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Shadows Lurking

Short Answer Key

1. The fire leaves behind ruins, and the strange image of a cat on the wall adds to the eerie feeling.
2. The second black cat follows him everywhere, reminding him of his past actions, making the house feel haunted.
3. The basement is dark, cold, and hidden, making it the perfect place for a terrible secret, adding to the suspense.
4. The house reflects the narrator's emotions and seems to trap him in his own guilt and fear.
5. Poe describes dimly lit rooms, shadows, and darkness to create a spooky and unsettling atmosphere.

