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C. taken down

D. taken in

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E. by the brim of the cup

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A. split the bun

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A. rattle the cage

B. shimmy the bag

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