10 King of the Cats

- Classification: Moral Tale / Supernatural Secrets
- The Narrative Arc: Two neighbours bet on whether a truth or a lie travels further. The dishonest man uses ruthless threats of violence to repeatedly win the wager, eventually blinding the truthful man and leaving him to die in a graveyard ditch. While lying helpless in the dark, the blind man overhears a secret midnight council called by the King of the Cats. The feline king boasts of poisoning a wealthy girl by leaving tail-strands in her cup, noting that only a specific graveyard stream well can cure her—and fix any human ailment. The blind man uses the water to restore his eyes, saves the dying girl, accumulates vast riches, and leaves his deceptive neighbour to be torn apart by the vengeful cat court.
- Folklore Elements & Motifs:
  - Animal Parliaments: Secret societies of animals possessing advanced, occult knowledge.
  - Poetic Justice: Cosmic alignment where truth outlasts malicious lies.
- Thematic Core: The temporary triumph of cruelty vs. the enduring and healing power of absolute truth.
- Key Quote: “The man that stood for the truth saw how it is that truth goes further. He lived a long and dutiful life and never met the other man ever again.”