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Mungojerrie And Rumpelteazer

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Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer,
We're a notorious couple of cats.
As knockabout clowns, quick-change comedians,
tight-rope walkers and acrobats
We have an extensive reputation.
We make our home in Victoria Grove:
That is merely our centre of operation,
for we are incurably given to rove.

We are very well known in Cornwall Gardens,
in Launceston Place and in Kensington Square:
We have really a little more reputation
than a couple of cats can very well bear.

If the area window is found ajar
And the basement looks like a field of war,
If a tile or two comes loose on the roof,
Which presently fails to be waterproof,
If the drawers are pulled out from the bedroom chests,
And you can't find one of your winter vests,
Or after supper one of the girls,
Suddenly misses her Woolworth pearls:
The family will say: "It's that horrible cat!
Was it Mungojerrie or Rumpelteazer?"
And most of the time they leave it at that.

Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer
have a very unusual gift of the gab.
We are highly efficient cat burglars as well
as remarkably smart at a smash and grab.
We make our home in Victoria Grove.
We have no regular occupation.
We are plausible fellows, and like to engage
a friendly policeman in conversation.

When the family assembles for Sunday dinner,
With their minds made up that they won't get thinner
On Argentine joint, potatoes and greens,
And the cook will appear from behind the scenes,
And say in a voice that is broken with sorrow:
"I'm afraid you must wait and have dinner tomorrow!
For the joint has gone from the oven like that!"
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Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer
have a wonderful way of working together.
And some of the time you would say it was luck,
and some of the time you would say it was weather.
We go through the house like a hurricane,
and no sober person could take his oath
Was it Mungojerrie or Rumpelteazer?
Or could you have sworn that it mightn't be both?

And when you hear a dining room smash
Or up from the pantry there comes a loud crash
Or down from the library there comes a loud ping
From a vase that was commonly said to be Ming:
The family will say: "Now which is which cat?
It was Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer!"
And there's nothing at all to be done about that!

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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