10. King of the Cats

Two neighbouring men make a bet on whether a truth or a lie goes further in the world.

The man backing the lie repeatedly threatens to shoot the adjudicators they meet on the road unless they choose "the lie," causing the truthful man to lose his money, his books, and eventually both of his eyes.

The blind man is abandoned in a ditch by a graveyard, where he accidentally overhears the King of the Cats revealing to his feline court that a wealthy man's daughter is dying from drinking three cat hairs, and that the only cure—as well as the cure for blindness—is water from the local graveyard stream.

The man restores his own sight using the stream water, heals the wealthy daughter for a grand payment, and returns home fully restored.

The deceitful neighbour tries to replicate the feat a year later out of greed, but the King of the Cats detects his presence and the cats tie him up tightly like a hawk, leaving the truthful man to live a long, prosperous life.

Themes:

The ultimate triumph of truth over deception.

Animal/feline supernatural hierarchies and secret gatherings.

The dangers of greed and cosmic justice.