _____, dear."

"**It isn't fair**," said Callie. "I didn't let the cat in."

"We'll discuss it later," said Mr. Clemson.

"It isn't fair."

"Not in front of _____," said Callie's mother.

Mrs. Clemson went out to the car. Mr. Clemson's voice took on that patient tone that adults use when they're not being fair but want to _____ that they are. "Now Callie," said Mr. Clemson. "I didn't say that we would _____ rid of the cat. But _____ you can see that we have to _____ **the possibility**. When an animal starts destroying things--"

"Squirrel's not destroying anything."

"Squirrel was destroying **the screens** on your window. If Squirrel _____ started climbing up the screens, I never would _____ taken them down. Then he never _____ have gotten in the house at all."

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