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for Young Actors



LIBRETTO

CATS

**Young Actors
Edition**

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OVERTURE

PROLOGUE

JELlicle SONGS FOR JELlicle CATS

A car is heard approaching. DEMETER is caught in the car's headlights as it drives off. CATS begin to slowly move about the Junkyard.

MUNKUSTRAP

ARE YOU BLIND WHEN YOU'RE BORN?

DEMETER

CAN YOU SEE IN THE DARK?

SKIMBLESHANKS

CAN YOU LOOK AT A KING?

ASPARAGUS

WOULD YOU SIT ON HIS THRONE?

RUM TUM TUGGER

CAN YOU SAY OF YOUR BITE
THAT IT'S WORSE THAN YOUR BARK?

ALONZO

ARE YOU COCK OF THE WALK

GRIZABELLA

WHEN YOU'RE WALKING ALONE?

ALL

BECAUSE JELICLES ARE AND JELICLES DO
JELICLES DO AND JELICLES WOULD
JELICLES WOULD AND JELICLES CAN
JELICLES CAN AND JELICLES DO

JELLYLORUM

WHEN YOU FALL ON YOUR HEAD
DO YOU LAND ON YOUR FEET?

CORICOPAT, TANTOMILE

ARE YOU TENSE WHEN YOU SENSE
THERE'S A STORM IN THE AIR?

JEMIMA

CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY BLIND
WHEN YOU'RE LOST IN THE STREET?

OLD DEUTERONOMY

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GO
TO THE HEAVISIDE LAYER?

ALL

BECAUSE JELICLES CAN AND JELICLES DO
JELICLES DO AND JELICLES CAN
JELICLES CAN AND JELICLES DO
JELICLES DO AND JELICLES CAN
JELICLES CAN AND JELICLES DO

CORICOPAT, TANTOMILE

CAN YOU RIDE ON A BROOMSTICK
TO PLACES FAR DISTANT?

JENNYANYDOTS, VICTORIA

FAMILIAR WITH CANDLE,

ADMETUS

WITH BOOK AND WITH BELL?

BOMBALURINA

WERE YOU WHITTINGTON'S FRIEND?

RUMPLETEAZER

THE PIED PIPER'S ASSISTANT?

QUAXO

HAVE YOU BEEN AN ALUMNUS OF HEAVEN AND HELL?

MUNGOJERRIE

ARE YOU MEAN LIKE A MINX?

CARBUCKETTY

ARE YOU LEAN LIKE A LYNX?

BILL BAILEY

ARE YOU KEEN TO BE SEEN
WHEN YOU'RE SMELLING A RAT?

CASSANDRA

WERE YOU THERE WHEN THE PHARAOHS
COMMISSIONED THE SPHINX?

ALL

IF YOU WERE AND YOU ARE,
YOU'RE A JELLICLE CAT.

JELLICLE SONGS FOR JELLICLE CATS
JELLICLE SONGS FOR JELLICLE CATS
JELLICLE SONGS FOR JELLICLE CATS
JELLICLE SONGS FOR JELLICLE CATS
JELLICLE SONGS FOR JELLICLE CATS

WE CAN DIVE THROUGH THE AIR
LIKE A FLYING TRAPEZE
WE CAN TURN DOUBLE SOMERSAULTS,
BOUNCE ON A TYRE

WE CAN RUN UP A WALL,
WE CAN SWING THRU' THE TREES
WE CAN BALANCE ON BARS
WE CAN WALK ON A WIRE.

JELLICLE CATS ARE QUEENS OF THE NIGHT
SINGING AT ASTRONOMICAL HEIGHT
HANDELING PIECES FROM THE MESSIAH
HALLELUJAH ANGELICAL CHOIR

(ALL)

THE MYSTICAL DIVINITY
OF UNASHAMED FELINITY
ROUND THE CATHEDRAL RANG "VIVAT"
LIFE TO THE EVERLASTING CAT

FELINE FEARLESS FAITHFUL AND TRUE
TO OTHERS WHO DO WHAT

JELICLES DO AND JELICLES CAN
JELICLES CAN AND JELICLES DO
JELICLE CATS SING JELICLE CHANTS
JELICLES OLD AND JELICLES NEW
JELICLE SONG AND JELICLE DANCE

JELICLE SONGS FOR JELICLE CATS
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JELICLE SONGS FOR JELICLE CATS

PRACTICAL CATS.
DRAMATICAL CATS.
PRAGMATICAL CATS.
FANATICAL CATS
ORATORICAL CATS
DELPHICORACLE CATS
SCEPTICAL CATS
DISPEPTICAL CATS

ROMANTICAL CATS.
PEDANTICAL CATS.
CRITICAL CATS,
PARASITICAL CATS,
ALLEGORICAL CATS,
METAPHORICAL CATS
STATISTICAL CATS AND MYSTICAL CATS
POLITICAL CATS

HYPOCRITICAL CATS
CLERICAL CATS
HYSTERICAL CATS
CYNICAL CATS
RABBINICAL CATS.

(ALL)

JELICLE SONGS FOR JELICLE CATS
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ASPARAGUS

THERE'S A MAN OVER THERE
WITH A LOOK OF SURPRISE
AS MUCH AS TO SAY
WELL NOW HOW ABOUT THAT

MUNKUSTRAP

DO I ACTUALLY SEE
WITH MY OWN VERY EYES
A MAN WHO'S NOT HEARD
OF A JELICLE CAT

WHAT'S A JELICLE CAT?

ALL

WHAT'S A JELICLE CAT?
WHAT'S A JELICLE CAT?
WHAT'S A JELICLE CAT?

THE NAMING OF CATS

The ENSEMBLE move downstage and look directly at the audience. The rhythm of the poem is only to be used as a guide and not to be followed literally.

ALL

THE NAMING OF CATS
IS A DIFFICULT MATTER,
IT ISN'T JUST ONE
OF YOUR HOLIDAY GAMES.
YOU MAY THINK AT FIRST
I'M AS MAD AS A HATTER,
WHEN I TELL YOU A CAT
MUST HAVE THREE DIFFERENT NAMES.

FIRST OF ALL THERE'S THE NAME
THAT THE FAMILY USE DAILY,

(ALL)

SUCH AS PETER, AUGUSTUS,
ALONZO OR JAMES,
SUCH AS VICTOR OR JONATHAN,
GEORGE OR BILL BAILEY
ALL OF THEM SENSIBLE
EV'RY DAY NAMES.

THERE ARE FANCIER NAMERS
IF YOU THINK THEY SOUND SWEETER,
SOME FOR THE GENTLEMEN
SOME FOR THE DAMES:
SUCH AS PLATO, ADMETUS,
ELECTRA, DEMETER
BUT ALL OF THEM SENSIBLE
EV'RY DAY NAMES.

BUT I TELL YOU A CAT
NEEDS A NAME THAT'S PARTICULAR
A NAME THAT'S PECULIAR,
AND MORE DIGNIFIED,
ELSE HOW CAN HE KEEP UP
HIS TAIL PERPENDICULAR
OR SPREAD OUT HIS WHISKERS,
OR CHERISH HIS PRIDE?

OF NAMES OF THIS KIND
I CAN GIVE YOU A QUORUM,
SUCH AS MUNKUSTRAP, QUAXO
OR CORICOPAT
SUCH AS BOMBALURINA,
OR ELSE JELLYLORUM,
NAMES THAT NEVER BELONG
TO MORE THAN ONE CAT.

BUT ABOVE AND BEYOND
THERE'S STILL ONE NAME LEFT OVER.
AND THAT IS THE NAME
THAT YOU NEVER WILL GUESS;
THE NAME THAT NO HUMAN
RESEARCH CAN DISCOVER

BUT THE CAT HIMSELF KNOWS
AND WILL NEVER CONFESS.

(ALL)

WHEN YOU NOTICE A CAT
IN PROFOUND MEDITATION,
THE REASON, I TELL YOU,
IS ALWAYS THE SAME:
HIS MIND IS ENGAGED
IN A RAPT CONTEMPLATION
OF THE THOUGHT,
OF THE THOUGHT,
OF THE THOUGHT,
OF HIS NAME
HIS INEFFABLE, EFFABLE,
EFFANINEFFABLE
DEEP AND INSCRUTABLE
SINGULAR

NAME, NAME, NAME, NAME
NAME, NAME, NAME, NAME

QUAXO

JELICLE CATS COME OUT TONIGHT
JELICLE CATS COME ONE COME ALL;
THE JELICLE MOON IS SHINING BRIGHT
JELICLES COME TO THE JELICLE BALL.
JELICLE CATS COME OUT TONIGHT
JELICLES COME TO THE JELICLE BALL.

MUNKUSTRAP

JELICLE CATS MEET ONCE A YEAR
AT THE JELICLE BALL WHERE WE ALL REJOICE
AND THE JELICLE LEADER WILL SOON APPEAR
AND MAKE WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE JELICLE CHOICE,

WHEN OLD DEUTERONOMY
JUST BEFORE DAWN,
THROUGH A SILENCE YOU FEEL
YOU COULD CUT WITH A KNIFE
ANNOUNCES THE CAT
WHO CAN NOW BE REBORN
AND COME BACK TO A DIFFERENT
JELICLE LIFE.

FOR WAITING UP THERE
IS THE HEAVISIDE LAYER

(MUNKUSTRAP)

FULL OF WONDERS ONE JELLCLE
ONLY WILL SEE
AND JELLCLES ASK
BECAUSE JELLCLES DARE
WHO WILL IT BE?

ALL (EXCEPT MUNKUSTRAP)

WHO WILL IT BE?

*The ENSEMBLE move to the edges of the
Junkyard to make room for MUNKUSTRAP
and JENNYANYDOTS.*

THE OLD GUMBIE CAT

MUNKUSTRAP

(nostalgically with a sense of lost times)

I HAVE A GUMBIE CAT IN MIND
HER NAME IS JENNYANYDOTS
HER COAT IS OF THE TABBY KIND
WITH TIGER STRIPES AND LEOPARD SPOTS
ALL DAY SHE SITS BENEATH THE STAIRS
OR ON THE STEPS OR ON THE MAT
SHE SITS AND SITS AND SITS AND SITS
AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES A GUMBIE CAT
THAT'S WHAT MAKES A GUMBIE CAT.

**JELLYLORUM, DEMETER,
BOMBALURINA (GUMBIE TRIO)**

BUT WHEN THE DAY'S HUSTLE AND BUSTLE IS DONE,
THEN THE GUMBIE CAT'S WORK IS BUT HARDLY BEGUN
AND WHEN ALL THE FAMILY'S IN BED AND ASLEEP
SHE TUCKS UP HER SKIRTS, TO THE BASEMENT TO CREEP.
SHE IS DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE WAYS OF THE MICE.

JENNYANYDOTS

THEIR BEHAVIOUR'S NOT GOOD AND THEIR MANNERS NOT NICE;

GUMBIE TRIO

SO WHEN SHE HAS GOT THEM LINED UP ON THE MATTING
SHE TEACHES THEM

JENNYANYDOTS

MUSIC, CROCHETING AND TATTING.

MUNKUSTRAP

(nostalgically)

I HAVE A GUMBIE CAT IN MIND
HER NAME IS...

MUNKUSTRAP, GUMBIE TRIO

...JENNYANYDOTS

MUNKUSTRAP

THE CURTAIN CORD SHE LIKES TO WIND
AND TIE IT INTO SAILOR KNOTS

MUNKUSTRAP, GUMBIE TRIO

SHE SITS UPON THE WINDOWSILL
OR ANYTHING THAT'S SMOOTH AND FLAT
SHE SITS AND SITS AND SITS AND SITS

MUNKUSTRAP

AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES A GUMBIE CAT

MUNKUSTRAP, GUMBIE TRIO

THAT'S WHAT MAKES A GUMBIE CAT

GUMBIE TRIO

BUT WHEN THE DAY'S HUSTLE AND BUSTLE IS DONE,
THEN THE GUMBIE CAT'S WORK IS BUT HARDLY BEGUN.
SHE THINKS THAT THE COCKROACHES

JENNYANYDOTS

JUST NEED EMPLOYMENT

GUMBIE TRIO

TO PREVENT THEM FROM

JENNYANYDOTS

IDLE AND WANTON DESTROYMENT

GUMBIE TRIO

SO SHE'S FORMED FROM THAT LOT OF DISORDERLY LOOTS
A TROOP OF WELL DISCIPLINED HELPFUL BOY SCOUTS

JENNYANYDOTS

WITH A PURPOSE IN LIFE AND A GOOD DEED TO DO

GUMBIE TRIO

AND SHE'S EVEN
CREATED
A BEETLES'
TATTOO

*Instrumental break. The ENSEMBLE become
cockroaches and beetles to dance with
JENNYANYDOTS.*

JENNYANYDOTS

THANK YOU MY DEARS!

THE RUM TUM TUGGER

RUMPLETEAZER

Tugger!

RUM TUM TUGGER makes a grand entrance.

ENSEMBLE

THE RUM TUM TUGGER IS A CURIOUS CAT

RUM TUM TUGGER

IF YOU OFFER ME PHEASANT
I WOULD RATHER HAVE GROUSE.
IF YOU PUT ME IN A HOUSE
I WOULD MUCH PREFER A FLAT,
IF YOU PUT ME IN A FLAT
THEN I'D RATHER HAVE A HOUSE.
IF YOU SET ME ON A MOUSE
THEN I ONLY WANT A RAT.
IF YOU SET ME ON A RAT
THEN I'D RATHER CHASE A MOUSE.

ENSEMBLE

THE RUM TUM TUGGER IS A CURIOUS CAT

RUM TUM TUGGER

AND THERE ISN'T ANY CALL FOR ME TO SHOUT IT.

ENSEMBLE

FOR HE WILL DO AS HE DO DO

RUM TUM TUGGER

AND THERE'S NO DOING ANYTHING ABOW-A-WOW-WOW-TIT.

BOMBALURINA

THE RUM TUM TUGGER IS A CURIOUS BEAST:

RUM TUM TUGGER

MY DISOBLIGING WAYS ARE A MATTER OF HABIT.
IF YOU OFFER ME FISH THEN I ALWAYS WANT A FEAST;
WHEN THERE ISN'T ANY FISH THEN I WON'T EAT RABBIT.
IF YOU OFFER ME CREAM THEN I SNIFF AND SNEER
FOR I ONLY LIKE WHAT I FIND FOR MYSELF.

*BOMBALURINA approaches, RUM TUM
TUGGER rejects her.*

(RUM TUM TUGGER)

NO! SO YOU'LL CATCH ME IN IT RIGHT UP TO MY EARS
IF YOU PUT IT AWAY ON THE LARDER SHELF.

ENSEMBLE

THE RUM TUM TUGGER IS ARTFUL AND KNOWING
THE RUM TUM TUGGER

RUM TUM TUGGER

DOESN'T CARE FOR A CUDDLE BUT I'LL LEAP UP ON YOUR LAP
IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR SEWING
FOR THERE'S NOTHING I ENJOY LIKE A HORRIBLE MUDDLE.

ENSEMBLE

THE RUM TUM TUGGER IS A CURIOUS CAT

RUM TUM TUGGER

AND THERE ISN'T ANY NEED FOR ME TO SPOUT IT.

ENSEMBLE

FOR HE WILL DO AS HE DO DO

RUM TUM TUGGER

AND THERE'S NO DOING ANYTHING A-BOW A-WOW
A-WOW-WOW HOW
ABOUT IT

ENTRY OF GRIZABELLA

*GRIZABELLA enters, causing the other CATS
to hiss and scurry away to avoid being near
her.*

GRIZABELLA

REMARK THE CAT
WHO HESITATES TOWARDS YOU
IN THE LIGHT OF THE DOOR
WHICH OPENS ON HER LIKE A GRIN.
YOU SEE THE BORDER OF HER COAT IS TORN
AND STAINED WITH SAND.
AND YOU SEE THE CORNER OF HER EYE TWIST
LIKE A CROOKED PIN.

*GRIZABELLA walks around the Junkyard trying
to make a connection.*

DEMETER

SHE HAUNTED MANY A LOW RESORT
NEAR THE GRIMY ROAD OF TOTTENHAM COURT
SHE FLITTED ABOUT THE NO MAN'S LAND
FROM "THE RISING SUN"
TO THE "FRIEND AT HAND"
AND THE POSTMAN SIGHED
AS HE SCRATCHED HIS HEAD
YOU'D REALLY HAVE THOUGHT
SHE'D OUGHT TO BE DEAD
AND WHO'D HAVE EVER SUPPOSED THAT THAT
WAS GRIZABELLA THE GLAMOUR CAT.

BOMBALURINA

GRIZABELLA THE GLAMOUR CAT

DEMETER, BOMBALURINA

GRIZABELLA THE GLAMOUR CAT.

ALL (EXCEPT GRIZABELLA)

WHO'D HAVE EVER SUPPOSED THAT THAT
WAS GRIZABELLA THE GLAMOUR CAT.

INTRODUCTION TO MUNGOJERRIE & RUMPLETEAZER

(A police siren wails. Everyone is on edge.)

DEMETER

Macavity!

A car revs its engine and passes by. Everyone exits to take cover, except MUNGOJERRIE and RUMPLETEAZER.

RUMPLETEAZER giggles.

MUNGOJERRIE

Ssh!

MUNGOJERRIE & RUMPLETEAZER

(MUNGOJERRIE)

MUNGOJERRIE

RUMPLETEAZER

AND RUMPLETEAZER

BOTH

WE'RE A NOTORIOUS COUPLE OF CATS

RUMPLETEAZER

AS KNOCK ABOUT CLOWNS
QUICK CHANGE COMEDIANS
TIGHT ROPE WALKERS
AND ACROBATS

MUNGOJERRIE

WE HAVE AN EXTENSIVE REPUTATION
WE MAKE OUR HOME IN VICTORIA GROVE
THIS IS MERELY OUR CENTRE OF OPERATION

BOTH

FOR WE ARE INCURABLY GIVEN TO ROVE.

MUNGOJERRIE

IF THE AREA WINDOW IS FOUND AJAR
AND THE BASEMENT LOOKS LIKE A FIELD OF WAR.

RUMPLETEAZER

IF A TILE OR TWO COMES LOOSE ON THE ROOF
WHICH PRESENTLY CEASED TO BE WATERPROOF.

MUNGOJERRIE

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.

BOTH

THEN THE FAMILY'LL SAY IT'S THAT HORRIBLE CAT.

MUNGOJERRIE

WAS IT MUNGOJERRIE

RUMPLETEAZER

OR RUMPLETEAZER

BOTH

AND MOST OF THE TIME
THEY LEAVE IT AT THAT.

MUNGOJERRIE AND RUMPLETEAZER
HAVE A WONDERFUL WAY
OF WORKING TOGETHER

MUNGOJERRIE

AND SOME OF THE TIME
YOU WOULD SAY IT WAS LUCK

RUMPLETEAZER

AND SOME OF THE TIME
YOU WOULD SAY IT WAS WEATHER

BOTH

WE GO THRO' THE HOUSE
LIKE A HURRICANE

MUNGOJERRIE

AND NO SOBER PERSON

BOTH

COULD TAKE HIS OATH.

MUNGOJERRIE

WAS IT MUNGOJERRIE

RUMPLETEAZER

OR RUMPLETEAZER?

BOTH

OR COULD YOU HAVE SWORN
THAT IT MIGHT'VE BEEN BOTH?

AND WHEN YOU HEAR
A DINING ROOM SMASH
OR UP FROM THE PANTRY
THERE COMES A LOUD CRASH
OR DOWN FROM THE LIBRARY
CAME A LOUD PING
FROM A VASE WHICH WAS COMMONLY
SAID TO BE MING.

THEN THE FAMILY'LL SAY
NOW WHICH WAS WHICH CAT?

MUNGOJERRIE

IT WAS MUNGOJERRIE

RUMPLETEAZER

AND RUMPLETEAZER

BOTH

AND THERE'S NOTHING AT ALL
TO BE DONE ABOUT THAT

OLD DEUTERONOMY

*The CATS reemerge from hiding. QUAXO
notices something in the distance.*

QUAXO

Old Deuteronomy?

TANTOMILE, CORICOPAT

I BELIEVE IT IS OLD DEUTERONOMY

ALL

WELL OF ALL THINGS
CAN IT BE REALLY
YES NO HO HI OH MY EYE
MY MIND MAY BE WANDERING
BUT, I CONFESS
I BELIEVE IT IS OLD DEUTERONOMY

MUNKUSTRAP

OLD DEUTERONOMY'S
LIVED A LONG TIME,
HE'S A CAT WHO HAS LIVED
MANY LIVES IN SUCCESSION.
HE WAS FAMOUS IN PROVERB
AND FAMOUS IN RHYME,
A LONG WHILE BEFORE
QUEEN VICTORIA'S ACCESSION.

RUM TUM TUGGER

OLD DEUTERONOMY'S
BURIED NINE WIVES
AND MORE I AM TEMPTED
TO SAY NINETY NINE,
AND HIS NUMEROUS PROGENY
PROSPERS AND THRIVES
AND THE VILLAGE IS PROUD OF HIM
IN HIS DECLINE.

MUNKUSTRAP

AT THE SIGHT OF THAT PLACID
AND BLAND PHYSIOGNOMY,
WHEN HE SITS IN THE SUN
ON THE VICARAGE WALL,
THE OLDEST INHABITANT CROAKS

ALL

WELL OF ALL THINGS CAN IT BE REALLY
YES NO HO HI OH MY EYE
MY MIND MAY BE WANDERING
BUT I CONFESS
I BELIEVE IT IS OLD DEUTERONOMY.
WELL OF ALL THINGS

(ALL)

CAN IT BE REALLY
YES NO HO HI OH MY EYE
MY MIND MAY BE WANDERING
BUT, I CONFESS
I BELIEVE IT IS
OLD DEUTERONOMY

(OLD DEUTERONOMY enters.)

WELL OF ALL THINGS
CAN IT BE REALLY
YES NO HO HI OH MY EYE

OLD DEUTERONOMY

MY LEGS MAY BE TOTTERY
I MUST GO SLOW
AND BE CAREFUL OF OLD DEUTERONOMY.

INTRODUCTION TO THE JELLICLE BALL

MUNKUSTRAP

JELLICLE CATS MEET ONCE A YEAR
ON THE NIGHT WE MAKE THE JELLICLE CHOICE
AND NOW THAT THE JELLICLE LEADER IS HERE
JELLICLE CATS CAN ALL REJOICE.

SONG OF THE JELLICLES AND THE JELLICLE BALL

OLD DEUTERONOMY

JELLICLE CATS COME OUT TONIGHT,
JELLICLE CATS COME ONE COME ALL:

**OLD DEUTERONOMY, VICTORIA,
JEMIMA, MUNKUSTRAP**

THE JELLICLE MOON IS SHINING BRIGHT
JELLICLES COME TO THE JELLICLE BALL.

ALONZO

JELLICLE CATS ARE BLACK AND WHITE

(ALONZO)

JELICLE CATS ARE RATHER SMALL
JELICLE CATS ARE MERRY

CARBUCKETTY

AND BRIGHT

JEMIMA, VICTORIA

AND PLEASANT TO HEAR
WHEN WE CATERWAUL.

SKIMBLESHANKS

JELICLE CATS HAVE CHEERFUL FACES

BILL BAILEY

JELICLE CATS HAVE BRIGHT BLACK EYES;

QUAXO

WE LIKE TO PRACTISE OUR AIRS AND GRACES

ALL

(onstage)

AND WAIT FOR THE JELICLE MOON TO RISE.

**ADMETUS, MUNKUSTRAP,
ALONZO**

JELICLE CATS DEVELOP SLOWLY.

BILL BAILEY

JELICLE CATS ARE NOT TOO BIG.

ASPARAGUS

JELICLE CATS ARE ROLY POLY

SKIMBLESHANKS, QUAXO

WE KNOW HOW TO DANCE A GAVOTTE AND A JIG.

DEMETER

UNTIL THE JELICLE MOON APPEARS

BOMBALURINA

WE MAKE OUR TOILETTE AND TAKE OUR REPOSE.

JENNYANYDOTS

JELICLES WASH BEHIND THEIR EARS.

JELLYLORUM

JELICLES DRY BETWEEN THEIR TOES.

TANTOMILE, CORICOPAT

JELLCLE CATS ARE WHITE AND BLACK

RUMPLETEAZER, MUNGOJERRIE

JELLCLE CATS ARE OF MODERATE SIZE

CARBUCKETTY, QUAXO

JELLCLES JUMP LIKE A JUMPING JACK.

CASSANDRA

JELLCLE CATS HAVE MOONLIT EYES.

ALL

WE'RE QUIET ENOUGH IN THE MORNING HOURS.
WE'RE QUIET ENOUGH IN THE AFTERNOON

QUAXO, MUNKUSTRAP

RESERVING OUR TERPSICHOREAN POWERS

ALL

TO DANCE BY THE LIGHT OF THE JELLCLE MOON.

ALONZO

JELLCLE CATS ARE BLACK

**RUMPLETEAZER, VICTORIA,
JEMIMA**

AND WHITE

BILL BAILEY, SKIMBLESHANKS

JELLCLE CATS (AS WE SAID) ARE SMALL,

**MUNGOJERRIE, MUNKUSTRAP,
ADMETUS**

IF IT HAPPENS TO BE A STORMY NIGHT

QUAXO, CARBUCKETTY

WE WILL PRACTISE A CAPER OR TWO IN THE HALL.

ALL

IF IT HAPPENS THE SUN IS SHINING BRIGHT

RUM TUM TUGGER

YOU WOULD SAY WE HAD NOTHING TO DO AT ALL.

ALL

WE ARE RESTING AND SAVING

(ALL)

OURSELVES TO BE RIGHT
FOR THE JELICLE MOON
AND THE JELICLE BALL.

JELICLE CATS COME OUT TONIGHT
JELICLE CATS COME ONE COME ALL
THE JELICLE MOON IS SHINING BRIGHT.
JELICLES COME TO THE JELICLE BALL.

JELICLE CATS COME OUT TONIGHT.
JELICLE CATS COME ONE COME ALL
THE JELICLE MOON IS SHINING BRIGHT.
JELICLES COME TO THE JELICLE BALL.

The Jellicle Dance.

*Following the dance, GRIZABELLA enters. The
CATS exit, wanting nothing to do with her.*

GRIZABELLA: THE GLAMOUR CAT

*Once she is alone, GRIZABELLA attempts to
dance like the others and fails.*

GRIZABELLA

SILENCE NOT A SOUND FROM THE PAVEMENT
HAS THE MOON LOST HER MEMORY?
SHE IS SMILING ALONE.
IN THE LAMPLIGHT
THE WITHERED LEAVES COLLECT AT MY FEET
AND THE WIND BEGINS TO MOAN.

EVERY STREET LAMP SEEMS TO BEAT
A FATALISTIC WARNING.
SOMEONE MUTTERS
AND A STREET LAMP GUTTERS
AND SOON IT WILL BE MORNING.

MEMORY
ALL ALONE IN THE MOONLIGHT
I CAN SMILE AT THE OLD DAYS

(GRIZABELLA)

I WAS BEAUTIFUL THEN.
I REMEMBER
THE TIME I KNEW WHAT HAPPINESS WAS
LET THE MEMORY LIVE AGAIN.

GUS: THE THEATRE CAT

*GRIZABELLA exits as JELLYLORUM enters,
escorting GUS. JELLYLORUM gathers a group
of KITTENS, who sit at GUS's feet, listening.*

JELLYLORUM

GUS IS THE CAT AT THE THEATRE DOOR.
HIS NAME, AS I OUGHT TO HAVE TOLD YOU BEFORE,
IS REALLY ASPARAGUS,
BUT THAT'S SUCH A FUSS TO PRONOUNCE,
THAT WE USUALLY CALL HIM JUST GUS.

HIS COAT'S VERY SHABBY
HE'S THIN AS A RAKE,
AND HE SUFFERS FROM PALSY
THAT MAKES HIS PAW SHAKE.

YET HE WAS IN HIS YOUTH,
QUITE THE SMARTEST OF CATS,
BUT NO LONGER A TERROR
TO MICE AND TO RATS.

FOR HE ISN'T THE CAT
THAT HE WAS IN HIS PRIME;
THOUGH HIS NAME WAS QUITE FAMOUS,
HE SAYS, IN HIS TIME.

AND WHENEVER HE JOINS
HIS FRIENDS AT THEIR CLUB
(WHICH TAKES PLACE AT THE BACK
OF THE NEIGHBOURING PUB)

HE LOVES TO REGALE THEM,
IF SOMEONE ELSE PAYS,
WITH ANECDOTES DRAWN
FROM HIS PALMIEST DAYS.

(JELLYLORUM)

FOR HE ONCE WAS A STAR
OF THE HIGHEST DEGREE.
HE HAS ACTED WITH IRVING,
HE'S ACTED WITH TREE.

AND HE LIKES TO RELATE
HIS SUCCESS ON THE HALLS,
WHERE THE GALLERY ONCE
GAVE HIM SEVEN CAT CALLS.

BUT HIS GRANDEST CREATION
AS HE LOVES TO TELL
WAS FIREFROREFIDDLE
THE FIEND OF THE FELL

ASPARAGUS

I HAVE PLAYED IN MY TIME
EVERY POSSIBLE PART,
AND I USED TO KNOW SEVENTY
SPEECHES BY HEART.

I'D EXTEMPORIZE BACKCHAT.
I KNEW HOW TO GAG,
AND I KNEW HOW TO LET
THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG.

I KNEW HOW TO ACT
WITH MY BACK AND MY TAIL;
WITH AN HOUR OF REHEARSAL,
I NEVER COULD FAIL.

I'D A VOICE THAT WOULD SOFTEN
THE HARDEST OF HEARTS,
WHETHER I TOOK THE LEAD,
OR IN CHARACTER PARTS.

AND I SAY NOW THESE KITTENS,
THEY DO NOT GET TRAINED
AS WE DID IN THE DAYS
WHEN VICTORIA REIGNED.

THEY NEVER GET DRILLED
IN A REGULAR TROUPE,

(ASPARAGUS)

AND THEY THINK THEY ARE SMART
JUST TO JUMP THROUGH A HOOP.

JELLYLORUM

AND HE SAYS AS HE SCRATCHES
HIMSELF WITH HIS CLAWS,

ASPARAGUS

"WELL THE THEATRE IS CERTAINLY
NOT WHAT IT WAS.
THESE MODERN PRODUCTIONS
ARE ALL VERY WELL,
BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO EQUAL,
FROM WHAT I HEAR TELL,

THAT MOMENT OF MYSTERY
WHEN I MADE HISTORY
AS FIREFROREFIDDLE
THE FIEND OF THE FELL."

**SKIMBLESHANKS:
THE RAILWAY CAT**

OLD DEUTERONOMY

SKIMBLESHANKS

RUMPLETEAZER

THE RAILWAY CAT

ENSEMBLE

THE CAT OF THE RAILWAY TRAIN.

THERE'S A WHISPER DOWN THE LINE
AT ELEVEN THIRTY NINE
WHEN THE NIGHT MAIL'S READY TO DEPART,

SAYING "SKIMBLE, WHERE IS SKIMBLE?
HAS HE GONE TO HUNT THE THIMBLE?
WE MUST FIND HIM OR THE TRAIN CAN'T START."

SKIMBLESHANKS

ALL THE GUARDS AND ALL THE PORTERS

(SKIMBLESHANKS)

AND THE STATION MASTER'S DAUGHTERS
WOULD BE SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW;

SAYING "SKIMBLE, WHERE IS SKIMBLE?
FOR UNLESS HE'S VERY NIMBLE
THEN THE NIGHT MAIL JUST CAN'T GO."

AT ELEVEN FORTY TWO
WITH THE SIGNAL OVERDUE
AND THE PASSENGERS ALL FRANTIC TO A MAN

THAT'S WHEN I WOULD APPEAR
AND I'D SAUNTER TO THE REAR:
I'D BEEN BUSY IN THE LUGGAGE VAN!

ENSEMBLE

THEN HE GAVE ONE FLASH
OF HIS GLASS GREEN EYES
AND THE SIGNAL WENT "ALL CLEAR"

SKIMBLESHANKS

THEY'D BE OFF AT LAST
FOR THE NORTHERN PART
OF THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE.

ENSEMBLE

SKIMBLESHANKS THE RAILWAY CAT
THE CAT OF THE RAILWAY TRAIN.

SKIMBLESHANKS

YOU COULD SAY THAT BY AND LARGE
IT WAS ME WHO WAS IN CHARGE
OF THE SLEEPING CAR EXPRESS.

FROM THE DRIVER AND THE GUARDS
TO THE BAGMEN PLAYING CARDS
I WOULD SUPERVISE THEM ALL MORE OR LESS.

ENSEMBLE

DOWN THE CORRIDOR HE PACES
AND EXAMINES ALL THE FACES
OF THE TRAVELLERS IN THE FIRST AND THE THIRD;

HE ESTABLISHES CONTROL

(ENSEMBLE)

BY A REGULAR PATROL
AND HE'D KNOW AT ONCE IF ANYTHING OCCURRED.

HE WOULD WATCH YOU WITHOUT WINKING
AND HE SAW WHAT YOU WERE THINKING
AND IT'S CERTAIN THAT HE DIDN'T APPROVE

OF HILARITY AND RIOT
SO THE FOLK WERE VERY QUIET
WHEN SKIMBLE WAS ABOUT AND ON THE MOVE.

YOU COULD PLAY NO PRANKS
WITH SKIMBLESHANKS
HE'S A CAT THAT CANNOT BE IGNORED.

SO NOTHING WENT WRONG
ON THE NORTHERN MAIL
WHEN SKIMBLESHANKS WAS ABOARD.

The CATS create a train.

SKIMBLESHANKS

IT WAS VERY PLEASANT
WHEN THEY'D FOUND THEIR LITTLE DEN
WITH THEIR NAME WRITTEN UP ON THE DOOR.

ENSEMBLE

WOO! WOO!

SKIMBLESHANKS

AND THE BERTH WAS VERY NEAT
WITH A NEWLY FOLDED SHEET
AND NOT A SPECK OF DUST ON THE FLOOR.

THERE WAS EVERY SORT OF LIGHT
YOU COULD MAKE IT DARK OR BRIGHT
AND A BUTTON YOU COULD TURN TO MAKE A BREEZE.

ENSEMBLE

WOO! WOO!

SKIMBLESHANKS

AND A FUNNY LITTLE BASIN
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO WASH YOUR FACE IN

(SKIMBLESHANKS)

AND A CRANK TO SHUT THE WINDOW. SHOULD YOU SNEEZE,

RUMPLETEAZER

AH-CHOO!

SKIMBLESHANKS

THEN THE GUARD LOOKED IN POLITELY
AND WOULD ASK YOU VERY BRIGHTLY
DO YOU LIKE YOUR MORNING TEA

ENSEMBLE

WEAK OR STRONG.

SKIMBLESHANKS

BUT I WAS JUST BEHIND HIM
AND WAS READY TO REMIND HIM
FOR SKIMBLE WON'T LET ANYTHING GO WRONG.

ENSEMBLE

WHEN THEY CREPT INTO THEIR COSY BERTHS
AND PULLED UP THE COUNTER PANE

THEY ALL COULD REFLECT
IT WAS VERY NICE
TO KNOW THEY WOULDN'T BE
BOTHERED BY MICE

THEY COULD LEAVE ALL THAT
TO THE RAILWAY CAT
THE CAT OF THE RAILWAY TRAIN

MEN

SKIMBLESHANKS THE
RAILWAY CAT
THE CAT OF THE RAILWAY
TRAIN

THE CAT OF THE RAILWAY
TRAIN

WOMEN

SKIM - - -
BLESHANKS
THE CAT OF THE RAILWAY
TRAIN

THE CAT OF THE RAILWAY
TRAIN

MACAVITY: THE MYSTERY CAT

*MACAVITY appears for a brief moment,
scaring the CATS into hiding.
A crash is heard.*

DEMETER

Macavity!

MACAVITY laughs evilly twice.

*MACAVITY kidnaps OLD DEUTERONOMY.
With a flash, they are both gone.*

DEMETER

MACAVITY'S A MYSTERY CAT:
HE'S CALLED THE HIDDEN PAW
FOR HE'S THE MASTER CRIMINAL
WHO CAN DEFY THE LAW.
HE'S THE BAFFLEMENT OF SCOTLAND YARD,
THE FLYING SQUAD'S DESPAIR:
FOR WHEN THEY REACH THE SCENE OF CRIME
MACAVITY'S NOT THERE.

MACAVITY, MACAVITY,
THERE'S NO ONE LIKE MACAVITY,
HE'S BROKEN EVERY HUMAN LAW.
HE BREAKS THE LAW OF GRAVITY.

HIS POWERS OF LEVITATION
WOULD MAKE A FAKIR STARE,
AND WHEN YOU REACH THE SCENE OF CRIME
MACAVITY'S NOT THERE!

YOU MAY SEEK HIM IN THE BASEMENT,
YOU MAY LOOK UP IN THE AIR.
BUT I TELL YOU ONCE AND ONCE AGAIN,
MACAVITY'S NOT THERE.

BOMBALURINA

MACAVITY'S A GINGER CAT
HE'S VERY TALL AND THIN.

(BOMBALURINA)

YOU WOULD KNOW HIM IF YOU SAW HIM
FOR HIS EYES ARE SUNKEN IN.

HIS BROW IS DEEPLY LINED WITH THOUGHT.
HIS HEAD IS HIGHLY DOMED:
HIS COAT IS DUSTY FROM NEGLECT,
HIS WHISKERS ARE UNCOMBED.

HE SWAYS HIS HEAD FROM SIDE TO SIDE,
WITH MOVEMENTS LIKE A SNAKE;
AND WHEN YOU THINK HE'S HALF ASLEEP,
HE'S ALWAYS WIDE AWAKE.

MACAVITY, MACAVITY,
THERE'S NO ONE LIKE MACAVITY,
FOR HE'S A FIEND IN FELINE SHAPE,
A MONSTER OF DEPRAVITY.

YOU MAY MEET HIM IN A BYSTREET
YOU MAY SEE HIM IN THE SQUARE
BUT WHEN A CRIME'S DISCOVERED,
THEN MACAVITY'S NOT THERE!

DEMETER

HE'S OUTWARDLY RESPECTABLE

BOMBALURINA

(I KNOW HE CHEATS AT CARDS)

DEMETER

AND HIS FOOTPRINTS ARE NOT FOUND
IN ANY FILES OF SCOTLAND YARD'S.

BOMBALURINA

AND WHEN THE LARDER'S LOOTED

DEMETER

OR THE JEWEL CASE IS RIFLED,

BOMBALURINA

OR WHEN THE MILK IS MISSING,

DEMETER

OR ANOTHER PEKE'S BEEN STIFLED,

BOMBALURINA
OR THE GREENHOUSE GLASS IS BROKEN

DEMETER
AND THE TRELIS PAST REPAIR

BOTH
THERE'S THE WONDER OF THE THING!
MACAVITY'S NOT THERE!

ALL GIRLS
MACAVITY, MACAVITY,
THERE'S NO ONE LIKE MACAVITY,
HE'S A FIEND IN FELINE SHAPE,
A MONSTER OF DEPRIVITY.

YOU MAY MEET HIM IN A BYSTREET,
YOU MAY SEE HIM IN THE SQUARE
BUT WHEN A CRIME'S DISCOVERED
THEN MACAVITY
MACAVITY

(shouted)

MACAVITY
(sung)
MACAVITY

WHEN A CRIME'S DISCOVERED THEN

BOMBALURINA, DEMETER
MACAVITY'S NOT THERE.

OLD DEUTERONOMY (REPRISE)

ALL
WE HAVE TO FIND OLD DEUTERONOMY

RUM TUM TUGGER
You ought to ask magical Mister Mistoffelees! The Original
Conjuring Cat.

MAGICAL MISTER MISTOFFEELES

RUM TUM TUGGER

THE GREATEST MAGICIANS
HAVE SOMETHING TO LEARN,
FROM MISTER MISTOFFEELES'
CONJURING TURN.

AND WE ALL SAY
OH! WELL I NEVER! WAS THERE
EVER A CAT SO CLEVER AS
MAGICAL MISTER MISTOFFEELES.

RUM TUM TUGGER

GIRLS

HE IS QUIET HE IS SMALL HE IS
BLACK
FROM HIS EARS TO THE TIP OF
HIS TAIL;
HE CAN CREEP THROUGH THE
TINIEST CRACK
HE CAN WALK ON THE
NARROWEST RAIL

AH-OOP

HE CAN PICK ANY CARD FROM
A PACK.
HE IS EQUALLY CUNNING WITH
DICE
HE IS ALWAYS DECEIVING YOU
INTO BELIEVING
THAT HE'S ONLY HUNTING FOR
MICE

AH-OOP

HE CAN PLAY ANY TRICK WITH
A CORK
OR A SPOON AND A BIT OF
FISH PASTE.
IF YOU LOOK FOR A KNIFE OR A
FORK
AND YOU THINK IT IS MERELY
MISPLACED

AH...

AH...

RUM TUM TUGGER

YOU HAVE SEEN IT ONE MOMENT
AND THEN IT IS GAWN!
BUT YOU FIND IT NEXT WEEK
LYING OUT ON THE LAWN.

*MISTER MISTOFFEELES performs a magic
trick, making an object reappear.*

MISTER MISTOFFEELES

Presto!

RUM TUM TUGGER

AND WE ALL SAY...

ALL

OH! WELL I NEVER! WAS THERE
EVER A CAT SO CLEVER AS
MAGICAL MISTER MISTOFFEELES.

OH! WELL I NEVER! WAS THERE
EVER A CAT SO CLEVER AS
MAGICAL MISTER MISTOFFEELES.

RUM TUM TUGGER

HIS MANNER IS VAGUE AND
ALOOF
YOU WOULD THINK THERE WAS
NOBODY SHYER.
BUT HIS VOICE HAS BEEN
HEARD ON THE ROOF
WHEN HE WAS CURLED UP BY
THE FIRE

GIRLS

AH-OOP

AND HE'S SOMETIMES BEEN
HEARD BY THE FIRE
WHEN HE WAS ABOUT ON THE
ROOF.
AT LEAST WE ALL HEARD
THAT SOMEBODY PURRED
WHICH IS INCONTESTABLE
PROOF

AH-OOP

(RUM TUM TUGGER)

OF HIS SINGULAR MAGICAL
POWERS
AND I'VE KNOWN THE FAMILY
TO CALL
HIM IN FROM THE GARDEN
FOR HOURS
WHILE HE WAS ASLEEP IN THE
HALL

(GIRLS)

AH...

AH...

*MISTER MISTOFFELEES preps his next magic
trick. Two CATS hold up a large sheet.*

RUM TUM TUGGER

AND NOT LONG AGO
THIS PHENOMENAL CAT
PRODUCED SEVEN KITTENS
RIGHT OUT OF A HAT.

*MISTER MISTOFFELEES waves a hand, the
sheet drops, and OLD DEUTERONOMY
reappears.*

AND WE ALL SAY
OH! WELL I NEVER! WAS THERE
EVER A CAT SO CLEVER AS
MAGICAL MISTER MISTOFFELEES.

ALL

OH! WELL I NEVER! WAS THERE
(*RUM TUM TUGGER ad libs.*)
EVER A CAT SO CLEVER AS
MAGICAL MISTER MISTOFFELEES.

OH! WELL I NEVER! WAS THERE
EVER A CAT SO CLEVER AS
MAGICAL MISTER MISTOFFELEES.

OH! WELL I NEVER! WAS THERE
EVER A CAT SO CLEVER AS
MAGICAL MISTER MISTOFFELEES.

RUM TUM TUGGER

Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you the magical, the marvellous,
Mr. Mistoffelees!

MEMORY

MUNKUSTRAP

Now Old Deuteronomy, just before dawn, through a silence you feel you could cut with a knife, announces the cat who can now be reborn, and come back to a different Jellicle life.

GRIZABELLA enters. OLD DEUTERONOMY encourages her to sing.

GRIZABELLA

MEMORY

TURN YOUR FACE TO THE MOONLIGHT
LET YOUR MEMORY LEAD YOU
OPEN UP ENTER IN.
IF YOU FIND THERE
THE MEANING OF WHAT HAPPINESS IS,
THEN A NEW LIFE WILL BEGIN.

MEMORY

ALL ALONE IN THE MOONLIGHT
I CAN SMILE AT THE OLD DAYS
I WAS BEAUTIFUL THEN.
I REMEMBER
THE TIME I KNEW WHAT HAPPINESS WAS
LET THE MEMORY LIVE AGAIN

BURNT OUT ENDS OF SMOKEY DAYS
THE STALE COLD SMELL OF MORNING.
THE STREET LAMP DIES
ANOTHER NIGHT IS OVER
ANOTHER DAY IS DAWNING.

DAYLIGHT

I MUST WAIT FOR THE SUNRISE
I MUST THINK OF A NEW LIFE
AND I MUSTN'T GIVE IN.
WHEN THE DAWN COMES
TONIGHT WILL BE A MEMORY TOO
AND A NEW DAY WILL BEGIN.

JEMIMA

SUNLIGHT THROUGH THE TREES IN SUMMER
ENDLESS MASQUERADING

GRIZABELLA, JEMIMA

LIKE A FLOWER
AS THE DAWN IS BREAKING,

GRIZABELLA

THE MEMORY IS FADING

TOUCH ME
IT'S SO EASY TO LEAVE ME
ALL ALONE WITH THE MEMORY
OF MY DAYS IN THE SUN.
IF YOU TOUCH ME
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPINESS IS.
LOOK, A NEW DAY HAS BEGUN.

Applause.

MEMORY (PLAYOFF)

GRIZABELLA moves.

JOURNEY TO THE HEAVISIDE LAYER

ALL

UP UP UP PAST THE RUSSELL HOTEL.
UP UP UP UP TO THE HEAVISIDE LAYER.
UP UP UP PAST THE RUSSELL HOTEL.
UP UP UP UP TO THE HEAVISIDE LAYER.

UP UP UP PAST THE JELLCLE MOON;
UP UP UP UP TO THE HEAVISIDE LAYER.
UP UP UP PAST THE JELLCLE MOON;
UP UP UP UP TO THE HEAVISIDE LAYER.

GRIZABELLA ascends to the Heaviside Layer.

THE MYSTICAL DIVINITY
OF UNASHAMED FELINITY
ROUND THE CATHEDRAL RANG
"VIVAT, LIFE TO THE EVERLASTING CAT."

THE AD-DRESSING OF CATS

OLD DEUTERONOMY

YOU'VE HEARD OF SEVERAL KINDS OF CAT,
AND MY OPINION NOW IS THAT
YOU SHOULD NEED NO INTERPRETER
TO UNDERSTAND OUR CHARACTER.

YOU'VE LEARNED ENOUGH TO TAKE THE VIEW
THAT CATS ARE VERY MUCH LIKE YOU.
YOU'VE SEEN US BOTH AT WORK AND GAMES
AND LEARNT ABOUT OUR PROPER NAMES,
OUR HABITS AND OUR HABITAT;
BUT HOW WOULD YOU AD-DRESS A CAT?

SO FIRST, YOUR MEMORY I'LL JOG
AND SAY: A CAT IS NOT A DOG.

ALL

SO FIRST, YOUR MEMORY I'LL JOG,
AND SAY A CAT IS NOT A DOG.

OLD DEUTERONOMY

BEFORE A CAT WILL CONDESCEND
TO TREAT YOU AS A TRUSTED FRIEND
SOME LITTLE TOKEN OF ESTEEM
IS NEEDED, LIKE A DISH OF CREAM;

AND YOU MIGHT NOW AND THEN SUPPLY
SOME CAVIAR OR STRASSBURG PIE,
SOME POTTED GROUSE OR SALMON PASTE.
HE'S SURE TO HAVE HIS PERSONAL TASTE.
AND SO IN TIME YOU REACH YOUR AIM
AND CALL HIM BY HIS NAME.

ALL

A CAT'S ENTITLED TO EXPECT
THESE EVIDENCES OF RESPECT.
SO THIS IS THIS,
AND THAT IS THAT:
AND THERE'S HOW YOU AD-DRESS A CAT.

BOWS PLAYOUT

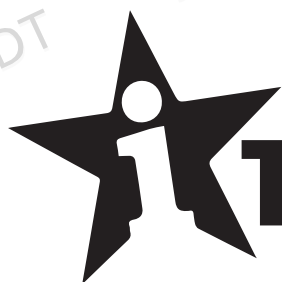
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