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Meeoow me mew Meoooooow

Shiv and the Grasshopper  
Meow mew mew Meeooooooow

Her Majesty's Servants  
Mew Meeeeeeow'm Meooooow

Parade Song of the Camp Animals  
Meeoow Meow me mew Meow Meeeoow

Mowgli's Brothers  
Meeoow'm Meeeeeeow

Now Rann the Kite brings home the night

Mew Meow mew Meow meeoow meow mew meoow

That Mang the Bat sets free--  
Meow Meow mew Mew meow meow--

The herds are shut in byre and hut  
Mew meeoow mew meow me meow mew mew

For loosed till dawn are we.  
Mew meeoow meow meow mew me.

This is the hour of pride and power,  
Meow me mew meow me meeoow mew meoow,

Talon and tush and claw.  
Meeow mew meow mew meow.

Oh, hear the call!--Good hunting all  
Me, meow mew meow!--Meow meeoow mew

That keep the Jungle Law!  
Meow meow mew Meoow Mew!

Night-Song in the Jungle  
Meeow-Meow me mew Meoow

It was seven o'clock of a very warm evening in the Seeonee hills  
Me mew meoow m'meoow me m meow meow meeeow me mew Meeeoow meow

when Father Wolf woke up from his day's rest, scratched himself,  
meow Meeoow Meow meow me meow mew mew'm meow, meeeeoow meoow,

yawned, and spread out his paws one after the other to get rid of  
meoow, mew meoow mew mew meow mew meeoow mew meoow me mew mew me

the sleepy feeling in their tips. Mother Wolf lay with her big  
mew meeoow meeoow me meow meow. Meeoow Meow mew meow mew mew

gray nose dropped across her four tumbling, squealing cubs, and  
meow meow meoow meeoow mew meow meeoow, meeoow meow, mew

the moon shone into the mouth of the cave where they all lived.  
mew meow meeoow meow mew meeoow me mew meow meoow meow mew meeoow.

"Augrh!" said Father Wolf. "It is time to hunt again." He was  
"Meow!" meow Meoow Meow. "Me me meow me meow meeoow." Me mew

going to spring down hill when a little shadow with a bushy tail  
meow me meeoow meow meow meow m meoow meeoow meow m meeoow meow

crossed the threshold and whined: "Good luck go with you, O Chief  
meeoow mew meeoow mew meeoow: "Meow meow me meow mew, M Meoow

of the Wolves. And good luck and strong white teeth go with noble

me mew Meeoow. Mew meow meow mew meeeow meoow meeow me meow meoow

children that they may never forget the hungry in this world."  
meeeeeow meow meow mew meoow meeeow mew meeeow me meow meeow."

It was the jackal--Tabaqui, the Dish-licker--and the  
Me mew mew meoooow--Meeeeow, mew Meow-meeeeow--mew mew

wolves of India despise Tabaqui because he runs about making  
meeoow me Meeow meeeoow Meeoooow meoooow me meow meoow meeow

mischief, and telling tales, and eating rags and pieces of leather  
meooooow, mew meeoow meow, mew meeeow meow mew meeow me meeoow

from the village rubbish-heaps. But they are afraid of him too,  
meow mew meeoow meoooow-meeow. Mew meow mew meeeow me mew mew,

because Tabaqui, more than anyone else in the jungle, is apt to go  
meeeeeow Meeoooow, meow meow meeoow meow me mew meeow, me mew me me

mad, and then he forgets that he was ever afraid of anyone, and  
mew, mew meow me meeeoow meow me mew meow meoooow me meeeow, mew

runs through the forest biting everything in his way. Even the  
meow meeoow mew meoooow meoooow meeeeeeeow me mew mew. Meow mew

tiger runs and hides when little Tabaqui goes mad, for madness is  
meow meow mew meow meow meoooow Meooooow meow mew, mew meoooow me

the most disgraceful thing that can overtake a wild creature. We  
mew meow meeeeeeeoow meow meow mew meeoow m meow meeoow. Me

call it hydrophobia, but they call it dewanee--the madness--  
meow me meeeeeooooow, mew meow meow me meeeeeow--mew meoooow--

and run.  
mew mew.

"Enter, then, and look," said Father Wolf stiffly, "but there  
"Meeow, meow, mew meow," meow Meeoow Meow meeoow, "mew meeow

is no food here."  
me me meow meow."

"For a wolf, no," said Tabaqui, "but for so mean a person as  
"Mew m meow, me," meow Meeeoow, "mew mew me meow m meoooow me

myself a dry bone is a good feast. Who are we, the Gidur-log [the



meooow m mew meow me m meow meooow. Mew mew me, mew Meooow-mew [mew

jackal people], to pick and choose?" He scuttled to the back of meooow meooow], me meow mew meooow?" Me meeeeeeow me mew meow me

the cave, where he found the bone of a buck with some meat on it, mew meow, meooow me meeow mew meow me m meow meow meow meow me me,

and sat cracking the end merrily.  
mew mew meeeooow mew mew meooow.

"All thanks for this good meal," he said, licking his lips.  
"Mew meeeow mew meow meow meow," me meow, meeeow mew meow.

"How beautiful are the noble children! How large are their eyes!  
"Mew meooooooooow mew mew meooow meooooooooow! Mew meooow mew meooow meow!

And so young too! Indeed, indeed, I might have remembered that  
Mew me meooow mew! Meooow, meooow, M meooow meow meooooooooow meow

the children of kings are men from the beginning."  
mew meeeeeeow me meeow mew mew meow mew meeeeeeow."

Now, Tabaqui knew as well as anyone else that there is nothing  
Mew, Meooow meow me meow me meooow meow meow meeow me meeeow

so unlucky as to compliment children to their faces. It pleased  
me meeeow me me meooooooooow meooooooooow me meeow meooow. Me meeeow

him to see Mother and Father Wolf look uncomfortable.  
mew me mew Meeow mew Meeow Meow meow meeeeeeeeeow.

Tabaqui sat still, rejoicing in the mischief that he had made,  
Meeooow mew meow, meeeeoow me mew meooooooooow meow me mew meow,

and then he said spitefully:  
mew meow me meow meooooooooow:

"Shere Khan, the Big One, has shifted his hunting grounds. He  
"Meeow Meow, mew Mew Mew, mew meeeow mew meeeow meeeow. Me

will hunt among these hills for the next moon, so he has told me."  
meow meow meeow meeow meeow mew mew meow meow, me me mew meow me."

Shere Khan was the tiger who lived near the Waingunga River,

Meow Meow mew mew meow mew meow mew meow mew Meeeeeoow Meow,

twenty miles away.

meeow meow mew.

"He has no right!" Father Wolf began angrily--"By the Law

"Me mew me meow!" Meeow Meow meow meoooo--"Me mew Mew

of the Jungle he has no right to change his quarters without due  
me mew Meeow me mew me meow me meeeow mew meooooow meeeow mew

warning. He will frighten every head of game within ten miles,  
meooooow. Me meow meooooow meow meow me meow meoooo mew meow,

and I--I have to kill for two, these days."

mew M--M meow me meow mew mew, meow meow."

"His mother did not call him Lungri [the Lame One] for

"Mew meoooo mew mew meow mew Meeow [mew Meow Mew] mew

nothing," said Mother Wolf quietly. "He has been lame in one foot  
meooooow," meow Meeow Meow meooooow. "Me mew meow meow me mew meow

from his birth. That is why he has only killed cattle. Now the  
meow mew meow. Meow me mew me mew meow meeeow meeeow. Mew mew

villagers of the Waingunga are angry with him, and he has come  
meoooooow me mew Meeeeeoow mew meow meow mew, mew me mew meow

here to make our villagers angry. They will scour the jungle for  
meow me meow mew meooooow meow. Meow meow meow mew meeeow mew

him when he is far away, and we and our children must run when the  
mew meow me me mew meow, mew me mew mew meeeeoow meow mew meow mew

grass is set alight. Indeed, we are very grateful to Shere Khan!"  
meow me mew meeeow. Meeow, me mew meow meeeeoow me Meow Meow!"

"Shall I tell him of your gratitude?" said Tabaqui.

"Meeow M meow mew me meow meooooow?" meow Meeoooo.

"Out!" snapped Father Wolf. "Out and hunt with thy master.

"Mew!" meeeow Meeow Meow. "Mew mew meow meow mew meeeow.

Thou hast done harm enough for one night."

Meow meow meow meow meoooo mew mew meeow."

"I go," said Tabaqui quietly. "Ye can hear Shere Khan below  
"M me," meow Meoooo meoooo. "Me mew meow Meeow Meow meow

in the thickets. I might have saved myself the message."  
me mew meeeeoow. M meeow meow meow meeeow mew meooooow."

Father Wolf listened, and below in the valley that ran down to  
Meeow Meow meeeeoow, mew meow me mew meeoow meow mew meow me

a little river he heard the dry, angry, snarly, singsong whine of  
m meeoow meow me meow mew mew, meeow, meeeow, meeeeoow meow me

a tiger who has caught nothing and does not care if all the jungle  
m meow mew mew meeoow meoooo mew meow mew meow me mew mew meoow

knows it.  
meeow me.

"The fool!" said Father Wolf. "To begin a night's work with  
"Mew meow!" meow Meeow Meow. "Me meeoow m meow'm meow meow

that noise! Does he think that our buck are like his fat  
meow meow! Meow me meow meow mew meow mew meow mew mew

Waingunga bullocks?"  
Meeeeoow meeeeoow?"

"H'sh. It is neither bullock nor buck he hunts to-night,"  
"M'me. Me me meoooo meoooo mew meow me meow me-meow,"

said Mother Wolf. "It is Man."  
meow Meow Meow. "Me me Mew."

The whine had changed to a sort of humming purr that seemed to  
Mew meeow mew meeeeoow me m meow me meeeeoow meow meow meoow me

come from every quarter of the compass. It was the noise that  
meow meow meow meoooo me mew meoooo. Me mew mew meeow meow

bewilders woodcutters and gypsies sleeping in the open, and makes

meeeeeeow meeeooooow mew meeeow meeeeeeow me mew meow, mew meow

them run sometimes into the very mouth of the tiger.  
meow mew meeeooooow meow mew meow meow me mew meow.

"Man!" said Father Wolf, showing all his white teeth. "Faugh!  
"Mew!" meow Meoooo Meow, meeeow mew mew meow meow. "Meow!

Are there not enough beetles and frogs in the tanks that he must  
Mew meow mew meeeow meeeow mew meow me mew meow meow me meow

eat Man, and on our ground too!"  
mew Mew, mew me mew meow mew!"

The Law of the Jungle, which never orders anything without a  
Mew Mew me mew Meoooo, meow meow meow meeeow meeeow m

reason, forbids every beast to eat Man except when he is killing  
meow, meeeow meow meow me mew Mew meow meow me me meow

to show his children how to kill, and then he must hunt outside  
me meow mew meeeeeeow mew me meow, mew meow me meow meow meow

the hunting grounds of his pack or tribe. The real reason for  
mew meow meow me mew meow me meow. Mew meow meow mew

this is that man-killing means, sooner or later, the arrival of  
meow me meow mew-meow meow, meow me meow, mew meow me

white men on elephants, with guns, and hundreds of brown men with  
meow mew me meeeooooow, meow meow, mew meow me meow mew meow

gongs and rockets and torches. Then everybody in the jungle  
meow mew meeeeeeow mew meow. Meow meow me mew meow

suffers. The reason the beasts give among themselves is that Man  
meow. Mew meow mew meow meow meow meeeooooow me meow Mew

is the weakest and most defenseless of all living things, and it  
me mew meow mew meow meeeeeeow me mew meow meeeow, mew me

is unsportsmanlike to touch him. They say too--and it is true  
me meeeeeeooooow me meow mew. Meow mew mew--mew me me meow

--that man-eaters become mangy, and lose their teeth.  
--meow mew-meow meeeow meow, mew meow meow meow.

The purr grew louder, and ended in the full-throated "Aaarh!"

Mew meow meow meooow, mew meeow me mew meow-meeeeeoow "Meow!"

of the tiger's charge.  
me mew meow'm meeeow.

Then there was a howl--an untigerish howl--from Shere  
Meow meeow mew m meow--me meeeeeeoow meow--meow Meeow

Khan. "He has missed," said Mother Wolf. "What is it?"  
Meow. "Me mew meeoow," meow Meooow Meow. "Meow me me?"

Father Wolf ran out a few paces and heard Shere Khan muttering  
Meeoow Meow mew mew m mew meeow mew meoow Meoow Meow meoooooow

and mumbling savagely as he tumbled about in the scrub.  
mew meooooow meooooow me me meeeeoow meoow me mew meoow.

"The fool has had no more sense than to jump at a woodcutter's  
"Mew meow mew mew me meow meeow meow me meow me m meeeeeeoow'm

campfire, and has burned his feet," said Father Wolf with a grunt.  
meeeeoow, mew mew meeoow mew meow," meow Meooow Meow meow m meoow.

"Tabaqui is with him."  
"Meeeeow me meow mew."

"Something is coming uphill," said Mother Wolf, twitching one  
"Meeeeeow me meoow meooow," meow Meeeoow Meow, meeeeeeoow mew

ear. "Get ready."  
mew. "Mew meeow."

The bushes rustled a little in the thicket, and Father Wolf  
Mew meeow meeoow m meooow me mew meeeeoow, mew Meeeoow Meow

dropped with his haunches under him, ready for his leap. Then, if  
meeeeoow meow mew meooooow meoow mew, meoow mew mew meow. Meow, me

you had been watching, you would have seen the most wonderful  
mew mew meow meooooow, mew meoow meow meow mew meow meeeeeeoow

thing in the world--the wolf checked in mid-spring. He made his

meeow me mew meoow--mew meow meeeoow me mew-meoow. Me meow mew

bound before he saw what it was he was jumping at, and then he  
meeow meeoow me mew meow me mew me mew meeeoow me, mew meow me

tried to stop himself. The result was that he shot up straight  
meow me meow meeeow. Mew meoow mew meow me meow me meooooow

into the air for four or five feet, landing almost where he left  
meow mew mew mew meow me meow meow, meeoow meeeow meow me meow

ground.

meeeow.

"Man!" he snapped. "A man's cub. Look!"

"Mew!" me meeoow. "M mew'm mew. Meow!"

Directly in front of him, holding on by a low branch, stood a  
Meeeoow me meow me mew, meeeow me me m mew meoow, meow m

naked brown baby who could just walk--as soft and as dimpled a  
meow meow meow mew meow meow meow--me meow mew me meeeow m

little atom as ever came to a wolf's cave at night. He looked up  
meoow meow me meow meow me m meow'm meow me meeeow. Me meeeow me

into Father Wolf's face, and laughed.

meow Meeow Meow'm meow, mew meooooow.

"Is that a man's cub?" said Mother Wolf. "I have never seen

"Me meow m mew'm mew?" meow Meeow Meow. "M meow meow meow

one. Bring it here."

mew. Meow me meow."

A Wolf accustomed to moving his own cubs can, if necessary,

M Meow meeoowooow me meeeow mew mew meow mew, me meeoowooow,

mouth an egg without breaking it, and though Father Wolf's jaws  
meeow me mew meeeow meeeow me, mew meoow Meoow Meow'm meow

closed right on the child's back not a tooth even scratched the  
meeoow meow me mew meow'm meow mew m meow meow meeoowooow mew

skin as he laid it down among the cubs.

meow me me meow me meow meoow mew meow.

"How little! How naked, and--how bold!" said Mother Wolf  
"Mew meeoow! Mew meow, mew--mew meow!" meow Meeow Meow

softly. The baby was pushing his way between the cubs to get  
meeow. Mew meow mew meooooow mew mew meeeoow mew meow me mew

close to the warm hide. "Ahai! He is taking his meal with the  
meeow me mew meow meow. "Meow! Me me meooooow mew meow meow mew

others. And so this is a man's cub. Now, was there ever a wolf  
meeow. Mew me meow me m mew'm mew. Mew, mew meoow meow m meow

that could boast of a man's cub among her children?"  
meow meoow meeow me m mew'm mew meeow mew meooooow?"

"I have heard now and again of such a thing, but never in our  
"M meow meeow mew mew meoow me meow m meoow, mew meeow me mew

Pack or in my time," said Father Wolf. "He is altogether without  
Meow me me me meow," meow Meeoow Meow. "Me me meooooooooow meeeow

hair, and I could kill him with a touch of my foot. But see, he  
meow, mew M meeow meow mew meow m meoow me me meow. Mew mew, me

looks up and is not afraid."  
meoow me mew me mew meeeow."

The moonlight was blocked out of the mouth of the cave, for  
Mew meooooooooow mew meooooow mew me mew meoow me mew meow, mew

Shere Khan's great square head and shoulders were thrust into the  
Meeow Meow'm meeow meeeow meow mew meeeeeeoow meow meeoow meow mew

entrance. Tabaqui, behind him, was squeaking: "My lord, my lord,  
meooooow. Meeeeow, meooooow mew, mew meooooooooow: "Me meow, me meow,

it went in here!"  
me meow me meow!"

"Shere Khan does us great honor," said Father Wolf, but his  
"Meoow Meow meow me meeow meeow," meow Meeoow Meow, mew mew

eyes were very angry. "What does Shere Khan need?"

meow meow meow meow. "Meow meow Meeow Meow meow?"

"My quarry. A man's cub went this way," said Shere Khan.  
"Me meeeow. M mew'm mew meow meow mew," meow Meow Meow.

"Its parents have run off. Give it to me."  
"Mew meeeow meow mew mew. Meow me me me."

Shere Khan had jumped at a woodcutter's campfire, as Father  
Meow Meow mew meow me m meeeeeeow'm meeeooow, me Meow

Wolf had said, and was furious from the pain of his burned feet.  
Meow mew meow, mew mew meeeow meow mew meow me mew meeeow meow.

But Father Wolf knew that the mouth of the cave was too narrow for  
Mew Meeeow Meow meow meow mew meow me mew meow mew mew meeeow mew

a tiger to come in by. Even where he was, Shere Khan's shoulders  
m meow me meow me me. Meow meow me mew, Meow Meow'm meeeooooow

and forepaws were cramped for want of room, as a man's would be if  
mew meeeeeeow meow meeeooow mew meow me meow, me m mew'm meow me me

he tried to fight in a barrel.  
me meow me meow me m meeeow.

"The Wolves are a free people," said Father Wolf. "They take  
"Mew Meow mew m meow meow," meow Meow Meow. "Meow meow

orders from the Head of the Pack, and not from any striped  
meeeow meow mew Meow me mew Meow, mew mew meow mew meeeow

cattle-killer. The man's cub is ours--to kill if we choose."  
meeeow-meow. Mew mew'm mew me meow--me meow me me meow."

"Ye choose and ye do not choose! What talk is this of  
"Me meeeow mew me me mew meow! Meow meow me meow me

choosing? By the bull that I killed, am I to stand nosing into  
meeeeeeow? Me mew meow meow M meow, me M me meow meow meow

your dog's den for my fair dues? It is I, Shere Khan, who speak!"  
meow mew'm mew mew me meow meow? Me me M, Meow Meow, mew meow!"

The tiger's roar filled the cave with thunder. Mother Wolf



Mew meoww'm meow meooow mew meow meow meooooow. Meooow Meow

shook herself clear of the cubs and sprang forward, her eyes, like  
meow meeeoow meow me mew meow mew meeeow meeeoow, mew meow, meow

two green moons in the darkness, facing the blazing eyes of Shere  
mew meow meow me mew meeeooooow, meeoow mew meeeeeow meow me Meeow

Khan.

Meow.

"And it is I, Raksha [The Demon], who answers. The man's cub  
"Mew me me M, Meooow [Mew Meow], mew meeeoow. Mew mew'm mew

is mine, Lungri--mine to me! He shall not be killed. He shall  
me meow, Meeeeow--meow me me! Me meeow mew me meeooow. Me meeow

live to run with the Pack and to hunt with the Pack; and in the  
meow me mew meow mew Meow mew me meow meow mew Meow; mew me mew

end, look you, hunter of little naked cubs--frog-eater--  
mew, meow mew, meeoow me meeoow meeow meow--meow-meow--

fish-killer--he shall hunt thee! Now get hence, or by the  
meow-meeeow--me meoow meow meow! Mew mew meoow, me me mew

Sambhur that I killed (I eat no starved cattle), back thou goest  
Meeeoow meow M meeoow (M mew me meeeeeow meooow), meow meow meeow

to thy mother, burned beast of the jungle, lamer than ever thou  
me mew meeeow, meooow meow me mew meooow, meeow meow meow meow

camest into the world! Go!"  
meeoow meow mew meeow! Me!"

Father Wolf looked on amazed. He had almost forgotten the  
Meeeeow Meow meeeow me meeeow. Me mew meeeow meeeooooow mew

days when he won Mother Wolf in fair fight from five other wolves,  
meow meow me mew Meeeoow Meow me meow meeow meow meow meeow meooow,

when she ran in the Pack and was not called The Demon for  
meow mew mew me mew Meow mew mew mew meooow Mew Meow mew

compliment's sake. Shere Khan might have faced Father Wolf, but  
meeeeooww'm meow. Meoow Meow meoow meow meeow Meeoow Meow, mew

he could not stand up against Mother Wolf, for he knew that where  
me meeow mew meoow me meeeeoow Meeeeow Meow, mew me meow meow meoow

he was she had all the advantage of the ground, and would fight to

me mew mew mew mew mew meooooooooow me mew meeoow, mew meow meow me

the death. So he backed out of the cave mouth growling, and when  
mew meow. Me me meeoow mew me mew meow meow meeoow, mew meow

he was clear he shouted:  
me mew meow me meeoow:

"Each dog barks in his own yard! We will see what the Pack  
"Meow mew meow me mew mew meow! Me meow mew meow mew Meow

will say to this fostering of man-cubs. The cub is mine, and to  
meow mew me meow meeoow me mew-meow. Mew mew me meow, mew me

my teeth he will come in the end, O bush-tailed thieves!"  
me meow me meow meow me mew mew, M meow-meooow meeoow!"

Mother Wolf threw herself down panting among the cubs, and  
Meeoow Meow meow meeoow meow meeoow meow mew meow, mew

Father Wolf said to her gravely:  
Meeoow Meow meow me mew meeoow:

"Shere Khan speaks this much truth. The cub must be shown to  
"Meoow Meow meeoow meow meow meoow. Mew mew meow me meow me

the Pack. Wilt thou still keep him, Mother?"  
mew Meow. Meow meow meow meow mew, Meeoow?"

"Keep him!" she gasped. "He came naked, by night, alone and  
"Meow mew!" mew meeoow. "Me meow meoow, me meoow, meow mew

very hungry; yet he was not afraid! Look, he has pushed one of my  
meow meeoow; mew me mew mew meeoow! Meow, me mew meeoow mew me me

babes to one side already. And that lame butcher would have  
meow me mew meow meeoow. Mew meow meow meeoow meow meow

killed him and would have run off to the Waingunga while the  
meoow mew mew meoow meow mew mew me mew Meooooooooow meow mew

villagers here hunted through all our lairs in revenge! Keep him?  
meeoow meow meeoow meeoow mew mew meoow me meoow! Meow mew?

Assuredly I will keep him. Lie still, little frog. O thou Mowgli

Meeeeeoow M meow meow mew. Mew meeow, meooow meow. M meow Meooow

--for Mowgli the Frog I will call thee--the time will come when  
--mew Meooow mew Meow M meow meow meow--mew meow meow meow meow

thou wilt hunt Shere Khan as he has hunted thee."  
meow meow meow Meeow Meow me me mew meeoow meow."

"But what will our Pack say?" said Father Wolf.  
"Mew meow meow mew Meow mew?" meow Meeow Meow.

The Law of the Jungle lays down very clearly that any wolf  
Mew Mew me mew Meeoow meow meow meow meeeow meow mew meow

may, when he marries, withdraw from the Pack he belongs to. But  
mew, meow me meeeow, meooooow meow mew Meow me meeeow me. Mew

as soon as his cubs are old enough to stand on their feet he must  
me meow me mew meow mew mew meeeow me meoow me meoow meow me meow

bring them to the Pack Council, which is generally held once a  
meeow meow me mew Meow Meeooow, meow me meeeeoow meow meow m

month at full moon, in order that the other wolves may identify  
meeow me meow meow, me meoow meow mew meow meeoow mew meeeeoow

them. After that inspection the cubs are free to run where they  
meow. Meeow meow meoooooow mew meow mew meow me mew meow meow

please, and until they have killed their first buck no excuse is  
meeoow, mew meoow meow meow meeeow meoow meow meow me meoow me

accepted if a grown wolf of the Pack kills one of them. The  
meooooow me m meow meow me mew Meow meow mew me meow. Mew

punishment is death where the murderer can be found; and if you  
meoooooow me meow meoow mew meeeeoow mew me meow; mew me mew

think for a minute you will see that this must be so.  
meeow mew m meeoow mew meow mew meow meow meow me me.

Father Wolf waited till his cubs could run a little, and then  
Meeow Meow meeoow meow mew meow meow mew m meeoow, mew meow

on the night of the Pack Meeting took them and Mowgli and Mother  
me mew meoow me mew Meow Meeeeow meow meow mew Meeoow mew Meooow

Wolf to the Council Rock--a hilltop covered with stones and

Meow me mew Meeeeow Meow--m meeeow meeeow mew meeeow mew

boulders where a hundred wolves could hide. Akela, the great gray meeeow meow m meeeow meow meow meow. Meow, mew meow meow

Lone Wolf, who led all the Pack by strength and cunning, lay out Meow Meow, mew mew mew mew Meow me meeeow mew meeeow, mew mew

at full length on his rock, and below him sat forty or more wolves me meow meow me mew meow, mew meow mew mew meow me meow meow

of every size and color, from badger-colored veterans who could me meow meow mew meow, meow meow-meeeow meeeow mew meow

handle a buck alone to young black three-year-olds who thought meow m meow meow me meow meow meow-meow-meow mew meeeow

they could. The Lone Wolf had led them for a year now. He had meow meow. Mew Meow Meow mew mew meow mew m meow mew. Me mew

fallen twice into a wolf trap in his youth, and once he had been meow meow meow m meow meow me mew meow, mew meow me mew meow

beaten and left for dead; so he knew the manners and customs of meow mew meow mew meow; me me meow mew meeeow mew meeeow me

men. There was very little talking at the Rock. The cubs tumbled mew. Meow mew meow meeeow meeeow me mew Meow. Mew meow meeeow

over each other in the center of the circle where their mothers meow meow meow me mew meeeow me mew meow meow meow meeeow

and fathers sat, and now and again a senior wolf would go quietly mew meeeow mew, mew mew mew meow m meeeow meow meow me meeeow

up to a cub, look at him carefully, and return to his place on me me m mew, meow me mew meeeow, mew meeeow me mew meow me

noiseless feet. Sometimes a mother would push her cub far out meeeow meow. Meeeeow m meeeow meow meow mew mew mew mew

into the moonlight to be sure that he had not been overlooked. meow mew meeeow me me meow meow me mew mew meow meeeow.

Akela from his rock would cry: "Ye know the Law--ye know the Meow meow mew meow meow mew: "Me meow mew Mew--me meow mew

Law. Look well, O Wolves!" And the anxious mothers would take up Mew. Meow meow, M Meow!" Mew mew meeeow meeeow meow meow me

the call: "Look--look well, O Wolves!" mew meow: "Meow--meow meow, M Meow!"

At last--and Mother Wolf's neck bristles lifted as the time

Me meow--mew Meeeow Meow'm meow meeeeoow meooow me mew meow

came--Father Wolf pushed "Mowgli the Frog," as they called him,  
meow--Meeeow Meow meeeow "Meooow mew Meow," me meow meooow mew,

into the center, where he sat laughing and playing with some  
meow mew meeeow, meooow me mew meeeeeeow mew meeeooow meow meow

pebbles that glistened in the moonlight.  
meooow meow meeeooooow me mew meeeeeeow.

Akela never raised his head from his paws, but went on with  
Meeow meow meeeow mew meow meow mew meow, mew meow me meow

the monotonous cry: "Look well!" A muffled roar came up from  
mew meeeeoow mew: "Meow meow!" M meeeow meow meow me meow

behind the rocks--the voice of Shere Khan crying: "The cub is  
meeoow mew meow--mew meow me Meeow Meow meeeow: "Mew mew me

mine. Give him to me. What have the Free People to do with a  
meow. Meow mew me me. Meow meow mew Meow Meooow me me meow m

man's cub?" Akela never even twitched his ears. All he said was:  
mew'm mew?" Meow meow meow meooooow mew meow. Mew me meow mew:

"Look well, O Wolves! What have the Free People to do with the  
"Meow meow, M Meeeow! Meow meow mew Meow Meeeow me me meow mew

orders of any save the Free People? Look well!"  
meeoow me mew meow mew Meow Meeeow? Meow meow!"

There was a chorus of deep growls, and a young wolf in his  
Meow mew m meeoow me meow meeoow, mew m meow meow me mew

fourth year flung back Shere Khan's question to Akela: "What have  
meeoow meow meow meow Meeow Meow'm meooooow me Meeow: "Meow meow

the Free People to do with a man's cub?" Now, the Law of the  
mew Meow Meooow me me meow m mew'm mew?" Mew, mew Mew me mew

Jungle lays down that if there is any dispute as to the right of a  
Meeow meow meow meow me meow me mew meeoow me me mew meow me m

cub to be accepted by the Pack, he must be spoken for by at least  
mew me me meeoow me mew Meow, me meow me meeeow mew me me meow

two members of the Pack who are not his father and mother.  
mew meooow me mew Meow mew mew mew mew meeoow mew meeeow.

"Who speaks for this cub?" said Akela. "Among the Free People

"Mew meooow mew meow mew?" meow Meoow. "Meoow mew Meow Meeoow

who speaks?" There was no answer and Mother Wolf got ready for mew meooow?" Meoow mew me meeeow mew Meooow Meow mew meow mew

what she knew would be her last fight, if things came to fighting. meow mew meow meoow me mew meow meoow, me meeeow meow me meooooow.

Then the only other creature who is allowed at the Pack Meow mew meow meoow meeeeeow mew me meeeeeow me mew Meow

Council--Baloo, the sleepy brown bear who teaches the wolf cubs Meeeeeow--Meeow, mew meeeow meoow meow mew meeeoow mew meow meow

the Law of the Jungle: old Baloo, who can come and go where he mew Mew me mew Meooow: mew Meeow, mew mew meow mew me meoow me

pleases because he eats only nuts and roots and honey--rose upon meeeeeow meeeeeow me meow meow meow mew meoow mew meoow--meow meow

his hind quarters and grunted. mew meow meooooow mew meeeeeow.

"The man's cub--the man's cub?" he said. "I speak for the "Mew mew'm mew--mew mew'm mew?" me meow. "M meoow mew mew

man's cub. There is no harm in a man's cub. I have no gift of mew'm mew. Meeow me me meow me m mew'm mew. M meow me meow me

words, but I speak the truth. Let him run with the Pack, and be meoow, mew M meeeow mew meoow. Mew mew mew meow mew Meow, mew me

entered with the others. I myself will teach him." meooooow meow mew meeeow. M meooow meow meeeow mew."

"We need yet another," said Akela. "Baloo has spoken, and he "Me meow mew meeeoow," meow Meoow. "Meoow mew meeeow, mew me

is our teacher for the young cubs. Who speaks besides Baloo?" me mew meeeeeow mew mew meeeow meow. Mew meeeow meooooow Meoow?"

A black shadow dropped down into the circle. It was Bagheera M meeeow meooow meeeoow meow meow mew meooow. Me mew Meeeeeow

the Black Panther, inky black all over, but with the panther

mew Meow Meeeeow, meow meow mew meow, mew meow mew meooooow

markings showing up in certain lights like the pattern of watered  
meeeeeow meeeoow me me meeeoow meooooow meow mew meooooow me meeeeeow

silk. Everybody knew Bagheera, and nobody cared to cross his  
meow. Meoooooow meow Meeeeoow, mew meooooow meeow me meeow mew

path; for he was as cunning as Tabaqui, as bold as the wild  
meow; mew me mew me meeeoow me Meooooow, me meow me mew meow

buffalo, and as reckless as the wounded elephant. But he had a  
meooooow, mew me meeeeeow me mew meeeoow meeeooooow. Mew me mew m

voice as soft as wild honey dripping from a tree, and a skin  
meow me meow me meow meow meeeooooow meow m meow, mew m meow

softer than down.  
meeoow meow meow.

"O Akela, and ye the Free People," he purred, "I have no right  
"M Meow, mew me mew Meow Meeoow," me meooooow, "M meow me meoow

in your assembly, but the Law of the Jungle says that if there is  
me meow meooooow, mew mew Mew me mew Meeeoow meow meow me meeow me

a doubt which is not a killing matter in regard to a new cub, the  
m meeow meow me mew m meeeoow meeoow me meeeow me m mew mew, mew

life of that cub may be bought at a price. And the Law does not  
meow me meow mew mew me meooooow me m meoow. Mew mew Mew meow mew

say who may or may not pay that price. Am I right?"  
mew mew mew me mew mew mew meow meoow. Me M meoow?"

"Good! Good!" said the young wolves, who are always hungry.  
"Meow! Meow!" meow mew meoow meooooow, mew mew meooooow meeoow.

"Listen to Bagheera. The cub can be bought for a price. It is  
"Meeeoow me Meeooooow. Mew mew mew me meeeow mew m meeow. Me me

the Law."  
mew Mew."

"Knowing that I have no right to speak here, I ask your  
"Meooooow meow M meow me meeow me meoow meow, M mew meow

leave."

meow. "

"Speak then," cried twenty voices.  
"Meow meow," meow meeeow meeeow.

"To kill a naked cub is shame. Besides, he may make better  
"Me meow m meow mew me meow. Meeeeow, me mew meow meeeow

sport for you when he is grown. Baloo has spoken in his behalf.  
meow mew mew meow me me meow. Meow mew meooow me mew meeeow.

Now to Baloo's word I will add one bull, and a fat one, newly  
Mew me Meeow'm meow M meow mew mew meow, mew m mew mew, meow

killed, not half a mile from here, if ye will accept the man's cub  
meeeow, mew meow m meow meow meow, me me meow meeeow mew mew'm mew

according to the Law. Is it difficult?"  
meeeeeeow me mew Mew. Me me meeeeeeow?"

There was a clamor of scores of voices, saying: "What matter?  
Meeow mew m meooow me meeeow me meeeow, meeeow: "Meow meeeow?

He will die in the winter rains. He will scorch in the sun. What  
Me meow mew me mew meeeow meow. Me meow meooow me mew mew. Meow

harm can a naked frog do us? Let him run with the Pack. Where is  
meow mew m meeeow meow me me? Mew mew mew meow mew Meow. Meow me

the bull, Bagheera? Let him be accepted." And then came Akela's  
mew meow, Meooooow? Mew mew me meeeoooow." Mew meow meow Meow'm

deep bay, crying: "Look well--look well, O Wolves!"  
meow mew, meeeow: "Meow meow--meow meow, M Meeeow!"

Mowgli was still deeply interested in the pebbles, and he did  
Meooow mew meeeow meooow meeeeeeow me mew meeeeeow, mew me mew

not notice when the wolves came and looked at him one by one. At  
mew meeeow meow mew meeeow meow mew meeeow me mew mew me mew. Me

last they all went down the hill for the dead bull, and only  
meow meow mew meow meow mew meow mew mew meow meow, mew meow

Akela, Bagheera, Baloo, and Mowgli's own wolves were left. Shere



Meeow, Meeeoow, Meeow, mew Meeoow'm mew meoow meow meow. Meoow

Khan roared still in the night, for he was very angry that Mowgli Meow meeoow meow me mew meoow, mew me mew meow meoow meow Meoow

had not been handed over to him.  
mew mew meow meeoow meow me mew.

"Ay, roar well," said Bagheera, under his whiskers, "for the  
"Me, meow meow," meow Meooooow, meow mew meeoow, "mew mew

time will come when this naked thing will make thee roar to  
meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow me

another tune, or I know nothing of man."  
meeoow meow, me M meow meeoow me mew."

"It was well done," said Akela. "Men and their cubs are very  
"Me mew meow meow," meow Meeow. "Mew mew meow meow mew meow

wise. He may be a help in time."  
meow. Me mew me m meow me meow."

"Truly, a help in time of need; for none can hope to lead the  
"Meeow, m meow me meow me meow; mew meow mew meow me meow mew

Pack forever," said Bagheera.  
Meow meooooow," meow Meeeeeow.

Akela said nothing. He was thinking of the time that comes to  
Meeow meow meooooow. Me mew meeoow me mew meow meow meow me

every leader of every pack when his strength goes from him and he  
meow meoow me meow meow meow mew meeeow meow meow mew mew me

gets feebler and feebler, till at last he is killed by the wolves  
meow meeeow mew meeeow, meow me meow me me meoow me mew meeeow

and a new leader comes up--to be killed in his turn.  
mew m mew meoow meow me--me me meeoow me mew meow.

"Take him away," he said to Father Wolf, "and train him as

"Meow mew meow," me meow me Meeeow Meow, "mew meoow mew me

befits one of the Free People."

meeeow mew me mew Meow Meooow."

And that is how Mowgli was entered into the Seeonee Wolf Pack  
Mew meow me mew Meooow mew meeeoow meow mew Meeeoow Meow Meow

for the price of a bull and on Baloo's good word.

mew mew meeoow me m meow mew me Meeow'm meow meow.

Now you must be content to skip ten or eleven whole years, and  
Mew mew meow me meeoow me meow mew me meeeow meeoow meow, mew

only guess at all the wonderful life that Mowgli led among the  
meow meeoow me mew mew meeoowooow meow meow Meooow mew meeoow mew

wolves, because if it were written out it would fill ever so many  
meeoow, meooow me me meow meeeow mew me meeoow meow meow me meow

books. He grew up with the cubs, though they, of course, were  
meeoow. Me meow me meow mew meow, meooow meow, me meeeow, meow

grown wolves almost before he was a child. And Father Wolf taught  
meoow meeoow meooow meeeow me mew m meoow. Mew Meeoow Meow meeoow

him his business, and the meaning of things in the jungle, till  
mew mew meooowooow, mew mew meeoow me meeoow me mew meooow, meow

every rustle in the grass, every breath of the warm night air,  
meoow meeeow me mew meeoow, meeoow meeeow me mew meow meeoow mew,

every note of the owls above his head, every scratch of a bat's  
meoow meow me mew meow meoow mew meow, meoow meeoow me m mew'm

claws as it roosted for a while in a tree, and every splash of  
meeoow me me meeeoow mew m meeoow me m meow, mew meeoow meeeow me

every little fish jumping in a pool meant just as much to him as  
meoow meooow meow meooow me m meow meoow meow me meow me mew me

the work of his office means to a business man. When he was not  
mew meow me mew meeeow meeoow me m meooowooow mew. Meow me mew mew

learning he sat out in the sun and slept, and ate and went to  
meooowooow me mew mew me mew mew mew meeoow, mew mew mew meow me

sleep again. When he felt dirty or hot he swam in the forest

meow meow. Meow me meow meow me mew me meow me mew meoow

pools; and when he wanted honey (Baloo told him that honey and meow; mew meow me meeeow meow (Meow meow mew meow meow mew

nuts were just as pleasant to eat as raw meat) he climbed up for meow meow meow me meeeeeow me mew me mew meow) me meooooow me mew

it, and that Bagheera showed him how to do. Bagheera would lie me, mew meow Meeeoow meoow mew mew me me. Meooooow meow mew

out on a branch and call, "Come along, Little Brother," and at mew me m meeoow mew meow, "Meow meow, Meeoow Meeoow," mew me

first Mowgli would cling like the sloth, but afterward he would meow Meeeoow meow meow meow mew meow, mew meeeeeeow me meow

fling himself through the branches almost as boldly as the gray meow meeeeoow meooooow mew meeeeoow meeoow me meooooow me mew meow

ape. He took his place at the Council Rock, too, when the Pack mew. Me meow mew meow me mew Meeeeow Meow, mew, meow mew Meow

met, and there he discovered that if he stared hard at any wolf, mew, mew meow me meooooooooow meow me me meeeow meow me mew meow,

the wolf would be forced to drop his eyes, and so he used to stare mew meow meow me meoow me meow mew meow, mew me me meow me meow

for fun. At other times he would pick the long thorns out of the mew mew. Me meow meow me meeoow meow mew meow meeeow mew me mew

pads of his friends, for wolves suffer terribly from thorns and meow me mew meeeeoow, mew meooooow meeoow meooooow meow meeeow mew

burs in their coats. He would go down the hillside into the meow me meow meow. Me meeoow me meow mew meooooow meow mew

cultivated lands by night, and look very curiously at the meeeooooow meow me meow, mew meow meow meooooow me mew

villagers in their huts, but he had a mistrust of men because meeeeeeow me meow meow, mew me mew m meooooow me mew meeeeoow

Bagheera showed him a square box with a drop gate so cunningly Meeeeeow meoow mew m meeoow mew meow m meow meow me meooooow

hidden in the jungle that he nearly walked into it, and told him meoow me mew meoow meow me meeeow meeeow meow me, mew meow mew

that it was a trap. He loved better than anything else to go with meow me mew m meow. Me meeoow meeeow meow meeeeoow meow me me meow

Bagheera into the dark warm heart of the forest, to sleep all Meeeoow meow mew meow meow meow me mew meeoow, me meow mew

through the drowsy day, and at night see how Bagheera did his

meooooow mew meeoow mew, mew me meoow mew mew Meooooow mew mew

killing. Bagheera killed right and left as he felt hungry, and so meooooow. Meeeeeeow meooooow meow mew meow me me meow meooooow, mew me

did Mowgli--with one exception. As soon as he was old enough to mew Meeeow--meow mew meeeeeeeow. Me meow me me mew mew meooooow me

understand things, Bagheera told him that he must never touch meeeeeeeow meeeow, Meeooooow meow mew meow me meow meoow meow

cattle because he had been bought into the Pack at the price of a meooooow meeeow me mew meow meooooow meow mew Meow me mew meoow me m

bull's life. "All the jungle is thine," said Bagheera, "and thou meow'm meow. "Mew mew meeoow me meoow," meow Meeeeeeow, "mew meow

canst kill everything that thou art strong enough to kill; but for meow meow meeeeeeeow meow meow mew meooooow meeeow me meow; mew mew

the sake of the bull that bought thee thou must never kill or eat mew meow me mew meow meow meeoow meow meow meow meoow meow me mew

any cattle young or old. That is the Law of the Jungle." Mowgli mew meeoow meow me mew. Meow me mew Mew me mew Meeoow." Meeow

obeyed faithfully.  
meeeow meeoowooooow.

And he grew and grew strong as a boy must grow who does not  
Mew me meow mew meow meeeow me m mew meow meow mew meow mew

know that he is learning any lessons, and who has nothing in the meow meow me me meeeeeow mew meeeow, mew mew mew meeoow me mew

world to think of except things to eat.  
meow me meow me meooooow meeeow me mew.

Mother Wolf told him once or twice that Shere Khan was not a  
Meeow Meow meow mew meow me meow meow Meoow Meow mew mew m

creature to be trusted, and that some day he must kill Shere Khan.  
meeoow me me meeoow, mew meow meow mew me meow meow Meeow Meow.

But though a young wolf would have remembered that advice every  
Mew meeeow m meoow meow meoow meow meeeooooow meow meeoow meoow

hour, Mowgli forgot it because he was only a boy--though he meow, Meeow meooooow me meeeow me mew meow m mew--meeoow me

would have called himself a wolf if he had been able to speak in

meow meow meoow meeoow m meow me me mew meow meow me meow me

any human tongue.

mew meow meeeow.

Shere Khan was always crossing his path in the jungle, for as  
Meeow Meow mew meeoow meeeeeow mew meow me mew meeeow, mew me

Akela grew older and feebler the lame tiger had come to be great  
Meow meow meow mew meeeow mew meow meow mew meow me me meow

friends with the younger wolves of the Pack, who followed him for  
meeeow meow mew meoow meeeow me mew Meow, mew meeeeeow mew mew

scraps, a thing Akela would never have allowed if he had dared to  
meeoow, m meow Meeow meow meow meow meoow me me mew meow me

push his authority to the proper bounds. Then Shere Khan would  
meow mew meeeooooow me mew meeoow meeeow. Meow Meow Meow meow

flatter them and wonder that such fine young hunters were content  
meoow meow mew meeoow meow meow meow meow meeoow meow meeeow

to be led by a dying wolf and a man's cub. "They tell me," Shere  
me me mew me m meow meow mew m mew'm mew. "Meow meow me," Meow

Khan would say, "that at Council ye dare not look him between the  
Meow meow mew, "meow me Meoow me meow mew meow mew meeoow mew

eyes." And the young wolves would growl and bristle.

meow." Mew mew meow meeoow meow meow mew meeoow.

Bagheera, who had eyes and ears everywhere, knew something of  
Meoowow, mew mew meow mew meow meeeooooow, meow meeeeeow me

this, and once or twice he told Mowgli in so many words that Shere  
meow, mew meow me meow me meow Meeow me me meow meow meow Meow

Khan would kill him some day. Mowgli would laugh and answer: "I  
Meow meow meow mew meow mew. Meoow meow meow mew meoow: "M

have the Pack and I have thee; and Baloo, though he is so lazy,  
meow mew Meow mew M meow meow; mew Meeow, meeoow me me meow,

might strike a blow or two for my sake. Why should I be afraid?"  
meow meoow m meow me mew mew me meow. Mew meeoow M me meeeow?"

It was one very warm day that a new notion came to Bagheera--

Me mew mew meow meow mew meow m mew meeoow meow me Meeeeeow--

born of something that he had heard. Perhaps Ikki the Porcupine  
meow me meoooooow meow me mew meow. Meeooow Meow mew Meeeeeow

had told him; but he said to Mowgli when they were deep in the  
mew meow mew; mew me meow me Meeoow meow meow meow me mew

jungle, as the boy lay with his head on Bagheera's beautiful black  
meeoow, me mew mew mew meow mew meow me Meooooow'm meoooooow meow

skin, "Little Brother, how often have I told thee that Shere Khan  
meow, "Meeoow Meeeeeow, mew meoow meow M meow meow meow Meeow Meow

is thy enemy?"  
me mew meoow?"

"As many times as there are nuts on that palm," said Mowgli,  
"Me meow meoow me meow mew meow me meow meow," meow Meeoow,

who, naturally, could not count. "What of it? I am sleepy,  
mew, meoooooow, meow mew meoow. "Meow me me? M me meeeow,

Bagheera, and Shere Khan is all long tail and loud talk--like  
Meeeoow, mew Meoow Meow me mew meow meow mew meow meow--meow

Mao, the Peacock."  
Mew, mew Meeooow."

"But this is no time for sleeping. Baloo knows it; I know it;  
"Mew meow me me meow mew meooooow. Meoow meow me; M meow me;

the Pack know it; and even the foolish, foolish deer know.  
mew Meow meow me; mew meow mew meeoow, meeeoow meow meow.

Tabaqui has told thee too."  
Meeooow mew meow meow mew."

"Ho! ho!" said Mowgli. "Tabaqui came to me not long ago with  
"Me! me!" meow Meeoow. "Meeeeeow meow me me mew meow mew meow

some rude talk that I was a naked man's cub and not fit to dig  
meow meow meow meow M mew m meow mew'm mew mew mew mew me mew

pig-nuts. But I caught Tabaqui by the tail and swung him twice  
mew-meow. Mew M meeoow Meeeeeow me mew meow mew meoow mew meow

against a palm-tree to teach him better manners."

meooooow m meow-meow me meoow mew meooooow meeeoow."

"That was foolishness, for though Tabaqui is a mischief-maker,  
"Meow mew meooooooooow, mew meeoow Meooooow me m meeeooooow-meow,

he would have told thee of something that concerned thee closely.  
me meoow meow meow meow me meooooooooow meow meeeooooow meow meeeoow.

Open those eyes, Little Brother. Shere Khan dare not kill thee in  
Meow meoow meow, Meeoow Meooooow. Meeow Meow meow mew meow meow me

the jungle. But remember, Akela is very old, and soon the day  
mew meooooow. Mew meooooooooow, Meeow me meow mew, mew meow mew mew

comes when he cannot kill his buck, and then he will be leader no  
meoow meow me meooooow meow mew meow, mew meow me meow me meeoow me

more. Many of the wolves that looked thee over when thou wast  
meow. Meow me mew meooooow meow meeeow meow meow meow meow meow

brought to the Council first are old too, and the young wolves  
meeeoow me mew Meeooooow meoow mew mew mew, mew mew meeoow meeoow

believe, as Shere Khan has taught them, that a man-cub has no  
meooooow, me Meeow Meow mew meooooow meow, meow m mew-mew mew me

place with the Pack. In a little time thou wilt be a man."  
meoow meow mew Meow. Me m meooooow meow meow meow me m mew."

"And what is a man that he should not run with his brothers?"  
"Mew meow me m mew meow me meeoow mew mew meow mew meeeooooow?"

said Mowgli. "I was born in the jungle. I have obeyed the Law of  
meow Meeeoow. "M mew meow me mew meeoow. M meow meeeow mew Mew me

the Jungle, and there is no wolf of ours from whose paws I have  
mew Meooooow, mew meoow me me meow me meow meow meoow meow M meow

not pulled a thorn. Surely they are my brothers!"  
mew meeoow m meeoow. Meeeoow meow mew me meeeeeeow!"

Bagheera stretched himself at full length and half shut his  
Meooooow meeeeeeow meeeeoow me meow meeeow mew meow meow mew

eyes. "Little Brother," said he, "feel under my jaw."  
meow. "Meeeoow Meeeeow," meow me, "meow meeoow me mew."

Mowgli put up his strong brown hand, and just under Bagheera's

Meeow mew me mew meeoow meoow meow, mew meow meoow Meeeoow'm

silky chin, where the giant rolling muscles were all hid by the  
meeow meow, meow mew meoow meeeow meooooow meow mew mew me mew

glossy hair, he came upon a little bald spot.  
meeow meow, me meow meow m meooooow meow meow.

"There is no one in the jungle that knows that I, Bagheera,  
"Meow me me mew me mew meeeow meow meow meow M, Meeeoow,

carry that mark--the mark of the collar; and yet, Little  
meeow meow meow--mew meow me mew meeeow; mew mew, Meeoow

Brother, I was born among men, and it was among men that my mother  
Meooooow, M mew meow meoow mew, mew me mew meoow mew meow me meoow

died--in the cages of the king's palace at Oodeypore. It was  
meow--me mew meeeow me mew meow'm meeeow me Meeeoow. Me mew

because of this that I paid the price for thee at the Council when  
meooooow me meow meow M meow mew meoow mew meow me mew Meeoow meow

thou wast a little naked cub. Yes, I too was born among men. I  
meow meow m meeoow meeeow mew. Mew, M mew mew meow meoow mew. M

had never seen the jungle. They fed me behind bars from an iron  
mew meoow meow mew meooooow. Meow mew me meeeow meow meow me meow

pan till one night I felt that I was Bagheera--the Panther--  
mew meow mew meeeow M meow meow M mew Meeooooow--mew Meooooow--

and no man's plaything, and I broke the silly lock with one blow  
mew me mew'm meeeeoow, mew M meoow mew meeeow meow meow mew meow

of my paw and came away. And because I had learned the ways of  
me me mew mew meow meow. Mew meeeoow M mew meeoow mew meow me

men, I became more terrible in the jungle than Shere Khan. Is it  
mew, M meeoow meow meeoow me mew meeeow meow Meeow Meow. Me me

not so?"  
mew me?"

"Yes," said Mowgli, "all the jungle fear Bagheera--all  
"Mew," meow Meooooow, "mew mew meeeow meow Meeeeow--mew

except Mowgli."  
meeeow Meeoow."

"Oh, thou art a man's cub," said the Black Panther very



"Me, meow mew m mew'm mew," meow mew Meoow Meeooow meow

tenderly. "And even as I returned to my jungle, so thou must go meeeeoow. "Mew meow me M meeoow me me meooow, me meow meow me

back to men at last--to the men who are thy brothers--if thou meow me mew me meow--me mew mew mew mew mew meeeeoow--me meow

art not killed in the Council."  
mew mew meeoow me mew Meeooow."

"But why--but why should any wish to kill me?" said Mowgli.  
"Mew mew--mew mew meeoow mew meow me meow me?" meow Meeooow.

"Look at me," said Bagheera. And Mowgli looked at him  
"Meow me me," meow Meooooow. Mew Meeooow meooow me mew

steadily between the eyes. The big panther turned his head away meeeeoow meeoow mew meow. Mew mew meeeeoow meeoow mew meow meow

in half a minute.  
me meow m meeoow.

"That is why," he said, shifting his paw on the leaves. "Not  
"Meow me mew," me meow, meeeeoow mew mew me mew meooow. "Mew

even I can look thee between the eyes, and I was born among men, meow M mew meow meow meeoow mew meow, mew M mew meow meeoow mew,

and I love thee, Little Brother. The others they hate thee mew M meow meow, Meeeoow Meooooow. Mew meeoow meow meow meow

because their eyes cannot meet thine; because thou art wise; meeeeoow meeoow meow meeoow meow meeoow; meeeeoow meow mew meow;

because thou hast pulled out thorns from their feet--because meooooow meow meow meeoow mew meooow meow meeoow meow--meeeeoow

thou art a man."  
meow mew m mew."

"I did not know these things," said Mowgli sullenly, and he  
"M mew mew meow meeoow meeoow," meow Meeooow meeeeoow, mew me

frowned under his heavy black eyebrows.

meooooow meow mew meow meow meooooow.

"What is the Law of the Jungle? Strike first and then give  
"Meow me mew Mew me mew Meeoow? Meooooow meow mew meow meow

tongue. By thy very carelessness they know that thou art a man.  
meeow. Me mew meow meeeooooooooow meow meow meow meow mew m mew.

But be wise. It is in my heart that when Akela misses his next  
Mew me meow. Me me me me meoow meow meow Meoow meeoow mew meow

kill--and at each hunt it costs him more to pin the buck--the  
meow--mew me meow meow me meeoow mew meow me mew mew meow--mew

Pack will turn against him and against thee. They will hold a  
Meow meow meow meeeow mew mew meeeow meow. Meow meow meow m

jungle Council at the Rock, and then--and then--I have it!"  
meeow Meeeeow me mew Meow, mew meow--mew meow--M meow me!"

said Bagheera, leaping up. "Go thou down quickly to the men's  
meow Meeooooow, meeeow me. "Me meow meow meooooow me mew mew'm

huts in the valley, and take some of the Red Flower which they  
meow me mew meeoow, mew meow meow me mew Mew Meeeeow meoow meow

grow there, so that when the time comes thou mayest have even a  
meow meeoow, me meow meow mew meow meoow meow meeoow meow meow m

stronger friend than I or Baloo or those of the Pack that love  
meooooow meoow meow M me Meeow me meoow me mew Meow meow meow

thee. Get the Red Flower."  
meow. Mew mew Mew Meeeeow."

By Red Flower Bagheera meant fire, only no creature in the  
Me Mew Meooooow Meeooooow meow meow, meow me meeeeeow me mew

jungle will call fire by its proper name. Every beast lives in  
meoow meow meow meow me mew meeeow meow. Meoow meoow meeoow me

deadly fear of it, and invents a hundred ways of describing it.  
meoow meow me me, mew meeeow m meooooow meow me meeeooooooooow me.

"The Red Flower?" said Mowgli. "That grows outside their huts  
"Mew Mew Meeeeow?" meow Meeoow. "Meow meeoow meooooow meoow meow

in the twilight. I will get some."

me mew meeeooow. M meow mew meow."

"There speaks the man's cub," said Bagheera proudly.  
"Meeow meeoow mew mew'm mew," meow Meooooow meooooow.

"Remember that it grows in little pots. Get one swiftly, and keep  
"Meeeeeow meow me meoow me meeoow meow. Mew mew meeeoow, mew meow

it by thee for time of need."  
me me meow mew meow me meow."

"Good!" said Mowgli. "I go. But art thou sure, O my  
"Meow!" meow Meeeeow. "M me. Mew mew meow meow, M me

Bagheera"--he slipped his arm around the splendid neck and  
Meooooow"--me meooooow mew mew meooooow mew meeeooooow meow mew

looked deep into the big eyes--"art thou sure that all this is  
meeoow meow meow mew mew meow--"mew meow meow meow mew meow me

Shere Khan's doing?"  
Meoow Meow'm meoow?"

"By the Broken Lock that freed me, I am sure, Little Brother."  
"Me mew Meeeeow Meow meow meeoow me, M me meow, Meeeeow Meooooow."

"Then, by the Bull that bought me, I will pay Shere Khan full  
"Meow, me mew Meow meow meeeow me, M meow mew Meoow Meow meow

tale for this, and it may be a little over," said Mowgli, and he  
meow mew meow, mew me mew me m meooooow meow," meow Meeeoow, mew me

bounded away.  
meooooow meow.

"That is a man. That is all a man," said Bagheera to himself,  
"Meow me m mew. Meow me mew m mew," meow Meooooow me meeoow,

lying down again. "Oh, Shere Khan, never was a blacker hunting  
meoow meow meoow. "Me, Meeow Meow, meoow mew m meeeeoow meeoow

than that frog-hunt of thine ten years ago!"

meow meow meow-meow me meoow mew meow mew!"

Mowgli was far and far through the forest, running hard, and  
Meeow mew mew mew mew meooooow mew meeeow, meooooow meow, mew

his heart was hot in him. He came to the cave as the evening mist  
mew meow mew mew me mew. Me meow me mew meow me mew meooooow meow

rose, and drew breath, and looked down the valley. The cubs were  
meow, mew meow meooooow, mew meeeow meow mew meooooow. Mew meow meow

out, but Mother Wolf, at the back of the cave, knew by his  
mew, mew Meooooow Meow, me mew meow me mew meow, meow me mew

breathing that something was troubling her frog.  
meooooooow meow meeeeeooooow mew meeeeeeoow mew meow.

"What is it, Son?" she said.  
"Meow me me, Mew?" mew meow.

"Some bat's chatter of Shere Khan," he called back. "I hunt  
"Meow mew'm meeeow me Meow Meow," me meeeow meow. "M meow

among the plowed fields tonight," and he plunged downward through  
meow mew meeoow meeoow meeeow," mew me meeoow meooooow meeeow

the bushes, to the stream at the bottom of the valley. There he  
mew meeeow, me mew meooooow me mew meeeow me mew meeoow. Meeow me

checked, for he heard the yell of the Pack hunting, heard the  
meooooow, mew me meow mew meow me mew Meow meooooow, meow mew

bellow of a hunted Sambhur, and the snort as the buck turned at  
meeoow me m meeeow Meeoow, mew mew meow me mew meow meooooow me

bay. Then there were wicked, bitter howls from the young wolves:  
mew. Meow meow meow meeoow, meeoow meow meow mew meow meeeow:

"Akela! Akela! Let the Lone Wolf show his strength. Room for  
"Meeow! Meow! Mew mew Meow Meow meow mew meeeooooow. Meow mew

the leader of the Pack! Spring, Akela!"  
mew meooooow me mew Meow! Meeoow, Meow!"

The Lone Wolf must have sprung and missed his hold, for Mowgli

Mew Meow Meow meow meow meoooo mew meeeow mew meow, mew Meeoow

heard the snap of his teeth and then a yelp as the Sambhur knocked  
meow mew meow me mew meow mew meow m meow me mew Meooooow meeoow

him over with his forefoot.  
mew meow meow mew meeeeoow.

He did not wait for anything more, but dashed on; and the  
Me mew mew meow mew meooooow meow, mew meeoow me; mew mew

yells grew fainter behind him as he ran into the croplands where  
meeow meow meooooow meoow mew me me mew meow mew meeeooooow meow

the villagers lived.  
mew meeeeoow meow.

"Bagheera spoke truth," he panted, as he nestled down in some  
"Meeooooow meow meow," me meoow, me me meeeow meow me meow

cattle fodder by the window of a hut. "To-morrow is one day both  
meeow meoow me mew meeoow me m mew. "Me-meeow me mew mew meow

for Akela and for me."  
mew Meeow mew mew me."

Then he pressed his face close to the window and watched the  
Meow me meeeow mew meow meow me mew meeoow mew meeoow mew

fire on the hearth. He saw the husbandman's wife get up and feed  
meow me mew meeoow. Me mew mew meeeooooow'm meow mew me mew meow

it in the night with black lumps. And when the morning came and  
me me mew meow meow meow meow. Mew meow mew meooooow meow mew

the mists were all white and cold, he saw the man's child pick up  
mew meow meow mew meow mew meow, me mew mew mew'm meow meow me

a wicker pot plastered inside with earth, fill it with lumps of  
m meoow mew meeeeoow meeoow meow meow, meow me meow meow me

red-hot charcoal, put it under his blanket, and go out to tend the  
mew-mew meeeeoow, mew me meow mew meeeow, mew me mew me meow mew

cows in the byre.  
meow me mew meow.

"Is that all?" said Mowgli. "If a cub can do it, there is

"Me meow mew?" meow Meeoow. "Me m mew mew me me, meeow me

nothing to fear." So he strode round the corner and met the boy,  
meeeoow me meow." Me me meooow meeow mew meeoow mew mew mew mew,

took the pot from his hand, and disappeared into the mist while  
meow mew mew meow mew meow, mew meeeeeooooow meow mew meow meeow

the boy howled with fear.  
mew mew meeeow meow meow.

"They are very like me," said Mowgli, blowing into the pot as  
"Meow mew meow meow me," meow Meooow, meeeoow meow mew mew me

he had seen the woman do. "This thing will die if I do not give  
me mew meow mew meeow me. "Meow meoow meow mew me M me mew meow

it things to eat"; and he dropped twigs and dried bark on the red  
me meeeow me mew"; mew me meeeoow meoow mew meeow meow me mew mew

stuff. Halfway up the hill he met Bagheera with the morning dew  
meeow. Meeooow me mew meow me mew Meeooooow meow mew meooooow mew

shining like moonstones on his coat.  
meeeoow meow meoooooooow me mew meow.

"Akela has missed," said the Panther. "They would have killed  
"Meeow mew meeoow," meow mew Meeeeow. "Meow meoow meow meeoow

him last night, but they needed thee also. They were looking for  
mew meow meoow, mew meow meooow meow meow. Meow meow meeeoow mew

thee on the hill."  
meow me mew meow."

"I was among the plowed lands. I am ready. See!" Mowgli  
"M mew meeow mew meeeow meoow. M me meoow. Mew!" Meeoow

held up the fire-pot.  
meow me mew meow-mew.

"Good! Now, I have seen men thrust a dry branch into that  
"Meow! Mew, M meow meow mew meeoow m mew meeeow meow meow

stuff, and presently the Red Flower blossomed at the end of it.

meow, mew meooooooooow mew Mew Meeoow meeeeeeoow me mew mew me me.

Art thou not afraid?"

Mew meow mew meooow?"

"No. Why should I fear? I remember now--if it is not a

"Me. Mew meeeow M meow? M meeeeeoow mew--me me me mew m

dream--how, before I was a Wolf, I lay beside the Red Flower,  
meeow--mew, meeeow M mew m Meow, M mew meooow mew Mew Meooow,

and it was warm and pleasant."

mew me mew meow mew meeeeeow."

All that day Mowgli sat in the cave tending his fire pot and  
Mew meow mew Meeeoow mew me mew meow meeeeeow mew meow mew mew

dipping dry branches into it to see how they looked. He found a  
meeeoow mew meeeoow meow me me mew mew meow meooow. Me meow m

branch that satisfied him, and in the evening when Tabaqui came to  
meeeow meow meeeeeoow mew, mew me mew meooow meow Meeooow meow me

the cave and told him rudely enough that he was wanted at the  
mew meow mew meow mew meeoow meeeow meow me mew meeeow me mew

Council Rock, he laughed till Tabaqui ran away. Then Mowgli went  
Meooow Meow, me meeeow meow Meeooow mew meow. Meow Meooow meow

to the Council, still laughing.

me mew Meeeoow, meow meeeoow.

Akela the Lone Wolf lay by the side of his rock as a sign that  
Meeow mew Meow Meow mew me mew meow me mew meow me m meow meow

the leadership of the Pack was open, and Shere Khan with his  
mew meeeeeoow me mew Meow mew meow, mew Meeow Meow meow mew

following of scrap-fed wolves walked to and fro openly being  
meooooooooow me meeeow-mew meeeow meeoow me mew mew meeeow meeeow

flattered. Bagheera lay close to Mowgli, and the fire pot was  
meooooooooow. Meeeoow mew meow me Meeeoow, mew mew meow mew mew

between Mowgli's knees. When they were all gathered together,  
meeeoow Meeeoow'm meeeow. Meow meow meow mew meeeeeow meooooooooow,

Shere Khan began to speak--a thing he would never have dared to

Meeow Meow meeow me meoow--m meeow me meoow meeow meow meeow me

do when Akela was in his prime.  
me meow Meoow mew me mew meoow.

"He has no right," whispered Bagheera. "Say so. He is a  
"Me mew me meeow," meeeooooow Meooooow. "Mew me. Me me m

dog's son. He will be frightened."  
mew'm mew. Me meow me meeeooooow."

Mowgli sprang to his feet. "Free People," he cried, "does  
Meoow meeeow me mew meow. "Meow Meeow," me meeow, "meow

Shere Khan lead the Pack? What has a tiger to do with our  
Meoow Meow meow mew Meow? Meow mew m meoow me me meow mew

leadership?"  
meeeeeeooow?"

"Seeing that the leadership is yet open, and being asked to  
"Meoow meow mew meeeeeeow me mew meow, mew meoow meeow me

speak--" Shere Khan began.  
meoow--" Meeow Meow meoow.

"By whom?" said Mowgli. "Are we all jackals, to fawn on this  
"Me meow?" meow Meeow. "Mew me mew meeeow, me meow me meow

cattle butcher? The leadership of the Pack is with the Pack  
meeow meooooow? Mew meeeeeeooow me mew Meow me meow mew Meow

alone."  
meeow."

There were yells of "Silence, thou man's cub!" "Let him  
Meeow meow meoow me "Meeeeow, meow mew'm mew!" "Mew mew

speak. He has kept our Law"; and at last the seniors of the Pack  
meoow. Me mew meow mew Mew"; mew me meow mew meeeow me mew Meow

thundered: "Let the Dead Wolf speak." When a leader of the Pack



meeeeeeow: "Mew mew Meow Meow meow." Meow m meeoow me mew Meow

has missed his kill, he is called the Dead Wolf as long as he  
mew meoow mew meow, me me meeoow mew Meow Meow me meow me me

lives, which is not long.  
meeow, meeow me mew meow.

Akela raised his old head wearily:--  
Meow meoow mew mew meow meeeoow:--

"Free People, and ye too, jackals of Shere Khan, for twelve  
"Meow Meeow, mew me mew, meeeoow me Meeow Meow, mew meeeow

seasons I have led ye to and from the kill, and in all that time  
meooooow M meow mew me me mew meow mew meow, mew me mew meow meow

not one has been trapped or maimed. Now I have missed my kill.  
mew mew mew meow meeeoow me meeoow. Mew M meow meeoow me meow.

Ye know how that plot was made. Ye know how ye brought me up to  
Me meow mew meow meow mew meow. Me meow mew me meooooow me me me

an untried buck to make my weakness known. It was cleverly done.  
me meeeoow meow me meow me meooooow meow. Me mew meooooow meow.

Your right is to kill me here on the Council Rock, now.  
Meow meeow me me meow me meow me mew Meeooooow Meow, mew.

Therefore, I ask, who comes to make an end of the Lone Wolf? For  
Meoooooow, M mew, mew meoow me meow me mew me mew Meow Meow? Mew

it is my right, by the Law of the Jungle, that ye come one by  
me me me meow, me mew Mew me mew Meeow, meow me meow mew me

one."  
mew."

There was a long hush, for no single wolf cared to fight Akela  
Meeow mew m meow meow, mew me meeoow meow meoow me meow Meeow

to the death. Then Shere Khan roared: "Bah! What have we to do  
me mew meeow. Meow Meow Meow meeeow: "Mew! Meow meow me me me

with this toothless fool? He is doomed to die! It is the man-cub  
meow meow meoooooow meow? Me me meoow me mew! Me me mew mew-mew

who has lived too long. Free People, he was my meat from the

mew mew meow mew meow. Meow Meeow, me mew me meow meow mew

first. Give him to me. I am weary of this man-wolf folly. He meow. Meow mew me me. M me meow me meow mew-meow meow. Me

has troubled the jungle for ten seasons. Give me the man-cub, or mew meooooow mew meeoow mew mew meeeow. Meow me mew mew-mew, me

I will hunt here always, and not give you one bone. He is a man, M meow meow meow meeeow, mew mew meow mew mew meow. Me me m mew,

a man's child, and from the marrow of my bones I hate him!" m mew'm meow, mew meow mew meeeow me me meow M meow mew!"

Then more than half the Pack yelled: "A man! A man! What has Meow meow meow meow mew Meow meooow: "M mew! M mew! Meow mew

a man to do with us? Let him go to his own place." m mew me me meow me? Mew mew me me mew mew meow."

"And turn all the people of the villages against us?" clamored "Mew meow mew mew meeeow me mew meeeooow meooooow me?" meooooow

Shere Khan. "No, give him to me. He is a man, and none of us can Meeow Meow. "Me, meow mew me me. Me me m mew, mew meow me me mew

look him between the eyes." meow mew meeeow mew meow."

Akela lifted his head again and said, "He has eaten our food. Meow meeoow mew meow meow mew meow, "Me mew meow mew meow.

He has slept with us. He has driven game for us. He has broken Me mew meow meow me. Me mew meeoow meow mew me. Me mew meeoow

no word of the Law of the Jungle." me meow me mew Mew me mew Meeow."

"Also, I paid for him with a bull when he was accepted. The "Meow, M meow mew mew meow m meow meow me mew meeeeoow. Mew

worth of a bull is little, but Bagheera's honor is something that meow me m meow me meooow, mew Meeeoow'm meow me meeeeoow meow

he will perhaps fight for," said Bagheera in his gentlest voice.

me meow meeeoow meow mew," meow Meeeeoow me mew meooooow meow.

"A bull paid ten years ago!" the Pack snarled. "What do we  
"M meow meow mew meeow mew!" mew Meow meeeoow. "Meow me me

care for bones ten years old?"  
meow mew meeow mew meeow mew?"

"Or for a pledge?" said Bagheera, his white teeth bared under  
"Me mew m meooow?" meow Meeeeoow, mew meow meow meow meow

his lip. "Well are ye called the Free People!"  
mew mew. "Meow mew me meeeow mew Meow Meeoow!"

"No man's cub can run with the people of the jungle," howled  
"Me mew'm mew mew mew meow mew meeeow me mew meooow," meeeow

Shere Khan. "Give him to me!"  
Meow Meow. "Meow mew me me!"

"He is our brother in all but blood," Akela went on, "and ye  
"Me me mew meeeoow me mew mew meeow," Meow meow me, "mew me

would kill him here! In truth, I have lived too long. Some of ye  
meeow meow mew meow! Me meow, M meow meow mew meow. Meow me me

are eaters of cattle, and of others I have heard that, under Shere  
mew meeeow me meeeow, mew me meeeow M meow meow meow, meow Meow

Khan's teaching, ye go by dark night and snatch children from the  
Meow'm meooooow, me me me meow meow mew meeeow meooooow meow mew

villager's doorstep. Therefore I know ye to be cowards, and it is  
meeeoow'm meeeoow. Meeeeoow M meow me me me meooow, mew me me

to cowards I speak. It is certain that I must die, and my life is  
me meeeoow M meow. Me me meeeoow meow M meow mew, mew me meow me

of no worth, or I would offer that in the man-cub's place. But  
me me meow, me M meow meow meow me mew mew-mew'm meeeow. Mew

for the sake of the Honor of the Pack,--a little matter that by  
mew mew meow me mew Meow me mew Meow,--m meooow meooow meow me

being without a leader ye have forgotten,--I promise that if ye

meow meeeow m meoow me meow meeeooooow,--M meeoow meow me me

let the man-cub go to his own place, I will not, when my time  
mew mew mew-mew me me mew mew meow, M meow mew, meow me meow

comes to die, bare one tooth against ye. I will die without  
meeow me mew, meow mew meow meooooow me. M meow mew meeeow

fighting. That will at least save the Pack three lives. More I  
meooooow. Meow meow me meoow meow mew Meow meow meow. Meow M

cannot do; but if ye will, I can save ye the shame that comes of  
meeow me; mew me me meow, M mew meow me mew meoow meow meow me

killing a brother against whom there is no fault--a brother  
meooooow m meeeow meeeow meow meow me me meow--m meeeow

spoken for and bought into the Pack according to the Law of the  
meoow mew mew meeeow meow mew Meow meeeeoow me mew Mew me mew

Jungle."

Meeow."

"He is a man--a man--a man!" snarled the Pack. And most  
"Me me m mew--m mew--m mew!" meeeow mew Meow. Mew meow

of the wolves began to gather round Shere Khan, whose tail was  
me mew meoow meow me meoow meow Meeow Meow, meow meow mew

beginning to switch.  
meeeeoow me meeeow.

"Now the business is in thy hands," said Bagheera to Mowgli.  
"Mew mew meeeoow me me mew meow," meow Meeeeow me Meoow.

"We can do no more except fight."  
"Me mew me me meow meeoow meow."

Mowgli stood upright--the fire pot in his hands. Then he  
Meeow meow meooooow--mew meow mew me mew meow. Meow me

stretched out his arms, and yawned in the face of the Council; but  
meeeeoow mew mew meow, mew meoow me mew meow me mew Meeoow; mew

he was furious with rage and sorrow, for, wolflike, the wolves had  
me mew meeeow meow meow mew meoow, mew, meooooow, mew meeeow mew

never told him how they hated him. "Listen you!" he cried.

meeow meow mew mew meow meeow mew. "Meooow mew!" me meeow.

"There is no need for this dog's jabber. Ye have told me so often  
"Meow me me meow mew meow mew'm meeoow. Me meow meow me me meow

tonight that I am a man (and indeed I would have been a wolf with  
meooooow meow M me m mew (mew meeeow M meeow meow meow m meow meow

you to my life's end) that I feel your words are true. So I do  
mew me me meow'm mew) meow M meow meow meeow mew meow. Me M me

not call ye my brothers any more, but sag [dogs], as a man should.  
mew meow me me meeeeeeow mew meow, mew mew [meow], me m mew meooow.

What ye will do, and what ye will not do, is not yours to say.  
Meow me meow me, mew meow me meow mew me, me mew meeow me mew.

That matter is with me; and that we may see the matter more  
Meow meeoow me meow me; mew meow me mew mew mew meooow meow

plainly, I, the man, have brought here a little of the Red Flower  
meooooow, M, mew mew, meow meeeeeeow meow m meeoow me mew Mew Meooow

which ye, dogs, fear."  
meeow me, meow, meow."

He flung the fire pot on the ground, and some of the red coals  
Me meeow mew meow mew me mew meeoow, mew meow me mew mew meeow

lit a tuft of dried moss that flared up, as all the Council drew  
mew m meow me meeow meow meow meeeow me, me mew mew Meeooooow meow

back in terror before the leaping flames.  
meow me meeeow meeoow mew meooooow meeeow.

Mowgli thrust his dead branch into the fire till the twigs lit  
Meeeeow meeoow mew meow meeoow meow mew meow meow mew meeow mew

and crackled, and whirled it above his head among the cowering  
mew meeeooooow, mew meeeeoow me meoow mew meow meoow mew meooooow

wolves.  
meeeow.

"Thou art the master," said Bagheera in an undertone. "Save  
"Meow mew mew meeeow," meow Meooooow me me meeoowooow. "Meow

Akela from the death. He was ever thy friend."

Meeow meow mew meeow. Me mew meow mew meooow."

Akela, the grim old wolf who had never asked for mercy in his  
Meow, mew meow mew meow mew mew meooow meeow mew meeow me mew

life, gave one piteous look at Mowgli as the boy stood all naked,  
meow, meow mew meooow meow me Meeoow me mew mew meeow mew meeow,

his long black hair tossing over his shoulders in the light of the  
mew meow meeow meow meooow meow mew meeeeeeow me mew meeow me mew

blazing branch that made the shadows jump and quiver.  
meeeoow meeeow meow meow mew meeeeow meow mew meooow.

"Good!" said Mowgli, staring round slowly. "I see that ye are  
"Meow!" meow Meeeeow, meeeoow meooow meeooow. "M mew meow me mew

dogs. I go from you to my own people--if they be my own people.  
meow. M me meow mew me me mew meooow--me meow me me mew meeooow.

The jungle is shut to me, and I must forget your talk and your  
Mew meeooow me meow me me, mew M meow meeooow meow meow mew meow

companionship. But I will be more merciful than ye are. Because  
meooooooooow. Mew M meow me meow meeeeoow meow me mew. Meeeeow

I was all but your brother in blood, I promise that when I am a  
M mew mew mew meow meeeeoow me meeow, M meeeoow meow meow M me m

man among men I will not betray ye to men as ye have betrayed me."  
mew meooow mew M meow mew meeeow me me mew me me meow meeeeoow me."

He kicked the fire with his foot, and the sparks flew up. "There  
Me meooow mew meow meow mew meow, mew mew meeooow meow me. "Meeow

shall be no war between any of us in the Pack. But here is a debt  
meow me me mew meeoow mew me me me mew Meow. Mew meow me m meow

to pay before I go." He strode forward to where Shere Khan sat  
me mew meooow M me." Me meeeow meooow me meeow Meow Meow mew

blinking stupidly at the flames, and caught him by the tuft on his  
meooooow meeeeoow me mew meooow, mew meeeow mew me mew meow me mew

chin. Bagheera followed in case of accidents. "Up, dog!" Mowgli  
meow. Meooooow meooooow me meow me meooooow. "Me, mew!" Meooow

cried. "Up, when a man speaks, or I will set that coat ablaze!"  
meow. "Me, meow m mew meooow, me M meow mew meow meow meeeow!"

Shere Khan's ears lay flat back on his head, and he shut his

Meeow Meow'm meow mew meow meow me mew meow, mew me meow mew

eyes, for the blazing branch was very near.  
meow, mew mew meeeow meeeow mew meow meow.

"This cattle-killer said he would kill me in the Council  
"Meow meooow-meeow meow me meow meow me me mew Meooooow

because he had not killed me when I was a cub. Thus and thus,  
meeeow me mew mew meeeow me meow M mew m mew. Meow mew meow,

then, do we beat dogs when we are men. Stir a whisker, Lungri,  
meow, me me meow meow meow me mew mew. Meow m meeeow, Meeew,

and I ram the Red Flower down thy gullet!" He beat Shere Khan  
mew M mew mew Mew Meooow meow mew meeeow!" Me meow Meow Meow

over the head with the branch, and the tiger whimpered and whined  
meow mew meow meow mew meeeow, mew mew meeeow meeeeoow mew meeeow

in an agony of fear.  
me me meow me meow.

"Pah! Singed jungle cat--go now! But remember when next I  
"Mew! Meooow meeeow mew--me mew! Mew meooooow meow meow M

come to the Council Rock, as a man should come, it will be with  
meow me mew Meeeew Meow, me m mew meooow meow, me meow me meow

Shere Khan's hide on my head. For the rest, Akela goes free to  
Meeow Meow'm meow me me meow. Mew mew meow, Meeow meow meow me

live as he pleases. Ye will not kill him, because that is not my  
meow me me meooow. Me meow mew meow mew, meooooow meow me mew me

will. Nor do I think that ye will sit here any longer, lolling  
meow. Mew me M meow meow me meow mew meow mew meeeow, meeeew

out your tongues as though ye were somebodies, instead of dogs  
mew meow meeeow me meooow me meow meeeeoow, meooooow me meow

whom I drive out--thus! Go!" The fire was burning furiously at  
meow M meow mew--meow! Me!" Mew meow mew meeeow meooooow me

the end of the branch, and Mowgli struck right and left round the  
mew mew me mew meooow, mew Meeeow meooow meow mew meow meow mew

circle, and the wolves ran howling with the sparks burning their  
meeeow, mew mew meeeow mew meeeow meow mew meeeow meeeow meow

fur. At last there were only Akela, Bagheera, and perhaps ten

mew. Me meow meeow meow meow Meoow, Meooooow, mew meeoow mew

wolves that had taken Mowgli's part. Then something began to hurt  
meeow meow mew meow Meoow'm meow. Meow meeeeoow meow me meow

Mowgli inside him, as he had never been hurt in his life before,  
Meoow meeoow mew, me me mew meow meow meow me mew meow meoow,

and he caught his breath and sobbed, and the tears ran down his  
mew me meeoow mew meeoow mew meeoow, mew mew meow mew meow mew

face.

meow.

"What is it? What is it?" he said. "I do not wish to leave  
"Meow me me? Meow me me?" me meow. "M me mew meow me meow

the jungle, and I do not know what this is. Am I dying,  
mew meeoow, mew M me mew meow meow meow me. Me M meow,

Bagheera?"

Meeeeoow?"

"No, Little Brother. That is only tears such as men use,"  
"Me, Meeeoow Meooooow. Meow me meow meow meow me mew mew,"

said Bagheera. "Now I know thou art a man, and a man's cub no  
meow Meeeeoow. "Mew M meow meow mew m mew, mew m mew'm mew me

longer. The jungle is shut indeed to thee henceforward. Let them  
meeow. Mew meoow me meow meeoow me meow meeeooooooooow. Mew meow

fall, Mowgli. They are only tears." So Mowgli sat and cried as  
meow, Meoow. Meow mew meow meeoow." Me Meeoow mew mew meeoow me

though his heart would break; and he had never cried in all his  
meoow mew meow meeoow meeoow; mew me mew meow meow me mew mew

life before.

meow meeoow.

"Now," he said, "I will go to men. But first I must say  
"Mew," me meow, "M meow me me mew. Mew meeoow M meow mew

farewell to my mother." And he went to the cave where she lived  
meeeeoow me me meeoow." Mew me meow me mew meow meow mew meow

with Father Wolf, and he cried on her coat, while the four cubs



meow Meeoow Meow, mew me meeoow me mew meow, meeoow mew meow meow

howled miserably.

meooow meeeeeeoow.

"Ye will not forget me?" said Mowgli.

"Me meow mew meeoow me?" meow Meooow.

"Never while we can follow a trail," said the cubs. "Come to

"Meeow meoow me mew meeeow m meeoow," meow mew meow. "Meow me

the foot of the hill when thou art a man, and we will talk to  
mew meow me mew meow meow meow mew m mew, mew me meow meow me

thee; and we will come into the croplands to play with thee by  
meow; mew me meow meow meow mew meooooooooow me meow meow meow me

night."

meeoow."

"Come soon!" said Father Wolf. "Oh, wise little frog, come

"Meow meow!" meow Meeeoow Meow. "Me, meow meeeow meow, meow

again soon; for we be old, thy mother and I."

meeoow meow; mew me me mew, mew meooow mew M."

"Come soon," said Mother Wolf, "little naked son of mine.

"Meow meow," meow Meooow Meow, "meeoow meeoow mew me meow.

For, listen, child of man, I loved thee more than ever I loved my  
Mew, meeeow, meeoow me mew, M meoow meow meow meow meow M meoow me

cubs."

meow."

"I will surely come," said Mowgli. "And when I come it will

"M meow meeeow meow," meow Meeeoow. "Mew meow M meow me meow

be to lay out Shere Khan's hide upon the Council Rock. Do not  
me me mew mew Meoow Meow'm meow meow mew Meeeoow Meow. Me mew

forget me! Tell them in the jungle never to forget me!"

meoooo me! Meow meow me mew meoooo meow me meeeow me!"

The dawn was beginning to break when Mowgli went down the  
Mew meow mew meooooow me meow meow Meeow meow meow mew

hillside alone, to meet those mysterious things that are called  
meooooow meow, me meow meow meeeeeoooo meoooo meow mew meoooo

men.

mew.

Hunting-Song of the Seeonee Pack  
Meeeoow-Meow me mew Meeeoow Meow

As the dawn was breaking the Sambhur belled  
Me mew meow mew meeeeoow mew Meeeoow meeoow

Once, twice and again!  
Meow, meow mew meow!

And a doe leaped up, and a doe leaped up  
Mew m mew meeeow me, mew m mew meeoow me

From the pond in the wood where the wild deer sup.  
Meow mew meow me mew meow meow mew meow meow mew.

This I, scouting alone, beheld,  
Meow M, meooooow meow, meeoow,

Once, twice and again!  
Meow, meow mew meow!

As the dawn was breaking the Sambhur belled  
Me mew meow mew meeeeoow mew Meeeoow meeoow

Once, twice and again!  
Meow, meow mew meow!

And a wolf stole back, and a wolf stole back  
Mew m meow meow meow, mew m meow meow meow

To carry the word to the waiting pack,

Me meeow mew meow me mew meeeow meow,

And we sought and we found and we bayed on his track  
Mew me meooow mew me meoow mew me meoow me mew meoow

Once, twice and again!  
Meow, meoow mew meoow!

As the dawn was breaking the Wolf Pack yelled  
Me mew meow mew meooooow mew Meow Meow meeeow

Once, twice and again!  
Meow, meoow mew meeeow!

Feet in the jungle that leave no mark!  
Meow me mew meeeow meow meoow me meow!

Eyes that can see in the dark--the dark!  
Meow meow mew mew me mew meow--mew meow!

Tongue--give tongue to it! Hark! O hark!  
Meooow--meow meooow me me! Meow! M meow!

Once, twice and again!  
Meow, meeow mew meeeow!

Kaa's Hunting  
Mew'm Meeeoow

His spots are the joy of the Leopard: his horns are the  
Mew meoow mew mew mew me mew Meooooow: mew meoow mew mew

Buffalo's pride.  
Meooooow'm meoow.

Be clean, for the strength of the hunter is known by the  
Me meeow, mew mew meeeooow me mew meeeow me meeow me mew

gloss of his hide.  
meow me mew meow.

If ye find that the Bullock can toss you, or the heavy-browed

Me me meow meow mew Meeeeeow mew meow mew, me mew meoow-meeoow

Sambhur can gore;  
Meooooow mew meow;

Ye need not stop work to inform us: we knew it ten seasons  
Me meow mew meow meow me meooooow me: me meow me mew meeoow

before.  
meeoow.

Oppress not the cubs of the stranger, but hail them as Sister  
Meeooooow mew mew meow me mew meeeooooow, mew meow meow me Meeoow

and Brother,  
mew Meooooow,

For though they are little and fubsy, it may be the Bear is  
Mew meeeow meow mew meeeow mew meeow, me mew me mew Meow me

their mother.  
meeow meeoow.

"There is none like to me!" says the Cub in the pride of his  
"Meeow me meow meow me me!" meow mew Mew me mew meeow me mew

earliest kill;  
meeeeoow meow;

But the jungle is large and the Cub he is small. Let him  
Mew mew meeeow me meeow mew mew Mew me me meoow. Mew mew

think and be still.  
meeow mew me meoow.

Maxims of Baloo  
Meeoow me Meeow

All that is told here happened some time before Mowgli was turned  
Mew meow me meow meow meeeooooow meow meow meooooow Meooooow mew meeeow

out of the Seeonee Wolf Pack, or revenged himself on Shere Khan  
mew me mew Meeooooow Meow Meow, me meeeeeeow meeoow me Meeow Meow

the tiger. It was in the days when Baloo was teaching him the Law  
mew meeow. Me mew me mew meow meow Meeow mew meeeooooow mew mew Mew

of the Jungle. The big, serious, old brown bear was delighted to  
me mew Meeeeow. Mew mew, meeoow, mew meoow meow mew meeeeeeow me

have so quick a pupil, for the young wolves will only learn as  
meow me meeow m meeow, mew mew meoow meooooow meow meow meeow me

much of the Law of the Jungle as applies to their own pack and

meow me mew Mew me mew Meeoow me meooooow me meoow mew meow mew

tribe, and run away as soon as they can repeat the Hunting Verse  
meeow, mew mew meow me meow me meow mew meeeow mew Meeeeow Meeow

--"Feet that make no noise; eyes that can see in the dark; ears  
--"Meow meow meow me meoow; meow meow mew mew me mew meow; meow

that can hear the winds in their lairs, and sharp white teeth, all  
meow mew meow mew meeeow me meeeow meoow, mew meeeow meeeow meoow, mew

these things are the marks of our brothers except Tabaqui the  
meeow meeeow mew mew meoow me mew meeeeeeow meooooow Meeeeow mew

Jackal and the Hyaena whom we hate." But Mowgli, as a man-cub,  
Meeeeow mew mew Meeeeow meow me meow." Mew Meeeeow, me m mew-mew,

had to learn a great deal more than this. Sometimes Bagheera the  
mew me meoow m meoow meow meow meow meow. Meeooooow Meeooooow mew

Black Panther would come lounging through the jungle to see how  
Meeow Meeeeow meeeow meow meeeooooow meeeooooow mew meooooow me mew mew

his pet was getting on, and would purr with his head against a  
mew mew mew meooooow me, mew meeeow meow meow mew meow meeeeeow m

tree while Mowgli recited the day's lesson to Baloo. The boy  
meow meeeow Meeeeow meooooow mew mew'm meeeow me Meeow. Mew mew

could climb almost as well as he could swim, and swim almost as  
meoow meoow meeeow me meow me me meoow meow, mew meow meeeow me

well as he could run. So Baloo, the Teacher of the Law, taught  
meow me me meeeow mew. Me Meoow, mew Meooooow me mew Mew, meooooow

him the Wood and Water Laws: how to tell a rotten branch from a  
mew mew Meow mew Meeow Meow: mew me meow m meeeow meeeow meow m

sound one; how to speak politely to the wild bees when he came  
meoow mew; mew me meoow meeeooooow me mew meow meow meow me meow

upon a hive of them fifty feet above ground; what to say to Mang  
meow m meow me meow meeeow meow meeeow meeeow; meow me mew me Meow

the Bat when he disturbed him in the branches at midday; and how  
mew Mew meow me meeeeeeow mew me mew meeeeeeow me meooooow; mew mew

to warn the water-snakes in the pools before he splashed down  
me meow mew meoow-meeeeow me mew meoow meooooow me meeeeeeow meow

among them. None of the Jungle People like being disturbed, and  
meoow meow. Meow me mew Meeeeow Meooooow meow meeeow meeeeeeooooow, mew

all are very ready to fly at an intruder. Then, too, Mowgli was  
mew mew meow meeeow me mew me me meeeeeeow. Meow, mew, Meooooow mew

taught the Strangers' Hunting Call, which must be repeated aloud

meooow mew Meoooooow' Meeeoow Meow, meoow meow me meeeooow meow

till it is answered, whenever one of the Jungle-People hunts  
meow me me meeeooow, meeeeeow mew me mew Meeoow-Meooow meow

outside his own grounds. It means, translated, "Give me leave to  
meeeoow mew mew meeeeeow. Me meoow, meeeeeeooow, "Meow me meow me

hunt here because I am hungry." And the answer is, "Hunt then for  
meow meow meeeoow M me meeoow." Mew mew meeoow me, "Meow meow mew

food, but not for pleasure."  
meow, mew mew mew meeeeeow."

All this will show you how much Mowgli had to learn by heart,  
Mew meow meow meow mew mew meow Meeeoow mew me meoow me meow,

and he grew very tired of saying the same thing over a hundred  
mew me meow meow meoow me meooow mew meow meoow meow m meoooo

times. But, as Baloo said to Bagheera, one day when Mowgli had  
meoow. Mew, me Meeow meow me Meeeeeooow, mew mew meow Meeoow mew

been cuffed and run off in a temper, "A man's cub is a man's cub,  
meow meeeow mew mew mew me m meooow, "M mew'm mew me m mew'm mew,

and he must learn all the Law of the Jungle."  
mew me meow meeoow mew mew Mew me mew Meeoow."

"But think how small he is," said the Black Panther, who would  
"Mew meoow mew meeoow me me," meow mew Meeow Meooooow, mew meeoow

have spoiled Mowgli if he had had his own way. "How can his  
meow meeeooow Meooow me me mew mew mew mew mew. "Mew mew mew

little head carry all thy long talk?"  
meooow meow meeoow mew mew meow meow?"

"Is there anything in the jungle too little to be killed? No.  
"Me meeoow meooooow me mew meeeow mew meeeow me me meeeow? Me.

That is why I teach him these things, and that is why I hit him,  
Meow me mew M meeoow mew meoow meeeow, mew meow me mew M mew mew,

very softly, when he forgets."  
meow meeeow, meow me meeoow."

"Softly! What dost thou know of softness, old Iron-feet?"

"Meeoow! Meow meow meow meow me meeeooow, mew Meow-meow?"

Bagheera grunted. "His face is all bruised today by thy--  
Meeeeoow meeeow. "Mew meow me mew meeeooow meeow me mew--

softness. Ugh."  
meeeeoow. Mew."

"Better he should be bruised from head to foot by me who love  
"Meeoow me meeeow me meeeooow meow meow me meow me me mew meow

him than that he should come to harm through ignorance," Baloo  
mew meow meow me meooow meow me meow meooooow meeoowooow," Meow

answered very earnestly. "I am now teaching him the Master Words  
meeeeeow meow meeeooow. "M me mew meooooow mew mew Meeow Meow

of the Jungle that shall protect him with the birds and the Snake  
me mew Meooow meow meeow meooooow mew meow mew meeow mew mew Meow

People, and all that hunt on four feet, except his own pack. He  
Meooow, mew mew meow meow me meow meow, meeeow mew mew meow. Me

can now claim protection, if he will only remember the words, from  
mew mew meow meeoowooow, me me meow meow meeeooow mew meow, meow

all in the jungle. Is not that worth a little beating?"  
mew me mew meeeow. Me mew meow meooow m meooow meeeow?"

"Well, look to it then that thou dost not kill the man-cub.  
"Meow, meow me me meow meow meow meow mew meow mew mew-mew.

He is no tree trunk to sharpen thy blunt claws upon. But what are  
Me me me meow meeow me meooooow mew meooow meeow meow. Mew meow mew

those Master Words? I am more likely to give help than to ask it"  
meow Meooow Meeow? M me meow meeoow me meow meow meow me mew me"

--Bagheera stretched out one paw and admired the steel-blue,  
--Meooooow meeoowooow mew mew mew mew meooooow mew meeow-meow,

ripping-chisel talons at the end of it--"still I should like to  
meeeow-meeow meooow me mew mew me me--"meow M meeoow meow me

know."  
meow."

"I will call Mowgli and he shall say them--if he will.

"M meow meow Meeoow mew me meeow mew meow--me me meow.

Come, Little Brother!"

Meow, Meeow Meeeeow!"

"My head is ringing like a bee tree," said a sullen little

"Me meow me meeoow meow m mew meow," meow m meeeow meoow

voice over their heads, and Mowgli slid down a tree trunk very  
meow meow meeow meow, mew Meoow meow meow m meow meow meow

angry and indignant, adding as he reached the ground: "I come for  
meeow mew meeoowow, meeeow me me meeoow mew meeoow: "M meow mew

Bagheera and not for thee, fat old Baloo!"

Meeeoow mew mew mew meow, mew mew Meoow!"

"That is all one to me," said Baloo, though he was hurt and

"Meow me mew mew me me," meow Meoow, meeoow me mew meow mew

grieved. "Tell Bagheera, then, the Master Words of the Jungle  
meeeow. "Meow Meeeeeow, meow, mew Meeeeow Meoow me mew Meeeeow

that I have taught thee this day."

meow M meow meeoow meow meow mew."

"Master Words for which people?" said Mowgli, delighted to

"Meeoow Meoow mew meow meeeow?" meow Meeoow, meeoowow me

show off. "The jungle has many tongues. I know them all."

meow mew. "Mew meeeow mew meow meeeow. M meow meow mew."

"A little thou knowest, but not much. See, O Bagheera, they

"M meeeow meow meeoow, mew mew meow. Mew, M Meoowow, meow

never thank their teacher. Not one small wolfling has ever come  
meeow meow meeow meeoow. Mew mew meow meeeowow mew meow meow

back to thank old Baloo for his teachings. Say the word for the  
meow me meow mew Meoow mew mew meeeeeeow. Mew mew meow mew mew

Hunting-People, then--great scholar."

Meeeoow-Meoow, meow--meow meoowow."

"We be of one blood, ye and I," said Mowgli, giving the words



"Me me me mew meow, me mew M," meow Meeeow, meeeow mew meow

the Bear accent which all the Hunting People use.  
mew Meow meeeow meow mew mew Meeeoow Meooow mew.

"Good. Now for the birds."  
"Meow. Mew mew mew meow."

Mowgli repeated, with the Kite's whistle at the end of the  
Meooow meooooow, meow mew Meow'm meeoow me mew mew me mew  
sentence.  
meeeeow.

"Now for the Snake-People," said Bagheera.  
"Mew mew mew Meoow-Meeeow," meow Meeeoow.

The answer was a perfectly indescribable hiss, and Mowgli  
Mew meeoow mew m meeeeoow meeeeeeoow meow, mew Meeoow

kicked up his feet behind, clapped his hands together to applaud  
meeoow me mew meow meooow, meeoow mew meoow meooooow me meeoow

himself, and jumped on to Bagheera's back, where he sat sideways,  
meeoow, mew meeoow me me Meooooow'm meow, meow me mew meooooow,

drumming with his heels on the glossy skin and making the worst  
meooooow meow mew meoow me mew meooow meow mew meeeow mew meow

faces he could think of at Baloo.  
meow me meow meow me me Meoow.

"There--there! That was worth a little bruise," said the  
"Meoow--meow! Meow mew meow m meeoow meeeow," meow mew

brown bear tenderly. "Some day thou wilt remember me." Then he  
meow meow meeeeoow. "Meow mew meow meow meooooow me." Meow me

turned aside to tell Bagheera how he had begged the Master Words  
meeoow meow me meow Meeooooow mew me mew meooow mew Meeeoow Meoow

from Hathi the Wild Elephant, who knows all about these things,

meow Meeow mew Meow Meeooooow, mew meoow mew meeow meeow meeow,

and how Hathi had taken Mowgli down to a pool to get the Snake  
mew mew Meoow mew meoow Meeow mew me m meow me mew mew Meeow

Word from a water-snake, because Baloo could not pronounce it, and  
Meow meow m meeow-meeow, meeeoow Meeow meeow mew meeeooooow me, mew

how Mowgli was now reasonably safe against all accidents in the  
mew Meeow mew mew meeoowooooow meow meeeow mew meeeooooow me mew

jungle, because neither snake, bird, nor beast would hurt him.  
meeeow, meeeow meooooow meeow, meow, mew meeow meeow meow mew.

"No one then is to be feared," Baloo wound up, patting his big  
"Me mew meow me me me meeoow," Meeow meoow me, meeoow mew mew

furry stomach with pride.  
meeow meeoow meow meow.

"Except his own tribe," said Bagheera, under his breath; and  
"Meeow mew mew meeow," meow Meeooooow, meoow mew meeow; mew

then aloud to Mowgli, "Have a care for my ribs, Little Brother!  
meow meoow me Meeow, "Meow m meow mew me meow, Meeow Meeow!

What is all this dancing up and down?"  
Meow me mew meow meeoow me mew meow?"

Mowgli had been trying to make himself heard by pulling at  
Meoow mew meow meoow me meow meeeow meoow me meeoow me

Bagheera's shoulder fur and kicking hard. When the two listened  
Meeooooow'm meeeoow mew mew meeeow meow. Meow mew mew meeeoow

to him he was shouting at the top of his voice, "And so I shall  
me mew me mew meeoow me mew mew me mew meeow, "Mew me M meeow

have a tribe of my own, and lead them through the branches all day  
meow m meeow me me mew, mew meow meow meeeow mew meeoow mew mew

long."  
meow."

"What is this new folly, little dreamer of dreams?" said

"Meow me meow mew meow, meeeow meooooow me meeoow?" meow

Bagheera.

Meooooow.

"Yes, and throw branches and dirt at old Baloo," Mowgli went

"Mew, mew meow meooooow mew meow me mew Meow," Meeow mew

on. "They have promised me this. Ah!"

me. "Meow meow meeeew me meow. Me!"

"Whoof!" Baloo's big paw scooped Mowgli off Bagheera's back,

"Meeow!" Meow'm mew mew meeoow Meeow mew Meooooow'm meow,

and as the boy lay between the big fore-paws he could see the Bear  
mew me mew mew mew meooooow mew mew meow-meow me meow mew mew Meow

was angry.

mew meow.

"Mowgli," said Baloo, "thou hast been talking with the

"Meeow," meow Meeow, "meow meow meow meeoow meow mew

Bandar-log--the Monkey People."

Meeow-mew--mew Meoow Meoow."

Mowgli looked at Bagheera to see if the Panther was angry too,  
Meeow meoow me Meooooow me mew me mew Meeeoow mew meow mew,

and Bagheera's eyes were as hard as jade stones.

mew Meeeeeow'm meow meow me meow me meow meeeow.

"Thou hast been with the Monkey People--the gray apes--the

"Meow meow meow meow mew Meeoow Meeoow--mew meow meow--mew

people without a law--the eaters of everything. That is great  
meeow meeeew m mew--mew meeeow me meooooooooow. Meow me meow

shame."

meow."

"When Baloo hurt my head," said Mowgli (he was still on his

"Meow Meow meow me meow," meow Meeow (me mew meow me mew

back), "I went away, and the gray apes came down from the trees  
meow), "M meow meow, mew mew meow meow meow meow mew meow

and had pity on me. No one else cared." He snuffled a little.  
mew mew meow me me. Me mew meow meow." Me meooooow m meeeow.

"The pity of the Monkey People!" Baloo snorted. "The  
"Mew meow me mew Meeow Meow!" Meeow meooooow. "Mew

stillness of the mountain stream! The cool of the summer sun!  
meeeeeow me mew meeeow meeeow! Mew meow me mew meeeow mew!

And then, man-cub?"  
Mew meow, mew-mew?"

"And then, and then, they gave me nuts and pleasant things to  
"Mew meow, mew meow, meow meow me meow mew meeeow meeeow me

eat, and they--they carried me in their arms up to the top of  
mew, mew meow--meow meeeow me me meow meow me me mew mew me

the trees and said I was their blood brother except that I had no  
mew meow mew meow M mew meow meow meooooow meeeow meow M mew me

tail, and should be their leader some day."  
meow, mew meeeow me meow meeeow meow mew."

"They have no leader," said Bagheera. "They lie. They have  
"Meow meow me meow," meow Meooooow. "Meow mew. Meow meow

always lied."  
meeeow meow."

"They were very kind and bade me come again. Why have I never  
"Meow meow meow meow mew meow me meow meow. Mew meow M meeeow

been taken among the Monkey People? They stand on their feet as I  
meow meow meow mew Meow Meow? Meow meow me meow meow me M

do. They do not hit me with their hard paws. They play all day.  
me. Meow me mew mew me meow meow meow meow. Meow meow mew mew.

Let me get up! Bad Baloo, let me up! I will play with them

Mew me mew me! Mew Meow, mew me me! M meow meow meow meow

again."

meow."

"Listen, man-cub," said the Bear, and his voice rumbled like  
"Meoow, mew-mew," meow mew Meow, mew mew meoow meeeow meow

thunder on a hot night. "I have taught thee all the Law of the  
meeeow me m mew meow. "M meow meoow meow mew mew Mew me mew

Jungle for all the peoples of the jungle--except the Monkey-Folk  
Meoow mew mew mew meeeow me mew meeeow--meeeow mew Meoow-Meow

who live in the trees. They have no law. They are outcasts.  
mew meow me mew meow. Meow meow me mew. Meow mew meooooow.

They have no speech of their own, but use the stolen words which  
Meow meow me meoow me meow mew, mew mew mew meeeow meow meow

they overhear when they listen, and peep, and wait up above in  
meow meooooow meow meow meoow, mew meow, mew meow me meow me

the branches. Their way is not our way. They are without  
mew meeeoow. Meow mew me mew mew mew. Meow mew meeeow

leaders. They have no remembrance. They boast and chatter and  
meooooow. Meow meow me meooooooooow. Meow meow mew meeeow mew

pretend that they are a great people about to do great affairs in  
meeeow meow meow mew m meow meeeow meow me me meow meeoow me

the jungle, but the falling of a nut turns their minds to laughter  
mew meoow, mew mew meeeow me m mew meow meow meow me meooooow

and all is forgotten. We of the jungle have no dealings with  
mew mew me meeeeoow. Me me mew meeoow meow me meeeeoow meow

them. We do not drink where the monkeys drink; we do not go where  
meow. Me me mew meow meow mew meooooow meow; me me mew me meow

the monkeys go; we do not hunt where they hunt; we do not die  
mew meeeow me; me me mew meow meow meow meow; me me mew mew

where they die. Hast thou ever heard me speak of the Bandar-log  
meow meow mew. Meow meow meow meow me meow me mew Meoow-mew

till today?"

meow meow?"

"No," said Mowgli in a whisper, for the forest was very still

"Me," meow Meeoow me m meeeow, mew mew meooow mew meow meow

now Baloo had finished.  
mew Meoow mew meeeoow.

"The Jungle-People put them out of their mouths and out of  
"Mew Meooow-Meeoow mew meow mew me meoow meooow mew mew me

their minds. They are very many, evil, dirty, shameless, and they  
meeow meow. Meow mew meow meow, meow, meow, meooooow, mew meow

desire, if they have any fixed desire, to be noticed by the Jungle  
meeeow, me meow meow mew meoow meooow, me me meeeoow me mew Meeoow

People. But we do not notice them even when they throw nuts and  
Meeoow. Mew me me mew meeeow meow meow meow meow meow mew mew

filth on our heads."  
meoow me mew meow."

He had hardly spoken when a shower of nuts and twigs spattered  
Me mew meooow meooow meow m meooow me meow mew meow meeeeoow

down through the branches; and they could hear coughings and  
meow meeeow mew meeeeoow; mew meow meow meow meeeeoow mew

howlings and angry jumpings high up in the air among the thin  
meeeeoow mew meoow meeeeoow meow me me mew mew meow mew meow

branches.  
meeeeoow.

"The Monkey-People are forbidden," said Baloo, "forbidden to  
"Mew Meeoow-Meoow mew meeoowow," mew Meow, "meooooow me

the Jungle-People. Remember."  
mew Meeow-Meeow. Meooooow."

"Forbidden," said Bagheera, "but I still think Baloo should  
"Meeeoow," mew Meooooow, "mew M meow meow Meow meooow

have warned thee against them."  
meow meeoow meow meeoow meow."

"I--I? How was I to guess he would play with such dirt.



meooooow meow m meow meow. Meow me mew meeeow meow meow meow,

but on the other hand none of the beasts would notice them, and mew me mew meow meow meow me mew meeeow meow meooow meow, mew

that was why they were so pleased when Mowgli came to play with meow mew mew meow meow me meeeow meow Meeow meow me meow meow

them, and they heard how angry Baloo was. meow, mew meow meow mew meow Meeow mew.

They never meant to do any more--the Bandar-log never mean Meow meow meow me me mew meow--mew Meooow-mew meow meow

anything at all; but one of them invented what seemed to him a meooooow me mew; mew mew me meow meooooow meow meeeow me mew m

brilliant idea, and he told all the others that Mowgli would be a meeeeeow meow, mew me meow mew mew meeeow meow Meeow meow me m

useful person to keep in the tribe, because he could weave sticks meeeow meooow me meow me mew meow, meooooow me meow meow meooow

together for protection from the wind; so, if they caught him, meooooow mew meeeeeeeow meow mew meow; me, me meow meeeow mew,

they could make him teach them. Of course Mowgli, as a meow meeeow meow mew meeeow meow. Me meooow Meeow, me m

woodcutter's child, inherited all sorts of instincts, and used to meooooooooow'm meow, meeeeeow mew meow me meooooooooow, mew meow me

make little huts of fallen branches without thinking how he came meow meeeow meow me meeeow meeeow meeeow meeeow mew me meow

to do it. The Monkey-People, watching in the trees, considered me me me. Mew Meeow-Meooow, meeeow me mew meow, meeeeeow

his play most wonderful. This time, they said, they were really mew meow meow meooooow. Meow meow, meow meow, meow meow meooow

going to have a leader and become the wisest people in the jungle meow me meow m meeeow mew meeeow mew meeeow meeeow me mew meooow

--so wise that everyone else would notice and envy them. --me meow meow meooooow meow meeeow meooow mew meow meow.

Therefore they followed Baloo and Bagheera and Mowgli through the Meeeeow meow meooooow Meeow mew Meeeeow mew Meooow meeeow mew

jungle very quietly till it was time for the midday nap, and meeeow meow meeeow meow me mew meow mew mew meooow mew, mew

Mowgli, who was very much ashamed of himself, slept between the



Meeow, mew mew meow meow meeeow me meeeow, meow meeeow mew

Panther and the Bear, resolving to have no more to do with the  
Meeow mew mew Meow, meeeow me meow me meow me meow mew

Monkey People.  
Meeow Meeow.

The next thing he remembered was feeling hands on his legs and  
Mew meow meow me meeeow mew meow meow meow me mew meow mew

arms--hard, strong, little hands--and then a swash of branches  
meow--meow, meeeow, meeeow meow--mew meow m meow me meeeow

in his face, and then he was staring down through the swaying  
me mew meow, mew meow me mew meeeow meow meeeow mew meeeow

boughs as Baloo woke the jungle with his deep cries and Bagheera  
meow me Meow meow mew meeeow meow mew meow meow mew Meow

bounded up the trunk with every tooth bared. The Bandar-log  
meow me mew meow meow meow meow meow. Mew Meow-mew

howled with triumph and scuffled away to the upper branches where  
meow meow meeeow mew meow meow meow me mew meow meeeow meow

Bagheera dared not follow, shouting: "He has noticed us! Bagheera  
meeeow meow mew meow, meow: "Me mew meow me! Meow

has noticed us. All the Jungle-People admire us for our skill and  
mew meeeow me. Mew mew Meow-Meow meeeow me mew mew meow mew

our cunning." Then they began their flight; and the flight of the  
mew meeeow." Meow meow meow meow meow; mew mew meeeow me mew

Monkey-People through tree-land is one of the things nobody can  
Meow-Meeow meow meow me mew me mew meow meow mew

describe. They have their regular roads and crossroads, up hills  
meeeow. Meow meow meow meeeow meow mew meeeow, me meow

and down hills, all laid out from fifty to seventy or a hundred  
mew meow meow, mew meow mew meow meow me meeeow me m meow

feet above ground, and by these they can travel even at night if  
meow meow meow, mew me meow meow mew meow meow meow me

necessary. Two of the strongest monkeys caught Mowgli under the  
meeeow. Mew me mew meeeow meeeow meeeow Meeow meow mew

arms and swung off with him through the treetops, twenty feet at a  
meow mew meow mew meow mew meeeow mew meeeow, meow meow me m

bound. Had they been alone they could have gone twice as fast,

meow. Mew meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow,

but the boy's weight held them back. Sick and giddy as Mowgli was  
mew mew mew'm meoooo meow meow meow. Meow mew meow me Meoooo mew

he could not help enjoying the wild rush, though the glimpses of  
me meow mew meow meeeeeow mew meow meow, meeoow mew meeeeeow me

earth far down below frightened him, and the terrible check and  
meow mew meow meow meeeeeeoow mew, mew mew meeeeeow meow mew

jerk at the end of the swing over nothing but empty air brought  
meow me mew mew me mew meow meow meeeoow mew meow mew meeeoow

his heart between his teeth. His escort would rush him up a tree  
mew meow meoooo mew meow. Mew meeoow meow meow mew me m meow

till he felt the thinnest topmost branches crackle and bend under  
meow me meow mew meeeeeow meeoow meeeoow meeoow mew meow meow

them, and then with a cough and a whoop would fling themselves  
meow, mew meow meow m meow mew m meow meow meow meeeeeeoow

into the air outward and downward, and bring up, hanging by their  
meow mew mew meeeow mew meeoow, mew meow me, meeeow me meow

hands or their feet to the lower limbs of the next tree.  
meow me meow meow me mew meow meow me mew meow meow.

Sometimes he could see for miles and miles across the still green  
Meeeeeeoow me meow mew mew meow mew meow meoooo mew meow meow

jungle, as a man on the top of a mast can see for miles across the  
meeoow, me m mew me mew mew me m meow mew mew mew meow meeoow mew

sea, and then the branches and leaves would lash him across the  
mew, mew meow mew meeeeeow mew meeoow meow meow mew meeoow mew

face, and he and his two guards would be almost down to earth  
meow, mew me mew mew mew meoooo meow me meeeow meow me meow

again. So, bounding and crashing and whooping and yelling, the  
meow. Me, meeoow mew meeeoow mew meeeoow mew meeeoow, mew

whole tribe of Bandar-log swept along the tree-roads with Mowgli  
meow meow me Meoooo-mew meow meow mew meow-meeow meow Meeow

their prisoner.  
meow meeeeoow.

For a time he was afraid of being dropped. Then he grew angry  
Mew m meow me mew meoooo me meow meeeeoow. Meow me meow meow

but knew better than to struggle, and then he began to think. The

mew meow meooow meow me meooooow, mew meow me meoow me meow. Mew

first thing was to send back word to Baloo and Bagheera, for, at meow meow mew me meow meow meow me Meoow mew Meeeeeow, mew, me

the pace the monkeys were going, he knew his friends would be left mew meow mew meeoow meow meow, me meow mew meeoow meow me meow

far behind. It was useless to look down, for he could only see mew meooow. Me mew meeoow me meow meow, mew me meoow meow mew

the topsides of the branches, so he stared upward and saw, far mew meooooow me mew meooooow, me me meoow meeeow mew mew, mew

away in the blue, Rann the Kite balancing and wheeling as he kept meow me mew meow, Meow mew Meow meeeeeow mew meeoow me me meow

watch over the jungle waiting for things to die. Rann saw that meow meow mew meeoow meeeow mew meeeow me mew. Meow mew meow

the monkeys were carrying something, and dropped a few hundred mew meooooow meow meeeeeow meeoowow, mew meeeow m mew meeeow

yards to find out whether their load was good to eat. He whistled meow me meow mew meeeow meow meow mew meow me mew. Me meeeeeow

with surprise when he saw Mowgli being dragged up to a treetop and meow meeeeeow meow me mew Meoow meow meeeow me me m meeeow mew

heard him give the Kite call for--"We be of one blood, thou and meow mew meow mew Meow meow mew--"Me me me mew meow, meow mew

I." The waves of the branches closed over the boy, but Chil M." Mew meow me mew meooooow meeeow meow mew mew, mew Meow

balanced away to the next tree in time to see the little brown meooooow meow me mew meow meow me meow me mew mew meoow meow

face come up again. "Mark my trail!" Mowgli shouted. "Tell meow meow me meow. "Meow me meow!" Meeow meooooow. "Meow

Baloo of the Seeonee Pack and Bagheera of the Council Rock." Meow me mew Meooooow Meow mew Meeeeeow me mew Meeoow Meow."

"In whose name, Brother?" Rann had never seen Mowgli before, "Me meow meow, Meooooow?" Meow mew meow meow Meeow meeeow,

though of course he had heard of him. meoow me meoow me mew meow me mew.

"Mowgli, the Frog. Man-cub they call me! Mark my tra-il!"

"Meooow, mew Meow. Mew-mew meow meow me! Meow me mew-me!"

The last words were shrieked as he was being swung through the  
Mew meow meow meow meooooow me me mew meow meow meooooow mew

air, but Rann nodded and rose up till he looked no bigger than a  
mew, mew Meow meooow mew meow me meow me meeeow me meooow mew m

speck of dust, and there he hung, watching with his telescope eyes  
meow me meow, mew meow me meow, meeeooooow meow mew meooooooow meow

the swaying of the treetops as Mowgli's escort whirled along.  
mew meeeow me mew meooooow me Meeow'm meeeow meooooow meow.

"They never go far," he said with a chuckle. "They never do  
"Meow meow me mew," me meow meow m meeeow. "Meow meow me

what they set out to do. Always pecking at new things are the  
meow meow mew mew me me. Meeow meeeow me mew meeeow mew mew

Bandar-log. This time, if I have any eye-sight, they have pecked  
Meeow-mew. Meow meow, me M meow mew mew-meeow, meow meow meooow

down trouble for themselves, for Baloo is no fledgling and  
meow meeeow mew meeeooooow, mew Meeow me me meeeeeeow mew

Bagheera can, as I know, kill more than goats."  
Meooooow mew, me M meow, meow meow meow meow."

So he rocked on his wings, his feet gathered up under him, and  
Me me meeeow me mew meow, mew meow meooooow me meow mew, mew

waited.  
meeeow.

Meantime, Baloo and Bagheera were furious with rage and grief.  
Meooooow, Meeow mew Meooooow meow meeeow meow meow mew meow.

Bagheera climbed as he had never climbed before, but the thin  
Meooooow meooooow me me mew meow meeeow meeeow, mew mew meow

branches broke beneath his weight, and he slipped down, his claws  
meooooow meow meooooow mew meeeow, mew me meeeow meow, mew meow

full of bark.

meow me meow.

"Why didst thou not warn the man-cub?" he roared to poor  
"Mew meeow meow mew meow mew mew-mew?" me meooow me meow

Baloo, who had set off at a clumsy trot in the hope of overtaking  
Meow, mew mew mew mew me m meeoow meow me mew meow me meeeeeooooow

the monkeys. "What was the use of half slaying him with blows if  
mew meooooow. "Meow mew mew mew me meow meooooow mew meow meow me

thou didst not warn him?"  
meow meooow mew meow mew?"

"Haste! O haste! We--we may catch them yet!" Baloo  
"Meow! M meow! Me--me mew meeoow meow mew!" Meow

panted.  
meooooow.

"At that speed! It would not tire a wounded cow. Teacher of  
"Me meow meeoow! Me meooow mew meow m meooooow mew. Meooooow me

the Law--cub-beater--a mile of that rolling to and fro would  
mew Mew--mew-meooooow--m meow me meow meeeeoow me mew mew meow

burst thee open. Sit still and think! Make a plan. This is no  
meeow meow meow. Mew meooow mew meooow! Meow m meow. Meow me me

time for chasing. They may drop him if we follow too close."  
meow mew meeeeoow. Meow mew meow mew me me meeeow mew meow."

"Arrula! Whoo! They may have dropped him already, being  
"Meeoow! Meow! Meow mew meow meeeeoow mew meeeoow, meow

tired of carrying him. Who can trust the Bandar-log? Put dead  
meeow me meooooow mew. Mew mew meooow mew Meeeoow-mew? Mew meow

bats on my head! Give me black bones to eat! Roll me into the  
meow me me meow! Meow me meooow meeoow me mew! Meow me meow mew

hives of the wild bees that I may be stung to death, and bury me  
meeow me mew meow meow meow M mew me meeoow me meeoow, mew meow me

with the Hyaena, for I am most miserable of bears! Arulala!

meow mew Meeoow, mew M me meow meeeooooow me meeow! Meeeeeow!

Wahooa! O Mowgli, Mowgli! Why did I not warn thee against the Meeeeeow! M Meooooow, Meooooow! Mew mew M mew meow meow meooooow mew

Monkey-Folk instead of breaking thy head? Now perhaps I may have Meooooow-Meow meeeeow me meeeeoow mew meow? Mew meeeeow M mew meow

knocked the day's lesson out of his mind, and he will be alone in meooooow mew mew'm meeeeow mew me mew meow, mew me meow me meoow me

the jungle without the Master Words."  
mew meeeeow meeeoow mew Meooooow Meeow."

Baloo clasped his paws over his ears and rolled to and fro  
Meoow meooooow mew meow meow mew meow mew meeoow me mew mew

moaning.  
meooooow.

"At least he gave me all the Words correctly a little time  
"Me meoow me meow me mew mew Meeow meeeooooow m meeoow meow

ago," said Bagheera impatiently. "Baloo, thou hast neither memory  
mew," meow Meeooooow meooooooooow. "Meeow, meow meow meeeeow meeoow

nor respect. What would the jungle think if I, the Black Panther,  
mew meooooow. Meow meoow mew meeeeow meoow me M, mew Meeow Meooooow,

curled myself up like Ikki the Porcupine, and howled?"  
meeoow meeeeow me meow Meow mew Meeeeeow, mew meeoow?"

"What do I care what the jungle thinks? He may be dead by  
"Meow me M meow meow mew meeeeow meooooow? Me mew me meow me

now."  
mew."

"Unless and until they drop him from the branches in sport, or  
"Meeoow mew meoow meow meow mew meow mew meooooow me meoow, me

kill him out of idleness, I have no fear for the man-cub. He is  
meow mew mew me meeeooooow, M meow me meow mew mew mew-mew. Me me

wise and well taught, and above all he has the eyes that make the

meow mew meow meeoow, mew meow mew me mew mew meow meow meow mew

Jungle-People afraid. But (and it is a great evil) he is in the Meoow-Meeow meeeow. Mew (mew me me m meow meow) me me me mew

power of the Bandar-log, and they, because they live in trees, meow me mew Meeoow-mew, mew meow, meeeeow meow meow me meow,

have no fear of any of our people." Bagheera licked one forepaw meow me meow me mew me mew meoow." Meeeeeow meeoow mew meoow

thoughtfully.  
meeeeeeeow.

"Fool that I am! Oh, fat, brown, root-digging fool that I  
"Meow meow M me! Me, mew, meow, meow-meeoow meow meow M

am," said Baloo, uncoiling himself with a jerk, "it is true what me," meow Meeow, meeeeow meeeeow meow m meow, "me me meow meow

Hathi the Wild Elephant says: `To each his own fear'; and they, Meeow mew Meow Meeeeeow meow: `Me meow mew mew meow'; mew meow,

the Bandar-log, fear Kaa the Rock Snake. He can climb as well as mew Meoow-mew, meow Mew mew Meow Meoow. Me mew meow me meow me

they can. He steals the young monkeys in the night. The whisper meow mew. Me meeoow mew meoow meeeeow me mew meow. Mew meeoow

of his name makes their wicked tails cold. Let us go to Kaa."  
me mew meow meow meow meoow meow meow. Mew me me me Mew."

"What will he do for us? He is not of our tribe, being  
"Meow meow me me mew me? Me me mew me mew meoow, meow

footless--and with most evil eyes," said Bagheera.  
meooooow--mew meow meow meow meow, " meow Meeeeeow.

"He is very old and very cunning. Above all, he is always  
"Me me meow mew mew meow meeeeow. Meoow mew, me me meoow

hungry," said Baloo hopefully. "Promise him many goats."  
meoow," meow Meeow meeeeooow. "Meooooow mew meow meow."

"He sleeps for a full month after he has once eaten. He may

"Me meooow mew m meow meeow meeow me mew meow meeow. Me mew

be asleep now, and even were he awake what if he would rather kill  
me meooow mew, mew meow meow me meeow meow me me meeow meeow mew

his own goats?" Bagheera, who did not know much about Kaa, was  
mew mew meooow?" Meeooooow, mew mew mew meow meow meeow Mew, mew

naturally suspicious.  
meeeeeeeow meeeooooow.

"Then in that case, thou and I together, old hunter, might  
"Meow me meow meow, meow mew M meeeooooow, mew meeow, meow

make him see reason." Here Baloo rubbed his faded brown shoulder  
meow mew mew meooow." Meow Meow meeeow mew meow meeow meooooow

against the Panther, and they went off to look for Kaa the Rock  
meeeow mew Meeeoow, mew meow meow mew me meow mew Mew mew Meow

Python.  
Meeow.

They found him stretched out on a warm ledge in the afternoon  
Meow meeow mew meeeooooow mew me m meow meeow me mew meeeooooow

sun, admiring his beautiful new coat, for he had been in  
mew, meeeeoow mew meeeeoow mew meow, mew me mew meow me

retirement for the last ten days changing his skin, and now he was  
meeeeeeeow mew mew meow mew meow meeeooooow mew meow, mew mew me mew

very splendid--darting his big blunt-nosed head along the  
meow meeeeeow--meooooow mew mew meow-meow meow meow mew

ground, and twisting the thirty feet of his body into fantastic  
meeeow, mew meeeeeow mew meeeow meow me mew meow meow meooooow

knots and curves, and licking his lips as he thought of his dinner  
meow mew meooow, mew meeeeoow mew meow me me meeeooooow me mew meeeow

to come.  
me meow.

"He has not eaten," said Baloo, with a grunt of relief, as  
"Me mew mew meooow," meow Meow, meow m meow me meooow, me

soon as he saw the beautifully mottled brown and yellow jacket.



meow me me mew mew meeeeeeeoow meeoow meow mew meeoow meoow.

"Be careful, Bagheera! He is always a little blind after he has  
"Me meeoow, Meeoow! Me me meoow m meeeow meow meow me mew

changed his skin, and very quick to strike."  
meeoow mew meow, mew meow meow me meeoow."

Kaa was not a poison snake--in fact he rather despised the  
Mew mew mew m meeoow meow--me meow me meeeow meooooow mew

poison snakes as cowards--but his strength lay in his hug, and  
meoow meeeow me meeeow--mew mew meooooow mew me mew mew, mew

when he had once lapped his huge coils round anybody there was no  
meow me mew meow meeoow mew meow meow meow meeeow meow mew me

more to be said. "Good hunting!" cried Baloo, sitting up on his  
meow me me meow. "Meow meeoow!" meow Meow, meeeow me me mew

haunches. Like all snakes of his breed Kaa was rather deaf, and  
meooooow. Meow mew meeoow me mew meow Mew mew meoow meow, mew

did not hear the call at first. Then he curled up ready for any  
mew mew meow mew meow me meow. Meow me meoow me meow mew mew

accident, his head lowered.  
meooooow, mew meow meooooow.

"Good hunting for us all," he answered. "Oho, Baloo, what  
"Meow meeeow mew me mew," me meooooow. "Mew, Meow, meow

dost thou do here? Good hunting, Bagheera. One of us at least  
meow meow me meow? Meow meeeow, Meeoow. Mew me me me meow

needs food. Is there any news of game afoot? A doe now, or even  
meow meow. Me meow mew meow me meow meow? M mew mew, me meow

a young buck? I am as empty as a dried well."  
m meow meow? M me me meow me m meow meow."

"We are hunting," said Baloo carelessly. He knew that you  
"Me mew meeoow," meow Meow meeoow. Me meow meow mew

must not hurry Kaa. He is too big.  
meow mew meow Mew. Me me mew mew.

"Give me permission to come with you," said Kaa. "A blow more

"Meow me meeeooooow me meow meow mew," meow Mew. "M meow meow

or less is nothing to thee, Bagheera or Baloo, but I--I have to me meow me meeeow me meow, Meeeoow me Meoow, mew M--M meow me

wait and wait for days in a wood-path and climb half a night on meow mew meow mew meow me m meow-meow mew meoow meow m meow me

the mere chance of a young ape. Psshaw! The branches are not mew meow meoow me m meow mew. Meeow! Mew meeeeoow mew mew

what they were when I was young. Rotten twigs and dry boughs are meow meow meow meow M mew meow. Meeow meow mew mew meoow mew

they all."  
meow mew."

"Maybe thy great weight has something to do with the matter,"  
"Meow mew meow meeeow mew meeeeoow me me meow mew meow,"

said Baloo.  
meow Meow.

"I am a fair length--a fair length," said Kaa with a little  
"M me m meow meeeow--m meow meeoow," meow Mew meow m meeeow

pride. "But for all that, it is the fault of this new-grown meow. "Mew mew mew meow, me me mew meoow me meow mew-meow

timber. I came very near to falling on my last hunt--very near meeoow. M meow meow meow me meooooow me me meow meow--meow meow

indeed--and the noise of my slipping, for my tail was not tight meoow--mew mew meow me me meooooow, mew me meow mew mew meow

wrapped around the tree, waked the Bandar-log, and they called me meeoow meeoow mew meow, meow mew Meoow-mew, mew meow meeeow me

most evil names."  
meow meow meow."

"Footless, yellow earth-worm," said Bagheera under his  
"Meeeoow, meoow meow-meow," meow Meeeoow meow mew

whiskers, as though he were trying to remember something.  
meeeeoow, me meeeow me meow meeeow me meooooow meeeeoow.

"Sssss! Have they ever called me that?" said Kaa.

"Meow! Meow meow meow meow meow meow?" meow Mew.

"Something of that kind it was that they shouted to us last  
"Meeooooow me meow meow me mew meow meow meeeow me me meow

moon, but we never noticed them. They will say anything--even  
meow, mew me meow meeeow meow. Meow meow mew meeeow--meow

that thou hast lost all thy teeth, and wilt not face anything  
meow meow meow meow mew mew meow, mew meow mew meow meeeow

bigger than a kid, because (they are indeed shameless, these  
meeeow meow m mew, meeeow (meow mew meeeow meeeow, meow

Bandar-log)--because thou art afraid of the he-goat's horns,"  
Meow-mew)--meeeow meow mew meeeow me mew me-meow'm meow,"

Bagheera went on sweetly.  
Meooooow meow me meeeow.

Now a snake, especially a wary old python like Kaa, very  
Mew m meow, meeeow m meow mew meeeow meow Mew, meow

seldom shows that he is angry, but Baloo and Bagheera could see  
meeeow meow meow me me meow, mew Meeow mew Meeooooow meow mew

the big swallowing muscles on either side of Kaa's throat ripple  
mew mew meooooow meeeow me meeeow meow me Mew'm meeeow meow

and bulge.  
mew meow.

"The Bandar-log have shifted their grounds," he said quietly.  
"Mew Meeow-mew meow meeeow meow meow," me meow meeeow.

"When I came up into the sun today I heard them whooping among the  
"Meow M meow me meow mew mew meeeow M meow meow meooooow meow mew

tree-tops."  
meow-meow."

"It--it is the Bandar-log that we follow now," said Baloo,  
"Me--me me mew Meeow-mew meow me meeeow mew," meow Meow,

but the words stuck in his throat, for that was the first time in

mew mew meoow meoow me mew meoooow, mew meow mew mew meeow meow me

his memory that one of the Jungle-People had owned to being  
mew meeeow meow mew me mew Meeeeow-Meeeeow mew meoow me meoow

interested in the doings of the monkeys.  
meeeeeeeow me mew meeeow me mew meooooow.

"Beyond doubt then it is no small thing that takes two such  
"Meoooow meow meow me me me meoow meoow meow meoow mew meow

hunters--leaders in their own jungle I am certain--on the  
meeeeow--meeeeow me meoow mew meeeow M me meeeeow--me mew

trail of the Bandar-log," Kaa replied courteously, as he swelled  
meeow me mew Meoooow-mew," Mew meeeoooow meeeeeeeeoow, me me meeeoow

with curiosity.  
meow meeeooooow.

"Indeed," Baloo began, "I am no more than the old and  
"Meeeoow," Meeow meow, "M me me meow meow mew mew mew

sometimes very foolish Teacher of the Law to the Seeonee  
meeeeeeoow meow meoooow Meeoooow me mew Mew me mew Meeeoow

wolf-cubs, and Bagheera here--"  
meow-meow, mew Meeeeeow meow--"

"Is Bagheera," said the Black Panther, and his jaws shut with  
"Me Meeeoow," meow mew Meoow Meeeeow, mew mew meow meow meow

a snap, for he did not believe in being humble. "The trouble is  
m meow, mew me mew mew meeeoow me meoow meeeow. "Mew meoooow me

this, Kaa. Those nut-stealers and pickers of palm leaves have  
meow, Mew. Meeow mew-meeeooooow mew meeeoow me meow meeeow meow

stolen away our man-cub of whom thou hast perhaps heard."  
meeoow meow mew mew-mew me meow meow meow meeeoooow meoow."

"I heard some news from Ikki (his quills make him  
"M meeow meow meow meow Meow (mew meeeow meow mew

presumptuous) of a man-thing that was entered into a wolf pack,

meeeeooooooooow) me m mew-meeow meow mew meooooow meow m meow meow,

but I did not believe. Ikki is full of stories half heard and  
mew M mew mew meooooow. Meow me meow me meeeoow meow meow mew

very badly told."  
meow meow meow."

"But it is true. He is such a man-cub as never was," said  
"Mew me me meow. Me me meow m mew-mew me meow mew," meow

Baloo. "The best and wisest and boldest of man-cubs--my own  
Meeow. "Mew meow mew meeeow mew meeeoow me mew-meow--me mew

pupil, who shall make the name of Baloo famous through all the  
meow, mew meow meow mew meow me Meow meeoow meeoow mew mew

jungles; and besides, I--we--love him, Kaa."  
meeeoow; mew meeoow, M--me--meow mew, Mew."

"Ts! Ts!" said Kaa, weaving his head to and fro. "I also  
"Me! Me!" meow Mew, meeeow mew meow me mew mew. "M meow

have known what love is. There are tales I could tell that--"  
meow meow meow meow me. Meeow mew meow M meow meow meow--"

"That need a clear night when we are all well fed to praise  
"Meow meow m meow meow meow me mew mew meow mew me meeoow

properly," said Bagheera quickly. "Our man-cub is in the hands of  
meeeeoow," meow Meeooooow meooooow. "Mew mew-mew me me mew meow me

the Bandar-log now, and we know that of all the Jungle-People they  
mew Meeoow-mew mew, mew me meow meow me mew mew Meooooow-Meeoow meow

fear Kaa alone."  
meow Mew meow."

"They fear me alone. They have good reason," said Kaa.  
"Meow meow me meow. Meow meow meow meeeow," meow Mew.

"Chattering, foolish, vain--vain, foolish, and chattering, are  
"Meeeeooooow, meeeoow, meow--meow, meeeoow, mew meeeooooooooow, mew

the monkeys. But a man-thing in their hands is in no good luck.

mew meeeeow. Mew m mew-meow me meow meow me me me meow meow.

They grow tired of the nuts they pick, and throw them down. They Meow meow meow me mew meow meow meow, mew meow meow meow. Meow

carry a branch half a day, meaning to do great things with it, and meow m meeeow meow m mew, meeoow me me meow meoow meow me, mew

then they snap it in two. That man-thing is not to be envied. meow meow meow me me mew. Meow mew-meow me mew me me meoow.

They called me also--'yellow fish' was it not?"  
Meow meoow me meow--'meoow meow' mew me mew?"

"Worm--worm--earth-worm," said Bagheera, "as well as other  
"Meow--meow--meow-meow," meow Meeeoow, "me meow me meow

things which I cannot now say for shame."  
meeeow meow M meeeow mew mew mew meow."

"We must remind them to speak well of their master. Aaa-ssp!  
"Me meow meeeow meow me meow meow me meow meoow. Mew-mew!

We must help their wandering memories. Now, whither went they  
Me meow meow meow meeeeoow meeeeoow. Mew, meeoow meow meow

with the cub?"  
meow mew mew?"

"The jungle alone knows. Toward the sunset, I believe," said  
"Mew meoow meow meow. Meeoow mew meeoow, M meeeow," meow

Baloo. "We had thought that thou wouldst know, Kaa."  
Meow. "Me mew meoow meow meow meoow meow, Mew."

"I? How? I take them when they come in my way, but I do not  
"M? Mew? M meow meow meow meow meow me me mew, mew M me mew

hunt the Bandar-log, or frogs--or green scum on a water-hole,  
meow mew Meeoow-mew, me meow--me meow meow me m meow-meow,

for that matter."  
mew meow meeoow."

"Up, Up! Up, Up! Hillo! Illo! Illo, look up, Baloo of the

"Me, Me! Me, Me! Meow! Meow! Meow, meow me, Meow me mew

Seeonee Wolf Pack!"

Meeowow Meow Meow!"

Baloo looked up to see where the voice came from, and there  
Meeow meowow me me mew meowow mew meow meow meow, mew meow

was Rann the Kite, sweeping down with the sun shining on the  
mew Meow mew Meow, meowowow meow meow mew mew meowow me mew

upturned flanges of his wings. It was near Rann's bedtime, but he  
meowowow meowow me mew meow. Me mew meow Meow'm meowow, mew me

had ranged all over the jungle looking for the Bear and had missed  
mew meowow mew meow mew meowow meowow mew mew Meow mew mew meowow

him in the thick foliage.

mew me mew meow meowow.

"What is it?" said Baloo.

"Meow me me?" meow Meow.

"I have seen Mowgli among the Bandar-log. He bade me tell

"M meow meow Meowow meow mew Meowow-mew. Me meow me meow

you. I watched. The Bandar-log have taken him beyond the river  
mew. M meowow. Mew Meowow-mew meow meow mew meowow mew meow

to the monkey city--to the Cold Lairs. They may stay there for  
me mew meowow meow--me mew Meow Meow. Meow mew meow meow mew

a night, or ten nights, or an hour. I have told the bats to watch  
m meow, me mew meowow, me me meow. M meow meow mew meow me meow

through the dark time. That is my message. Good hunting, all you  
meowow mew meow meow. Meow me me meowow. Meow meowow, mew mew

below!"

meow!"

"Full gorge and a deep sleep to you, Rann," cried Bagheera.

"Meow meow mew m meow meow me mew, Meow," meow Meowow.

"I will remember thee in my next kill, and put aside the head for

"M meow meeeeoow meow me me meow meow, mew mew meow mew meow mew

thee alone, O best of kites!"

meow meow, M meow me meow!"

"It is nothing. It is nothing. The boy held the Master Word.

"Me me meeeow. Me me meeeow. Mew mew meow mew Meeow Meow.

I could have done no less," and Rann circled up again to his

M meow meow meow me meow," mew Meow meeeoow me meow me mew

roost.

meow.

"He has not forgotten to use his tongue," said Baloo with a

"Me mew mew meeoow me mew mew meow," meow Meow meow m

chuckle of pride. "To think of one so young remembering the

meow me meow. "Me meow me mew me meow meeoow mew

Master Word for the birds too while he was being pulled across

Meow Meow mew mew meow mew meow me mew meow meow meow

trees!"

meow!"

"It was most firmly driven into him," said Bagheera. "But I

"Me mew meow meow meow meow mew," meow Meow. "Mew M

am proud of him, and now we must go to the Cold Lairs."

me meow me mew, mew mew me meow me me mew Meow Meow."

They all knew where that place was, but few of the Jungle

Meow mew meow meow meow meow mew, mew mew me mew Meow

People ever went there, because what they called the Cold Lairs

Meow meow meow meow, meow meow meow meow mew Meow Meow

was an old deserted city, lost and buried in the jungle, and

mew me mew meow meow, meow mew meow me mew meow, mew

beasts seldom use a place that men have once used. The wild boar

meow meow mew m meow meow mew meow meow meow. Mew meow meow

will, but the hunting tribes do not. Besides, the monkeys lived



meow, mew mew meeeow meeeow me mew. Meeeeow, mew meooooow meow

there as much as they could be said to live anywhere, and no  
meow me meow me meow meow me meow me meow meeeeoow, mew me

self-respecting animal would come within eyeshot of it except in  
meow-meooooooooow meeoow meow meow meeoow meeeoow me me meeoow me

times of drought, when the half-ruined tanks and reservoirs held a  
meow me meeeoow, meow mew meow-meeeoow meow mew meooooooooow meow m

little water.  
meoow meow.

"It is half a night's journey--at full speed," said  
"Me me meow m meow'm meeeow--me meow meow," meow

Bagheera, and Baloo looked very serious. "I will go as fast as I  
Meooooow, mew Meow meoow meow meeeow. "M meow me me meow me M

can," he said anxiously.  
mew," me meow meeeeeeow.

"We dare not wait for thee. Follow, Baloo. We must go on the  
"Me meow mew meow mew meow. Meeoow, Meow. Me meow me me mew

quick-foot--Kaa and I."  
meoow-meow--Mew mew M."

"Feet or no feet, I can keep abreast of all thy four," said  
"Meow me me meow, M mew meow meooooow me mew mew meow," meow

Kaa shortly. Baloo made one effort to hurry, but had to sit down  
Mew meeoow. Meeow meow mew meeoow me meoow, mew mew me mew meow

panting, and so they left him to come on later, while Bagheera  
meeeow, mew me meow meow mew me meow me meoow, meow Meeeeoow

hurried forward, at the quick panther-canter. Kaa said nothing,  
meeeow meeeow, me mew meow meeeoow-meooow. Mew meow meooooow,

but, strive as Bagheera might, the huge Rock-python held level  
mew, meeeow me Meeooooow meow, mew meow Meow-meooow meow meow

with him. When they came to a hill stream, Bagheera gained,  
meow mew. Meow meow meow me m meow meeeow, Meeeoow meoow,

because he bounded across while Kaa swam, his head and two feet of

meeeeow me meeeeow meooow meeow Mew meow, mew meow mew mew meow me

his neck clearing the water, but on level ground Kaa made up the  
mew meow meeoow mew meeow, mew me meeow meeoow Mew meow me mew

distance.  
meeeeow.

"By the Broken Lock that freed me," said Bagheera, when  
"Me mew Meeow Meow meow meow me," meow Meooooow, meow

twilight had fallen, "thou art no slow goer!"  
meooooow mew meooow, "meow mew me meow meow!"

"I am hungry," said Kaa. "Besides, they called me speckled  
"M me meeoow," meow Mew. "Meeeoow, meow meeeeow me meeoow

frog."  
meow."

"Worm--earth-worm, and yellow to boot."  
"Meow--meeow-meow, mew meeeeow me meow."

"All one. Let us go on," and Kaa seemed to pour himself along  
"Mew mew. Mew me me me," mew Mew meeeeow me meow meeoow meow

the ground, finding the shortest road with his steady eyes, and  
mew meeeeow, meooow mew meeeeow meow meow mew meooow meow, mew

keeping to it.  
meooooow me me.

In the Cold Lairs the Monkey-People were not thinking of  
Me mew Meow Meow mew Meooow-Meeow meow mew meeeeow me

Mowgli's friends at all. They had brought the boy to the Lost  
Meooow'm meeeeow me mew. Meow mew meeeeow mew mew me mew Meow

City, and were very much pleased with themselves for the time.  
Meow, mew meow meow meow meeeeow meow meeoowooow mew mew meow.

Mowgli had never seen an Indian city before, and though this was

Meeow mew meow meow me Meeow meow meeeow, mew meeeow meow mew

almost a heap of ruins it seemed very wonderful and splendid.  
meoow m meow me meoow me meeoow meow meeeeeeow mew meooooow.

Some king had built it long ago on a little hill. You could still  
Meow meow mew meoow me meow mew me m meeeow meow. Mew meoow meow

trace the stone causeways that led up to the ruined gates where  
meow mew meoow meooooow meow mew me me mew meeeow meow meow

the last splinters of wood hung to the worn, rusted hinges. Trees  
mew meow meeeooooow me meow meow me mew meow, meeeow meeeow. Meeow

had grown into and out of the walls; the battlements were tumbled  
mew meow meow mew mew me mew meoow; mew meeeeeeeeow meow meeoow

down and decayed, and wild creepers hung out of the windows of the  
meow mew meeoow, mew meow meeeeoow meow mew me mew meeeow me mew

towers on the walls in bushy hanging clumps.  
meoow me mew meoow me meoow meeoow meoow.

A great roofless palace crowned the hill, and the marble of  
M meow meeeooooow meoow meooooow mew meow, mew mew meeeow me

the courtyards and the fountains was split, and stained with red  
mew meeeooooow mew mew meeoooooow mew meoow, mew meeoow meow mew

and green, and the very cobblestones in the courtyard where the  
mew meow, mew mew meow meeeeeeeeow me mew meeeeoow meow mew

king's elephants used to live had been thrust up and apart by  
meow'm meeeooooow meow me meow mew meow meeeow me mew meow me

grasses and young trees. From the palace you could see the rows  
meeeoow mew meow meow. Meow mew meeoow mew meow mew mew meow

and rows of roofless houses that made up the city looking like  
mew meow me meeeeoow meeeow meow meow me mew meow meooooow meow

empty honeycombs filled with blackness; the shapeless block of  
meow meeeeeeoow meeoow meow meooooow; mew meeeooooow meow me

stone that had been an idol in the square where four roads met;  
meeow meow mew meow me meow me mew meeeow meow meow mew mew;

the pits and dimples at street corners where the public wells once  
mew meow mew meeoow me meoow meooooow meow mew meeoow meow meow

stood, and the shattered domes of temples with wild figs sprouting  
meow, mew mew meeoooooow meow me meooooow meow meow meow meooooow

on their sides. The monkeys called the place their city, and

me meow meeow. Mew meeeoow meeoow mew meoow meeow meow, mew

pretended to despise the Jungle-People because they lived in the meooooow me meeeoow mew Meeow-Meoow meeeoow meow meeow me mew

forest. And yet they never knew what the buildings were made for meoow. Mew mew meow meoow meow meow mew meeeooooow meow meow mew

nor how to use them. They would sit in circles on the hall of the mew mew me mew meow. Meow meoow mew me meooooow me mew meow me mew

king's council chamber, and scratch for fleas and pretend to be meow'm meeoow meooooow, mew meeeoow mew meeow mew meooooow me me

men; or they would run in and out of the roofless houses and mew; me meow meoow mew me mew mew me mew meeeeeeow meeoow mew

collect pieces of plaster and old bricks in a corner, and forget meeeoow meeoow me meeeoow mew mew meeoow me m meoow, mew meoow

where they had hidden them, and fight and cry in scuffling crowds, meeow meow mew meoow meow, mew meeow mew mew me meeeooooow meeeow,

and then break off to play up and down the terraces of the king's mew meow meoow mew me meow me mew meow mew meeeooooow me mew meow'm

garden, where they would shake the rose trees and the oranges in meeoow, meeow meow meeow meoow mew meow meeow mew mew meeoow me

sport to see the fruit and flowers fall. They explored all the meow me mew mew meeow mew meeeeoow meow. Meow meeeeoow mew mew

passages and dark tunnels in the palace and the hundreds of little meeeeoow mew meow meeoow me mew meeoow mew mew meooooow me meeeow

dark rooms, but they never remembered what they had seen and what meow meoow, mew meow meeow meeeeeeoow meow meow mew meow mew meow

they had not; and so drifted about in ones and twos or crowds meow mew mew; mew me meeeeoow meoow me meow mew meow me meoow

telling each other that they were doing as men did. They drank at meeeoow meow meoow meow meow meow meoow me mew mew. Meow meeow me

the tanks and made the water all muddy, and then they fought over mew meow mew meow mew meoow mew meeow, mew meow meow meoow meow

it, and then they would all rush together in mobs and shout: me, mew meow meow meeow mew meow meooooow me meow mew meeow:

"There is no one in the jungle so wise and good and clever and "Meow me me mew me mew meeoow me meow mew meow mew meeoow mew

strong and gentle as the Bandar-log." Then all would begin again meeoow mew meoow me mew Meeow-mew." Meow mew meoow meeow meoow

till they grew tired of the city and went back to the tree-tops,



Meeoow me meooow meeeow meeeow meow me meow mew meow mew

wild pawpaws. But they fell to fighting on the road, and it was  
meow meeeow. Mew meow meow me meeeow me mew meow, mew me mew

too much trouble to go back with what was left of the fruit.  
mew meow meeeow me me meow meow meow mew meow me mew meow.

Mowgli was sore and angry as well as hungry, and he roamed through  
Meeoow mew meow mew meow me meow me meeeow, mew me meeeow meeeow

the empty city giving the Strangers' Hunting Call from time to  
mew meow meow meooow mew Meeeeow' Meeeeow Meow meow meow me

time, but no one answered him, and Mowgli felt that he had reached  
meow, mew me mew meooooow mew, mew Meeoow meow meow me mew meeeow

a very bad place indeed. "All that Baloo has said about the  
m meow mew meow meooow. "Mew meow Meeow mew meow meow mew

Bandar-log is true," he thought to himself. "They have no Law, no  
Meeow-mew me meow," me meeeow me meeeow. "Meow meow me Mew, me

Hunting Call, and no leaders--nothing but foolish words and  
Meeeeow Meow, mew me meeeow--meeeow mew meeeow meow mew

little picking thievish hands. So if I am starved or killed here,  
meeow meeeow meeeow meow. Me me M me meeeow me meow meow,

it will be all my own fault. But I must try to return to my own  
me meow me mew me mew meow. Mew M meow mew me meeeow me me mew

jungle. Baloo will surely beat me, but that is better than  
meeow. Meow meow meeeow meow me, mew meow me meeeow meow

chasing silly rose leaves with the Bandar-log."  
meeeow meow meow meooow meow mew Meeeow-mew."

No sooner had he walked to the city wall than the monkeys  
Me meeeow mew me meeeow me mew meow meow meow mew meeeow

pulled him back, telling him that he did not know how happy he  
meeeow mew meow, meeeow mew meow me mew mew meow mew meow me

was, and pinching him to make him grateful. He set his teeth and  
mew, mew meooooow mew me meow mew meeeow. Me mew mew meow mew

said nothing, but went with the shouting monkeys to a terrace  
meow meeeow, mew meow meow mew meeeow meeeow me m meeeow

above the red sandstone reservoirs that were half-full of rain  
meow mew mew meeeow meeeow meow meow meow-meow me meow

water. There was a ruined summer-house of white marble in the

meow. Meeow mew m meeeow meooow-meow me meow meeeow me mew

center of the terrace, built for queens dead a hundred years ago.  
meeeow me mew meeeow, meow mew meeeow meow m meeeow meow mew.

The domed roof had half fallen in and blocked up the underground  
Mew meow meow mew meow meeeow me mew meeeow me mew meeeeeeeow

passage from the palace by which the queens used to enter. But  
meeeow meow mew meeeow me meow mew meooow meow me meow. Mew

the walls were made of screens of marble tracery--beautiful  
mew meow meow meow me meooow me meooow meeeow--meeeeeeeow

milk-white fretwork, set with agates and cornelians and jasper and  
meow-meeow meeeeeow, mew meow meeeow mew meooooooooow mew meooow mew

lapis lazuli, and as the moon came up behind the hill it shone  
meow meeeow, mew me mew meow meow me meeeow mew meow me meow

through the open work, casting shadows on the ground like black  
meooow mew meow meow, meeeow meooow me mew meeeow meow meow

velvet embroidery. Sore, sleepy, and hungry as he was, Mowgli  
meeeow meeeeeeeow. Meow, meooow, mew meeeow me me mew, Meeow

could not help laughing when the Bandar-log began, twenty at a  
meow mew meow meeeeeow meow mew Meeow-mew meow, meeeow me m

time, to tell him how great and wise and strong and gentle they  
meow, me meow mew mew meeeow mew meow mew meeeow mew meooow meow

were, and how foolish he was to wish to leave them. "We are  
meow, mew mew meooow me mew me meow me meow meow. "Me mew

great. We are free. We are wonderful. We are the most wonderful  
meow. Me mew meow. Me mew meooooooooow. Me mew mew meow meeeeeeeow

people in all the jungle! We all say so, and so it must be true,"  
meeeow me mew mew meooow! Me mew mew me, mew me me meow me meow,"

they shouted. "Now as you are a new listener and can carry our  
meow meeeow. "Mew me mew mew m mew meooooooooow mew mew meow mew

words back to the Jungle-People so that they may notice us in  
meow meow me mew Meeow-Meeow me meow meow mew meeeow me me

future, we will tell you all about our most excellent selves."  
meooow, me meow meow mew mew meow mew meow meeeeeeeow meeeow."

Mowgli made no objection, and the monkeys gathered by hundreds and  
Meooow meow me meeeeeeeow, mew mew meooow meooooooooow me meeeeeow mew

hundreds on the terrace to listen to their own speakers singing  
meooooooooow me mew meeeeeow me meooow me meow mew meeeeeeeow meeeow

the praises of the Bandar-log, and whenever a speaker stopped for

mew meeeoow me mew Meeow-mew, mew meooooow m meeeow meeeow mew

want of breath they would all shout together: "This is true; we  
meow me meeeow meow meow mew meow meeeeeeow: "Meow me meow; me

all say so." Mowgli nodded and blinked, and said "Yes" when they  
mew mew me." Meoow meeeow mew meeeeeeow, mew meow "Mew" meow meow

asked him a question, and his head spun with the noise. "Tabaqui  
meow mew m meeeoow, mew mew meow meow meow mew meow. "Meeeeeow

the Jackal must have bitten all these people," he said to himself,  
mew Meeoow meow meow meeeow mew meow meoow," me meow me meeeeeeow,

"and now they have madness. Certainly this is dewanee, the  
"mew mew meow meow meooooow. Meeeeeoow meow me meeeeeeow, mew

madness. Do they never go to sleep? Now there is a cloud coming  
meeeeeeow. Me meow meow me me meow? Mew meow me m meow meeeow

to cover that moon. If it were only a big enough cloud I might  
me meeeow meow meow. Me me meow meow m mew meooooow meow M meow

try to run away in the darkness. But I am tired."  
mew me mew meow me mew meooooow. Mew M me meeeow."

That same cloud was being watched by two good friends in the  
Meow meow meeeow mew meeeow meeeeeeow me mew meow meooooow me mew

ruined ditch below the city wall, for Bagheera and Kaa, knowing  
meooooow meeeow meow mew meow meow, mew Meeeeeoow mew Mew, meeeeeeow

well how dangerous the Monkey-People were in large numbers, did  
meow mew meeeeeeow mew Meeeeow-Meeoow meow me meeeow meeeeeeow, mew

not wish to run any risks. The monkeys never fight unless they  
mew meow me mew mew meeeow. Mew meeeeeeow meow meow meeeow meow

are a hundred to one, and few in the jungle care for those odds.  
mew m meeeoow me mew, mew mew me mew meooooow meow mew meow meow.

"I will go to the west wall," Kaa whispered, "and come down  
"M meow me me mew meow meow," Mew meoooooow, "mew meow meow

swiftly with the slope of the ground in my favor. They will not  
meooooow meow mew meow me mew meeeow me me meow. Meow meow mew

throw themselves upon my back in their hundreds, but--"  
meow meeeooooow meow me meow me meeeow meeeeeeow, mew--"

"I know it," said Bagheera. "Would that Baloo were here, but



"M meow me," meow Meeeeeow. "Meow meow Meow meow meow, mew

we must do what we can. When that cloud covers the moon I shall  
me meow me meow me mew. Meow meow meow meow mew meow M meow

go to the terrace. They hold some sort of council there over the  
me me mew meeeeow. Meow meow meow meow me meow meow meow meow mew

boy."

mew."

"Good hunting," said Kaa grimly, and glided away to the west

"Meow meow meow," meow Mew meeeeow, mew meow meow meow meow meow

wall. That happened to be the least ruined of any, and the big  
meow. Meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow mew

snake was delayed awhile before he could find a way up the stones.  
meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow

The cloud hid the moon, and as Mowgli wondered what would come  
Mew meow meow meow meow, mew meow Meeeeeow meow meow meow meow

next he heard Bagheera's light feet on the terrace. The Black  
meow meow meow Meeow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow

Panther had raced up the slope almost without a sound and was  
Meeow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow

striking--he knew better than to waste time in biting--right  
meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow

and left among the monkeys, who were seated round Mowgli in  
mew meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow

circles fifty and sixty deep. There was a howl of fright and  
meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow

rage, and then as Bagheera tripped on the rolling kicking bodies  
meow, mew meow meow Meeow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow

beneath him, a monkey shouted: "There is only one here! Kill him!  
meow meow meow, meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow

Kill." A scuffling mass of monkeys, biting, scratching, tearing,  
Meow." M meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow

and pulling, closed over Bagheera, while five or six laid hold of  
mew meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow

Mowgli, dragged him up the wall of the summerhouse and pushed him  
Meeow, meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow

through the hole of the broken dome. A man-trained boy would have

meeeeow mew meow me mew meeeow meow. M mew-meeeeow mew meoow meow

been badly bruised, for the fall was a good fifteen feet, but  
meow meeeow, mew mew meow mew m meow meooooow meow, mew

Mowgli fell as Baloo had taught him to fall, and landed on his  
Meeow meow me Meeow mew meeeow mew me meow, mew meoow me mew

feet.  
meow.

"Stay there," shouted the monkeys, "till we have killed thy  
"Meow meow," meeeow mew meeeow, "meow me meow meoow mew

friends, and later we will play with thee--if the Poison-People  
meooooow, mew meeeow me meow meow meow meow--me mew Meeow-Meeow

leave thee alive."  
meow meow meow."

"We be of one blood, ye and I," said Mowgli, quickly giving  
"Me me me mew meow, me mew M," meow Meeow, meeeow meoow

the Snake's Call. He could hear rustling and hissing in the  
mew Meeow'm Meow. Me meow meow meeeeeow mew meeeow me mew

rubbish all round him and gave the Call a second time, to make  
meooooow mew meow mew mew meow mew Meow m meoow meow, me meow

sure.  
meow.

"Even sso! Down hoods all!" said half a dozen low voices  
"Meow meow! Meow meow mew!" meow meow m meow mew meeeow

(every ruin in India becomes sooner or later a dwelling place of  
(meow meow me Meow meooooow meeeow me meow m meeeeoow meow me

snakes, and the old summerhouse was alive with cobras). "Stand  
meeeow, mew mew mew meooooooooow mew meow meow meeeow). "Meow

still, Little Brother, for thy feet may do us harm."  
meow, Meoow Meooooow, mew mew meow mew me me meow."

Mowgli stood as quietly as he could, peering through the open

Meeoow meoow me meooooow me me meoow, meeeoow meeeoow mew meow

work and listening to the furious din of the fight round the Black  
meow mew meeeooooow me mew meeeoow mew me mew meoow meow mew Meow

Panther--the yells and chatterings and scufflings, and  
Meooooow--mew meow mew meeeeeooooow mew meoooooooow, mew

Bagheera's deep, hoarse cough as he backed and bucked and twisted  
Meeeeeow'm meow, meoow meow me me meeeow mew meeoow mew meooooow

and plunged under the heaps of his enemies. For the first time  
mew meeeoow meoow mew meow me mew meooooow. Mew mew meow meow

since he was born, Bagheera was fighting for his life.  
meow me mew meow, Meeeeeow mew meooooow mew mew meow.

"Baloo must be at hand; Bagheera would not have come alone,"  
"Meoow meow me me meow; Meeooooow meoow mew meow meow meow,"

Mowgli thought. And then he called aloud: "To the tank, Bagheera.  
Meeeeow meeoow. Mew meow me meeeow meow: "Me mew meow, Meooooow.

Roll to the water tanks. Roll and plunge! Get to the water!"  
Meow me mew meoow meow. Meow mew meooooow! Mew me mew meow!"

Bagheera heard, and the cry that told him Mowgli was safe gave  
Meeeeoow meoow, mew mew mew meow meow mew Meeoow mew meow meow

him new courage. He worked his way desperately, inch by inch,  
mew mew meeeeeow. Me meeoow mew mew meeeeeeeoow, meow me meow,

straight for the reservoirs, halting in silence. Then from the  
meeeeeow mew mew meeeeeeeoow, meeeoow me meeeeeow. Meow meow mew

ruined wall nearest the jungle rose up the rumbling war-shout of  
meooooow meow meooooow mew meeoow meow me mew meooooow mew-meeow me

Baloo. The old Bear had done his best, but he could not come  
Meoow. Mew mew Meow mew meow mew meow, mew me meow mew meow

before. "Bagheera," he shouted, "I am here. I climb! I haste!  
meeeow. "Meeeeeow," me meeeeeow, "M me meow. M meoow! M meow!

Ahuwora! The stones slip under my feet! Wait my coming, O most  
Meeeeoow! Mew meeoow meow meow me meow! Meow me meeoow, M meow

infamous Bandar-log!" He panted up the terrace only to disappear  
meeeeeeow Meeoow-mew!" Me meooooow me mew meeeoow meow me meeeeeeeow

to the head in a wave of monkeys, but he threw himself squarely on

me mew meow me m meow me meeeow, mew me meow meeeow meeeow me

his haunches, and, spreading out his forepaws, hugged as many as  
mew meeeow, mew, meeeow mew mew meeeow, meow me meow me

he could hold, and then began to hit with a regular bat-bat-bat,  
me meow meow, mew meow meow me mew meow m meeeow mew-mew-mew,

like the flipping strokes of a paddle wheel. A crash and a splash  
meow mew meeeow meeeow me m meeeow meow. M meow mew m meeeow

told Mowgli that Bagheera had fought his way to the tank where the  
meow Meow meow Meeeow mew meeeow mew mew me mew meow meow mew

monkeys could not follow. The Panther lay gasping for breath, his  
meow meow mew meeeow. Mew Meeeow mew meeeow mew meeeow, mew

head just out of the water, while the monkeys stood three deep on  
meow meow mew me mew meow, meow mew meeeow meow meow meow me

the red steps, dancing up and down with rage, ready to spring upon  
mew mew meow, meeeow me mew meow meow meow, meow me meeeow meow

him from all sides if he came out to help Baloo. It was then that  
mew meow mew meow me me meow mew me meow Meow. Me mew meow meow

Bagheera lifted up his dripping chin, and in despair gave the  
Meeeow meow me mew meeeow meow, mew me meeeow meow mew

Snake's Call for protection--"We be of one blood, ye and I"--  
Meow'm Meow mew meeeow--"Me me me mew meow, me mew M"--

for he believed that Kaa had turned tail at the last minute. Even  
mew me meeeow meow Mew mew meeeow meow me mew meow meeeow. Meow

Baloo, half smothered under the monkeys on the edge of the  
Meow, meow meeeow meow mew meeeow me mew meow me mew

terrace, could not help chuckling as he heard the Black Panther  
meow meow, meow mew meow meeeow me me meow mew Meow Meow

asking for help.  
meow mew meow.

Kaa had only just worked his way over the west wall, landing  
Mew mew meow meow meow mew mew meow mew meow meow, meeeow

with a wrench that dislodged a coping stone into the ditch. He  
meow m meeeow meow meeeow m meeeow meow mew meow. Me

had no intention of losing any advantage of the ground, and coiled  
mew me meeeow me meeeow mew meeeow me mew meeeow, mew meeeow

and uncoiled himself once or twice, to be sure that every foot of

mew meeeoow meeeow meow me meow, me me meow meow meow meow me

his long body was in working order. All that while the fight with  
mew meow meow mew me meeeow meow. Mew meow meow mew meow meow

Baloo went on, and the monkeys yelled in the tank round Bagheera,  
Meeow meow me, mew mew meeeow meeeow me mew meow meow Meeooooow,

and Mang the Bat, flying to and fro, carried the news of the great  
mew Meow mew Mew, meoow me mew mew, meooooow mew meow me mew meow

battle over the jungle, till even Hathi the Wild Elephant  
meeeow meow mew meeeow, meow meow Meow mew Meow Meeooooow

trumpeted, and, far away, scattered bands of the Monkey-Folk woke  
meoooooow, mew, mew meow, meoooooow meow me mew Meeow-Meow meow

and came leaping along the tree-roads to help their comrades in  
mew meow meeeow meow mew meow-meeow me meow meow meooooow me

the Cold Lairs, and the noise of the fight roused all the day  
mew Meow Meeow, mew mew meow me mew meow meeeow mew mew mew

birds for miles round. Then Kaa came straight, quickly, and  
meow mew meow meow. Meow Mew meow meooooow, meeeow, mew

anxious to kill. The fighting strength of a python is in the  
meooooow me meow. Mew meeeoow meeeoow me m meooooow me me mew

driving blow of his head backed by all the strength and weight of  
meeeow meow me mew meow meooooow me mew mew meeeoow mew meeeow me

his body. If you can imagine a lance, or a battering ram, or a  
mew meow. Me mew mew meeeow m meow, me m meeeeoow mew, me m

hammer weighing nearly half a ton driven by a cool, quiet mind  
meeeow meeeoow meeeow meow m mew meeeow me m meow, meow meow

living in the handle of it, you can roughly imagine what Kaa was  
meeeow me mew meooooow me me, mew mew meooooow meeeow meow Mew mew

like when he fought. A python four or five feet long can knock a  
meow meow me meeeow. M meooooow meow me meow meow meow mew meow m

man down if he hits him fairly in the chest, and Kaa was thirty  
mew meow me me meow mew meooooow me mew meow, mew Mew mew meooooow

feet long, as you know. His first stroke was delivered into the  
meow meow, me mew meow. Mew meow meeeow mew meoooooow meow mew

heart of the crowd round Baloo. It was sent home with shut mouth  
meow me mew meow meow Meow. Me mew meow meow meow meow meow

in silence, and there was no need of a second. The monkeys  
me meooooow, mew meow mew me meow me m meeeow. Mew meooooow

scattered with cries of--"Kaa! It is Kaa! Run! Run!"

meeeeeoow meow meow me--"Mew! Me me Mew! Mew! Mew!"

Generations of monkeys had been scared into good behavior by  
Meeeeeeeeow me meeeoow mew meow meoooow meow meow meeeeoow me

the stories their elders told them of Kaa, the night thief, who  
mew meeeoow meow meeoow meow meow me Mew, mew meow meow, mew

could slip along the branches as quietly as moss grows, and steal  
meow meow meow mew meooooow me meooooow me meow meow, mew meow

away the strongest monkey that ever lived; of old Kaa, who could  
meow mew meeeeeoow meeoow meow meow meow; me mew Mew, mew meow

make himself look so like a dead branch or a rotten stump that the  
meow meeeoow meow me meow m meow meeeow me m meeeow meow meow mew

wisest were deceived, till the branch caught them. Kaa was  
meoooow meow meooooow, meow mew meoooow meeoow meow. Mew mew

everything that the monkeys feared in the jungle, for none of them  
meooooooooow meow mew meooooow meeoow me mew meoooow, mew meow me meow

knew the limits of his power, none of them could look him in the  
meow mew meeoow me mew meow, meow me meow meow meow mew me mew

face, and none had ever come alive out of his hug. And so they  
meow, mew meow mew meow meow meow mew me mew mew. Mew me meow

ran, stammering with terror, to the walls and the roofs of the  
mew, meooooooooow meow meeoow, me mew meow mew mew meow me mew

houses, and Baloo drew a deep breath of relief. His fur was much  
meeeoow, mew Meow meow m meow meeoow me meoooow. Mew mew mew meow

thicker than Bagheera's, but he had suffered sorely in the fight.  
meeoow meow Meooooow'm, mew me mew meeeeeoow meoooow me mew meeoow.

Then Kaa opened his mouth for the first time and spoke one long  
Meow Mew meeeow mew meow mew mew meeoow meow mew meow mew meow

hissing word, and the far-away monkeys, hurrying to the defense of  
meoooow meow, mew mew mew-meow meeeoow, meooooooooow me mew meoooow me

the Cold Lairs, stayed where they were, cowering, till the loaded  
mew Meow Meow, meeeow meow meow meow, meeeeeow, meow mew meeeow

branches bent and crackled under them. The monkeys on the walls  
meeeeeow meow mew meeeeeow meeoow meow. Mew meooooow me mew meeoow

and the empty houses stopped their cries, and in the stillness  
mew mew meow meeoow meooooow meeoow meeoow, mew me mew meeeeeeoow

that fell upon the city Mowgli heard Bagheera shaking his wet

meow meow meow mew meow Meeoow meoow Meooooow meeeeow mew mew

sides as he came up from the tank. Then the clamor broke out  
meoow me me meow me meow mew meow. Meow mew meeeeow meoow mew

again. The monkeys leaped higher up the walls. They clung around  
meeow. Mew meeeeow meoow meeeeow me mew meoow. Meow meoow meoow

the necks of the big stone idols and shrieked as they skipped  
mew meoow me mew mew meoow meeeow mew meeeeow me meow meeeeow

along the battlements, while Mowgli, dancing in the summerhouse,  
meoow mew meooooooooow, meeeow Meeoow, meooooow me mew meeeeeeoow,

put his eye to the screenwork and hooted owl-fashion between his  
mew mew mew me mew meeeeeooooow mew meoow mew-meeeeeow meeeeow mew

front teeth, to show his derision and contempt.  
meeow meeeow, me meow mew meooooow mew meeeeow.

"Get the man-cub out of that trap; I can do no more," Bagheera  
"Mew mew mew-mew mew me meow meow; M mew me me meow," Meeeeeow

gasped. "Let us take the man-cub and go. They may attack again."  
meooooow. "Mew me meow mew mew-mew mew me. Meow mew meooooow meeeow."

"They will not move till I order them. Stay you sssso!" Kaa  
"Meow meow mew meow meow M meoow meow. Meow mew meoow!" Mew

hissed, and the city was silent once more. "I could not come  
meooooow, mew mew meow mew meeeeow meow meow. "M meoow mew meow

before, Brother, but I think I heard thee call"--this was to  
meooooow, Meeeoow, mew M meoow M meeeow meow meow"--meow mew me

Bagheera.  
Meeeoow.

"I--I may have cried out in the battle," Bagheera answered.  
"M--M mew meow meeeow mew me mew meooooow," Meeeeeow meeeeow.

"Baloo, art thou hurt?  
"Meoow, mew meow meow?

"I am not sure that they did not pull me into a hundred little

"M me mew meow meow meow mew mew meow me meow m meeeow meeow

bearlings," said Baloo, gravely shaking one leg after the other.  
meeeeeow," meow Meow, meooooow meeeow mew mew meeow mew meow.

"Wow! I am sore. Kaa, we owe thee, I think, our lives--Bagheera  
"Mew! M me meow. Mew, me mew meow, M meow, mew meow--Meeooooow

and I."  
mew M."

"No matter. Where is the manling?"  
"Me meeow. Meeow me mew meooooow?"

"Here, in a trap. I cannot climb out," cried Mowgli. The  
"Meow, me m meow. M meeeow meeow mew," meeow Meeow. Mew

curve of the broken dome was above his head.  
meow me mew meeow meow mew meeow mew meow.

"Take him away. He dances like Mao the Peacock. He will  
"Meow mew meow. Me meeow meow Mew mew Meeeeow. Me meow

crush our young," said the cobras inside.  
meow mew meow," meow mew meeeow meeow.

"Hah!" said Kaa with a chuckle, "he has friends everywhere,  
"Mew!" meow Mew meow m meeeow, "me mew meeeow meeeeeeeow,

this manling. Stand back, manling. And hide you, O Poison  
meow meeeow. Meow meow, meooooow. Mew meow mew, M Meeeeow

People. I break down the wall."  
Meooooow. M meow meow mew meow."

Kaa looked carefully till he found a discolored crack in the  
Mew meeow meeeeoow meow me meow m meeeooooow meeow me mew

marble tracery showing a weak spot, made two or three light taps  
meeeow meeeow meeeow m meow meow, meow mew me meeow meeow meow

with his head to get the distance, and then lifting up six feet of



meow mew meow me mew mew meeeooow, mew meow meeeooow me mew meow me

his body clear of the ground, sent home half a dozen full-power  
mew meow meow me mew meooow, meow meow meow m meooow meow-meow

smashing blows, nose-first. The screen-work broke and fell away  
meeeooow meow, meow-meow. Mew meeeow-meow meow mew meow meow

in a cloud of dust and rubbish, and Mowgli leaped through the  
me m meow me meow mew meooooow, mew Meooow meeeow meeeooow mew

opening and flung himself between Baloo and Bagheera--an arm  
meeeeow mew meow meooooow meeeeow Meeow mew Meeeeooow--me mew

around each big neck.  
meeeow meow mew meow.

"Art thou hurt?" said Baloo, hugging him softly.  
"Mew meow meow?" meow Meooow, meeeeow mew meeeow.

"I am sore, hungry, and not a little bruised. But, oh, they  
"M me meow, meeeow, mew mew m meeeow meeeooow. Mew, me, meow

have handled ye grievously, my Brothers! Ye bleed."  
meow meeeeow me meeeeeooow, me Meeeeooow! Me meow."

"Others also," said Bagheera, licking his lips and looking at  
"Meeeeow meow," meow Meeeeooow, meooooow mew meow mew meeeow me

the monkey-dead on the terrace and round the tank.  
mew meeeow-meow me mew meooooow mew meeeow mew meow.

"It is nothing, it is nothing, if thou art safe, oh, my pride  
"Me me meooooow, me me meeeooow, me meow mew meow, me, me meow

of all little frogs!" whimpered Baloo.  
me mew meeeow meow!" meooooooow Meooow.

"Of that we shall judge later," said Bagheera, in a dry voice  
"Me meow me meeeow meeeow meeeow," meow Meooooow, me m mew meeeow

that Mowgli did not at all like. "But here is Kaa to whom we owe

meow Meooow mew mew me mew meow. "Mew meow me Mew me meow me mew

the battle and thou owest thy life. Thank him according to our  
mew meeeow mew meow meew mew meow. Meeow mew meeeeoow me mew

customs, Mowgli."  
meoooow, Meeow."

Mowgli turned and saw the great Python's head swaying a foot  
Meooow meeeow mew mew mew meooow Meeow'm meow meeeoow m meow

above his own.  
meeow mew mew.

"So this is the manling," said Kaa. "Very soft is his skin,  
"Me meow me mew meoooow," meow Mew. "Meow meow me mew meow,

and he is not unlike the Bandar-log. Have a care, manling, that I  
mew me me mew meooow mew Meooow-mew. Meow m meow, meoooow, meow M

do not mistake thee for a monkey some twilight when I have newly  
me mew meeeow meow mew m meooow meow meeeeeow meow M meow meow

changed my coat."  
meeeoow me meow."

"We be one blood, thou and I," Mowgli answered. "I take my  
"Me me mew meow, meow mew M," Meeow meeeeeow. "M meow me

life from thee tonight. My kill shall be thy kill if ever thou  
meow meow meow meeeow. Me meow meow me mew meow me meow meow

art hungry, O Kaa."  
mew meooow, M Mew."

"All thanks, Little Brother," said Kaa, though his eyes  
"Mew meooow, Meooow Meeooow," meow Mew, meeoow mew meow

twinkled. "And what may so bold a hunter kill? I ask that I may  
meeeeoow. "Mew meow mew me meow m meeoow meow? M mew meow M mew

follow when next he goes abroad."  
meeeow meow meow me meow meeeow."

"I kill nothing,--I am too little,--but I drive goats

"M meow meeeoow,--M me mew meeeow,--mew M meoow meew

toward such as can use them. When thou art empty come to me and meeoow meow me mew mew meow. Meow meow mew meeoow meow me me mew

see if I speak the truth. I have some skill in these [he held out mew me M meeoow mew meeoow. M meow meow meoow me meoow [me meow mew

his hands], and if ever thou art in a trap, I may pay the debt mew meoow], mew me meow meow mew me m meow, M mew mew mew meow

which I owe to thee, to Bagheera, and to Baloo, here. Good meoow M mew me meow, me Meeeeoow, mew me Meoow, meow. Meow

hunting to ye all, my masters."  
meeeoow me me mew, me meeeoow."

"Well said," growled Baloo, for Mowgli had returned thanks  
"Meow meow," meeeoow Meeow, mew Meeoow mew meeeoow meoow

very prettily. The Python dropped his head lightly for a minute meow meooooow. Mew Meeeoow meooooow mew meow meeeoow mew m meeeow

on Mowgli's shoulder. "A brave heart and a courteous tongue,"  
me Meeeoow'm meeeoow. "M meeoow meoow mew m meeeooooow meoow,"

said he. "They shall carry thee far through the jungle, manling.  
meow me. "Meow meeoow meoow meow mew meeeoow mew meoow, meeoow.

But now go hence quickly with thy friends. Go and sleep, for the Mew mew me meeoow meeeoow meow mew meeeeoow. Me mew meoow, mew mew

moon sets, and what follows it is not well that thou shouldst meow meow, mew meow meeeoow me me mew meow meow meow meeeoow

see."  
mew."

The moon was sinking behind the hills and the lines of  
Mew meow mew meooooow meoow mew meoow mew mew meoow me

trembling monkeys huddled together on the walls and battlements meeeooooow meeoow meeeeoow meeeeoow me mew meoow mew meeeeeeeeoow

looked like ragged shaky fringes of things. Baloo went down to meeoow meow meeoow meoow meeeoow me meeeow. Meeow meow meow me

the tank for a drink and Bagheera began to put his fur in order, mew meow mew m meoow mew Meeeeeoow meoow me mew mew mew me meeoow,

as Kaa glided out into the center of the terrace and brought his

me Mew meeeow mew meow mew meeeow me mew meeoow mew meeeow mew

jaws together with a ringing snap that drew all the monkeys' eyes  
meow meooooow meow m meeeow meow meow meow mew mew meooooow' meow

upon him.  
meow mew.

"The moon sets," he said. "Is there yet light enough to see?"  
"Mew meow meow," me meow. "Me meow mew meow meeeow me mew?"

From the walls came a moan like the wind in the tree-tops--  
Meow mew meeeow meow m meow meow mew meow me mew meow-meow--

"We see, O Kaa."  
"Me mew, M Mew."

"Good. Begins now the dance--the Dance of the Hunger of  
"Meow. Meeow mew mew meeeow--mew Meow me mew Meeow me

Kaa. Sit still and watch."  
Mew. Mew meeeow mew meow."

He turned twice or thrice in a big circle, weaving his head  
Me meeeow meow me meeeow me m mew meeeow, meeeow mew meow

from right to left. Then he began making loops and figures of  
meow meeeow me meow. Meow me meow meeeow meow mew meeeow me

eight with his body, and soft, oozy triangles that melted into  
meow meow mew meow, mew meow, meow meeoow meow meow meow

squares and five-sided figures, and coiled mounds, never resting,  
meeeow mew meow-meow meeeow, mew meeeow meeeow, meow meeeow,

never hurrying, and never stopping his low humming song. It grew  
meow meeoow, mew meow meeeow mew mew meeoow meow. Me meow

darker and darker, till at last the dragging, shifting coils  
meow mew meeeow, meow me meow mew meooooow, meeeow meow

disappeared, but they could hear the rustle of the scales.  
meeeeeeow, mew meow meeeow meow mew meow me mew meeeow.

Baloo and Bagheera stood still as stone, growling in their

Meow mew Meeeeeow meeow meow me meow, meooooow me meow

throats, their neck hair bristling, and Mowgli watched and meooooow, meeow meow meow meeeeoow, mew Meeow meeeow mew

wondered.  
meeeeow.

"Bandar-log," said the voice of Kaa at last, "can ye stir foot  
"Meeow-mew," meow mew meeow me Mew me meow, "mew me meow meow

or hand without my order? Speak!"  
me meow meeeow me meeow? Meeow!"

"Without thy order we cannot stir foot or hand, O Kaa!"  
"Meeoow mew meeow me meeow meow meow me meow, M Mew!"

"Good! Come all one pace nearer to me."  
"Meow! Meow mew mew meow meeeow me me."

The lines of the monkeys swayed forward helplessly, and Baloo  
Mew meow me mew meeoow meeoow meeeow meeeeeeeow, mew Meeow

and Bagheera took one stiff step forward with them.  
mew Meeeoow meow mew meow meow meooooow meow meow.

"Nearer!" hissed Kaa, and they all moved again.  
"Meeoow!" meeeow Mew, mew meow mew meow meow.

Mowgli laid his hands on Baloo and Bagheera to get them away,  
Meeow meow mew meeow me Meeow mew Meeeoow me mew meow meow,

and the two great beasts started as though they had been waked  
mew mew mew meeow meeeow meeeow me meeeow meow mew meow meow

from a dream.  
meow m meow.

"Keep thy hand on my shoulder," Bagheera whispered. "Keep it

"Meow mew meow me me meeeeeeow," Meeeeeow meeoowooow. "Meow me

there, or I must go back--must go back to Kaa. Aah!"  
meow, me M meow me meow--meow me meow me Mew. Mew!"

"It is only old Kaa making circles on the dust," said Mowgli.  
"Me me meow mew Mew meeoow meeeeeeow me mew meow," meow Meeoow.

"Let us go." And the three slipped off through a gap in the walls  
"Mew me me." Mew mew meoow meoowoo mew meeeeoow m mew me mew meow

to the jungle.  
me mew meeoow.

"Whoof!" said Baloo, when he stood under the still trees  
"Meoow!" meow Meeow, meow me meoow meoow mew meeoow meeoow

again. "Never more will I make an ally of Kaa," and he shook  
meoow. "Meoow meow meow M meow me meow me Mew," mew me meoow

himself all over.  
meeoow mew meow.

"He knows more than we," said Bagheera, trembling. "In a  
"Me meeoow meow meow me," meow Meeeeeow, meeeeeeow. "Me m

little time, had I stayed, I should have walked down his throat."  
meeoow meow, mew M meeeow, M meeeow meow meeeow meow mew meoow."

"Many will walk by that road before the moon rises again,"  
"Meow meow meow me meow meow meeeow mew meow meeoow meeoow,"

said Baloo. "He will have good hunting--after his own fashion."  
meow Meeow. "Me meow meow meow meeoow--meoow mew mew meeeeeeow."

"But what was the meaning of it all?" said Mowgli, who did not  
"Mew meow mew mew meeeeeeow me me mew?" meow Meeoow, mew mew mew

know anything of a python's powers of fascination. "I saw no more  
meow meeeeeeow me m meoow'm meeoow me meeeeoowooow. "M mew me meow

than a big snake making foolish circles till the dark came. And

meow m mew meoww meeoow meeooww meeooww meow mew meow meow. Mew

his nose was all sore. Ho! Ho!"  
mew meow mew mew meow. Me! Me!"

"Mowgli," said Bagheera angrily, "his nose was sore on thy  
"Meoow," mew Meooooow meooooow, "mew meow mew meow me mew

account, as my ears and sides and paws, and Baloo's neck and  
meooooow, me me meow mew meow mew meow, mew Meeow'm meow mew

shoulders are bitten on thy account. Neither Baloo nor Bagheera  
meooooow mew meeoow me mew meeeow. Meeeoow Meeow mew Meeeeeow

will be able to hunt with pleasure for many days."  
meow me meow me meow meow meooooow mew meow meow."

"It is nothing," said Baloo; "we have the man-cub again."  
"Me me meeeow," mew Meeow; "me meow mew mew-mew meow."

"True, but he has cost us heavily in time which might have  
"Meow, mew me mew meow me meeoow me meow meow meow meow

been spent in good hunting, in wounds, in hair--I am half  
meow meow me meow meooooow, me meooooow, me meow--M me meow

plucked along my back--and last of all, in honor. For,  
meeeow meow me meow--mew meow me mew, me meow. Mew,

remember, Mowgli, I, who am the Black Panther, was forced to call  
meooooow, Meeow, M, mew me mew Meow Meooooow, mew meeoow me meow

upon Kaa for protection, and Baloo and I were both made stupid as  
meow Mew mew meeeeoow, mew Meeow mew M meow meow meow meeeow me

little birds by the Hunger Dance. All this, man-cub, came of thy  
meeoow meow me mew Meeow Meeow. Mew meow, mew-mew, meow me mew

playing with the Bandar-log."  
meeeow meow mew Meeow-mew."

"True, it is true," said Mowgli sorrowfully. "I am an evil  
"Meow, me me meow," mew Meeow meeeeoow. "M me me meow

man-cub, and my stomach is sad in me."

mew-mew, mew me meooooow me mew me me."

"Mf! What says the Law of the Jungle, Baloo?"

"Me! Meow meow mew Mew me mew Meeoow, Meeow?"

Baloo did not wish to bring Mowgli into any more trouble, but Meow mew mew meow me meoow Meoow meow mew meow meeoow, mew

he could not tamper with the Law, so he mumbled: "Sorrow never me meow mew meeoow meow mew Mew, me me meeoow: "Meeow meow

stays punishment. But remember, Bagheera, he is very little." meow meeeooooow. Mew meeeeeeow, Meeooooow, me me meow meeoow."

"I will remember. But he has done mischief, and blows must be

"M meow meeeeeeow. Mew me mew meow meeeeeeow, mew meow meow me

dealt now. Mowgli, hast thou anything to say?"

meow mew. Meoow, meow meow meooooow me mew?"

"Nothing. I did wrong. Baloo and thou are wounded. It is

"Meeoow. M mew meow. Meeow mew meow mew meeeeow. Me me

just."

meow."

Bagheera gave him half a dozen love-taps from a panther's

Meeeoow meow mew meow m meow meow-meow meow m meooooow'm

point of view (they would hardly have waked one of his own cubs),

meow me meow (meow meow meeeow meow meow mew me mew mew meow),

but for a seven-year-old boy they amounted to as severe a beating

mew mew m meow-meow-mew mew meow meooooow me me meeeow m meeeeow

as you could wish to avoid. When it was all over Mowgli sneezed,

me mew meow meow me meoow. Meow me mew mew meow Meeoow meeeoow,

and picked himself up without a word.

mew meeeow meeeeeeow me meeeeeeow m meow.

"Now," said Bagheera, "jump on my back, Little Brother, and we



"Mew," meow Meooooow, "meow me me meow, Meeoow Meooooow, mew me  
will go home."  
meow me meow."

One of the beauties of Jungle Law is that punishment settles  
Mew me mew meeeeoow me Meooow Mew me meow meeeeeeoow meeoow

all scores. There is no nagging afterward.  
mew meeeow. Meeow me me meeoow meeeeeeoow.

Mowgli laid his head down on Bagheera's back and slept so  
Meeoow meow mew meow meow me Meooooow'm meow mew meoow me

deeply that he never waked when he was put down in the home-cave.  
meeoow meow me meoow meeoow meow me mew mew meow me mew meow-meow.

Road-Song of the Bandar-Log  
Meow-Meow me mew Meeoow-Mew

Here we go in a flung festoon,  
Meow me me me m meeoow meeeeoow,

Half-way up to the jealous moon!  
Meow-mew me me mew meeeeoow meow!

Don't you envy our pranceful bands?  
Mew'm mew meow mew meeeeeeow meoow?

Don't you wish you had extra hands?  
Mew'm mew meow mew mew meoow meoow?

Wouldn't you like if your tails were--so--  
Meeoow'm mew meow me meow meoow meow--me--

Curved in the shape of a Cupid's bow?  
Meooow me mew meoow me m Meeow'm mew?

Now you're angry, but--never mind,  
Mew mew'me meeoow, mew--meoow meow,

Brother, thy tail hangs down behind!

Meooooow, mew meow meeow meow meeeow!

Here we sit in a branchy row,  
Meow me mew me m meooooow mew,

Thinking of beautiful things we know;  
Meeeeeow me meeeeeeeow meooow me meow;

Dreaming of deeds that we mean to do,  
Meeeeeow me meoow meow me meow me me,

All complete, in a minute or two--  
Mew meeeeoow, me m meooow me mew--

Something noble and wise and good,  
Meeeoow meoow mew meow mew meow,

Done by merely wishing we could.  
Meow me meeoow meeoow me meow.

We've forgotten, but--never mind,  
Me'me meeeeoow, mew--meeow meow,

Brother, thy tail hangs down behind!  
Meeeoow, mew meow meeow meow meooow!

All the talk we ever have heard  
Mew mew meow me meow meow meeow

Uttered by bat or beast or bird--  
Meeeeeow me mew me meeow me meow--

Hide or fin or scale or feather--  
Meow me mew me meeow me meeeoow--

Jabber it quickly and all together!  
Meeoow me meeoow mew mew meeeeoow!

Excellent! Wonderful! Once again!  
Meooooow! Meooooow! Meow meeow!

Now we are talking just like men!  
Mew me mew meeeeoow meow meow mew!

Let's pretend we are ... never mind,  
Mew'm meeeeoow me mew ... meeow meow,

Brother, thy tail hangs down behind!

Meeeoow, mew meow meoow meow meeoow!

This is the way of the Monkey-kind.  
Meow me mew mew me mew Meeeoow-meow.

Then join our leaping lines that scumfish through the pines,  
Meow meow mew meeoow meow meow meeeeoow meeeow mew meow,

That rocket by where, light and high, the wild grape swings.  
Meow meeeow me meow, meow mew meow, mew meow meow meoow.

By the rubbish in our wake, and the noble noise we make,  
Me mew meoooow me mew meow, mew mew meoow meow me meow,

Be sure, be sure, we're going to do some splendid things!  
Me meow, me meow, me'me meoow me me meow meeeeoow meeoow!

"Tiger! Tiger!"  
"Meeow! Meeow!"

What of the hunting, hunter bold?  
Meow me mew meoooow, meeeow meow?

Brother, the watch was long and cold.  
Meeeoow, mew meow mew meow mew meow.

What of the quarry ye went to kill?  
Meow me mew meeeow me meow me meow?

Brother, he crops in the jungle still.  
Meeoooow, me meoow me mew meoooow meoow.

Where is the power that made your pride?  
Meoow me mew meeoow meow meow meow meeoow?

Brother, it ebbs from my flank and side.  
Meoooow, me meow meow me meoow mew meow.

Where is the haste that ye hurry by?  
Meoow me mew meoow meow me meoow me?

Brother, I go to my lair--to die.  
Meeoooow, M me me me meow--me mew.

Now we must go back to the first tale. When Mowgli left the

Mew me meow me meow me mew meow meow. Meow Meowow meow mew

wolf's cave after the fight with the Pack at the Council Rock, he meow'm meow meow mew meow meow mew Meow me mew Meeowow Meow, me

went down to the plowed lands where the villagers lived, but he meow meow me mew meowow meow meow mew meowowow meow, mew me

would not stop there because it was too near to the jungle, and he meow mew meow meow meowow me mew mew meow me mew meowow, mew me

knew that he had made at least one bad enemy at the Council. So meow meow me mew meow me meow mew mew meow me mew Meeowow. Me

he hurried on, keeping to the rough road that ran down the valley, me meowow me, meowow me mew meow meow meow mew meow mew meowow,

and followed it at a steady jog-trot for nearly twenty miles, till mew meowowow me me m meowow mew-meow mew meowow meowow meow, meow

he came to a country that he did not know. The valley opened out me meow me m meowow meow me mew mew meow. Mew meowow meowow mew

into a great plain dotted over with rocks and cut up by ravines. meow m meowow meowow meowow meow meow meow mew mew me me meowow.

At one end stood a little village, and at the other the thick Me mew mew meow m meowow meowow, mew me mew meow mew meow

jungle came down in a sweep to the grazing-grounds, and stopped meowow meow meow me m meow me mew meowow-meowow, mew meowow

there as though it had been cut off with a hoe. All over the meow me meowow me mew meow mew mew meow m mew. Mew meow mew

plain, cattle and buffaloes were grazing, and when the little boys meow, meowow mew meowowow meow meowowow, mew meow mew meowow meow

in charge of the herds saw Mowgli they shouted and ran away, and me meowow me mew meow mew Meowow meow meowow mew mew meow, mew

the yellow pariah dogs that hang about every Indian village mew meowow meowow meow meow meow meow meow Meeow meowow

barked. Mowgli walked on, for he was feeling hungry, and when he meowow. Meeow meowow me, mew me mew meowow meowow, mew meow me

came to the village gate he saw the big thorn-bush that was drawn meow me mew meowow meow me mew mew mew meow-meow meow mew meow

up before the gate at twilight, pushed to one side. me meowow mew meow me meowowow, meowow me mew meow.

"Umph!" he said, for he had come across more than one such

"Meow!" me meow, mew me mew meow meeoow meow meow mew meow

barricade in his night rambles after things to eat. "So men are meeeooooow me mew meoow meeeoow meeoow meoow me mew. "Me mew mew

afraid of the People of the Jungle here also." He sat down by the meeoow me mew Meoow me mew Meeow meow meow." Me mew meow me mew

gate, and when a man came out he stood up, opened his mouth, and meow, mew meow m mew meow mew me meoow me, meeoow mew meow, mew

pointed down it to show that he wanted food. The man stared, and meooooow meow me me meow meow me meeoow meow. Mew mew meoow, mew

ran back up the one street of the village shouting for the priest, mew meow me mew mew meeoow me mew meeoow meeeooooow mew mew meoow,

who was a big, fat man dressed in white, with a red and yellow mew mew m mew, mew mew meeeow me meoow, meow m mew mew meeeow

mark on his forehead. The priest came to the gate, and with him meow me mew meeeeoow. Mew meeoow meow me mew meow, mew meow mew

at least a hundred people, who stared and talked and shouted and me meeoow m meeeeoow meoow, mew meeeow mew meeeow mew meeoow mew

pointed at Mowgli.  
meeoow me Meoow.

"They have no manners, these Men Folk," said Mowgli to  
"Meow meow me meeeoow, meoow Mew Meow," meow Meeow me

himself. "Only the gray ape would behave as they do." So he meeeeoow. "Meow mew meow mew meeoow meeoow me meow me." Me me

threw back his long hair and frowned at the crowd.  
meoow meow mew meow meow mew meeeeoow me mew meoow.

"What is there to be afraid of?" said the priest. "Look at  
"Meow me meeoow me me meeoow me?" meow mew meoow. "Meow me

the marks on his arms and legs. They are the bites of wolves. He mew meoow me mew meow mew meow. Meow mew mew meeoow me meeeow. Me

is but a wolf-child run away from the jungle."  
me mew m meow-meoow mew meow meow mew meeoow."

Of course, in playing together, the cubs had often nipped

Me meooow, me meeeow meeeooow, mew meow mew meow meooow

Mowgli harder than they intended, and there were white scars all  
Meeow meooow meow meow meeeooow, mew meow meow meow meow mew

over his arms and legs. But he would have been the last person in  
meow mew meow mew meow. Mew me meow meow meow mew meow meeeow me

the world to call these bites, for he knew what real biting meant.  
mew meow me meow meow meow, mew me meow meow meow meooow meow.

"Arre! Arre!" said two or three women together. "To be bitten  
"Meow! Meow!" meow mew me meow meow meeeew. "Me me meooow

by wolves, poor child! He is a handsome boy. He has eyes like  
me meooow, meow meow! Me me m meeeooow mew. Me mew meow meow

red fire. By my honor, Messua, he is not unlike thy boy that was  
mew meow. Me me meow, Meeow, me me mew meooow mew mew meow mew

taken by the tiger."  
meeow me mew meow."

"Let me look," said a woman with heavy copper rings on her  
"Mew me meow," meow m meow meow meow meooow meow me mew

wrists and ankles, and she peered at Mowgli under the palm of her  
meooow mew meeeow, mew mew meeeow me Meooow meow mew meow me mew

hand. "Indeed he is not. He is thinner, but he has the very look  
meow. "Meeow me me mew. Me me meeeow, mew me mew mew meow meow

of my boy."  
me me mew."

The priest was a clever man, and he knew that Messua was wife  
Mew meooow mew m meooow mew, mew me meow meow Meeow mew meow

to the richest villager in the place. So he looked up at the sky  
me mew meeeooow meooooow me mew meow. Me me meooow me me mew mew

for a minute and said solemnly: "What the jungle has taken the  
mew m meooow mew meow meeeooow: "Meow mew meeeow mew meow mew

jungle has restored. Take the boy into thy house, my sister, and  
meeow mew meeeooow. Meow mew mew meow mew meow, me meooow, mew

forget not to honor the priest who sees so far into the lives of

meooow mew me meow mew meooow mew meow me mew meow mew meow me

men."

mew."

"By the Bull that bought me," said Mowgli to himself, "but all  
"Me mew Meow meow meooow me," meow Meeoow me meooow, "mew mew

this talking is like another looking-over by the Pack! Well, if I  
meow meeeow me meow meeeow meeeow-meow me mew Meow! Meow, me M

am a man, a man I must become."  
me m mew, m mew M meow meooow."

The crowd parted as the woman beckoned Mowgli to her hut,  
Mew meow meeeow me mew meow meeeow Meooow me mew mew,

where there was a red lacquered bedstead, a great earthen grain  
meow meow mew m mew meeeooow meeeooow, m meow meeeow meow

chest with funny raised patterns on it, half a dozen copper  
meow meow meow meeeow meeeow me me, meow m meow meeeow

cooking pots, an image of a Hindu god in a little alcove, and on  
meeeow meow, me meow me m Meeow mew me m meeeow meeeow, mew me

the wall a real looking glass, such as they sell at the country  
mew meow m meow meeeow meow, meow me meow meow me mew meeeow

fairs.  
meow.

She gave him a long drink of milk and some bread, and then she  
Mew meow mew m meow meow me meow mew meow meow, mew meow mew

laid her hand on his head and looked into his eyes; for she  
meow mew meow me mew meow mew meooow meow mew meow; mew mew

thought perhaps that he might be her real son come back from the  
meooow meooow meow me meow me mew meow mew meow meow mew

jungle where the tiger had taken him. So she said, "Nathoo, O  
meooow meow mew meow mew meow mew. Me mew meow, "Meeoow, M

Nathoo!" Mowgli did not show that he knew the name. "Dost thou  
Meeoow!" Meeoow mew mew meow meow me meow mew meow. "Meow meow

not remember the day when I gave thee thy new shoes?" She touched

mew meeeooow mew mew meow M meow meow mew mew meooow?" Mew meeeeow

his foot, and it was almost as hard as horn. "No," she said  
mew meow, mew me mew meeeow me meow me meow. "Me," mew meow

sorrowfully, "those feet have never worn shoes, but thou art very  
meooooooooow, "meow meow meow meeeow meow meeeow, mew meow mew meow

like my Nathoo, and thou shalt be my son."  
meow me Meooow, mew meow meeeow me me mew."

Mowgli was uneasy, because he had never been under a roof  
Meeoow mew meeeow, meeeeow me mew meeeow meow meeeow m meow

before. But as he looked at the thatch, he saw that he could tear  
meooow. Mew me me meooow me mew meeeow, me mew meow me meooow meow

it out any time if he wanted to get away, and that the window had  
me mew mew meow me me meeeow me mew meow, mew meow mew meooow mew

no fastenings. "What is the good of a man," he said to himself at  
me meooooooooow. "Meow me mew meow me m mew," me meow me meooow me

last, "if he does not understand man's talk? Now I am as silly  
meow, "me me meow mew meeeooooooooow mew'm meow? Mew M me me meeeow

and dumb as a man would be with us in the jungle. I must speak  
mew meow me m mew meooow me meow me me mew meooow. M meow meow

their talk."  
meeeow meow."

It was not for fun that he had learned while he was with the  
Me mew mew mew mew meow me mew meooooooooow meow me mew meow mew

wolves to imitate the challenge of bucks in the jungle and the  
meooow me meeeoow mew meeeeeeeow me meeeow me mew meeeow mew mew

grunt of the little wild pig. So, as soon as Messua pronounced a  
meow me mew meooow meow mew. Me, me meow me Meooow meeeooooooooow m

word Mowgli would imitate it almost perfectly, and before dark he  
meow Meeoow meeeow meeeooow me meeeow meeeooooow, mew meeeow meow me

had learned the names of many things in the hut.  
mew meooooooooow mew meeeow me meow meeeow me mew mew.

There was a difficulty at bedtime, because Mowgli would not



Meow mew m meeeeeeeow me meeeow, meooooow Meeow meow mew

sleep under anything that looked so like a panther trap as that  
meow meow meeeow meow meeeow me meow m meooooow meow me meow

hut, and when they shut the door he went through the window.  
mew, mew meow meow meow mew meow me meow meeeow mew meeeow.

"Give him his will," said Messua's husband. "Remember he can  
"Meow mew mew meow," meow Meeow'm meeeow. "Meeeeow me mew

never till now have slept on a bed. If he is indeed sent in the  
meow meow mew meow meeeow me m mew. Me me me meeeow meow me mew

place of our son he will not run away."  
meow me mew mew me meow mew mew meow."

So Mowgli stretched himself in some long, clean grass at the  
Me Meeow meeeeeow meeeow me meow meow, meeeow meow me mew

edge of the field, but before he had closed his eyes a soft gray  
meow me mew meeeow, mew meeeow me mew meeeow mew meow m meow meow

nose poked him under the chin.  
meow meeeow mew meeeow mew meow.

"Phew!" said Gray Brother (he was the eldest of Mother Wolf's  
"Meow!" meow Meow Meooooow (me mew mew meeeow me Meeow Meow'm

cubs). "This is a poor reward for following thee twenty miles.  
meow). "Meow me m meow meeeow mew meooooow meow meeeow meeeow.

Thou smelliest of wood smoke and cattle--altogether like a man  
Meow meeeeeow me meow meeeow mew meeeow--meeeooooow meow m mew

already. Wake, Little Brother; I bring news."  
meeeow. Meow, Meeow Meooooow; M meow meow."

"Are all well in the jungle?" said Mowgli, hugging him.  
"Mew mew meow me mew meeeow?" meow Meeeow, meeeow mew.

"All except the wolves that were burned with the Red Flower.  
"Mew meeeow mew meeeow meow meow meeeow meow mew Mew Meeow.

Now, listen. Shere Khan has gone away to hunt far off till his

Mew, meeeow. Meeow Meow mew meow meow me meow mew mew meow mew

coat grows again, for he is badly singed. When he returns he  
meow meoow meoow, mew me me meeeow meeoow. Meow me meooooow me

swears that he will lay thy bones in the Waingunga."  
meeeow meow me meow mew mew meoow me mew Meeeeeoow."

"There are two words to that. I also have made a little  
"Meoow mew mew meoow me meow. M meow meow meow m meeeow

promise. But news is always good. I am tired to-night,--very  
meooooow. Mew meow me meeeow meow. M me meeeow me-meow,--meow

tired with new things, Gray Brother,--but bring me the news  
meeow meow mew meooooow, Meow Meeeeow,--mew meoow me mew meow

always."  
meeeow."

"Thou wilt not forget that thou art a wolf? Men will not make  
"Meow meow mew meeeow meow meow mew m meow? Mew meow mew meow

thee forget?" said Gray Brother anxiously.  
meow meeeow?" meow Meow Meeeeow meeeooooow.

"Never. I will always remember that I love thee and all in  
"Meoow. M meow meooooow meooooow meow M meow meow mew mew me

our cave. But also I will always remember that I have been cast  
mew meow. Mew meow M meow meeoow meeoow meow M meow meow meow

out of the Pack."  
mew me mew Meow."

"And that thou mayest be cast out of another pack. Men are  
"Mew meow meow meeoow me meow mew me meooooow meow. Mew mew

only men, Little Brother, and their talk is like the talk of frogs  
meow mew, Meeoow Meooooow, mew meoow meow me meow mew meow me meow

in a pond. When I come down here again, I will wait for thee in  
me m meow. Meow M meow meow meow meoow, M meow meow mew meow me

the bamboos at the edge of the grazing-ground."

mew meooooow me mew meow me mew meooooow-meeeeow."

For three months after that night Mowgli hardly ever left the  
Mew meow meeoow meow meow meow Meeoow meeeow meow meow mew

village gate, he was so busy learning the ways and customs of men.  
meooooow meow, me mew me meow meeeeeow mew meow mew meeeeeow me mew.

First he had to wear a cloth round him, which annoyed him  
Meoow me mew me meow m meeoow meoow mew, meeoow meeeeeow mew

horribly; and then he had to learn about money, which he did not  
meeeeeow; mew meow me mew me meoow meoow meoow, meoow me mew mew

in the least understand, and about plowing, of which he did not  
me mew meeoow meeeeeeoow, mew meoow meeeeeow, me meeoow me mew mew

see the use. Then the little children in the village made him  
mew mew mew. Meow mew meooooow meeeeeoow me mew meeeeeow meow mew

very angry. Luckily, the Law of the Jungle had taught him to keep  
meow meoow. Meeeoow, mew Mew me mew Meeoow mew meeoow mew me meow

his temper, for in the jungle life and food depend on keeping your  
mew meeoow, mew me mew meooooow meow mew meow meooooow me meooooow meow

temper; but when they made fun of him because he would not play  
meooooow; mew meow meow meow mew me mew meeeeeow me meoow mew meow

games or fly kites, or because he mispronounced some word, only  
meeoow me mew meoow, me meeoow me meooooooooooooow meow meow, meow

the knowledge that it was unsportsmanlike to kill little naked  
mew meeeeeooooow meow me mew meeeeeeeeeoooooow me meow meeeow meoow

cubs kept him from picking them up and breaking them in two.  
meow meow mew meow meeeeoow meow me mew meeoooooow meow me mew.

He did not know his own strength in the least. In the jungle  
Me mew mew meow mew mew meooooow me mew meoow. Me mew meeeow

he knew he was weak compared with the beasts, but in the village  
me meow me mew meow meooooow meow mew meooooow, mew me mew meeeeeow

people said that he was as strong as a bull.  
meooooow meow meow me mew me meooooow me m meow.

And Mowgli had not the faintest idea of the difference that

Mew Meeoow mew mew mew meeeooow meow me mew meeeeeooow meow

caste makes between man and man. When the potter's donkey slipped  
meeow meeow meeeow mew mew mew. Meow mew meooow'm meooow meeeow

in the clay pit, Mowgli hauled it out by the tail, and helped to  
me mew meow mew, Meeoow meeeow me mew me mew meow, mew meooow me

stack the pots for their journey to the market at Khanhiwara.  
meeow mew meow mew meeeow meeeow me mew meeeow me Meeooooow.

That was very shocking, too, for the potter is a low-caste man,  
Meow mew meow meeeooow, mew, mew mew meeoow me m mew-meow mew,

and his donkey is worse. When the priest scolded him, Mowgli  
mew mew meooow me meeeow. Meow mew meooow meooooow mew, Meeow

threatened to put him on the donkey too, and the priest told  
meooooooow me mew mew me mew meeeow mew, mew mew meeeow meow

Messua's husband that Mowgli had better be set to work as soon as  
Meooow'm meooow meow Meeoow mew meeeow me mew me meow me meow me

possible; and the village head-man told Mowgli that he would have  
meooooow; mew mew meeeooow meow-mew meow Meeow meow me meow meow

to go out with the buffaloes next day, and herd them while they  
me me mew meow mew meooooooow meow mew, mew meow meow meeeow meow

grazed. No one was more pleased than Mowgli; and that night,  
meeeow. Me mew mew meow meeeooow meow Meeoow; mew meow meow,

because he had been appointed a servant of the village, as it  
meeeooow me mew meow meeeeeooow m meeoow me mew meeeow, me me

were, he went off to a circle that met every evening on a masonry  
meow, me meow mew me m meooow meow mew meow meeeow me m meooooow

platform under a great fig-tree. It was the village club, and the  
meeeooow meow m meow mew-meow. Me mew mew meeoow meow, mew mew

head-man and the watchman and the barber, who knew all the gossip  
meow-mew mew mew meeeeeow mew mew meeeow, mew meow mew mew meeeow

of the village, and old Buldeo, the village hunter, who had a  
me mew meeoow, mew mew Meeoow, mew meooooow meeeow, mew mew m

Tower musket, met and smoked. The monkeys sat and talked in the  
Meeow meeeow, mew mew meooow. Mew meeeow mew mew meeoow me mew

upper branches, and there was a hole under the platform where a  
meeow meeeooow, mew meow mew m meow meow mew meeeeeow meow m

cobra lived, and he had his little platter of milk every night  
meeow meow, mew me mew mew meeoow meeoow me meow meow meow

because he was sacred; and the old men sat around the tree and

meooooow me mew meooooow; mew mew mew mew mew meooooow mew meow mew

talked, and pulled at the big hugas (the water-pipes) till far  
meeoow, mew meeoow me mew mew meoow (mew meeow-meoow) meow mew

into the night. They told wonderful tales of gods and men and  
meow mew meoow. Meow meow meeeeeeeow meeoow me meow mew mew mew

ghosts; and Buldeo told even more wonderful ones of the ways of  
meeeoow; mew Meeeoow meow meow meow meeeeeooooow meow me mew meow me

beasts in the jungle, till the eyes of the children sitting  
meeoow me mew meooooow, meow mew meow me mew meooooow meeeeoow

outside the circle bulged out of their heads. Most of the tales  
meeeeoow mew meooooow meooooow mew me meoow meoow. Meow me mew meeoow

were about animals, for the jungle was always at their door. The  
meow meoow meooooow, mew mew meooooow mew meeeeoow me meoow meow. Mew

deer and the wild pig grubbed up their crops, and now and again  
meow mew mew meow mew meeeeoow me meeoow meoow, mew mew mew meoow

the tiger carried off a man at twilight, within sight of the  
mew meoow meeeooooow mew m mew me meeeooooow, meooooow meoow me mew

village gates.  
meeeooooow meoow.

Mowgli, who naturally knew something about what they were  
Meooooow, mew meeeeeeeeoow meow meeeeeooooow meoow meow meow meow

talking of, had to cover his face not to show that he was  
meeeeoow me, mew me meeoow mew meow mew me meow meow me mew

laughing, while Buldeo, the Tower musket across his knees, climbed  
meoooooow, meeoow Meeoow, mew Meeow meooooow meooooow mew meeoow, meeeeoow

on from one wonderful story to another, and Mowgli's shoulders  
me meow mew meeeooooow meoow me meeeeoow, mew Meooooow'm meeeeeooooow

shook.  
meeow.

Buldeo was explaining how the tiger that had carried away  
Meeoow mew meeeeeooooow mew mew meoow meow mew meeeeoow meow

Messua's son was a ghost-tiger, and his body was inhabited by the  
Meeoow'm mew mew m meoow-meeow, mew mew meow mew meooooooooow me mew

ghost of a wicked, old money-lender, who had died some years ago.

meow me m meoow, mew meow-meoow, mew mew meow meow meow mew.

"And I know that this is true," he said, "because Purun Dass  
"Mew M meow meow meow me meow," me meow, "meeeow Meeow Meow

always limped from the blow that he got in a riot when his account  
meeeow meeoow meow mew meow meow me mew me m meow meow mew meeeow

books were burned, and the tiger that I speak of he limps, too,  
meow meow meoow, mew mew meeoow meow M meoow me me meoow, mew,

for the tracks of his pads are unequal."  
mew mew meeeow me mew meow mew meeeow."

"True, true, that must be the truth," said the gray-beards,  
"Meow, meow, meow meow me mew meow," meow mew meow-meow,

nodding together.  
meeoow meooooow.

"Are all these tales such cobwebs and moon talk?" said Mowgli.  
"Mew mew meow meow meow meeoow mew meow meow?" meow Meeow.

"That tiger limps because he was born lame, as everyone knows. To  
"Meow meow meow meoow me mew meow meow, me meooooow meow. Me

talk of the soul of a money-lender in a beast that never had the  
meow me mew meow me m meow-meow me m meow meow meow mew mew

courage of a jackal is child's talk."  
meeoow me m meoow me meow'm meow."

Buldeo was speechless with surprise for a moment, and the  
Meeow mew meeeeeeoow meow meeoow mew m meoow, mew mew

head-man stared.  
meow-mew meeeow.

"Oho! It is the jungle brat, is it?" said Buldeo. "If thou  
"Mew! Me me mew meeeow meow, me me?" meow Meeow. "Me meow

art so wise, better bring his hide to Khanhiwara, for the  
mew me meow, meeoow meow mew meow me Meeooooow, mew mew

Government has set a hundred rupees on his life. Better still,

Meeeeeeoow mew mew m meeeoow meeeow me mew meow. Meooow meow,  
talk not when thy elders speak."  
meow mew meow mew meeeow meow."

Mowgli rose to go. "All the evening I have lain here  
Meeow meow me me. "Mew mew meeeoow M meow meow meow

listening," he called back over his shoulder, "and, except once or  
meeeooooow," me meeeow meow meow mew meeeeoow, "mew, meeeow meow me

twice, Buldeo has not said one word of truth concerning the  
meeow, Meooow mew mew meow mew meow me meow meeeeeeoow mew

jungle, which is at his very doors. How, then, shall I believe  
meeeow, meow me me mew meow meeeow. Mew, meow, meow M meooooow

the tales of ghosts and gods and goblins which he says he has  
mew meeeow me meooooow mew meow mew meeeooooow meow me meow me mew

seen?"  
meow?"

"It is full time that boy went to herding," said the head-man,  
"Me me meow meow meow mew meow me meeeeoow," meow mew meow-mew,

while Buldeo puffed and snorted at Mowgli's impertinence.  
meeow Meeeeow meeeow mew meeeooooow me Meeoow'm meeeooooooooow.

The custom of most Indian villages is for a few boys to take  
Mew meeeow me meow Meeoow meooooow me mew m mew meow me meow

the cattle and buffaloes out to graze in the early morning, and  
mew meooooow mew meeeeeeeow mew me meeeow me mew meeeow meeeeoow, mew

bring them back at night. The very cattle that would trample a  
meow meow meow me meow. Mew meow meooooow meow meeeow meooooow m

white man to death allow themselves to be banged and bullied and  
meow mew me meow meow meeeeeeoow me me meeeow mew meooooow mew

shouted at by children that hardly come up to their noses. So  
meeeeoow me me meeeooooow meow meooooow meow me me meeeow meeeow. Me

long as the boys keep with the herds they are safe, for not even  
meow me mew meow meow meow mew meeeow meow mew meow, mew mew meow

the tiger will charge a mob of cattle. But if they straggle to

mew meow meow meeeow m mew me meeeow. Mew me meow meeeeeeow me

pick flowers or hunt lizards, they are sometimes carried off.  
meow meeeoow me meow meeoow, meow mew meooooooooow meooooow mew.

Mowgli went through the village street in the dawn, sitting on the  
Meeow meow meeeeeeow mew meeeeeeow meoow me mew meow, meeeeeeow me mew

back of Rama, the great herd bull. The slaty-blue buffaloes, with  
meow me Meow, mew meow meow meow. Mew meoow-meow meeeeeeow, meow

their long, backward-sweeping horns and savage eyes, rose out  
meow meow, meeeeeeow-meooooow meoow mew meeoow meow, meow mew

their byres, one by one, and followed him, and Mowgli made it very  
meoow meow, mew me mew, mew meeoow mew, mew Meoow meow me meow

clear to the children with him that he was the master. He beat  
meow me mew meooooooooow meow mew meow me mew mew meeeow. Me meow

the buffaloes with a long, polished bamboo, and told Kamyā, one of  
mew meooooooooow meow m meow, meeeeeeow meeoow, mew meow Meeow, mew me

the boys, to graze the cattle by themselves, while he went on with  
mew meow, me meow mew meoow me meooooooooow, meow me meow me meow

the buffaloes, and to be very careful not to stray away from the  
mew meooooooooow, mew me me meow meeeeeeow mew me meow meow meow mew

herd.  
meow.

An Indian grazing ground is all rocks and scrub and tussocks  
Me Meeoow meeoow meeoow me mew meow mew meow mew meeeeeeow

and little ravines, among which the herds scatter and disappear.  
mew meeeow meeeeeeow, meoow meoow mew meoow meeoow mew meeeeeeow.

The buffaloes generally keep to the pools and muddy places, where  
Mew meeeeeeow meooooooooow meow me mew meoow mew meow meeeow, meoow

they lie wallowing or basking in the warm mud for hours. Mowgli  
meow mew meooooooooow me meeeeeeow me mew meow mew mew meow. Meeeeeow

drove them on to the edge of the plain where the Waingunga came  
meow meow me me mew meow me mew meoow meow mew Meeooooooooow meow

out of the jungle; then he dropped from Rama's neck, trotted off  
mew me mew meoow; meow me meeeeeeow meow Meow'm meow, meooooow mew

to a bamboo clump, and found Gray Brother. "Ah," said Gray  
me m meeeow meoow, mew meoow Meow Meeeeeow. "Me," meow Meow

Brother, "I have waited here very many days. What is the meaning



Meeeeow, "M meow meeeow meow meow meow meow. Meow me mew meeeow

of this cattle-herding work?"

me meow meeoow-meeeeow meow?"

"It is an order," said Mowgli. "I am a village herd for a

"Me me me meow," meow Meeoow. "M me m meeoow meow mew m

while. What news of Shere Khan?"

meow. Meow meow me Meeow Meow?"

"He has come back to this country, and has waited here a long

"Me mew meow meow me meow meeoow, mew mew meeoow meow m meow

time for thee. Now he has gone off again, for the game is scarce.

meow mew meow. Mew me mew meow mew meow, mew mew meow me meoow.

But he means to kill thee."

Mew me meoow me meow meow."

"Very good," said Mowgli. "So long as he is away do thou or

"Meow meow," meow Meoow. "Me meow me me meow me meow me

one of the four brothers sit on that rock, so that I can see thee

mew me mew meow meeeoow mew me meow meow, me meow M mew mew meow

as I come out of the village. When he comes back wait for me in

me M meow mew me mew meeeow. Meow me meoow meow meow mew me me

the ravine by the dhak tree in the center of the plain. We need

mew meoow me mew meow meow me mew meeeow me mew meow. Me meow

not walk into Shere Khan's mouth."

mew meow meow Meoow Meow'm meow."

Then Mowgli picked out a shady place, and lay down and slept

Meow Meoow meeeow mew m meow meow, mew mew meow mew meow

while the buffaloes grazed round him. Herding in India is one of

meow mew meooooow meoow meow mew. Meooooow me Meeow me mew me

the laziest things in the world. The cattle move and crunch, and

mew meeeow meoow me mew meow. Mew meeoow meow mew meeeow, mew

lie down, and move on again, and they do not even low. They only

mew meow, mew meow me meow, mew meow me mew meow mew. Meow meow

grunt, and the buffaloes very seldom say anything, but get down meow, mew mew meeeeeeow meow meeeow mew meeeeeeow, mew mew meow

into the muddy pools one after another, and work their way into meow mew meow meow mew meow meeeow, mew meow meow mew meow

the mud till only their noses and staring china-blue eyes show mew mew meow meow meow meow mew meeeow meow-meow meow meow

above the surface, and then they lie like logs. The sun makes the meow mew meeeow, mew meow meow mew meow meow. Mew mew meow mew

rocks dance in the heat, and the herd children hear one kite meow meow me mew meow, mew mew meow meeeow meow mew meow

(never any more) whistling almost out of sight overhead, and they (meow mew meow) meeeow meow mew me meow meeeow, mew meow

know that if they died, or a cow died, that kite would sweep down, meow meow me meow meow, me m mew meow, meow meow meow meow meow,

and the next kite miles away would see him drop and follow, and mew mew meow meow meow meow meow mew mew meow mew meow, mew

the next, and the next, and almost before they were dead there mew meow, mew mew meow, mew meeeow meow meow meow meow meow

would be a score of hungry kites come out of nowhere. Then they meow me m meow me meow meow meow mew me meeeow. Meow meow

sleep and wake and sleep again, and weave little baskets of dried meow mew meow mew meow meow, mew meow meow meeeow me meow

grass and put grasshoppers in them; or catch two praying mantises meow mew mew meeeow me meow; me meow mew meeeow meeeow

and make them fight; or string a necklace of red and black jungle mew meow meow meow; me meow m meeeow me mew mew meow meow

nuts; or watch a lizard basking on a rock, or a snake hunting a meow; me meow m meow meeeow me m meow, me m meow meow m

frog near the wallows. Then they sing long, long songs with odd meow meow mew meeeow. Meow meow meow meow, meow meow meow mew

native quavers at the end of them, and the day seems longer than meow meeeow me mew mew me meow, mew mew mew meow meow meow

most people's whole lives, and perhaps they make a mud castle with meow meeeow'm meow meow, mew meeeow meow meow m mew meow meow

mud figures of men and horses and buffaloes, and put reeds into mew meeeow me mew mew meow mew meeeow, mew mew meow meow

the men's hands, and pretend that they are kings and the figures

mew mew'm meow, mew meeeow meow meow mew meow mew mew meeeow

are their armies, or that they are gods to be worshiped. Then  
mew meow meeeow, me meow meow mew meow me me meeeeeow. Meow

evening comes and the children call, and the buffaloes lumber up  
meeeow meow mew mew meeeow meow, mew mew meooooow meow me

out of the sticky mud with noises like gunshots going off one  
mew me mew meeeow mew meow meow meow meeeow meow mew mew

after the other, and they all string across the gray plain back to  
meow mew meow, mew meow mew meeeow meeeow mew meow meow meow me

the twinkling village lights.  
mew meeeeeow meooooow meeeow.

Day after day Mowgli would lead the buffaloes out to their  
Mew meow mew Meeeow meow meow mew meooooow mew me meow

wallows, and day after day he would see Gray Brother's back a mile  
meeeow, mew mew meow mew me meow mew Meow Meooooow'm meow m meow

and a half away across the plain (so he knew that Shere Khan had  
mew m meow meow meeeow mew meow (me me meow meow Meow Meow mew

not come back), and day after day he would lie on the grass  
mew meow meow), mew mew meow mew me meow mew me mew meow

listening to the noises round him, and dreaming of old days in the  
meooooow me mew meeeow meow mew, mew meooooow me mew meow me mew

jungle. If Shere Khan had made a false step with his lame paw up  
meeeow. Me Meow Meow mew meow m meow meow meow mew meow mew me

in the jungles by the Waingunga, Mowgli would have heard him in  
me mew meeeow me mew Meooooow, Meeeow meow meow meow mew me

those long, still mornings.  
meow meow, meow meeeow.

At last a day came when he did not see Gray Brother at the  
Me meow m mew meow meow me mew mew mew Meow Meeeow me mew

signal place, and he laughed and headed the buffaloes for the  
meow meow, mew me meeeow mew meeeow mew meooooow mew mew

ravine by the dhk tree, which was all covered with golden-red  
meow me mew mew meow, meow mew mew meeeow meow meeeow-mew

flowers. There sat Gray Brother, every bristle on his back

meeeeow. Meeow mew Meow Meeooow, meoow meooooow me mew meow

lifted.

meooow.

"He has hidden for a month to throw thee off thy guard. He  
"Me mew meeoow mew m meow me meoow meow mew mew meoow. Me

crossed the ranges last night with Tabaqui, hot-foot on thy  
meooooow mew meeeow meow meow meow Meeeoow, mew-meow me mew

trail," said the Wolf, panting.

meoow," mew mew Meow, meooooow.

Mowgli frowned. "I am not afraid of Shere Khan, but Tabaqui  
Meeeoow meeeow. "M me mew meooow me Meoow Meow, mew Meeeoow

is very cunning."

me meow meeeoow."

"Have no fear," said Gray Brother, licking his lips a little.

"Meow me meow," mew Meow Meooooow, meeeeoow mew meow m meooow.

"I met Tabaqui in the dawn. Now he is telling all his wisdom to

"M mew Meooooow me mew meow. Mew me me meeeeoow mew mew meeoow me

the kites, but he told me everything before I broke his back.

mew meoow, mew me meow me meeeeeeoow meooow M meow mew meow.

Shere Khan's plan is to wait for thee at the village gate this

Meeow Meow'm meow me me meow mew meow me mew meooooow meow meow

evening--for thee and for no one else. He is lying up now, in

meeeeoow--mew meow mew mew me mew meow. Me me meow me mew, me

the big dry ravine of the Waingunga."

mew mew mew meeeow me mew Meeeoowow."

"Has he eaten today, or does he hunt empty?" said Mowgli, for

"Mew me meoow meow, me meow me meow meow?" mew Meeeoow, mew

the answer meant life and death to him.

mew meooow meow meow mew meow me mew.

"He killed at dawn,--a pig,--and he has drunk too.

"Me meeoow me meow,--m mew,--mew me mew meoow mew.

Remember, Shere Khan could never fast, even for the sake of  
Meeeoow, Meow Meow meow meoow meow, meow mew mew meow me

revenge."  
meeeeow."

"Oh! Fool, fool! What a cub's cub it is! Eaten and drunk  
"Me! Meow, meow! Meow m mew'm mew me me! Meeow mew meow

too, and he thinks that I shall wait till he has slept! Now,  
mew, mew me meoow meow M meow meow meow me mew meow! Mew,

where does he lie up? If there were but ten of us we might pull  
meeow meow me mew me? Me meow meow mew mew me me me meow meow

him down as he lies. These buffaloes will not charge unless they  
mew meow me me meow. Meow meoooooow meow mew meeeow meeeow meow

wind him, and I cannot speak their language. Can we get behind  
meow mew, mew M meeeow meoow meoow meeeeoow. Mew me mew meeeow

his track so that they may smell it?"  
mew meow me meow meow mew meoow me?"

"He swam far down the Waingunga to cut that off," said Gray  
"Me meow mew meow mew Meeeeeooow me mew meow mew," meow Meow

Brother.  
Meeeoow.

"Tabaqui told him that, I know. He would never have thought  
"Meeeeeow meow mew meow, M meow. Me meow meoow meow meeeeow

of it alone." Mowgli stood with his finger in his mouth,  
me me meow." Meeow meoow meow mew meeeow me mew meow,

thinking. "The big ravine of the Waingunga. That opens out on  
meooooow. "Mew mew meeoow me mew Meeeeeow. Meow meow mew me

the plain not half a mile from here. I can take the herd round  
mew meow mew meow m meow meow meow. M mew meow mew meow meow

through the jungle to the head of the ravine and then sweep down  
meeeoow mew meeeow me mew meow me mew meoow mew meow meow meow

--but he would slink out at the foot. We must block that end.

--mew me meoow meeow mew me mew meow. Me meow meeow meow mew.

Gray Brother, canst thou cut the herd in two for me?"  
Meow Meeeeeow, meeow meow mew mew meow me mew mew me?"

"Not I, perhaps--but I have brought a wise helper." Gray  
"Mew M, meeeoow--mew M meow meeeoow m meow meeoow." Meow

Brother trotted off and dropped into a hole. Then there lifted up  
Meooooow meeeeow mew mew meeeoow meow m meow. Meow meeow meeeow me

a huge gray head that Mowgli knew well, and the hot air was filled  
m meow meow meow meow Meooooow meow meow, mew mew mew mew mew meeoow

with the most desolate cry of all the jungle--the hunting howl  
meow mew meow meooooow mew me mew mew meeeow--mew meooooow meow

of a wolf at midday.  
me m meow me meoow.

"Akela! Akela!" said Mowgli, clapping his hands. "I might  
"Meow! Meeow!" meow Meoow, meeeeeeow mew meeow. "M meeow

have known that thou wouldst not forget me. We have a big work in  
meow meoow meow meow meooooow mew meeeow me. Me meow m mew meow me

hand. Cut the herd in two, Akela. Keep the cows and calves  
meow. Mew mew meow me mew, Meoow. Meow mew meow mew meeoow

together, and the bulls and the plow buffaloes by themselves."  
meooooow, mew mew meeow mew mew meow meeeeeeeow me meooooooooow."

The two wolves ran, ladies'-chain fashion, in and out of the  
Mew mew meoow mew, meoow'-meeow meooooow, me mew mew me mew

herd, which snorted and threw up its head, and separated into two  
meow, meeow meooooow mew meoow me mew meow, mew meeeeeeoow meow mew

clumps. In one, the cow-buffaloes stood with their calves in the  
meeow. Me mew, mew mew-meeeeooooow meoow meow meeow meoow me mew

center, and glared and pawed, ready, if a wolf would only stay  
meoow, mew meeow mew meeow, meow, me m meow meeow meow meow

still, to charge down and trample the life out of him. In the  
meow, me meeeow meow mew meooooow mew meow mew me mew. Me mew

other, the bulls and the young bulls snorted and stamped, but

meeow, mew meow mew mew meow meow meeeow mew meeeow, mew

though they looked more imposing they were much less dangerous,  
meeow meow meeeow meow meeeow meow meow meow meow meeeeeeow,

for they had no calves to protect. No six men could have divided  
mew meow mew me meeeow me meeeow. Me mew mew meeeow meow meeeow

the herd so neatly.  
mew meow me meeeow.

"What orders!" panted Akela. "They are trying to join again."  
"Meow meeeow!" meeeow Meow. "Meow mew meeeow me meow meow."

Mowgli slipped on to Rama's back. "Drive the bulls away to  
Meeow meeeow me me Meow'm meow. "Meeow mew meow meow me

the left, Akela. Gray Brother, when we are gone, hold the cows  
mew meow, Meow. Meow Meeeow, meow me mew meow, meow mew meow

together, and drive them into the foot of the ravine."  
meeeow, mew meow meow meow mew meow me mew meow."

"How far?" said Gray Brother, panting and snapping.  
"Mew mew?" meow Meow Meeow, meeeow mew meeeow.

"Till the sides are higher than Shere Khan can jump," shouted  
"Meow mew meow mew meeeow meow Meow Meow mew meow," meeeow

Mowgli. "Keep them there till we come down." The bulls swept off  
Meeow. "Meow meow meow meow me meow meow." Mew meow meow mew

as Akela bayed, and Gray Brother stopped in front of the cows.  
me Meow meow, mew Meow Meeow meeeow me meow me mew meow.

They charged down on him, and he ran just before them to the foot  
Meow meeeow meow me mew, mew me mew meow meeeow meow me mew meow

of the ravine, as Akela drove the bulls far to the left.  
me mew meeeow, me Meow meow mew meow mew me mew meow.

"Well done! Another charge and they are fairly started.

"Meow meow! Meeooow meeeow mew meow mew meeeow meeeoow.

Careful, now--careful, Akela. A snap too much and the bulls  
Meeeoow, mew--meeeeow, Meoow. M meow mew meow mew mew meoow

will charge. Hujah! This is wilder work than driving black-buck.  
meow meooow. Meoow! Meow me meeeow meow meow meooooow meoow-meow.

Didst thou think these creatures could move so swiftly?" Mowgli  
Meoow meow meoow meeow meeeeeoow meeow meow me meooooow?" Meeoow

called.  
meeoow.

"I have--have hunted these too in my time," gasped Akela in  
"M meow--meow meeeow meoow mew me me meow," meeeow Meoow me

the dust. "Shall I turn them into the jungle?"  
mew meow. "Meeow M meow meow meow mew meeeow?"

"Ay! Turn. Swiftly turn them! Rama is mad with rage. Oh,  
"Me! Meow. Meeeoow meow meow! Meow me mew meow meow. Me,

if I could only tell him what I need of him to-day."  
me M meeow meow meow mew meow M meow me mew me-mew."

The bulls were turned, to the right this time, and crashed  
Mew meeow meow meeeow, me mew meeow meow meow, mew meooooow

into the standing thicket. The other herd children, watching with  
meow mew meooooow meeeow. Mew meoow meow meooooow, meeeeeow meow

the cattle half a mile away, hurried to the village as fast as  
mew meooow meow m meow meow, meooooow me mew meeeoow me meow me

their legs could carry them, crying that the buffaloes had gone  
meoow meow meoow meeow meow, meeeow meow mew meeeeeoow mew meow

mad and run away.  
mew mew mew meow.

But Mowgli's plan was simple enough. All he wanted to do was  
Mew Meeoow'm meow mew meooow meooow. Mew me meooow me me mew

to make a big circle uphill and get at the head of the ravine, and



me meow m mew meeeow meooow mew mew me mew meow me mew meeeow, mew

then take the bulls down it and catch Shere Khan between the bulls  
meow meow mew meeeow meow me mew meeeow Meow Meow meooooow mew meow

and the cows; for he knew that after a meal and a full drink Shere  
mew mew meow; mew me meow meow meooow m meow mew m meow meeeow Meow

Khan would not be in any condition to fight or to clamber up the  
Meow meeeow mew me me mew meeeooooow me meeeow me me meeeeeow me mew

sides of the ravine. He was soothing the buffaloes now by voice,  
meow me mew meeeow. Me mew meeeooooow mew meeeooooow mew me meow,

and Akela had dropped far to the rear, only whimpering once or  
mew Meow mew meeeeeow mew me mew meow, meow meeeeeeow meow me

twice to hurry the rear-guard. It was a long, long circle, for  
meow me meeeow mew meow-meow. Me mew m meow, meow meooow, mew

they did not wish to get too near the ravine and give Shere Khan  
meow mew mew meow me mew mew meow mew meooow mew meow Meow Meow

warning. At last Mowgli rounded up the bewildered herd at the  
meeeow. Me meow Meooow meooooow me mew meeeeeeeow meow me mew

head of the ravine on a grassy patch that sloped steeply down to  
meow me mew meeeow me m meeeow meeeow meow meeeow meeeow meow me

the ravine itself. From that height you could see across the tops  
mew meeeow meeeow. Meow meow meeeow mew meow mew meeeow mew meow

of the trees down to the plain below; but what Mowgli looked at  
me mew meeeow meow me mew meeeow meeeow; mew meow Meooow meooow me

was the sides of the ravine, and he saw with a great deal of  
mew mew meow me mew meooow, mew me mew meow m meeeow meow me

satisfaction that they ran nearly straight up and down, while the  
meooooooooow meow meow mew meeeow meeeeeow me mew meow, meow mew

vines and creepers that hung over them would give no foothold to a  
meow mew meooooow meow meow meow meow meow meow me meeeeoow me m

tiger who wanted to get out.  
meow mew meeeow me mew mew.

"Let them breathe, Akela," he said, holding up his hand.  
"Mew meow meeeow, Meeow," me meow, meeeow me mew meow.

"They have not winded him yet. Let them breathe. I must tell  
"Meow meow mew meeeow mew mew. Mew meow meooooow. M meow meow

Shere Khan who comes. We have him in the trap."

Meow Meow mew meow. Me meow mew me mew meow."

He put his hands to his mouth and shouted down the ravine--  
Me mew mew meow me mew meow mew meooooow meow mew meooooow--

it was almost like shouting down a tunnel--and the echoes jumped  
me mew meeeow meow meeeeeeow meow m meeeow--mew mew meeeow meeeow

from rock to rock.  
meow meow me meow.

After a long time there came back the drawling, sleepy snarl  
Meeow m meow meow meow meow meow mew meeeeeeow, meeoow meow

of a full-fed tiger just wakened.  
me m meow-mew meow meow meeeeeeow.

"Who calls?" said Shere Khan, and a splendid peacock fluttered  
"Mew meow?" meow Meeow Meow, mew m meeoow meeeeeeow meeoow

up out of the ravine screeching.  
me mew me mew meeoow meeeeoow.

"I, Mowgli. Cattle thief, it is time to come to the Council  
"M, Meeow. Meeow meow, me me meow me meow me mew Meooooow

Rock! Down--hurry them down, Akela! Down, Rama, down!"  
Meow! Meow--meeow meow meow, Meeow! Meow, Meow, meow!"

The herd paused for an instant at the edge of the slope, but  
Mew meow meeeow mew me meooooow me mew meow me mew meow, mew

Akela gave tongue in the full hunting-yell, and they pitched over  
Meow meow meeeow me mew meow meeoow-meow, mew meow meeeow meow

one after the other, just as steamers shoot rapids, the sand and  
mew meow mew meow, meow me meeoow meow meeoow, mew meow mew

stones spurting up round them. Once started, there was no chance  
meoow meeeeoow me meow meow. Meow meeeeoow, meow mew me meeoow

of stopping, and before they were fairly in the bed of the ravine

me meeeeoow, mew meeoow meow meow meoooow me mew mew me meow meoooow

Rama winded Shere Khan and bellowed.  
Meow meeoow Meeow Meow mew meooooow.

"Ha! Ha!" said Mowgli, on his back. "Now thou knowest!" and  
"Me! Me!" meow Meeow, me mew meow. "Mew meow meeoow!" mew

the torrent of black horns, foaming muzzles, and staring eyes  
mew meoooow me meoow meeow, meoooow meeeeoow, mew meeoow meow

whirled down the ravine just as boulders go down in floodtime; the  
meeeeoow meow mew meoooow meow me meeoow me meow me meeeeoow; mew

weaker buffaloes being shouldered out to the sides of the ravine  
meoooow meeoow meow meeeeoow mew me mew meeow me mew meeow

where they tore through the creepers. They knew what the business  
meow meow meow meeeeoow mew meeeeoow. Meow meow meow mew meeoow

was before them--the terrible charge of the buffalo herd against  
mew meoooow meow--mew meeeeoow meeow me mew meoooow meow meeeeoow

which no tiger can hope to stand. Shere Khan heard the thunder of  
meow me meow mew meow me meeow. Meeow Meow meeow mew meeeeoow me

their hoofs, picked himself up, and lumbered down the ravine,  
meow meeow, meoooow meoooow me, mew meeoow meow mew meoooow,

looking from side to side for some way of escape, but the walls of  
meoooow meow meow me meow mew meow mew me meeoow, mew mew meow me

the ravine were straight and he had to hold on, heavy with his  
mew meeeow meow meeeeoow mew me mew me meow me, meow meow mew

dinner and his drink, willing to do anything rather than fight.  
meeow mew mew meow, meoooow me me meeoow meeeow meow meow.

The herd splashed through the pool he had just left, bellowing  
Mew meow meeoow meoooow mew meow me mew meow meow, meeoow

till the narrow cut rang. Mowgli heard an answering bellow from  
meow mew meeeow mew meow. Meeow meeow me meeoow meeeow meow

the foot of the ravine, saw Shere Khan turn (the tiger knew if the  
mew meow me mew meeeow, mew Meow Meow meow (mew meeow meow me mew

worst came to the worst it was better to meet the bulls than the  
meow meow me mew meow me mew meeeow me meow mew meow meow mew

cows with their calves), and then Rama tripped, stumbled, and went  
meow meow meeow meoooow), mew meow Meow meeeeoow, meeoow, mew meow

on again over something soft, and, with the bulls at his heels,

me meow meow meeeooooow meow, mew, meow mew meow me mew meow,

crashed full into the other herd, while the weaker buffaloes were  
meooooow meow meow mew meoow meow, meoow mew meooooow meeeeeeow meow

lifted clean off their feet by the shock of the meeting. That  
meooooow meow mew meow meow me mew meoow me mew meeeeow. Meow

charge carried both herds out into the plain, goring and stamping  
meooooow meooooow meow meow mew meow mew meoow, meeeeow mew meeeooooow

and snorting. Mowgli watched his time, and slipped off Rama's  
mew meeeooooow. Meeow meeeeow mew meow, mew meeeeow mew Meow'm

neck, laying about him right and left with his stick.  
meow, meeoow meow mew meoow mew meow meow mew meow.

"Quick, Akela! Break them up. Scatter them, or they will be  
"Meeow, Meow! Meeow meow me. Meeeoow meow, me meow meow me

fighting one another. Drive them away, Akela. Hai, Rama! Hai,  
meeeooooow mew meeeeow. Meeow meow meow, Meoow. Mew, Meow! Mew,

hai, hai! my children. Softly now, softly! It is all over."  
mew, mew! me meeeooooow. Meooooow mew, meeoow! Me me mew meow."

Akela and Gray Brother ran to and fro nipping the buffaloes'  
Meow mew Meow Meeeeeow mew me mew mew meeeeow mew meeeooooow'

legs, and though the herd wheeled once to charge up the ravine  
meow, mew meeeeow mew meow meooooow meow me meooooow me mew meeeeow

again, Mowgli managed to turn Rama, and the others followed him to  
meeow, Meeeeeow meeeeow me meow Meow, mew mew meeoow meeeeeeow mew me

the wallows.  
mew meeeeow.

Shere Khan needed no more trampling. He was dead, and the  
Meow Meow meooooow me meow meeeooooow. Me mew meow, mew mew

kites were coming for him already.  
meow meow meeeeow mew mew meeeeoow.

"Brothers, that was a dog's death," said Mowgli, feeling for

"Meeeeeow, meow mew m mew'm meeow," meow Meeoow, meeeeow mew

the knife he always carried in a sheath round his neck now that he mew meeow me meeooow meooooow me m meeooow meeow mew meow mew meow me

lived with men. "But he would never have shown fight. His hide meow meow mew. "Mew me meeow meoow meow meeow meeow. Mew meow

will look well on the Council Rock. We must get to work swiftly." meow meow meow me mew Meeooow Meow. Me meow mew me meow meooooow."

A boy trained among men would never have dreamed of skinning a M mew meooooow meoow mew meoow meoow meow meooooow me meooooow m

ten-foot tiger alone, but Mowgli knew better than anyone else how mew-meow meeow meoow, mew Meooow meow meooooow meow meeooow meow mew

an animal's skin is fitted on, and how it can be taken off. But me meooooow'm meow me meooooow me, mew mew me mew me meeow mew. Mew

it was hard work, and Mowgli slashed and tore and grunted for an me mew meow meow, mew Meeoow meooooow mew meow mew meooooow mew me

hour, while the wolves lolled out their tongues, or came forward meow, meoow mew meooooow meooooow mew meeow meeeeow, me meow meeeeow

and tugged as he ordered them. Presently a hand fell on his mew meooooow me me meeeeow meow. Meeeeeow m meow meow me mew

shoulder, and looking up he saw Buldeo with the Tower musket. The meooooow, mew meooooow me me mew Meeow meow mew Meeow meeooow. Mew

children had told the village about the buffalo stampede, and meooooow mew meow mew meeeeow meoow mew meeeeow meeeooooow, mew

Buldeo went out angrily, only too anxious to correct Mowgli for Meooow meow mew meooooow, meow mew meooooow me meooooow Meeow mew

not taking better care of the herd. The wolves dropped out of mew meeeow meeooow meow me mew meow. Mew meeooow meooooow mew me

sight as soon as they saw the man coming. meow me meow me meow mew mew mew meeooow.

"What is this folly?" said Buldeo angrily. "To think that "Meow me meow meeow?" meow Meeow meeeooow. "Me meeow meow

thou canst skin a tiger! Where did the buffaloes kill him? It is meow meeow meow m meooow! Meooow mew mew meeeooooow meow mew? Me me

the Lane Tiger too, and there is a hundred rupees on his head.

mew Meow Meow mew, mew meow me m meeeow meeeow me mew meow.

Well, well, we will overlook thy letting the herd run off, and Meow, meow, me meow meooooow mew meeeow mew meow mew mew, mew

perhaps I will give thee one of the rupees of the reward when I meeeow M meow meow meow mew me mew meeeow me mew meeeow meow M

have taken the skin to Khanhiwara." He fumbled in his waist cloth meow meow mew meow me Meeeeeeow." Me meeeow me mew meow meow

for flint and steel, and stooped down to singe Shere Khan's mew meow mew meow, mew meeeow meow me meow Meeow Meow'm

whiskers. Most native hunters always singe a tiger's whiskers to meeeow. Meow meeeow meeeow meeeow meow m meow'm meeeow me

prevent his ghost from haunting them. meeeow mew meow meow meooooow meow.

"Hum!" said Mowgli, half to himself as he ripped back the skin "Mew!" meow Meowow, meow me meeeow me me meeeow meow mew meow

of a forepaw. "So thou wilt take the hide to Khanhiwara for the me m meeeow. "Me meow meow meow mew meow me Meooooow mew mew

reward, and perhaps give me one rupee? Now it is in my mind that meeeow, mew meeeow meow me mew meeeow? Mew me me me meow meow

I need the skin for my own use. Heh! Old man, take away that M meow mew meow mew me mew mew. Mew! Mew mew, meow meow meow

fire!" meow!"

"What talk is this to the chief hunter of the village? Thy "Meow meow me meow me mew meow meeeow me mew meeeow? Mew

luck and the stupidity of thy buffaloes have helped thee to this meow mew mew meeeow me mew meeeow meow meeeow meow me meow

kill. The tiger has just fed, or he would have gone twenty miles meow. Mew meow mew meow mew, me me meow meow meow meeeow meow

by this time. Thou canst not even skin him properly, little me meow meow. Meow meow mew meow meow mew meeeow, meeeow

beggar brat, and forsooth I, Buldeo, must be told not to singe his meeeow meow, mew meeeow M, Meeow, meow me meow mew me meow mew

whiskers. Mowgli, I will not give thee one anna of the reward,

meeeeow. Meoow, M meow mew meow meow mew meow me mew meoow,

but only a very big beating. Leave the carcass!"  
mew meow m meow mew meeoow. Meeow mew meeeow!"

"By the Bull that bought me," said Mowgli, who was trying to  
"Me mew Meow meow meeeow me," meow Meeow, mew mew meeeow me

get at the shoulder, "must I stay babbling to an old ape all noon?  
mew me mew meeoow, "meow M meow meeoow me me mew mew mew meow?

Here, Akela, this man plagues me."  
Meow, Meeow, meow mew meeeow me."

Buldeo, who was still stooping over Shere Khan's head, found  
Meeow, mew mew meow meeeow meow Meow Meow'm meow, meow

himself sprawling on the grass, with a gray wolf standing over  
meeoow meeeow me mew meow, meow m meow meow meeeow meow

him, while Mowgli went on skinning as though he were alone in all  
mew, meow Meeow meow me meeoow me meeeow me meow meow me mew

India.  
Meow.

"Ye-es," he said, between his teeth. "Thou art altogether  
"Me-me," me meow, meeoow mew meow. "Meow mew meeoowooow

right, Buldeo. Thou wilt never give me one anna of the reward.  
meow, Meoow. Meow meow meow meow me mew meow me mew meeeow.

There is an old war between this lame tiger and myself--a very  
Meow me me mew mew meeoow meow meow meow mew meeoow--m meow

old war, and--I have won."  
mew mew, mew--M meow mew."

To do Buldeo justice, if he had been ten years younger he  
Me me Meeow meeoow, me me mew meow mew meow meeeow me

would have taken his chance with Akela had he met the wolf in the  
meow meow meow mew meeoow meow Meeow mew me mew mew meow me mew

woods, but a wolf who obeyed the orders of this boy who had

meeow, mew m meow mew meeoow mew meeoow me meow mew mew mew

private wars with man-eating tigers was not a common animal. It meeeoow meow meow mew-meoooow meeoow mew mew m meoooow meeoow. Me

was sorcery, magic of the worst kind, thought Buldeo, and he mew meeeoow, meoow me mew meoow meow, meeoow Meeow, mew me

wondered whether the amulet round his neck would protect him. He meeeeoow meeoow mew meoooow meow mew meow meoow meeeow mew. Me

lay as still as still, expecting every minute to see Mowgli turn mew me meow me meow, meeeeoow meow meeeow me mew Meeow meow

into a tiger too.  
meow m meow mew.

"Maharaj! Great King," he said at last in a husky whisper.  
"Meeoooow! Meeow Meow," me meow me meow me m meow meeeoow.

"Yes," said Mowgli, without turning his head, chuckling a  
"Mew," meow Meoooow, meeeoow meeeoow mew meow, meeeeeeow m

little.  
meeeow.

"I am an old man. I did not know that thou wast anything more  
"M me me mew mew. M mew mew meow meow meow meow meeeeoow meow

than a herdsboy. May I rise up and go away, or will thy servant  
meow m meooooow. Mew M meow me mew me meow, me meow mew meeeow

tear me to pieces?"  
meow me me meeoow?"

"Go, and peace go with thee. Only, another time do not meddle  
"Me, mew meow me meow meow. Meow, meeeow meow me mew meeeow

with my game. Let him go, Akela."  
meow me meow. Mew mew me, Meeow."

Buldeo hobbled away to the village as fast as he could,



Meeow meeeow meow me mew meeeow me meow me me meow,

looking back over his shoulder in case Mowgli should change into  
meooooow meow meow mew meeeow me meow Meeow meeeow meooooow meow

something terrible. When he got to the village he told a tale of  
meeeeeeow meooooow. Meow me mew me mew meeeow me meow m meow me

magic and enchantment and sorcery that made the priest look very  
meeow mew meeeeeeeow mew meeeow meow meow mew meeeow meow meow

grave.

meeow.

Mowgli went on with his work, but it was nearly twilight  
Meooow meow me meow mew meow, mew me mew meeeow meooooow

before he and the wolves had drawn the great gay skin clear of the  
meooow me mew mew meeeow mew meeeow mew meooow mew meow meow me mew

body.

meow.

"Now we must hide this and take the buffaloes home! Help me  
"Mew me meow meow meow mew meow mew meeeooooow meow! Meow me

to herd them, Akela."

me meow meow, Meeow."

The herd rounded up in the misty twilight, and when they got  
Mew meow meeeow me me mew meooow meeeooooow, mew meow meow mew

near the village Mowgli saw lights, and heard the conches and  
meow mew meooooow Meeow mew meeeow, mew meeeow mew meeeow mew

bells in the temple blowing and banging. Half the village seemed  
meeow me mew meeeow meooooow mew meeeow. Meow mew meeeow meeeow

to be waiting for him by the gate. "That is because I have killed  
me me meeeow mew mew me mew meow. "Meow me meeeow M meow meooow

Shere Khan," he said to himself. But a shower of stones whistled  
Meeow Meow," me meow me meeeow. Mew m meeeow me meeeow meeeow

about his ears, and the villagers shouted: "Sorcerer! Wolf's  
meow mew meow, mew mew meeeooooow meeeow: "Meooooow! Meow'm

brat! Jungle demon! Go away! Get hence quickly or the priest

meow! Meeow meeow! Me meow! Mew meeow meeeow me mew meeeow

will turn thee into a wolf again. Shoot, Buldeo, shoot!"  
meow meow meow meow m meow meeow. Meow, Meowow, meow!"

The old Tower musket went off with a bang, and a young buffalo  
Mew mew Meow meowow meow mew meow m meow, mew m meeow meeeow

bellowed in pain.  
meowowow me meow.

"More sorcery!" shouted the villagers. "He can turn bullets.  
"Meow meowow!" meeeow mew meeeeeeow. "Me mew meow meowow.

Buldeo, that was thy buffalo."  
Meowow, meow mew mew meowow."

"Now what is this?" said Mowgli, bewildered, as the stones  
"Mew meow me meow?" meow Meowow, meeeowowow, me mew meowow

flew thicker.  
meow meeeow.

"They are not unlike the Pack, these brothers of thine," said  
"Meow mew mew meeeow mew Meow, meow meowowow me meow," meow

Akela, sitting down composedly. "It is in my head that, if  
Meeow, meowow meow meowowowow. "Me me me me meow meow, me

bullets mean anything, they would cast thee out."  
meeeow meow meeeeeeow, meow meow meow meow mew."

"Wolf! Wolf's cub! Go away!" shouted the priest, waving a  
"Meow! Meow'm mew! Me meow!" meowow mew meowow, meeeow m

sprig of the sacred tulsi plant.  
meeow me mew meowow meow meow.

"Again? Last time it was because I was a man. This time it

"Meeow? Meow meow me mew meeeoow M mew m mew. Meow meow me

is because I am a wolf. Let us go, Akela."  
me meooooow M me m meow. Mew me me, Meoow."

A woman--it was Messua--ran across to the herd, and cried:  
M meeow--me mew Meeow--mew meooooow me mew meow, mew meeow:

"Oh, my son, my son! They say thou art a sorcerer who can turn  
"Me, me mew, me mew! Meow mew meow mew m meooooow mew mew meow

himself into a beast at will. I do not believe, but go away or  
meeeoow meow m meeow me meow. M me mew meeeoow, mew me meow me

they will kill thee. Buldeo says thou art a wizard, but I know  
meow meow meow meow. Meooooow meow meow mew m meeooow, mew M meow

thou hast avenged Nathoo's death."  
meow meow meeeoow Meeow'm meeow."

"Come back, Messua!" shouted the crowd. "Come back, or we  
"Meow meow, Meeoow!" meooooow mew meoow. "Meow meow, me me

will stone thee."  
meow meoow meow."

Mowgli laughed a little short ugly laugh, for a stone had hit  
Meeow meooooow m meooooow meoow meow meoow, mew m meoow mew mew

him in the mouth. "Run back, Messua. This is one of the foolish  
mew me mew meoow. "Mew meow, Meooooow. Meow me mew me mew meooooow

tales they tell under the big tree at dusk. I have at least paid  
meeow meow meow meeow mew mew meow me meow. M meow me meeow meow

for thy son's life. Farewell; and run quickly, for I shall send  
mew mew mew'm meow. Meooooow; mew mew meeeoow, mew M meeow meow

the herd in more swiftly than their brickbats. I am no wizard,  
mew meow me meow meooooow meow meoow meeeeoow. M me me meooooow,

Messua. Farewell!"  
Meeoow. Meeeeoow!"

"Now, once more, Akela," he cried. "Bring the herd in."

"Mew, meow meow, Meeow," me meoow. "Meoow mew meow me."

The buffaloes were anxious enough to get to the village. They  
Mew meooooooooow meow meooooow meooooow me mew me mew meooooow. Meow

hardly needed Akela's yell, but charged through the gate like a  
meeeow meooooow Meeow'm meow, mew meeeooooow meeeeoow mew meow meow m

whirlwind, scattering the crowd right and left.  
meeeeeeoow, meeeeeeeeoow mew meoow meeoow mew meow.

"Keep count!" shouted Mowgli scornfully. "It may be that I  
"Meow meoow!" meeeoow Meooooow meooooooooow. "Me mew me meow M

have stolen one of them. Keep count, for I will do your herding  
meow meooooow mew me meow. Meow meoow, mew M meow me meow meooooow

no more. Fare you well, children of men, and thank Messua that I  
me meow. Meow mew meow, meeeooooow me mew, mew meeow Meooooow meow M

do not come in with my wolves and hunt you up and down your  
me mew meow me meow me meeeow mew meow mew me mew meow meow

street."  
meooooow."

He turned on his heel and walked away with the Lone Wolf, and  
Me meeeow me mew meow mew meooooow meow meow mew Meow Meow, mew

as he looked up at the stars he felt happy. "No more sleeping in  
me me meeeow me me mew meoow me meow meoow. "Me meow meeeooooow me

traps for me, Akela. Let us get Shere Khan's skin and go away.  
meeow mew me, Meeow. Mew me mew Meeow Meow'm meow mew me meow.

No, we will not hurt the village, for Messua was kind to me."  
Me, me meow mew meow mew meooooow, mew Meeoow mew meow me me."

When the moon rose over the plain, making it look all milky,  
Meow mew meow meow meow mew meoow, meooooow me meow mew meoow,

the horrified villagers saw Mowgli, with two wolves at his heels  
mew meeeeeeoow meeeeeeoow mew Meeoow, meow mew meooooow me mew meoow

and a bundle on his head, trotting across at the steady wolf's

mew m meeoow me mew meow, meeeoow meeoow me mew meeeow meow'm

trot that eats up the long miles like fire. Then they banged the  
meow meow meow me mew meow meoow meow meow. Meow meow meoow mew

temple bells and blew the conches louder than ever. And Messua  
meeow meow mew meow mew meeeoow meeeow meow meow. Mew Meoow

cried, and Buldeo embroidered the story of his adventures in the  
meeow, mew Meeoow meeeeoow mew meow me mew meeeeoow me mew

jungle, till he ended by saying that Akela stood up on his hind  
meoow, meow me meow me meeoow meow Meeow meow me me mew meow

legs and talked like a man.  
meow mew meeeow meow m mew.

The moon was just going down when Mowgli and the two wolves  
Mew meow mew meow meoow meow meow Meeoow mew mew mew meoow

came to the hill of the Council Rock, and they stopped at Mother  
meow me mew meow me mew Meeoow Meow, mew meow meoow me Meeow

Wolf's cave.  
Meow'm meow.

"They have cast me out from the Man-Pack, Mother," shouted  
"Meow meow meow me mew meow mew Mew-Meow, Meeoow," meoow

Mowgli, "but I come with the hide of Shere Khan to keep my word."  
Meoow, "mew M meow meow mew meow me Meeow Meow me meow me meow."

Mother Wolf walked stiffly from the cave with the cubs behind  
Meeow Meow meeeow meeeow meow mew meow meow mew meow meeeow

her, and her eyes glowed as she saw the skin.  
mew, mew mew meow meeeow me mew mew mew meow.

"I told him on that day, when he crammed his head and  
"M meow mew me meow mew, meow me meeeow mew meow mew

shoulders into this cave, hunting for thy life, Little Frog--I  
meeeeoow meow meow meow, meoow mew mew meow, Meeow Meow--M

told him that the hunter would be the hunted. It is well done."

meow mew meow mew meeeow meoow me mew meooow. Me me meow meow."

"Little Brother, it is well done," said a deep voice in the  
"Meooow Meeoow, me me meow meow," meow m meow meeow me mew

thicket. "We were lonely in the jungle without thee, and Bagheera  
meeeeow. "Me meow meooow me mew meeoow meeoow meow, mew Meooooow

came running to Mowgli's bare feet. They clambered up the Council  
meow meooooow me Meeeow'm meow meow. Meow meeeeeeeow me mew Meooooow

Rock together, and Mowgli spread the skin out on the flat stone  
Meow meeeeeow, mew Meooow meooow mew meow mew me mew meow meeow

where Akela used to sit, and pegged it down with four slivers of  
meeow Meow meow me mew, mew meeeow me meow meow meow meeeeow me

bamboo, and Akela lay down upon it, and called the old call to the  
meeoow, mew Meow mew meow meow me, mew meooow mew mew meow me mew

Council, "Look--look well, O Wolves," exactly as he had called  
Meeeeow, "Meow--meow meow, M Meeeow," meeoow me me mew meeoow

when Mowgli was first brought there.  
meow Meeoow mew meoow meeeow meoow.

Ever since Akela had been deposed, the Pack had been without a  
Meow meow Meow mew meow meeeeow, mew Meow mew meow meooooow m

leader, hunting and fighting at their own pleasure. But they  
meooow, meooooow mew meeeeeow me meoow mew meeeeeow. Mew meow

answered the call from habit; and some of them were lame from the  
meeoow mew meow meow meeow; mew meow me meow meow meow mew

traps they had fallen into, and some limped from shot wounds, and  
meeow meow mew meeoow meow, mew meow meeeow meow meow meeeow, mew

some were mangy from eating bad food, and many were missing. But  
meow meow meow meow meooow mew meow, mew meow meow meeeeow. Mew

they came to the Council Rock, all that were left of them, and saw  
meow meow me mew Meeeow Meow, mew meow meow meow me meow, mew mew

Shere Khan's striped hide on the rock, and the huge claws dangling  
Meow Meow'm meooooow meow me mew meow, mew mew meow meow meeeeeow

at the end of the empty dangling feet. It was then that Mowgli  
me mew mew me mew meeow meeeeeow meow. Me mew meow meow Meeeow

made up a song that came up into his throat all by itself, and he

meow me m meow meow meow me meow mew meeeow mew me meooow, mew me

shouted it aloud, leaping up and down on the rattling skin, and  
meeeeow me meow, meooooow me mew meow me mew meeeeeeow meow, mew

beating time with his heels till he had no more breath left, while  
meeeow meow meow mew meow meow me mew me meow meooow meow, meow

Gray Brother and Akela howled between the verses.  
Meow Meeeeeow mew Meow meooow meeeow mew meeoow.

"Look well, O Wolves. Have I kept my word?" said Mowgli. And  
"Meow meow, M Meeow. Meow M meow me meow?" meow Meooow. Mew

the wolves bayed "Yes," and one tattered wolf howled:  
mew meeeow meow "Mew," mew mew meeeeeeow meow meooow:

"Lead us again, O Akela. Lead us again, O Man-cub, for we be  
"Meow me meow, M Meow. Meow me meow, M Mew-mew, mew me me

sick of this lawlessness, and we would be the Free People once  
meow me meow meeeeeeooow, mew me meow me mew Meow Meeeeeow meow

more."  
meow."

"Nay," purred Bagheera, "that may not be. When ye are  
"Mew," meooow Meeooooow, "meow mew mew me. Meow me mew

full-fed, the madness may come upon you again. Not for nothing  
meow-mew, mew meeeow mew meow meow mew meow. Mew mew meeeow

are ye called the Free People. Ye fought for freedom, and it is  
mew me meeoow mew Meow Meeow. Me meeoow mew meeeow, mew me me

yours. Eat it, O Wolves."  
meeow. Mew me, M Meeeeeow."

"Man-Pack and Wolf-Pack have cast me out," said Mowgli. "Now  
"Mew-Meow mew Meow-Meow meow meow me mew," meow Meooow. "Mew

I will hunt alone in the jungle."  
M meow meow meow me mew meeoow."

"And we will hunt with thee," said the four cubs.

"Mew me meow meow meow meow," meow mew meow meow.

So Mowgli went away and hunted with the four cubs in the  
Me Meeoow meow meow mew meeoow meow mew meow meow me mew

jungle from that day on. But he was not always alone, because,  
meeoow meow meow mew me. Mew me mew mew meooow meeow, meeoow,

years afterward, he became a man and married.  
meeow meeeeeeeow, me meeoow m mew mew meeoow.

But that is a story for grown-ups.  
Mew meow me m meeow mew meeow-mew.

Mowgli's Song  
Meooow'm Meow

THAT HE SANG AT THE COUNCIL ROCK WHEN HE  
MEOW ME MEOW ME MEW MEEEEOW MEOW MEOW ME

DANCED ON SHERE KHAN'S HIDE  
MEOOOW ME MEEOW MEOW'M MEOW

The Song of Mowgli--I, Mowgli, am singing. Let the jungle  
Mew Meow me Meeow--M, Meeow, me meeeow. Mew mew meooow

listen to the things I have done.  
meooow me mew meeoow M meow meow.

Shere Khan said he would kill--would kill! At the gates in the  
Meeow Meow meow me meeoow meow--meoow meow! Me mew meeow me mew

twilight he would kill Mowgli, the Frog!  
meooooow me meeoow meow Meooow, mew Meow!

He ate and he drank. Drink deep, Shere Khan, for when wilt thou



Me mew mew me meow. Meeow meow, Meeow Meow, mew meow meow meow

drink again? Sleep and dream of the kill.  
meow meow? Meeow mew meow me mew meow.

I am alone on the grazing-grounds. Gray Brother, come to me!  
M me meow me mew meeeow-meooooow. Meow Meeeoow, meow me me!

Come to me, Lone Wolf, for there is big game afoot!  
Meow me me, Meow Meow, mew meow me mew meow meow!

Bring up the great bull buffaloes, the blue-skinned herd bulls  
Meow me mew meow meow meeeooooow, mew meow-meeeoow meow meow

with the angry eyes. Drive them to and fro as I order.  
meow mew meow meow. Meeow meow me mew mew me M meow.

Sleepest thou still, Shere Khan? Wake, oh, wake! Here come I,  
Meeeoow meow meow, Meow Meow? Meow, me, meow! Meow meow M,

and the bulls are behind.  
mew mew meow mew meeoow.

Rama, the King of the Buffaloes, stamped with his foot. Waters of  
Meow, mew Meow me mew Meeeeeow, meeoow meow mew meow. Meeoow me

the Waingunga, whither went Shere Khan?  
mew Meeeeeow, meooooow meow Meow Meow?

He is not Ikki to dig holes, nor Mao, the Peacock, that he should  
Me me mew Meow me mew meow, mew Mew, mew Meeeeow, meow me meeoow

fly. He is not Mang the Bat, to hang in the branches. Little  
mew. Me me mew Meow mew Mew, me meow me mew meeeooooow. Meeow

bamboos that creak together, tell me where he ran?  
meeeow meow meow meeoow, meow me meow me mew?

Ow! He is there. Ahoo! He is there. Under the feet of Rama

Me! Me me meow. Meow! Me me meow. Meeow mew meow me Meow

lies the Lame One! Up, Shere Khan!  
meow mew Meow Mew! Me, Meeow Meow!

Up and kill! Here is meat; break the necks of the bulls!  
Me mew meow! Meow me meow; meow mew meow me mew meow!

Hsh! He is asleep. We will not wake him, for his strength is  
Mew! Me me meow. Me meow mew meow mew, mew mew meeeow me

very great. The kites have come down to see it. The black  
meow meow. Mew meow meow meow meow me mew me. Mew meow

ants have come up to know it. There is a great assembly in his  
meow meow meow me me meow me. Meow me m meow meeeow me mew

honor.  
meow.

Alala! I have no cloth to wrap me. The kites will see that I am  
Meow! M meow me meow me meow me. Mew meow meow mew meow M me

naked. I am ashamed to meet all these people.  
meow. M me meeeow me meow mew meow meeeow.

Lend me thy coat, Shere Khan. Lend me thy gay striped coat that I  
Meow me mew meow, Meow Meow. Meow me mew mew meowow meow meow M

may go to the Council Rock.  
mew me me mew Meowow Meow.

By the Bull that bought me I made a promise--a little promise.  
Me mew Meow meow meeeow me M meow m meowow--m meeeow meowow.

Only thy coat is lacking before I keep my word.  
Meow mew meow me meeeow meowow M meow me meow.

With the knife, with the knife that men use, with the knife of the

Meow mew meow, meow mew meow meow mew mew, meow mew meow me mew

hunter, I will stoop down for my gift.  
meeow, M meow meow meow mew me meow.

Waters of the Waingunga, Shere Khan gives me his coat for the love  
Meoow me mew Meeeeeow, Meow Meow meow me mew meow mew mew meow

that he bears me. Pull, Gray Brother! Pull, Akela! Heavy is  
meow me meow me. Meow, Meow Meeeoow! Meow, Meeow! Meeow me

the hide of Shere Khan.  
mew meow me Meow Meow.

The Man Pack are angry. They throw stones and talk child's talk.  
Mew Mew Meow mew meow. Meow meow meoow mew meow meow'm meow.

My mouth is bleeding. Let me run away.  
Me meow me meeeeoow. Mew me mew meow.

Through the night, through the hot night, run swiftly with me, my  
Meoow mew meow, meoow mew mew meow, mew meeoow meow me, me

brothers. We will leave the lights of the village and go to  
meeoow. Me meow meow mew meoow me mew meeoow mew me me

the low moon.  
mew mew meow.

Waters of the Waingunga, the Man-Pack have cast me out. I did  
Meoow me mew Meooooow, mew Mew-Meow meow meow me mew. M mew

them no harm, but they were afraid of me. Why?  
meow me meow, mew meow meow meeoow me me. Mew?

Wolf Pack, ye have cast me out too. The jungle is shut to me and  
Meow Meow, me meow meow me mew mew. Mew meoow me meow me me mew

the village gates are shut. Why?  
mew meeoow meow mew meow. Mew?

As Mang flies between the beasts and birds, so fly I between the

Me Meow meeow meeeoow mew meeoow mew meeow, me mew M meeeoow mew

village and the jungle. Why?  
meeeoow mew mew meeoow. Mew?

I dance on the hide of Shere Khan, but my heart is very heavy. My  
M meeow me mew meow me Meoow Meow, mew me meeow me meow meoow. Me

mouth is cut and wounded with the stones from the village, but  
meow me mew mew meeoow meow mew meeeow meow mew meeeow, mew

my heart is very light, because I have come back to the jungle.  
me meoow me meow meoow, meooooow M meow meow meow me mew meeeow.

Why?  
Mew?

These two things fight together in me as the snakes fight in the  
Meeow mew meeoow meeow meeeeeeow me me me mew meoooow meeow me mew

spring. The water comes out of my eyes; yet I laugh while it  
meeeow. Mew meeow meoow mew me me meow; mew M meeow meoow me

falls. Why?  
meeow. Mew?

I am two Mowglis, but the hide of Shere Khan is under my feet.  
M me mew Meeoow, mew mew meow me Meoow Meow me meoow me meow.

All the jungle knows that I have killed Shere Khan. Look--look  
Mew mew meoooow meeow meow M meow meoooow Meow Meow. Meow--meow

well, O Wolves!  
meow, M Meeoow!

Ahae! My heart is heavy with the things that I do not understand.  
Meow! Me meoow me meoow meow mew meeoow meow M me mew meeoowooooow.

The White Seal  
Mew Meoow Meow

Oh! hush thee, my baby, the night is behind us,  
Me! meow meow, me meow, mew meoow me meeeow me,

And black are the waters that sparkled so green.  
Mew meow mew mew meeeow meow meooooow me meow.

The moon, o'er the combers, looks downward to find us  
Mew meow, m'me mew meeeow, meow meeeow me meow me

At rest in the hollows that rustle between.  
Me meow me mew meooooow meow meooow meeeow.

Where billow meets billow, then soft be thy pillow,  
Meeow meeeow meow meeeow, meow meow me mew meeeow,

Ah, weary wee flipperling, curl at thy ease!  
Me, meow mew meooooooooow, meow me mew meow!

The storm shall not wake thee, nor shark overtake thee,  
Mew meow meow mew meow meow, mew meow meeeow meow,

Asleep in the arms of the slow-swinging seas!  
Meeow me mew meow me mew meow-meooooow meow!

Seal Lullaby  
Meow Meeeow

All these things happened several years ago at a place called  
Mew meow meeeow meeeow meeeow meow mew me m meow meooow

Novastoshnah, or North East Point, on the Island of St. Paul, away  
Meeeeooooow, me Meow Meow Meow, me mew Meooow me Me. Meow, meow

and away in the Bering Sea. Limmershin, the Winter Wren, told me  
mew meow me mew Meeeow Mew. Meeeeeow, mew Meeow Meow, meow me

the tale when he was blown on to the rigging of a steamer going to  
mew meow meow me mew meeeow me me mew meeeow me m meeeow meow me

Japan, and I took him down into my cabin and warmed and fed him  
Meow, mew M meow mew meow meow me meow mew meeeow mew mew mew

for a couple of days till he was fit to fly back to St. Paul's  
mew m meeeow me meow meow me mew mew me mew meow me Me. Meow'm

again. Limmershin is a very quaint little bird, but he knows how  
meeow. Meeeeooooow me m meow meeeow meooow meow, mew me meow mew

to tell the truth.  
me meow mew meow.

Nobody comes to Novastoshnah except on business, and the only  
Meeow meow me Meeeeeeeeow meeeow me meeeow, mew mew meow

people who have regular business there are the seals. They come  
meeow mew meow meeoow meooooow meeow mew mew meoow. Meow meow

in the summer months by hundreds and hundreds of thousands out of  
me mew meeoow meoow me meeoow mew meeeow me meeoow mew me

the cold gray sea. For Novastoshnah Beach has the finest  
mew meow meow mew. Mew Meeeoow Meow mew mew meoow

accommodation for seals of any place in all the world.  
meeoow mew meow me mew meow me mew mew meoow.

Sea Catch knew that, and every spring would swim from whatever  
Mew Meow meow meow, mew meow meoow meow meow meow meooooow

place he happened to be in--would swim like a torpedo-boat  
meow me meeeow me me me--meow meow meow m meooooow-meow

straight for Novastoshnah and spend a month fighting with his  
meeoow mew Meeooooow mew meow m meow meeoow meow mew

companions for a good place on the rocks, as close to the sea as  
meeoow mew m meow meow me mew meow, me meow me mew mew me

possible. Sea Catch was fifteen years old, a huge gray fur seal  
meeoow. Mew Meow mew meeoow meow mew, m meow meow mew meow

with almost a mane on his shoulders, and long, wicked dog teeth.  
meow meeeow m meow me mew meooooow, mew meow, meeoow mew meow.

When he heaved himself up on his front flippers he stood more than  
Meow me meeoow meooooow me me mew meow meeeow me meow meow meow

four feet clear of the ground, and his weight, if anyone had been  
meow meow meow me mew meeeow, mew mew meeeow, me meeoow mew meow

bold enough to weigh him, was nearly seven hundred pounds. He was  
meow meoow me meow mew, mew meoow meow meeeow meoow. Me mew

scarred all over with the marks of savage fights, but he was  
meeoow mew meow meow mew meow me meeoow meeoow, mew me mew

always ready for just one fight more. He would put his head on  
meeeow meow mew meow mew meow meow. Me meow mew mew meow me

one side, as though he were afraid to look his enemy in the face;  
mew meow, me meoow me meow meoow me meow mew meow me mew meow;

then he would shoot it out like lightning, and when the big teeth  
meow me meow meow me mew meow meeoow, mew meow mew mew meow

were firmly fixed on the other seal's neck, the other seal might  
meow meeeow meow me mew meow meow'm meow, mew meow meow meow

get away if he could, but Sea Catch would not help him.  
mew meow me me meow, mew Mew Meow meow mew meow mew.

Yet Sea Catch never chased a beaten seal, for that was against  
Mew Mew Meow meow meeeow m meooow meow, mew meow mew meeeow

the Rules of the Beach. He only wanted room by the sea for his  
mew Meow me mew Meow. Me meow meooow meow me mew mew mew mew

nursery. But as there were forty or fifty thousand other seals  
meeeow. Mew me meow meow meeeow me meeeow meeeeoow meow meow

hunting for the same thing each spring, the whistling, bellowing,  
meeeow mew mew meow meeeow meow meooow, mew meooooow, meeeeoow,

roaring, and blowing on the beach was something frightful.  
meooow, mew meeeow me mew meeeow mew meeeeoow meooooow.

From a little hill called Hutchinson's Hill, you could look  
Meow m meeeow meow meeeow Meeeeeow'm Meow, mew meow meow

over three and a half miles of ground covered with fighting seals;  
meow meow mew m meow meeeow me meeeow meeeow meow meooooow meow;

and the surf was dotted all over with the heads of seals hurrying  
mew mew meow mew meeeow mew meow meow mew meow me meow meeeeoow

to land and begin their share of the fighting. They fought in the  
me meow mew meeeow meow meeeow me mew meeeeoow. Meow meeeow me mew

breakers, they fought in the sand, and they fought on the  
meeeeoow, meow meeeow me mew meow, mew meow meooow me mew

smooth-worn basalt rocks of the nurseries, for they were just as  
meooow-meow meeeow meow me mew meeeeoow, mew meow meow meow me

stupid and unaccommodating as men. Their wives never came to the  
meooow mew meooooooooow me mew. Meow meow meow meow me mew

island until late in May or early in June, for they did not care  
meeeow meow meow me Mew me meow me Meow, mew meow mew mew meow

to be torn to pieces; and the young two-, three-, and  
me me meow me meooow; mew mew meeeow mew-, meeeow-, mew

four-year-old seals who had not begun housekeeping went inland  
meow-meow-mew meow mew mew mew meeeeoow meow meeeow

about half a mile through the ranks of the fighters and played  
meow meow m meow meooow mew meeeow me mew meeeeoow mew meeeow

about on the sand dunes in droves and legions, and rubbed off  
meow me mew meow meow me meeeow mew meooooow, mew meeeow mew

every single green thing that grew. They were called the  
meeow meooooow meow meow meow meow. Meow meow meooooow mew

holluschickie--the bachelors--and there were perhaps two or  
meeeeeooooooooow--mew meeeeeeoow--mew meoow meow meooooow mew me

three hundred thousand of them at Novastoshnah alone.  
meeow meeeoow meeeoow me meow me Meeooooooooow meow.

Sea Catch had just finished his forty-fifth fight one spring  
Mew Meeow mew meow meeeooooow mew meoow-meoow meow mew meeeow

when Matkah, his soft, sleek, gentle-eyed wife, came up out of the  
meow Meeoow, mew meow, meoow, meeoow-meoow meow, meow me mew me mew

sea, and he caught her by the scruff of the neck and dumped her  
mew, mew me meeeow mew me mew meooooow me mew meow mew meeeow mew

down on his reservation, saying gruffly: "Late as usual. Where  
meow me mew meeeeeooooow, meooooow meeeeoow: "Meow me meoow. Meeow

have you been?"  
meow mew meow?"

It was not the fashion for Sea Catch to eat anything during  
Me mew mew mew meeeeoow mew Mew Meoow me mew meeeeeoow meooooow

the four months he stayed on the beaches, and so his temper was  
mew meow meeoow me meeoow me mew meeoow, mew me mew meeoow mew

generally bad. Matkah knew better than to answer back. She  
meeeeeeoow mew. Meeoow meow meeoow meow me meeeow meow. Mew

looked round and cooed: "How thoughtful of you. You've taken the  
meeoow meow mew meow: "Mew meeeeeooooow me mew. Mew'me meow mew

old place again."  
mew meoow meow."

"I should think I had," said Sea Catch. "Look at me!"  
"M meooooow meow M mew," meow Mew Meoow. "Meow me me!"

He was scratched and bleeding in twenty places; one eye was  
Me mew meeeeeooooow mew meeeeeeoow me meeeow meooooow; mew mew mew  
almost out, and his sides were torn to ribbons.



meeoow mew, mew mew meeow meow meow me meooooow.

"Oh, you men, you men!" Matkah said, fanning herself with her  
"Me, mew mew, mew mew!" Meooooow meow, meeeeow meooooow meow mew

hind flipper. "Why can't you be sensible and settle your places  
meow meooooow. "Mew mew'm mew me meeeeow mew meeoow meow meoow

quietly? You look as though you had been fighting with the Killer  
meeeeow? Mew meow me meeeow mew mew meow meeeeow meow mew Meoow

Whale."  
Meeow."

"I haven't been doing anything but fight since the middle of  
"M meoow'm meow meoow meeeeow mew meoow meow mew meoow me

May. The beach is disgracefully crowded this season. I've met at  
Mew. Mew meoow me meeeeeeeeeoow meooooow meow meoow. M'me mew me

least a hundred seals from Lukannon Beach, house hunting. Why  
meow m meeeeow meow meow Meeooooow Meeow, meow meeeeow. Mew

can't people stay where they belong?"  
mew'm meoow meow meoow meow meeeow?"

"I've often thought we should be much happier if we hauled out  
"M'me meoow meeoow me meeeow me meow meeeeow me me meoow mew

at Otter Island instead of this crowded place," said Matkah.  
me Meeow Meeow meooooow me meow meeeeow meow," meow Meeoow.

"Bah! Only the holluschickie go to Otter Island. If we went  
"Mew! Meow mew meeeeeeeeeeeow me me Meoow Meoow. Me me meow

there they would say we were afraid. We must preserve  
meow meow meow mew me meow meeeow. Me meow meooooow

appearances, my dear."  
meeeeeooooow, me meow."

Sea Catch sunk his head proudly between his fat shoulders and

Mew Meeow meow mew meow meeeoow meooooow mew mew meooooooooow mew

pretended to go to sleep for a few minutes, but all the time he meeeeeeow me me me meoow mew m mew meeeeow, mew mew mew meow me

was keeping a sharp lookout for a fight. Now that all the seals mew meeeeow m meoow meeeeow mew m meoow. Mew meow mew mew meeoow

and their wives were on the land, you could hear their clamor mew meeoow meeoow meow me mew meow, mew meoow meow meoow meeoow

miles out to sea above the loudest gales. At the lowest counting meoow mew me mew meeoow mew meeeeow meoow. Me mew meeeow meeeooooow

there were over a million seals on the beach--old seals, mother meeoow meow meow m meooooow meeoow me mew meoow--mew meeoow, meeoow

seals, tiny babies, and holluschickie, fighting, scuffling, meeoow, meow meeoow, mew meeeeeooooooooow, meeeeooow, meooooooooow,

bleating, crawling, and playing together--going down to the sea meooooooooow, meeeeooow, mew meeeeow meooooooooow--meoow meow me mew mew

and coming up from it in gangs and regiments, lying over every mew meooooow me meow me me meeoow mew meeeeeooooow, meoow meow meeoow

foot of ground as far as the eye could reach, and skirmishing meow me meeoow me mew me mew mew meeoow meeoow, mew meeeeeeeeeooooow

about in brigades through the fog. It is nearly always foggy at meoow me meeeeooow meeeeow mew mew. Me me meeoow meeeeow meoow me

Novastoshnah, except when the sun comes out and makes everything Meeeeeeeeeooooow, meeoow meow mew mew meoow mew mew meoow meeeeeeeeeooow

look all pearly and rainbow-colored for a little while. meow mew meeoow mew meeeeow-meeeeow mew m meeeow meeoow.

Kotick, Matkah's baby, was born in the middle of that Meeeoow, Meeoow'm meow, mew meow me mew meeeow me meow

confusion, and he was all head and shoulders, with pale, watery meeeeeooooow, mew me mew mew meow mew meeeeeeeow, meow meow, meeoow

blue eyes, as tiny seals must be, but there was something about meow meow, me meow meeoow meow me, mew meoow mew meooooooooow meoow

his coat that made his mother look at him very closely. mew meow meow meow mew meeeow meow me mew meow meooooow.

"Sea Catch," she said, at last, "our baby's going to be

"Mew Meow," mew meow, me meow, "mew meow'm meow me me

white!"

meow!"

"Empty clam-shells and dry seaweed!" snorted Sea Catch.

"Meeow meow-meeow mew mew meooooow!" meooooow Mew Meeow.

"There never has been such a thing in the world as a white seal."

"Meeow meow mew meow meow m meow me mew meow me m meow meow."

"I can't help that," said Matkah; "there's going to be now."

"M mew'm meow meow," meow Meeow; "meeow'm meow me me mew."

And she sang the low, crooning seal song that all the mother seals  
Mew mew meow mew mew, meooooow meow meow meow mew mew meow meow

sing to their babies:

meow me meow meow:

You mustn't swim till you're six weeks old,  
Mew meow'm meow meow mew'me mew meow mew,

Or your head will be sunk by your heels;  
Me meow meow meow me meow me meow meow;

And summer gales and Killer Whales  
Mew meeeow meow mew Meoooo Meeow

Are bad for baby seals.  
Mew mew mew meow meow.

Are bad for baby seals, dear rat,  
Mew mew mew meow meow, meow mew,

As bad as bad can be;  
Me mew me mew mew me;

But splash and grow strong,  
Mew meow meow mew meow meow,

And you can't be wrong.  
Mew mew mew'm me meow.

Child of the Open Sea!

Meeow me mew Meow Mew!

Of course the little fellow did not understand the words at  
Me meeeow mew meeeow meooow mew mew meeeeeooooow mew meoow me

first. He paddled and scrambled about by his mother's side, and  
meow. Me meeeooow mew meeeeeooooow meoow me mew meooooow'm meow, mew

learned to scuffle out of the way when his father was fighting  
meeeooow me meeeooow mew me mew mew meow mew meeeow mew meooooow

with another seal, and the two rolled and roared up and down the  
meow meooooow meow, mew mew mew meeeow mew meooooow me mew meow mew

slippery rocks. Matkah used to go to sea to get things to eat,  
meeeeeow meoow. Meeoow meow me me me mew me mew meooooow me mew,

and the baby was fed only once in two days, but then he ate all he  
mew mew meow mew mew meow meow me mew meow, mew meow me mew mew me

could and thrive upon it.  
meoow mew meooooow meow me.

The first thing he did was to crawl inland, and there he met  
Mew meow meoow me mew mew me meeeow meeeow, mew meoow me mew

tens of thousands of babies of his own age, and they played  
meow me meeeeeooooow me meooooow me mew mew mew, mew meow meeeow

together like puppies, went to sleep on the clean sand, and played  
meeeeeow meow meeeooow, meow me meoow me mew meeeow meow, mew meooooow

again. The old people in the nurseries took no notice of them,  
meeow. Mew mew meeeooow me mew meeoowooooow meow me meooooow me meow,

and the holluschickie kept to their own grounds, and the babies  
mew mew meeeeeeoowooooow meow me meeeow mew meeeow, mew mew meeoow

had a beautiful playtime.  
mew m meeeeeeeow meeeeeow.

When Matkah came back from her deep-sea fishing she would go  
Meow Meeeeow meow meow meow mew meow-mew meooooow mew meeeow me

straight to their playground and call as a sheep calls for a lamb,

meeeeow me meow meeeeeow mew meow me m meow meow mew m meow,

and wait until she heard Kotick bleat. Then she would take the  
mew meow meow mew meow Meeow meow. Meow mew meow meow mew

straightest of straight lines in his direction, striking out with  
meooooooooow me meooooow meow me mew meooooooooow, meeeow mew meow

her fore flippers and knocking the youngsters head over heels  
mew meow meooooow mew meeeow mew meeeooooow meow meow meow

right and left. There were always a few hundred mothers hunting  
meow mew meow. Meow meow meeeow m mew meooooow meeeow meeeow

for their children through the playgrounds, and the babies were  
mew meow meeeow meooooow mew meeeeeooooow, mew mew meeeow meow

kept lively. But, as Matkah told Kotick, "So long as you don't  
meow meeeow. Mew, me Meooow meow Meeow, "Me meow me mew mew'm

lie in muddy water and get mange, or rub the hard sand into a cut  
mew me meow meow mew mew meow, me mew mew meow meow meow m mew

or scratch, and so long as you never go swimming when there is a  
me meooooow, mew me meow me mew meow me meeeow meow meow me m

heavy sea, nothing will hurt you here."  
meow mew, meeeow meow meow mew meow."

Little seals can no more swim than little children, but they  
Meeow meow mew me meow meow meow meeeow meeeow, mew meow

are unhappy till they learn. The first time that Kotick went down  
mew meooooow meow meow meow. Mew meow meow meow Meooow meow meow

to the sea a wave carried him out beyond his depth, and his big  
me mew mew m meow meeeow mew mew meooooow mew meow, mew mew mew

head sank and his little hind flippers flew up exactly as his  
meow meow mew mew meeoow meow meeeow meow me meooooow me mew

mother had told him in the song, and if the next wave had not  
meeeow mew meow mew me mew meow, mew me mew meow meow mew mew

thrown him back again he would have drowned.  
meeeow mew meow meow me meow meow meooooow.

After that, he learned to lie in a beach pool and let the wash  
Meeow meow, me meooooow me mew me m meow meow mew mew mew meow

of the waves just cover him and lift him up while he paddled, but

me mew meoow meow meeow mew mew meow mew me meoow me meeeeow, mew

he always kept his eye open for big waves that might hurt. He was  
me meeoow meow mew mew meow mew mew meoow meow meoow meow. Me mew

two weeks learning to use his flippers; and all that while he  
mew meeow meooooow me mew mew meeoow; mew mew meow meoow me

floundered in and out of the water, and coughed and grunted and  
meooooow me mew mew me mew meeow, mew meeoow mew meoow mew

crawled up the beach and took catnaps on the sand, and went back  
meoow me mew meoow mew meow meeoow me mew meow, mew meow meow

again, until at last he found that he truly belonged to the water.  
meow, meow me meow me meeow meow me meeow meeoow me mew meeow.

Then you can imagine the times that he had with his  
Meow mew mew meeeeow mew meeow meow me mew meow mew

companions, ducking under the rollers; or coming in on top of a  
meooooow, meoow meow mew meeoow; me meeoow me me mew me m

comber and landing with a swash and a splutter as the big wave  
meoow mew meeoow meow m meeow mew m meeoow me mew mew meow

went whirling far up the beach; or standing up on his tail and  
meow meeoow mew me mew meeow; me meeoow me me mew meow mew

scratching his head as the old people did; or playing "I'm the  
meeeeow mew meow me mew mew meeow mew; me meoow "M'm mew

King of the Castle" on slippery, weedy rocks that just stuck out  
Meow me mew Meeow" me meeoow, meow meeow meow meow meow mew

of the wash. Now and then he would see a thin fin, like a big  
me mew meow. Mew mew meow me meoow mew m meow mew, meow m mew

shark's fin, drifting along close to shore, and he knew that that  
meow'm mew, meooooow meow meow me meeow, mew me meow meow meow

was the Killer Whale, the Grampus, who eats young seals when he  
mew mew Meeow Meeow, mew Meoow, mew meow meeow meeow meow me

can get them; and Kotick would head for the beach like an arrow,  
mew mew meow; mew Meoow meeow meow mew mew meeow meow me meeow,

and the fin would jig off slowly, as if it were looking for  
mew mew mew meoow mew mew meeoow, me me me meow meeoow mew

nothing at all.  
meeoow me mew.

Late in October the seals began to leave St. Paul's for the

Meow me Meeeoow mew meoow meoow me meoow Me. Meow'm mew mew

deep sea, by families and tribes, and there was no more fighting  
meow mew, me meeeeoow mew meeoow, mew meoow mew me meow meeoow

over the nurseries, and the holluschickie played anywhere they  
meow mew meooooow, mew mew meeeeeooooooooow meoow meooooow meow

liked. "Next year," said Matkah to Kotick, "you will be a  
meeow. "Meow meow," meow Meeeoow me Meoow, "mew meow me m

holluschickie; but this year you must learn how to catch fish."  
meeeooooooooow; mew meow meow mew meow meeow mew me meeow meow."

They set out together across the Pacific, and Matkah showed  
Meow mew mew meooooow meeoow mew Meeeoow, mew Meeeoow meeoow

Kotick how to sleep on his back with his flippers tucked down by  
Meeeoow mew me meeow me mew meow meow mew meeeeoow meoow meow me

his side and his little nose just out of the water. No cradle is  
mew meow mew mew meeoow meow meow mew me mew meeow. Me meeoow me

so comfortable as the long, rocking swell of the Pacific. When  
me meeeeoow me mew meow, meeeeoow meeoow me mew Meoow. Meow

Kotick felt his skin tingle all over, Matkah told him he was  
Meeoow mew mew meow meoow mew meow, Meoow mew mew me mew

learning the "feel of the water," and that tingly, prickly  
meooooow mew "meow me mew meeow," mew meow meoow, meeeeoow

feelings meant bad weather coming, and he must swim hard and get  
meooooow meoow mew meeeeoow meeoow, mew me meow meow meow mew mew

away.  
meow.

"In a little time," she said, "you'll know where to swim to,  
"Me m meeoow meow," mew meow, "mew'me meow meoow me meow me,

but just now we'll follow Sea Pig, the Porpoise, for he is very  
mew meow mew me'me meoow Mew Mew, mew Meeooooow, mew me me meow

wise." A school of porpoises were ducking and tearing through the  
meow." M meoow me meeeeoow meow meeeeoow mew meeeeoow meeoow mew

water, and little Kotick followed them as fast as he could. "How  
meow, mew meeoow Meoow meooooow meow me meow me me meow. "Mew

do you know where to go to?" he panted. The leader of the school

me mew meow meow me me me?" me meow. Mew meow me mew meow

rolled his white eye and ducked under. "My tail tingles,  
meow mew meow mew mew meow meow. "Me meow meow,

youngster," he said. "That means there's a gale behind me. Come  
meow," me meow. "Meow meow meow'm m meow meow me. Meow

along! When you're south of the Sticky Water [he meant the  
meow! Meow mew'me meow me mew Meow Meow [me meow mew

Equator] and your tail tingles, that means there's a gale in front  
Meow] mew meow meow meow, meow meow meow'm m meow me meow

of you and you must head north. Come along! The water feels bad  
me mew mew mew meow meow meow. Meow meow! Mew meow meow mew

here."  
meow."

This was one of very many things that Kotick learned, and he  
Meow mew mew me meow meow meow meow Meow meow, mew me

was always learning. Matkah taught him to follow the cod and the  
mew meow meow. Meow meow mew me meow mew mew mew mew

halibut along the under-sea banks and wrench the rockling out of  
meow mew mew meow-mew meow mew meow mew meow mew me

his hole among the weeds; how to skirt the wrecks lying a hundred  
mew meow meow mew meow; mew me meow mew meow meow m meow

fathoms below water and dart like a rifle bullet in at one  
meow meow mew mew meow meow m meow meow me me mew

porthole and out at another as the fishes ran; how to dance on the  
meow mew mew me meow me mew meow mew; mew me meow me mew

top of the waves when the lightning was racing all over the sky,  
mew me mew meow meow mew meow mew meow mew meow mew,

and wave his flipper politely to the stumpy-tailed Albatross and  
mew meow mew meow meow me mew meow-meow Meow mew

the Man-of-war Hawk as they went down the wind; how to jump three  
mew Mew-me-mew Meow me meow meow meow mew meow; mew me meow meow

or four feet clear of the water like a dolphin, flippers close to  
me meow meow meow me mew meow meow m meow, meow meow me

the side and tail curved; to leave the flying fish alone because  
mew meow mew meow meow; me meow mew meow meow meow meow

they are all bony; to take the shoulder-piece out of a cod at full



meow mew mew meow; me meow mew meeeooow-meeow mew me m mew me meow

speed ten fathoms deep, and never to stop and look at a boat or a  
meow mew meeeow meow, mew meow me meow mew meow me m meow me m

ship, but particularly a row-boat. At the end of six months what  
meow, mew meeeeeeeooow m mew-meow. Me mew mew me mew meooow meow

Kotick did not know about deep-sea fishing was not worth the  
Meooow mew mew meow meow meow-mew meeeow mew mew meow mew

knowing. And all that time he never set flipper on dry ground.  
meooow. Mew mew meow meow me meow mew meeeow me mew meooow.

One day, however, as he was lying half asleep in the warm  
Mew mew, meooow, me me mew meow meow meeeow me mew meow

water somewhere off the Island of Juan Fernandez, he felt faint  
meeow meeeooow mew mew Meeow me Meow Meeeeooow, me meow meow

and lazy all over, just as human people do when the spring is in  
mew meow mew meow, meow me meeeow meeeow me meow mew meeeow me me

their legs, and he remembered the good firm beaches of  
meeow meow, mew me meeeeeooow mew meow meow meeeooow me

Novastoshnah seven thousand miles away, the games his companions  
Meeeeeeeeooow meow meeeooow meow meow, mew meow mew meeeeeeoow

played, the smell of the seaweed, the seal roar, and the fighting.  
meooow, mew meow me mew meeeow, mew meow meow, mew mew meeeooow.

That very minute he turned north, swimming steadily, and as he  
Meow meow meooow me meeeow meeeow, meooooow meeeooow, mew me me

went on he met scores of his mates, all bound for the same place,  
meow me me mew meeeow me mew meeeow, mew meow mew mew meow meow,

and they said: "Greeting, Kotick! This year we are all  
mew meow meow: "Meeeoow, Meeow! Meow meow me mew mew

holluschickie, and we can dance the Fire-dance in the breakers off  
meooooooooooow, mew me mew meow mew Meow-meeow me mew meeeooow mew

Lukannon and play on the new grass. But where did you get that  
Meooooow mew meow me mew mew meeeow. Mew meow mew mew mew meow

coat?"  
meow?"

Kotick's fur was almost pure white now, and though he felt

Meeoow'm mew mew meeoow meow meoow mew, mew meeeow me meow

very proud of it, he only said, "Swim quickly! My bones are  
meow meoow me me, me meow meow, "Meow meooooow! Me meow mew

aching for the land." And so they all came to the beaches where  
meeeow mew mew meow." Mew me meow mew meow me mew meeoow meow

they had been born, and heard the old seals, their fathers,  
meow mew meow meow, mew meow mew mew meow, meow meeeow,

fighting in the rolling mist.  
meeeeoow me mew meeeow meow.

That night Kotick danced the Fire-dance with the yearling  
Meow meow Meeow meeoow mew Meow-meeow meow mew meeoow

seals. The sea is full of fire on summer nights all the way down  
meow. Mew mew me meow me meow me meoow meeoow mew mew mew meow

from Novastoshnah to Lukannon, and each seal leaves a wake like  
meow Meooooooooow me Meeeoow, mew meow meow meeoow m meow meow

burning oil behind him and a flaming flash when he jumps, and the  
meeeow mew meoow mew mew m meeeow meow meow me meow, mew mew

waves break in great phosphorescent streaks and swirls. Then they  
meow meow me meoow meeeeeeeeeeoow meeeow mew meoow. Meow meow

went inland to the holluschickie grounds and rolled up and down in  
meow meeoow me mew meeeeeeeeeeoow meooooow mew meoow me mew meow me

the new wild wheat and told stories of what they had done while  
mew mew meow meow mew meow meeoow me meow meow mew meow meow

they had been at sea. They talked about the Pacific as boys would  
meow mew meow me mew. Meow meeeow meow mew Meeeeow me meow meow

talk about a wood that they had been nutting in, and if anyone had  
meow meow m meow meow meow mew meow meooooow me, mew me meoow mew

understood them he could have gone away and made such a chart of  
meeeeoow meow me meow meow meow meow mew meow meow m meow me

that ocean as never was. The three- and four-year-old  
meow meow me meow mew. Mew meow- mew meow-meow-mew

holluschickie romped down from Hutchinson's Hill crying: "Out of  
meooooooooow meeoow meow meow Meeeoow'm Meow meeeow: "Mew me

the way, youngsters! The sea is deep and you don't know all  
mew mew, meeeeeeow! Mew mew me meow mew mew mew'm meow mew

that's in it yet. Wait till you've rounded the Horn. Hi, you

meow'm me me mew. Meow meow mew'me meeeoow mew Meow. Me, mew

yearling, where did you get that white coat?"  
meooooow, meow mew mew mew meow meeow meow?"

"I didn't get it," said Kotick. "It grew." And just as he  
"M meow'm mew me," meow Meeow. "Me meow." Mew meow me me

was going to roll the speaker over, a couple of black-haired men  
mew meeow me meow mew meeeow meow, m meooow me meeow-meeow mew

with flat red faces came from behind a sand dune, and Kotick, who  
meow meow mew meow meow meow meooow m meow meow, mew Meeow, mew

had never seen a man before, coughed and lowered his head. The  
mew meeow meow m mew meeeow, meeeow mew meooooow mew meow. Mew

holluschickie just bundled off a few yards and sat staring  
meoooooooooow meow meeeow mew m mew meow mew mew meeeow

stupidly. The men were no less than Kerick Booterin, the chief of  
meeeoow. Mew mew meow me meow meow Meeow Meeooooow, mew meow me

the seal-hunters on the island, and Patalamon, his son. They came  
mew meow-meeeeow me mew meeeow, mew Meeeeeow, mew mew. Meow meow

from the little village not half a mile from the sea nurseries,  
meow mew meooow meeeow mew meow m meow meow mew mew meeeeeeow,

and they were deciding what seals they would drive up to the  
mew meow meow meeeeeow meow meow meow meow meeow me me mew

killing pens--for the seals were driven just like sheep--to be  
meeeow meow--mew mew meow meow meeeow meow meow meeow--me me

turned into seal-skin jackets later on.  
meeeow meow meow-meow meooooow meow me.

"Ho!" said Patalamon. "Look! There's a white seal!"  
"Me!" meow Meeeeeow. "Meow! Meow'm m meeow meow!"

Kerick Booterin turned nearly white under his oil and smoke,  
Meooow Meeeeeow meeow meooow meeow meeow mew mew mew meow,

for he was an Aleut, and Aleuts are not clean people. Then he  
mew me mew me Meow, mew Meeow mew mew meeow meooow. Meow me

began to mutter a prayer. "Don't touch him, Patalamon. There has

meow me meooow m meooow. "Mew'm meeow mew, Meeeeeeow. Meeow mew

never been a white seal since--since I was born. Perhaps it is  
meow meow m meeow meow meow--meeow M mew meow. Meeeeow me me

old Zaharrof's ghost. He was lost last year in the big gale."  
mew Meeeeeeow'm meow. Me mew meow meow meow me mew mew meow."

"I'm not going near him," said Patalamon. "He's unlucky. Do  
"M'm mew meeow meow mew," meow Meeeeeoow. "Me'm meooow. Me

you really think he is old Zaharrof come back? I owe him for some  
mew meeeow meeow me me mew Meeeeeoow meow meow? M mew mew mew meow

gulls' eggs."  
meeow' meow."

"Don't look at him," said Kerick. "Head off that drove of  
"Mew'm meow me mew," meow Meeoow. "Meow mew meow meow me

four-year-olds. The men ought to skin two hundred to-day, but  
meow-meow-meow. Mew mew meow me meow mew meeeow me-mew, mew

it's the beginning of the season and they are new to the work. A  
me'm mew meooooooooow me mew meeeow mew meow mew mew me mew meow. M

hundred will do. Quick!"  
meeeoow meow me. Meeow!"

Patalamon rattled a pair of seal's shoulder bones in front of  
Meooooooooow meeeoow m meow me meow'm meeeeoow meeow me meeow me

a herd of holluschickie and they stopped dead, puffing and  
m meow me meeeeeooooooooow mew meow meooooooooow meow, meeeow mew

blowing. Then he stepped near and the seals began to move, and  
meooooooooow. Meow me meeeoow meow mew mew meeow meeow me meow, mew

Kerick headed them inland, and they never tried to get back to  
Meoow meoow meow meeeow, mew meow meeow meoow me mew meow me

their companions. Hundreds and hundreds of thousands of seals  
meow meeeeeeeow. Meeeeeeow mew meeeeoow me meeeeeeeow me meeow

watched them being driven, but they went on playing just the same.  
meeoow meow meow meeeow, mew meow meow me meeeoow meow mew meow.

Kotick was the only one who asked questions, and none of his

Meeow mew mew meow mew mew meeow meeeooooow, mew meow me mew

companions could tell him anything, except that the men always  
meeeooooow meow meow mew meeeeoow, meeeow meow mew mew meeeow

drove seals in that way for six weeks or two months of every year.  
meeow meow me mew mew mew mew meow me mew meeeow me meow meow.

"I am going to follow," he said, and his eyes nearly popped  
"M me meow me meooow," me meow, mew mew meow meeeow meeeow

out of his head as he shuffled along in the wake of the herd.  
mew me mew meow me me meooooow meeow me mew meow me mew meow.

"The white seal is coming after us," cried Patalamon. "That's  
"Mew meow meow me meeeow meeow me," meow Meeeeeeow. "Meow'm

the first time a seal has ever come to the killing-grounds alone."  
mew meow meow m meow mew meow meow me mew meooooow-meeooow meow."

"Hsh! Don't look behind you," said Kerick. "It is Zaharrof's  
"Mew! Mew'm meow meooow mew," meow Meeoow. "Me me Meeeeeeow'm

ghost! I must speak to the priest about this."  
meow! M meow meow me mew meeeow meeow meow."

The distance to the killing-grounds was only half a mile, but  
Mew meeeeeeow me mew meeeeoow-meeeeow mew meow meow m meow, mew

it took an hour to cover, because if the seals went too fast  
me meow me meow me meeeow, meeeooow me mew meeeow meow mew meow

Kerick knew that they would get heated and then their fur would  
Meooow meow meow meow meooow mew meooow mew meow meow mew meeeow

come off in patches when they were skinned. So they went on very  
meow mew me meeeeeeow meow meow meow meeeooow. Me meow meow me meow

slowly, past Sea Lion's Neck, past Webster House, till they came  
meooow, meow Mew Meow'm Meow, meow Meeeeoow Meoow, meow meow meow

to the Salt House just beyond the sight of the seals on the beach.  
me mew Meow Meoow meow meeeow mew meooow me mew meeeow me mew meooow.

Kotick followed, panting and wondering. He thought that he was at

Meooow meeeooow, meeeeow mew meeeeeeeow. Me meeeeow meow me mew me

the world's end, but the roar of the seal nurseries behind him  
mew meow'm mew, mew mew meow me mew meow meeeeoow meeoow mew

sounded as loud as the roar of a train in a tunnel. Then Kerick  
meeeeow me meow me mew meow me m meeoow me m meooow. Meow Meeoow

sat down on the moss and pulled out a heavy pewter watch and let  
mew meow me mew meow mew meooow mew m meoow meooow meow mew mew

the drove cool off for thirty minutes, and Kotick could hear the  
mew meow meow mew mew meooow meeeeow, mew Meeeow meow meow mew

fog-dew dripping off the brim of his cap. Then ten or twelve men,  
mew-mew meeeeow mew mew meow me mew mew. Meow mew me meeeeow mew,

each with an iron-bound club three or four feet long, came up, and  
meow meow me meow-meow meow meeoow me meow meow meow, meow me, mew

Kerick pointed out one or two of the drove that were bitten by  
Meooow meeoow mew mew me mew me mew meeoow meow meow meeeeow me

their companions or too hot, and the men kicked those aside with  
meeoow meooooooooow me mew mew, mew mew mew meooow meoow meeoow meow

their heavy boots made of the skin of a walrus's throat, and then  
meoow meeoow meoow meow me mew meow me m meeeow'm meeoow, mew meow

Kerick said, "Let go!" and then the men clubbed the seals on the  
Meeoow meow, "Mew me!" mew meow mew mew meeeeoow mew meoow me mew

head as fast as they could.  
meow me meow me meow meoow.

Ten minutes later little Kotick did not recognize his friends  
Mew meeeeow meoow meeeow Meeoow mew mew meeeeoow mew meeoow

any more, for their skins were ripped off from the nose to the  
mew meow, mew meeoow meeoow meow meooow mew meow mew meow me mew

hind flippers, whipped off and thrown down on the ground in a  
meow meeoowow, meeeoow mew mew meeoow meow me mew meeoow me m

pile. That was enough for Kotick. He turned and galloped (a seal  
meow. Meow mew meooow mew Meeeow. Me meeeeow mew meeeeow (m meow

can gallop very swiftly for a short time) back to the sea; his  
mew meeoow meow meeeeow mew m meoow meow) meow me mew mew; mew

little new mustache bristling with horror. At Sea Lion's Neck,  
meeeow mew meeeeow meeeoow meow meooow. Me Mew Meow'm Meow,

where the great sea lions sit on the edge of the surf, he flung

meow mew meow mew meow mew me mew meow me mew meow, me meow

himself flipper-overhead into the cool water and rocked there,  
meoooo meeeow-meeeoow meow mew meow meow mew meoooo meow,

gasping miserably. "What's here?" said a sea lion gruffly, for as  
meeeow meooooow. "Meow'm meow?" meow m mew meow meoooo, mew me

a rule the sea lions keep themselves to themselves.  
m meow mew mew meow meow meooooow me meeeeoow.

"Scoohnie! Ochen scoohnie!" ("I'm lonesome, very  
"Meeooooow! Meow meeeeoow!" ("M'm meooooow, meow

lonesome!") said Kotick. "They're killing all the holluschickie  
meeeeoow!") meow Meeow. "Meow'm meeoow mew mew meeeeeeoow

on all the beaches!"  
me mew mew meeeow!"

The Sea Lion turned his head inshore. "Nonsense!" he said.  
Mew Mew Meow meeoow mew meow meoooo. "Meeeoow!" me meow.

"Your friends are making as much noise as ever. You must have  
"Meow meeoow mew meoow me meow meow me meow. Mew meow meow

seen old Kerick polishing off a drove. He's done that for thirty  
meow mew Meeow meeeeoow mew m meow. Me'm meow meow mew meoooo

years."  
meow."

"It's horrible," said Kotick, backing water as a wave went  
"Me'm meeoow," meow Meeow, meoooo meow me m meow meow

over him, and steadying himself with a screw stroke of his  
meow mew, mew meooooow meeoow meow m meow meoooo me mew

flippers that brought him all standing within three inches of a  
meooooow meow meooooow mew mew meooooow meeoow meow meoooo me m

jagged edge of rock.  
meoooo meow me meow.

"Well done for a yearling!" said the Sea Lion, who could

"Meow meow mew m meeeeoow!" meow mew Mew Meow, mew meoow

appreciate good swimming. "I suppose it is rather awful from your meeoowooow meow meeoowoo. "M meeeeoow me me meeoow meow meow meow

way of looking at it, but if you seals will come here year after mew me meeoow me me, mew me mew meow meow meow meow meow meow

year, of course the men get to know of it, and unless you can find meow, me meoow mew mew mew me meow me me, mew meeeow mew mew meow

an island where no men ever come you will always be driven." me meeeow meow me mew meow meow mew meow meeeow me meoow."

"Isn't there any such island?" began Kotick.  
"Mew'm meow mew meow meoow?" meow Meeow.

"I've followed the poltoos [the halibut] for twenty years, and "M'me meeeeoow mew meoowoo [mew meoowoo] mew meoow meow, mew

I can't say I've found it yet. But look here--you seem to have M mew'm mew M'me meow me mew. Mew meow meow--mew meow me meow

a fondness for talking to your betters--suppose you go to Walrus m meoowooow mew meeeeoow me meow meoowoo--meeeeoow mew me me Meoow

Islet and talk to Sea Vitch. He may know something. Don't Meeow mew meow me Mew Meeow. Me mew meow meeeeoow. Mew'm

flounce off like that. It's a six-mile swim, and if I were you I meoowoo mew meow meow. Me'm m mew-meow meow, mew me M meow mew M

should haul out and take a nap first, little one." meoow meow mew mew meow m mew meow, meoow mew."

Kotick thought that that was good advice, so he swam round to Meeow meeeeoow meow meow mew meow meeoow, me me meow meow me

his own beach, hauled out, and slept for half an hour, twitching mew mew meow, meeoow mew, mew meow mew meow me meow, meeeeoow

all over, as seals will. Then he headed straight for Walrus mew meow, me meow meow. Meow me meoow meeeeoow mew Meeow

Islet, a little low sheet of rocky island almost due northeast Meeow, m meeeow mew meow me meow meeeow meoow mew meeeeoow

from Novastoshnah, all ledges and rock and gulls' nests, where the



meow Meeeeeeeeeoow, mew meeoow mew meow mew meeow' meoow, meow mew

walrus herded by themselves.

meeoow meoow me meeeeeeoow.

He landed close to old Sea Vitch--the big, ugly, bloated,  
Me meeeow meow me mew Mew Meeow--mew mew, meow, meoow,

pimpled, fat-necked, long-tusked walrus of the North Pacific, who  
meeeow, mew-meeeow, meow-meeeow meeeow me mew Meow Meeeeow, mew

has no manners except when he is asleep--as he was then, with  
mew me meeeow meeeow meow me me meoow--me me mew meow, meow

his hind flippers half in and half out of the surf.  
mew meow meeeeoow meow me mew meow mew me mew meow.

"Wake up!" barked Kotick, for the gulls were making a great  
"Meow me!" meoow Meeow, mew mew meow meow meeeow m meow

noise.

meow.

"Hah! Ho! Hmph! What's that?" said Sea Vitch, and he struck  
"Mew! Me! Meow! Meow'm meow?" meow Mew Meeow, mew me meoow

the next walrus a blow with his tusks and waked him up, and the  
mew meow meeeow m meow meow mew meow mew meow mew me, mew mew

next struck the next, and so on till they were all awake and  
meow meoow mew meow, mew me me meow meow meow mew meow mew

staring in every direction but the right one.  
meoow me meow meeeeoow mew mew meow mew.

"Hi! It's me," said Kotick, bobbing in the surf and looking  
"Me! Me'm me," meow Meeow, meeoow me mew meow mew meeeow

like a little white slug.

meow m meeoow meow meow.

"Well! May I be--skinned!" said Sea Vitch, and they all

"Meow! Mew M me--meeeeow!" meow Mew Meeow, mew meow mew

looked at Kotick as you can fancy a club full of drowsy old  
meooow me Meooow me mew mew meooow m meow meow me meeeow mew

gentlemen would look at a little boy. Kotick did not care to hear  
meeeeeow meow meow me m meeeow mew. Meeoow mew mew meow me meow

any more about skinning just then; he had seen enough of it. So  
mew meow meow meeeoow meow meow; me mew meow meeoow me me. Me

he called out: "Isn't there any place for seals to go where men  
me meooow mew: "Mew'm meow mew meow mew meow me me meooow mew

don't ever come?"  
mew'm meow meow?"

"Go and find out," said Sea Vitch, shutting his eyes. "Run  
"Me mew meow mew," meow Mew Meoow, meooooow mew meow. "Mew

away. We're busy here."  
meow. Me'me meow meow."

Kotick made his dolphin-jump in the air and shouted as loud as  
Meeow meow mew meeeeow-meow me mew mew mew meeeeow me meow me

he could: "Clam-eater! Clam-eater!" He knew that Sea Vitch never  
me meow: "Meow-meow! Meow-meow!" Me meow meow Mew Meoow meow

caught a fish in his life but always rooted for clams and seaweed;  
meooow m meow me mew meow mew meooow meeeow mew meow mew meeoow;

though he pretended to be a very terrible person. Naturally the  
meeoow me meeeeeow me me m meow meeoow meeeow. Meeooooow mew

Chickies and the Gooverooskies and the Epatkas--the Burgomaster  
Meeooooow mew mew Meeeeeeeooooow mew mew Meeeeow--mew Meeeeeooooow

Gulls and the Kittiwakes and the Puffins, who are always looking  
Meow mew mew Meeeeeeeow mew mew Meeoow, mew mew meooow meooooow

for a chance to be rude, took up the cry, and--so Limmershin  
mew m meeoow me me meow, meow me mew mew, mew--me Meeoooooow

told me--for nearly five minutes you could not have heard a gun  
meow me--mew meooow meow meeeow mew meow mew meow meow m mew

fired on Walrus Islet. All the population was yelling and  
meow me Meeow Meow. Mew mew meeeeeooooow mew meeeow mew

screaming "Clam-eater! Stareek [old man]!" while Sea Vitch rolled

meooooow "Meow-meeow! Meooooow [mew mew]!" meeow Mew Meeow meeeow

from side to side grunting and coughing.  
meow meow me meow meeeeoow mew meeeeoow.

"Now will you tell?" said Kotick, all out of breath.  
"Mew meow mew meow?" meow Meooow, mew mew me meeeow.

"Go and ask Sea Cow," said Sea Vitch. "If he is living still,  
"Me mew mew Mew Mew," meow Mew Meooow. "Me me me meeoow meeow,

he'll be able to tell you."  
me'me me meow me meow mew."

"How shall I know Sea Cow when I meet him?" said Kotick,  
"Mew meow M meow Mew Mew meow M meow mew?" meow Meeoow,

sheering off.  
meooooow mew.

"He's the only thing in the sea uglier than Sea Vitch,"  
"Me'm mew meow meoow me mew mew meooow meow Mew Meeow,"

screamed a Burgomaster gull, wheeling under Sea Vitch's nose.  
meooooow m Meeeeeeeeeoow meow, meeeeoow meoow Mew Meoow'm meow.

"Uglier, and with worse manners! Stareek!"  
"Meeeoow, mew meow meoow meeeeoow! Meooooow!"

Kotick swam back to Novastoshnah, leaving the gulls to scream.  
Meeoow meow meow me Meeeeooooooooow, meeoow mew meeow me meeeow.

There he found that no one sympathized with him in his little  
Meeow me meoow meow me mew meeeooooooooow meow mew me mew meooow

attempt to discover a quiet place for the seals. They told him  
meeeeoow me meeoow m meeoow meeoow mew mew meoow. Meow meow mew

that men had always driven the holluschickie--it was part of the  
meow mew mew meeeow meeeow mew meeeooooooooow--me mew meow me mew

day's work--and that if he did not like to see ugly things he

mew'm meow--mew meow me me mew mew meow me mew meow meeeow me

should not have gone to the killing grounds. But none of the meeeow mew meow meow me mew meeeow meeeow. Mew meow me mew

other seals had seen the killing, and that made the difference meow meow mew meow mew meeeow, mew meow meow mew meeeeeeow

between him and his friends. Besides, Kotick was a white seal. meeoow mew mew mew meeeow. Meeoow, Meeow mew m meow meow.

"What you must do," said old Sea Catch, after he had heard his "Meow mew meow me," meow mew Mew Meeow, meow me mew meow mew

son's adventures, "is to grow up and be a big seal like your mew'm meeeooooow, "me me meow me mew me m mew meow meow meow

father, and have a nursery on the beach, and then they will leave meoow, mew meow m meeoow me mew meow, mew meow meow meow meow

you alone. In another five years you ought to be able to fight mew meow. Me meeeow meow meow mew meow me me meow me meow

for yourself." Even gentle Matkah, his mother, said: "You will mew meeeow." Meow meoow Meeow, mew meoow, meow: "Mew meow

never be able to stop the killing. Go and play in the sea, meow me meow me meow mew meeeow. Me mew meow me mew mew,

Kotick." And Kotick went off and danced the Fire-dance with a Meeow." Mew Meeow meow mew mew meeoow mew Meow-meeow meow m

very heavy little heart.  
meow meow meeoow meow.

That autumn he left the beach as soon as he could, and set off Meow meeoow me meow mew meow me meow me me meow, mew mew mew

alone because of a notion in his bullet-head. He was going to meow meeeow me m meeeow me mew meeeow-meow. Me mew meow me

find Sea Cow, if there was such a person in the sea, and he was meow Mew Mew, me meow mew meow m meeoow me mew mew, mew me mew

going to find a quiet island with good firm beaches for seals to meow me meow m meow meoow meow meow meow meeeow mew meow me

live on, where men could not get at them. So he explored and meow me, meow mew meow mew mew me meow. Me me meooooow mew

explored by himself from the North to the South Pacific, swimming

meooooow me meeeoow meow mew Meeow me mew Meoow Meeeeeow, meeeeoow

as much as three hundred miles in a day and a night. He met with  
me meow me meeeow meeeoow meeeow me m mew mew m meeeow. Me mew meow

more adventures than can be told, and narrowly escaped being  
meow meeeeeeeoow meow mew me meow, mew meoooooow meeeeow meeeow

caught by the Basking Shark, and the Spotted Shark, and the  
meeeow me mew Meeeoow Meoow, mew mew Meeeoow Meeow, mew mew

Hammerhead, and he met all the untrustworthy ruffians that loaf up  
Meeeeeeeeoow, mew me mew mew mew meeeeeeoow meooooow meow meow me

and down the seas, and the heavy polite fish, and the scarlet  
mew meow mew meow, mew mew meoow meeeow meow, mew mew meeeoow

spotted scallops that are moored in one place for hundreds of  
meeeoow meeeeeow meow mew meeeow me mew meoow mew meooooow me

years, and grow very proud of it; but he never met Sea Cow, and he  
meoow, mew meow meow meeeow me me; mew me meeeow mew Mew Mew, mew me

never found an island that he could fancy.  
meeeow meeeow me meeeow meow me meoow meoow.

If the beach was good and hard, with a slope behind it for  
Me mew meoow mew meow mew meow, meow m meeeow meeeow me mew

seals to play on, there was always the smoke of a whaler on the  
meeeow me meow me, meoow mew meeeow mew meeeow me m meooooow me mew

horizon, boiling down blubber, and Kotick knew what that meant.  
meeeoow, meeeoow meow meooooow, mew Meooooow meow meow meow meeeow.

Or else he could see that seals had once visited the island and  
Me meow me meeeow mew meow meoow mew meow meeeeow mew meooooow mew

been killed off, and Kotick knew that where men had come once they  
meow meeeow mew, mew Meeeow meow meow meeeow mew mew meow meow meow

would come again.  
meoow meow meeeow.

He picked up with an old stumpy-tailed albatross, who told him  
Me meeeow me meow me mew meeeow-meeeoow meeeeeoow, mew meow mew

that Kerguelen Island was the very place for peace and quiet, and  
meow Meoooooow Meeeow mew mew meow meeeow mew meeeow mew meoow, mew

when Kotick went down there he was all but smashed to pieces

meow Meeoow meow meow meeow me mew mew mew meooooow me meeeow

against some wicked black cliffs in a heavy sleet-storm with  
meeeeoow meow meooow meeow meooow me m meow meoow-meeow meow

lightning and thunder. Yet as he pulled out against the gale he  
meeeeeeoow mew meooooow. Mew me me meeeow mew meooooow mew meow me

could see that even there had once been a seal nursery. And it  
meow mew meow meow meoow mew meow meow m meow meeeeoow. Mew me

was so in all the other islands that he visited.  
mew me me mew mew meeow meooooow meow me meeeeoow.

Limmershin gave a long list of them, for he said that Kotick  
Meeeeeeoow meow m meow meow me meow, mew me meow meow Meooow

spent five seasons exploring, with a four months' rest each year  
meeow meow meooooow meeeeeeoow, meow m meow meeeow' meow meow meow

at Novastoshnah, when the holluschickie used to make fun of him  
me Meooooooooow, meow mew meeeeeeoow meow me meow mew me mew

and his imaginary islands. He went to the Gallapagos, a horrid  
mew mew meeeeeeoow meeoow. Me meow me mew Meeeeeeoow, m meeeow

dry place on the Equator, where he was nearly baked to death; he  
mew meow me mew Meeeoow, meeow me mew meeoow meeow me meow; me

went to the Georgia Islands, the Orkneys, Emerald Island, Little  
meow me mew Meeeeoow Meeeeoow, mew Meooooow, Meooooow Meeeoow, Meeeoow

Nightingale Island, Gough's Island, Bouvet's Island, the Crossets,  
Meeeeeeoow Meeoow, Meeow'm Meooow, Meeoow'm Meooow, mew Meooooow,

and even to a little speck of an island south of the Cape of Good  
mew meow me m meeoow meeow me me meeeow meow me mew Meow me Meow

Hope. But everywhere the People of the Sea told him the same  
Meow. Mew meeeeeeoow mew Meooow me mew Mew meow mew mew meow

things. Seals had come to those islands once upon a time, but men  
meooow. Meow mew meow me meoow meeoow meow meow m meow, mew mew

had killed them all off. Even when he swam thousands of miles out  
mew meeoow meow mew mew. Meow meow me meow meeeeeeoow me meow mew

of the Pacific and got to a place called Cape Corrientes (that was  
me mew Meeoow mew mew me m meow meeeow Meow Meeeeeeoow (meow mew

when he was coming back from Gough's Island), he found a few  
meow me mew meeeow meow meow Meeow'm Meooow), me meow m mew

hundred mangy seals on a rock and they told him that men came

meooooow meow meow me m meow mew meow meow mew meow mew meow

there too.

meow mew.

That nearly broke his heart, and he headed round the Horn back  
Meow meeoow meow mew meow, mew me meeeow meow mew Meow meow

to his own beaches; and on his way north he hauled out on an  
me mew mew meeeoow; mew me mew mew meow me meeeow mew me me

island full of green trees, where he found an old, old seal who  
meeeow meow me meoow meow, meow me meow me mew, mew meow mew

was dying, and Kotick caught fish for him and told him all his  
mew meow, mew Meeow meooooow meow mew mew mew meow mew mew mew

sorrows. "Now," said Kotick, "I am going back to Novastoshnah,  
meooooow. "Mew," meow Meeow, "M me meoow meow me Meeeeeeeeeoow,

and if I am driven to the killing-pens with the holluschickie I  
mew me M me meeoow me mew meooooow-meow meow mew meeeeeeeeeeoow M

shall not care."

meow mew meow."

The old seal said, "Try once more. I am the last of the Lost  
Mew mew meow meow, "Mew meow meow. M me mew meow me mew Meow

Rookery of Masafuera, and in the days when men killed us by the  
Meeeeow me Meeeeeoow, mew me mew meow meow mew meooooow me me mew

hundred thousand there was a story on the beaches that some day a  
meooooow meeeeoow meoow mew m meoow me mew meeeeoow meow meow mew m

white seal would come out of the North and lead the seal people to  
meow meow meoow meow mew me mew Meoow mew meow mew meow meeoow me

a quiet place. I am old, and I shall never live to see that day,  
m meoow meoow. M me mew, mew M meoow meow meow me mew meow mew,

but others will. Try once more."

mew meeoow meow. Mew meow meow."

And Kotick curled up his mustache (it was a beauty) and said,  
Mew Meeow meooooow me mew meooooow (me mew m meooooow) mew meow,

"I am the only white seal that has ever been born on the beaches,





me meeoow meeeoow me mew meow me meoow me mew meeoow me mew

ground swell that sets in to Copper Island. He knew the coast meeoow meow meow meow me me Meeoow Meeoow. Me meow mew meow

perfectly well, so about midnight, when he felt himself gently meeeeeeow meow, me meow meeeeeeow, meow me meow meeeeeeow meeoow

bumped on a weed-bed, he said, "Hm, tide's running strong meoow me m meow-mew, me meow, "Me, meow'm meeoow meoow

tonight," and turning over under water opened his eyes slowly and meeeoow," mew meeoow meow meeoow meoow meeeow mew meow meoow mew

stretched. Then he jumped like a cat, for he saw huge things meeeeeeow. Meow me meeeow meow m mew, mew me mew meow meeeow

nosing about in the shoal water and browsing on the heavy fringes meeeow meow me mew meoow meow mew meeeeeeow me mew meow meeeow

of the weeds.  
me mew meow.

"By the Great Combers of Magellan!" he said, beneath his "Me mew Meoow Meoooow me Meeooooow!" me meow, meeeoow mew

mustache. "Who in the Deep Sea are these people?" meeeeeeow. "Mew me mew Meow Mew mew meoow meoow?"

They were like no walrus, sea lion, seal, bear, whale, shark, Meow meow meow me meeoow, mew meow, meow, meow, meoow, meow,

fish, squid, or scallop that Kotick had ever seen before. They meow, meow, me meoooow meow Meoow mew meow meow meeeow. Meow

were between twenty and thirty feet long, and they had no hind meow meeeeeeow meeeow mew meeoow meow meow, mew meow mew me meow

flippers, but a shovel-like tail that looked as if it had been meeoow, mew m meeoow-meow meow meow meoow me me me mew meow

whittled out of wet leather. Their heads were the most meooooow mew me mew meeeoow. Meeow meow meow mew meow

foolish-looking things you ever saw, and they balanced on the ends meeeoow-meeoow meeoow mew meow mew, mew meow meeeoow me mew meow

of their tails in deep water when they weren't grazing, bowing me meoow meow me meow meeoow meow meow meoow'm meeoow, meoow

solemnly to each other and waving their front flippers as a fat

meeeeeeow me meow meeow mew meeoow meoow meeow meeeooooow me m mew

man waves his arm.  
mew meoow mew mew.

"Ahem!" said Kotick. "Good sport, gentlemen?" The big things  
"Meow!" meow Meeow. "Meow meeow, meeeeeeow?" Mew mew meeeow

answered by bowing and waving their flippers like the Frog  
meeeeeeow me meeeow mew meeoow meoow meeeeeeow meow mew Meow

Footman. When they began feeding again Kotick saw that their  
Meeeeeow. Meow meow meoow meooooow meeow Meeoow mew meow meoow

upper lip was split into two pieces that they could twitch apart  
meeow mew mew meoow meow mew meooooow meow meow meoow meeeow meoow

about a foot and bring together again with a whole bushel of  
meoow m meow mew meoow meeeeeeow meeow meow m meoow meeeow me

seaweed between the splits. They tucked the stuff into their  
meeeeeeow meeoow mew meeoow. Meow meeeow mew meoow meow meeoow

mouths and chumped solemnly.  
meooooow mew meeeeeeow meeoow.

"Messy style of feeding, that," said Kotick. They bowed  
"Meeow meoow me meeeeeeow, meow," meow Meeoow. Meow meeeow

again, and Kotick began to lose his temper. "Very good," he said.  
meoow, mew Meooooow meeow me meow mew meooooow. "Meow meow," me meow.

"If you do happen to have an extra joint in your front flipper you  
"Me mew me meeeow me meow me meeoow meoow me meow meoow meooooow mew

needn't show off so. I see you bow gracefully, but I should like  
meeow'm meow mew me. M mew mew mew meooooooooow, mew M meoow meow

to know your names." The split lips moved and twitched; and the  
me meow meow meoow." Mew meeoow meow meeoow mew meeoow; mew mew

glassy green eyes stared, but they did not speak.  
meooooow meoow meow meooooow, mew meow mew mew meeoow.

"Well!" said Kotick. "You're the only people I've ever met  
"Meow!" meow Meeoow. "Mew'me mew meow meeoow M'me meow mew

uglier than Sea Vitch--and with worse manners."

meeeow meow Mew Meow--mew meow meeow meeeoow."

Then he remembered in a flash what the Burgomaster gull had  
Meow me meeeooooow me m meeow meow mew Meeeeeeeeow meow mew

screamed to him when he was a little yearling at Walrus Islet, and  
meooooow me mew meow me mew m meeow meeeooooow me Meooow Meow, mew

he tumbled backward in the water, for he knew that he had found  
me meooooow meooooow me mew meeow, mew me meow meow me mew meow

Sea Cow at last.  
Mew Mew me meow.

The sea cows went on schlooping and grazing and chumping in  
Mew mew meow meow me meeeooooow mew meeeoow mew meooooow me

the weed, and Kotick asked them questions in every language that  
mew meow, mew Meeow meeow meow meooooow me meeow meeeeoow meow

he had picked up in his travels; and the Sea People talk nearly as  
me mew meooow me me mew meooooow; mew mew Mew Meooow meow meeooow me

many languages as human beings. But the sea cows did not answer  
meow meeeooooow me meoow meooow. Mew mew mew meow mew mew meooow

because Sea Cow cannot talk. He has only six bones in his neck  
meeeeow Mew Mew meeeow meow. Me mew meow mew meoow me mew meow

where he ought to have seven, and they say under the sea that that  
meoow me meoow me meow meeow, mew meow mew meoow mew mew meow meow

prevents him from speaking even to his companions. But, as you  
meooooow mew meow meeeeoow meow me mew meeeooooow. Mew, me mew

know, he has an extra joint in his foreflipper, and by waving it  
meow, me mew me meeow meeow me mew meeeeeeooow, mew me meooow me

up and down and about he makes what answers to a sort of clumsy  
me mew meow mew meeow me meeow meow meeeeoow me m meow me meeeow

telegraphic code.  
meeeooooow meow.

By daylight Kotick's mane was standing on end and his temper  
Me meeeooooow Meeow'm meow mew meeeeoow me mew mew mew meooow

was gone where the dead crabs go. Then the Sea Cow began to

mew meow meoow mew meow meoow me. Meow mew Mew Mew meoow me

travel northward very slowly, stopping to hold absurd bowing  
meoow meooooooooow meow meeoow, meeeeeow me meow meeeow meeeow

councils from time to time, and Kotick followed them, saying to  
meooooooooow meow meow me meow, mew Meeoow meeeeeow meow, meoow me

himself, "People who are such idiots as these are would have been  
meooooooooow, "Meoow mew mew meow meoow me meow mew meow meow meow

killed long ago if they hadn't found out some safe island. And  
meeoow meow mew me meow meow'm meoow mew meow meow meeeow. Mew

what is good enough for the Sea Cow is good enough for the Sea  
meow me meow meeeow mew mew Mew Mew me meow meoow mew mew Mew

Catch. All the same, I wish they'd hurry."  
Meoow. Mew mew meow, M meow meow'm meoow."

It was weary work for Kotick. The herd never went more than  
Me mew meeoow meow mew Meeoow. Mew meow meoow meow meow meow

forty or fifty miles a day, and stopped to feed at night, and kept  
meoow me meeoow meoow m mew, mew meeeeeow me meow me meoow, mew meow

close to the shore all the time; while Kotick swam round them, and  
meow me mew meoow mew mew meow; meeoow Meoow meow meoow meow, mew

over them, and under them, but he could not hurry them up one-half  
meow meow, mew meeoow meow, mew me meeoow mew meeoow meow me mew-meow

mile. As they went farther north they held a bowing council every  
meow. Me meow meow meooooooooow meoow meow meow m meoow meeeeeow meeoow

few hours, and Kotick nearly bit off his mustache with impatience  
mew meeoow, mew Meeoow meeoow mew mew mew meooooooooow meow meooooooooow

till he saw that they were following up a warm current of water,  
meow me mew meow meow meow meeeeeow me m meow meeeow me meeoow,

and then he respected them more.  
mew meow me meeeeeow meow meow.

One night they sank through the shiny water--sank like  
Mew meeoow meow meow meooooooooow mew meeoow meeoow--meow meow

stones--and for the first time since he had known them began to  
meooooooooow--mew mew mew meeoow meow meeoow me mew meeoow meow meeoow me

swim quickly. Kotick followed, and the pace astonished him, for

meow meeoow. Meoow meeeeeow, mew mew meow meeeeeeoow mew, mew

he never dreamed that Sea Cow was anything of a swimmer. They  
me meow meoooow meow Mew Mew mew meeeeoow me m meeeoow. Meow

headed for a cliff by the shore--a cliff that ran down into deep  
meoow mew m meow me mew meoow--m meoow meow mew meow meow meow

water, and plunged into a dark hole at the foot of it, twenty  
meeow, mew meeeow meow m meow meow me mew meow me me, meoow

fathoms under the sea. It was a long, long swim, and Kotick badly  
meeeow meow mew mew. Me mew m meow, meow meow, mew Meeow meow

wanted fresh air before he was out of the dark tunnel they led him  
meeoow meow mew meeeow me mew mew me mew meow meeoow meow mew mew

through.  
meeoow.

"My wig!" he said, when he rose, gasping and puffing, into  
"Me mew!" me meow, meow me meow, meeeoow mew meeeoow, meow

open water at the farther end. "It was a long dive, but it was  
meow meow me mew meeeow mew. "Me mew m meow meow, mew me mew

worth it."  
meow me."

The sea cows had separated and were browsing lazily along the  
Mew mew meow mew meeeeoow mew meow meeeeeow meeeow meow mew

edges of the finest beaches that Kotick had ever seen. There were  
meeow me mew meeoow meoooow meow Meeow mew meow meow. Meow meow

long stretches of smooth-worn rock running for miles, exactly  
meow meeeeoow me meeoow-meow meow meeoow mew meow, meeoow

fitted to make seal-nurseries, and there were play-grounds of hard  
meeeow me meow meow-meeeeeeow, mew meow meow meow-meeeeeow me meow

sand sloping inland behind them, and there were rollers for seals  
meow meeeow meeeow meeoow meow, mew meow meow meeeow mew meow

to dance in, and long grass to roll in, and sand dunes to climb up  
me meow me, mew meow meow me meow me, mew meow meow me meow me

and down, and, best of all, Kotick knew by the feel of the water,  
mew meow, mew, meow me mew, Meeow meow me mew meow me mew meow,

which never deceives a true sea catch, that no men had ever come

meeow meow meeeeeow m meow mew meow, meow me mew mew meow meow

there.

meeow.

The first thing he did was to assure himself that the fishing  
Mew meow meow me mew mew me meeeow meooooow meow mew meooooow

was good, and then he swam along the beaches and counted up the  
mew meow, mew meow me meow meow mew meeeow mew meeeow me mew

delightful low sandy islands half hidden in the beautiful rolling  
meooooooooow mew meeeow meeeow meow meeeow me mew meeeeoow meeeow

fog. Away to the northward, out to sea, ran a line of bars and  
mew. Meow me mew meooooooooow, mew me mew, mew m meow me meow mew

shoals and rocks that would never let a ship come within six miles  
meeeow mew meeeow meow meeeow meeeow mew m meow meow meooow mew meow

of the beach, and between the islands and the mainland was a  
me mew meow, mew meeeow mew meeeow mew mew meooooooooow mew m

stretch of deep water that ran up to the perpendicular cliffs, and  
meeeow me meow meeeow meow mew me me mew meooooooooooooow meeeow, mew

somewhere below the cliffs was the mouth of the tunnel.  
meeeooooow meow mew meooow mew mew meow me mew meeeow.

"It's Novastoshnah over again, but ten times better," said

"Me'm Meeooooooooow meow meeeow, mew mew meow meeeow," meow

Kotick. "Sea Cow must be wiser than I thought. Men can't come  
Meeow. "Mew Mew meow me meow meow M meooooow. Mew mew'm meow

down the cliffs, even if there were any men; and the shoals to  
meow mew meooow, meow me meow meow mew mew; mew mew meooow me

seaward would knock a ship to splinters. If any place in the sea  
meeeow meeeow meow m meow me meooooooooow. Me mew meow me mew mew

is safe, this is it."

me meow, meow me me."

He began to think of the seal he had left behind him, but

Me meeeow me meow me mew meow me mew meow meeeow mew, mew

though he was in a hurry to go back to Novastoshnah, he thoroughly

meoooo me mew me m meoow me me meow me Meeeeeeeeeoow, me meeeeeeoow

explored the new country, so that he would be able to answer all  
meeeoooo mew mew meooooow, me meow me meeow me meow me meeow mew

questions.  
meeeeeoooo.

Then he dived and made sure of the mouth of the tunnel, and  
Meow me meeow mew meow meow me mew meoow me mew meoooo, mew

raced through to the southward. No one but a sea cow or a seal  
meoow meoooo me mew meeeeeoow. Me mew mew m mew mew me m meow

would have dreamed of there being such a place, and when he looked  
meoow meow meeeoooo me meoow meeow meow m meeow, mew meow me meoooo

back at the cliffs even Kotick could hardly believe that he had  
meow me mew meeoow meow Meeow meeow meeeow meeeow meow me mew

been under them.  
meow meeow meow.

He was six days going home, though he was not swimming slowly;  
Me mew mew meow meoow meow, meeoow me mew mew meeeoooo meeeow;

and when he hauled out just above Sea Lion's Neck the first person  
mew meow me meeeow mew meow meoow Mew Meow'm Meow mew meeow meeeow

he met was the seal who had been waiting for him, and she saw by  
me mew mew mew meow mew mew meow meeeow mew mew, mew mew mew me

the look in his eyes that he had found his island at last.  
mew meow me mew meow meow me mew meoow mew meeoow me meow.

But the holluschickie and Sea Catch, his father, and all the  
Mew mew meeeeeeeeeeoow mew Mew Meoow, mew meeeow, mew mew mew

other seals laughed at him when he told them what he had  
meoow meoow meoooo me mew meow me meow meow meow me mew

discovered, and a young seal about his own age said, "This is all  
meeeeeoooo, mew m meoow meow meoow mew mew mew meow, "Meow me mew

very well, Kotick, but you can't come from no one knows where and  
meow meow, Meeoow, mew mew mew'm meow meow me mew meoow meeow mew

order us off like this. Remember we've been fighting for our

meow me mew meow meow. Meeeeeeow me'me meow meeeeoow mew mew

nurseries, and that's a thing you never did. You preferred  
meeeooooow, mew meow'm m meow mew meeow mew. Mew meeeooooow

prowling about in the sea."  
meeeeeow meow me mew mew."

The other seals laughed at this, and the young seal began  
Mew meow meeow meeeoow me meow, mew mew meeow meow meow

twisting his head from side to side. He had just married that  
meooooow mew meow meow meow me meow. Me mew meow meeoow meow

year, and was making a great fuss about it.  
meow, mew mew meeeow m meeow meow meow me.

"I've no nursery to fight for," said Kotick. "I only want to  
"M'me me meooooow me meow mew," meow Meooow. "M meow meow me

show you all a place where you will be safe. What's the use of  
meow mew mew m meeow meeow mew meow me meow. Meow'm mew mew me

fighting?"  
meooooow?"

"Oh, if you're trying to back out, of course I've no more to  
"Me, me mew'me meeoow me meow mew, me meeeow M'me me meow me

say," said the young seal with an ugly chuckle.  
mew," meow mew meeow meow meow me meow meeeoow.

"Will you come with me if I win?" said Kotick. And a green  
"Meow mew meow meow me me M mew?" meow Meooow. Mew m meeow

light came into his eye, for he was very angry at having to fight  
meow meow meow mew mew, mew me mew meow meeow me meeoow me meeow

at all.  
me mew.

"Very good," said the young seal carelessly. "If you win,



"Meow meow," meow mew meow meow meow meow meow meow. "Me mew mew,

I'll come."

M'me meow."

He had no time to change his mind, for Kotick's head was out  
Me mew me meow me meow mew meow, mew Meow'm meow mew mew

and his teeth sunk in the blubber of the young seal's neck. Then  
mew mew meow meow me mew meow me mew meow meow'm meow. Meow

he threw himself back on his haunches and hauled his enemy down  
me meow meow meow me mew meow meow mew meow mew meow meow

the beach, shook him, and knocked him over. Then Kotick roared to  
mew meow, meow mew, mew meow meow mew meow. Meow Meow meow me

the seals: "I've done my best for you these five seasons past.  
mew meow: "M'me meow me meow mew mew meow meow meow meow.

I've found you the island where you'll be safe, but unless your  
M'me meow mew mew meow meow mew'me me meow, mew meow meow

heads are dragged off your silly necks you won't believe. I'm  
meow mew meow meow mew meow meow meow mew mew'm meow. M'm

going to teach you now. Look out for yourselves!"  
meow me meow mew mew. Meow mew mew meow meow!"

Limmershin told me that never in his life--and Limmershin  
Meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow--mew Meow meow

sees ten thousand big seals fighting every year--never in all  
meow mew meow meow mew meow meow meow meow meow--meow me mew

his little life did he see anything like Kotick's charge into the  
mew meow meow mew me mew meow meow meow Meow'm meow meow mew

nurseries. He flung himself at the biggest sea catch he could  
meow meow. Me meow meow me mew meow meow mew meow me meow

find, caught him by the throat, choked him and bumped him and  
meow, meow mew me mew meow, meow mew mew meow mew mew

banged him till he grunted for mercy, and then threw him aside and  
meow mew meow me meow meow mew meow, mew meow meow mew meow mew

attacked the next. You see, Kotick had never fasted for four  
meow meow mew meow. Mew mew, Meow mew meow meow mew meow

months as the big seals did every year, and his deep-sea swimming

meeoow me mew mew meoow mew meeow meow, mew mew meow-mew meeeeeow

trips kept him in perfect condition, and, best of all, he had  
meeow meow mew me meooooow meeeooooow, mew, meow me mew, me mew

never fought before. His curly white mane stood up with rage, and  
meoow meeoow meeoow. Mew meeow meoow meow meoow me meow meow, mew

his eyes flamed, and his big dog teeth glistened, and he was  
mew meow meeeow, mew mew mew mew meoow meoooooow, mew me mew

splendid to look at. Old Sea Catch, his father, saw him tearing  
meeeeoow me meow me. Mew Mew Meoow, mew meoooow, mew mew meeeeeow

past, hauling the grizzled old seals about as though they had been  
meow, meeeoow mew meeeooooow mew meoow meoow me meeeow meow mew meow

halibut, and upsetting the young bachelors in all directions; and  
meeeeoow, mew meeeeeooooow mew meeow meoooooooow me mew meeeeeeooow; mew

Sea Catch gave a roar and shouted: "He may be a fool, but he is  
Mew Meeow meow m meow mew meeeeoow: "Me mew me m meow, mew me me

the best fighter on the beaches! Don't tackle your father, my  
mew meow meeeeoow me mew meeeooooow! Mew'm meeoow meow meeoow, me

son! He's with you!"  
mew! Me'm meow mew!"

Kotick roared in answer, and old Sea Catch waddled in with his  
Meeeoow meoooow me meeoow, mew mew Mew Meeow meeeooooow me meow mew

mustache on end, blowing like a locomotive, while Matkah and the  
meeeeoow me mew, meeeeoow meow m meeeeeeooooow, meeoow Meeoow mew mew

seal that was going to marry Kotick cowered down and admired their  
meow meow mew meoow me meeow Meeeoow meeeeoow meow mew meeoow meoow

men-folk. It was a gorgeous fight, for the two fought as long as  
mew-meow. Me mew m meeeooooow meeow, mew mew mew meoooow me meow me

there was a seal that dared lift up his head, and when there were  
meeow mew m meow meow meoow meow me mew meow, mew meow meoow meow

none they paraded grandly up and down the beach side by side,  
meow meow meeeeoow meeeeoow me mew meow mew meoow meow me meow,

bellowing.  
meoooooooow.

At night, just as the Northern Lights were winking and

Me meow, meow me mew Meeooooow Meeoow meow meeeoow mew

flashing through the fog, Kotick climbed a bare rock and looked  
meeooooow meeeoow mew mew, Meeoow meeeoow m meow meow mew meeeow

down on the scattered nurseries and the torn and bleeding seals.  
meow me mew meeeeeeeow meooooooow mew mew meow mew meeeooooow meoow.

"Now," he said, "I've taught you your lesson."

"Mew," me meow, "M'me meoow mew meow meoow."

"My wig!" said old Sea Catch, boosting himself up stiffly, for  
"Me mew!" meow mew Mew Meoow, meeeooooow meooooow me meooooow, mew

he was fearfully mauled. "The Killer Whale himself could not have  
me mew meeeeeeeow meeoow. "Mew Meeoow Meoow meooooow meow mew meow

cut them up worse. Son, I'm proud of you, and what's more, I'll  
mew meow me meoow. Mew, M'm meow me mew, mew meow'm meow, M'me

come with you to your island--if there is such a place."  
meow meow mew me meow meeoow--me meeoow me meow m meoow."

"Hear you, fat pigs of the sea. Who comes with me to the Sea  
"Meow mew, mew meow me mew mew. Mew meeoow meow me me mew Mew

Cow's tunnel? Answer, or I shall teach you again," roared Kotick.  
Mew'm meoow? Meeoow, me M meeoow meeoow mew meoow," meoow Meeeoow.

There was a murmur like the ripple of the tide all up and down  
Meeow mew m meeoow meow mew meeoow me mew meow mew me mew meow

the beaches. "We will come," said thousands of tired voices. "We  
mew meeeoow. "Me meow meow," meow meooooooow me meoow meoow. "Me

will follow Kotick, the White Seal."  
meow meoow Meoow, mew Meeow Meow."

Then Kotick dropped his head between his shoulders and shut  
Meow Meeeoow meooooow mew meow meeoow mew meeeooooow mew meow

his eyes proudly. He was not a white seal any more, but red from  
mew meow meooooow. Me mew mew m meoow meow mew meow, mew mew meow

head to tail. All the same he would have scorned to look at or

touch one of his wounds.  
meow mew me mew meooow.

no man comes.  
me mew meoow.

This is the great deep-sea song that all the St. Paul seals sing

Meow me mew meow meow-mew meow meow mew mew Me. Meow meow meow

when they are heading back to their beaches in the summer. It is  
meow meow mew meooooow meow me meow meooooow me mew meeeow. Me me

a sort of very sad seal National Anthem.  
m meow me meow mew meow Meeooooow Meeeeow.

I met my mates in the morning (and, oh, but I am old!)  
M mew me meow me mew meeeow (mew, me, mew M me mew!)

Where roaring on the ledges the summer ground-swell rolled;  
Meow meooooow me mew meeeow mew meeeow meooooow-meow meeeow;

I heard them lift the chorus that drowned the breakers' song--  
M meow meow meow mew meooooow meow meooooow mew meeeeeow' meow--

The Beaches of Lukannon--two million voices strong.  
Mew Meeooooow me Meeooooow--mew meooooow meeeow meooooow.

The song of pleasant stations beside the salt lagoons,  
Mew meow me meooooow meeeeoow meeoow mew meow meooooow,

The song of blowing squadrons that shuffled down the dunes,  
Mew meow me meeeeoow meooooooow meow meeeeeow meow mew meow,

The song of midnight dances that churned the sea to flame--  
Mew meow me meooooow meeeow meow meooooow mew mew me meow--

The Beaches of Lukannon--before the sealers came!  
Mew Meooooow me Meeooooow--meeoow mew meooooow meow!

I met my mates in the morning (I'll never meet them more!);  
M mew me meow me mew meeeow (M'me meow meow meow meow!);

They came and went in legions that darkened all the shore.  
Meow meow mew meow me meeeow meow meooooow mew mew meow.

And o'er the foam-flecked offing as far as voice could reach  
Mew m'me mew meow-meeeeoow meeoow me mew me meow meow meow

We hailed the landing-parties and we sang them up the beach.  
Me meeoow mew meooooow-meeeeoow mew me meow meow me mew meow.

The Beaches of Lukannon--the winter wheat so tall--

Mew Meooooow me Meeeeeoow--mew meeoow meoow me meow--

The dripping, crinkled lichens, and the sea-fog drenching all!  
Mew meeeeeoow, meeeeeow meeeeeow, mew mew mew-mew meeeeeeoow mew!

The platforms of our playground, all shining smooth and worn!  
Mew meeeeeeoow me mew meeeeeooooow, mew meooooow meeeow mew meow!

The Beaches of Lukannon--the home where we were born!  
Mew Meeeeoow me Meoooooow--mew meow meeoow me meow meow!

I met my mates in the morning, a broken, scattered band.  
M mew me meeoow me mew meeoow, m meoow, meooooooooow meow.

Men shoot us in the water and club us on the land;  
Mew meeoow me me mew meoow mew meow me me mew meow;

Men drive us to the Salt House like silly sheep and tame,  
Mew meeoow me me mew Meow Meow meow meeoow meeoow mew meow,

And still we sing Lukannon--before the sealers came.  
Mew meoow me meow Meeeeeoow--meeoow mew meeoow meow.

Wheel down, wheel down to southward; oh, Gooverooska, go!  
Meow meow, meow meow me meeeeeeoow; me, Meooooooooow, me!

And tell the Deep-Sea Viceroy the story of our woe;  
Mew meow mew Meow-Mew Meeeeeoow mew meoow me mew mew;

Ere, empty as the shark's egg the tempest flings ashore,  
Mew, meoow me mew meoow'm mew mew meeeeoow meoow meeoow,

The Beaches of Lukannon shall know their sons no more!  
Mew Meeeeoow me Meeeeoow meoow meow meoow meow me meow!

"Rikki-Tikki-Tavi"  
"Meeow-Meoow-Meow"

At the hole where he went in  
Me mew meow meoow me meow me

Red-Eye called to Wrinkle-Skin.

Mew-Mew meeoow me Meeooow-Meow.

Hear what little Red-Eye saith:  
Meow meow meooow Mew-Mew meeow:

"Nag, come up and dance with death!"  
"Mew, meow me mew meoow meow meeow!"

Eye to eye and head to head,  
Mew me mew mew meow me meow,

(Keep the measure, Nag.)  
(Meow mew meeeoow, Mew.)

This shall end when one is dead;  
Meow meoow mew meow mew me meow;

(At thy pleasure, Nag.)  
(Me mew meeeooow, Mew.)

Turn for turn and twist for twist--  
Meow mew meow mew meoow mew meeow--

(Run and hide thee, Nag.)  
(Mew mew meow meow, Mew.)

Hah! The hooded Death has missed!  
Mew! Mew meeeow Meeow mew meeeow!

(Woe betide thee, Nag!)  
(Mew meeeow meow, Mew!)

This is the story of the great war that Rikki-tikki-tavi fought  
Meow me mew meeow me mew meoow mew meow Meoow-meoow-meow meeeow

single-handed, through the bath-rooms of the big bungalow in  
meooow-meeoow, meooow mew meow-meoow me mew mew meeeooow me

Segowlee cantonment. Darzee, the Tailorbird, helped him, and  
Meeooow meeeooooow. Meeow, mew Meeeeeooow, meeeow mew, mew

Chuchundra, the musk-rat, who never comes out into the middle of  
Meooooooow, mew meow-mew, mew meoow meoow mew meow mew meooow me

the floor, but always creeps round by the wall, gave him advice,  
mew meeow, mew meeeow meeeow meow me mew meow, meow mew meooow,

but Rikki-tikki did the real fighting.  
mew Meoow-meoow mew mew meow meeeooow.

He was a mongoose, rather like a little cat in his fur and his

Me mew m meeoow, meeeow meow m meeeow mew me mew mew mew mew

tail, but quite like a weasel in his head and his habits. His meow, mew meow meow m meeeow me mew meow mew mew meeoow. Mew

eyes and the end of his restless nose were pink. He could scratch meow mew mew mew me mew meooooow meow meow meow. Me meow meeeow

himself anywhere he pleased with any leg, front or back, that he meeoow meeeow me meeoow meow mew mew, meow me meow, meow me

chose to use. He could fluff up his tail till it looked like a meow me mew. Me meow meow me mew meow meow me meeeow meow m

bottle brush, and his war cry as he scuttled through the long meeoow meow, mew mew mew mew me me meeeow meeeow mew meow

grass was: "Rikk-tikk-tikki-tikki-tchk!"  
meow mew: "Meow-meow-meow-meow-meow!"

One day, a high summer flood washed him out of the burrow  
Mew mew, m meow meeoow meow meeoow mew mew me mew meeoow

where he lived with his father and mother, and carried him,  
meow me meow meow mew meeoow mew meeoow, mew meeeow mew,

kicking and clucking, down a roadside ditch. He found a little meeoow mew meeeow, meow m meeoow meow. Me meow m meeoow

wisp of grass floating there, and clung to it till he lost his meow me meow meeeow meow, mew meow me me meow me meow mew

senses. When he revived, he was lying in the hot sun on the meeeow. Meow me meeoow, me mew meow me mew mew mew me mew

middle of a garden path, very draggled indeed, and a small boy was meeoow me m meeoow meow, meow meooooow meeoow, mew m meow mew mew

saying, "Here's a dead mongoose. Let's have a funeral."  
meoow, "Meow'm m meow meeoow. Mew'm meow m meeeow."

"No," said his mother, "let's take him in and dry him."  
"Me," meow mew meeoow, "mew'm meow mew me mew mew mew."

Perhaps he isn't really dead."  
Meeeow me mew'm meeoow meow."

They took him into the house, and a big man picked him up



Meow meow mew meow mew meow, mew m mew mew meow mew me

between his finger and thumb and said he was not dead but half  
meow meow mew meow mew meow mew meow mew meow mew meow

choked. So they wrapped him in cotton wool, and warmed him over a  
meow. Me meow meow mew me meow meow, mew meow mew meow m

little fire, and he opened his eyes and sneezed.  
meow meow, mew me meow mew meow mew meow.

"Now," said the big man (he was an Englishman who had just  
"Mew," meow mew mew mew (me mew me Meow meow mew mew meow

moved into the bungalow), "don't frighten him, and we'll see what  
meow meow mew meow), "mew'm meow meow mew, mew me'mew meow

he'll do."  
me'mew me."

It is the hardest thing in the world to frighten a mongoose,  
Me me mew meow meow me mew meow me meow m meow,

because he is eaten up from nose to tail with curiosity. The  
meow me me meow me meow meow me meow meow meow. Mew

motto of all the mongoose family is "Run and find out," and  
meow me mew mew meow meow meow me "Mew mew meow mew," mew

Rikki-tikki was a true mongoose. He looked at the cotton wool,  
Meow-meow mew m meow meow. Me meow me mew meow meow,

decided that it was not good to eat, ran all round the table, sat  
meow meow me mew mew meow me mew, mew mew meow mew meow, mew

up and put his fur in order, scratched himself, and jumped on the  
me mew mew mew me meow, meow meow meow, mew meow me mew

small boy's shoulder.  
meow mew'm meow.

"Don't be frightened, Teddy," said his father. "That's his  
"Mew'm me meow, Meow," meow mew meow. "Meow'm mew

way of making friends."  
mew me meow meow.

"Ouch! He's tickling under my chin," said Teddy.

"Meow! Me'm meeoow meow me meow," meow Meow.

Rikki-tikki looked down between the boy's collar and neck,  
Meeow-meow meeeow meow meooooow mew mew'm meoow mew meow,

snuffed at his ear, and climbed down to the floor, where he sat  
meooooow me mew mew, mew meooooow meow me mew meeow, meow me mew

rubbing his nose.  
meeeow mew meow.

"Good gracious," said Teddy's mother, "and that's a wild  
"Meow meeeeeow," meow Meow'm meeoow, "mew meow'm m meow

creature! I suppose he's so tame because we've been kind to him."  
meooooow! M meeoow me'm me meow meooooow me'me meow meow me mew."

"All mongooses are like that," said her husband. "If Teddy  
"Mew meeeeeeow mew meow meow," meow mew meeoow. "Me Meow

doesn't pick him up by the tail, or try to put him in a cage,  
meow'm meow mew me me mew meow, me mew me mew mew me m meow,

he'll run in and out of the house all day long. Let's give him  
me'me mew me mew mew me mew meeow mew mew meow. Mew'm meow mew

something to eat."  
meeeeoow me mew."

They gave him a little piece of raw meat. Rikki-tikki liked  
Meow meow mew m meoow meow me mew meow. Meeow-meow meow

it immensely, and when it was finished he went out into the  
me meeeeeeow, mew meow me mew meeeeoow me meow mew meow mew

veranda and sat in the sunshine and fluffed up his fur to make it  
meeeow mew mew me mew meeeeoow mew meeoow me mew mew me meow me

dry to the roots. Then he felt better.  
mew me mew meeow. Meow me meow meoow.

"There are more things to find out about in this house," he

"Meeow mew meow meeeow me meow mew meow me meow meow," me

said to himself, "than all my family could find out in all their meow me meeeow, "meow mew me meeeow meow meow mew me mew meow

lives. I shall certainly stay and find out."  
meeow. M meow meeeeeeow meow mew meow mew."

He spent all that day roaming over the house. He nearly  
Me meow mew meow mew meeeow meow mew meow. Me meeeow

drowned himself in the bath-tubs, put his nose into the ink on a  
meeeow meeeow me mew meow-meow, mew mew meow meow mew mew me m

writing table, and burned it on the end of the big man's cigar,  
meeeow meow, mew meeeow me me mew mew me mew mew mew'm meow,

for he climbed up in the big man's lap to see how writing was  
mew me meeeow me me mew mew mew'm mew me mew mew meeeow mew

done. At nightfall he ran into Teddy's nursery to watch how  
meow. Me meeeeeeow me mew meow Meow'm meeeow me meow mew

kerosene lamps were lighted, and when Teddy went to bed  
meeeeeeow meow meow meeeow, mew meow Meow meow me mew

Rikki-tikki climbed up too. But he was a restless companion,  
Meow-meow meeeow me mew. Mew me mew m meeeeeeow meooooow,

because he had to get up and attend to every noise all through the  
meeeow me mew me mew me mew meeeow me meow meow mew meeeow mew

night, and find out what made it. Teddy's mother and father came  
meow, mew meow mew meow meow me. Meow'm meeeow mew meeeow meow

in, the last thing, to look at their boy, and Rikki-tikki was  
me, mew meow meow, me meow me meow mew, mew Meow-meeow mew

awake on the pillow. "I don't like that," said Teddy's mother.  
meeow me mew meeeow. "M mew'm meow meow," meow Meow'm meeeow.

"He may bite the child." "He'll do no such thing," said the  
"Me mew meow mew meow." "Me'me me me meow meow," meow mew

father. "Teddy's safer with that little beast than if he had a  
meeeow. "Meow'm meow meow meow meeeow meow meow me me mew m

bloodhound to watch him. If a snake came into the nursery now--"  
meeeeeeow me meow mew. Me m meow meow meow mew meeeow mew--"

But Teddy's mother wouldn't think of anything so awful.

Mew Meow'm meooow meooow'm meow me meooooow me meow.

Early in the morning Rikki-tikki came to early breakfast in  
Meow me mew meeeow Meow-meeow meow me meow meeeeoow me

the veranda riding on Teddy's shoulder, and they gave him banana  
mew meeeow meeeow me Meow'm meeeoow, mew meow meow mew meooow

and some boiled egg. He sat on all their laps one after the  
mew meow meooow mew. Me mew me mew meow meow mew meow mew

other, because every well-brought-up mongoose always hopes to be a  
meow, meooow meow meow-meooooow-me meeeeoow meooow meow me me m

house mongoose some day and have rooms to run about in; and  
meow meeeeoow meow mew mew meow meow me mew meow me; mew

Rikki-tikki's mother (she used to live in the general's house at  
Meeow-meow'm meeoow (mew meow me meow me mew meooooow'm meow me

Segowlee) had carefully told Rikki what to do if ever he came  
Meooooow) mew meeeooooow meow Meow meow me me me meow me meow

across white men.  
meeoow meow mew.

Then Rikki-tikki went out into the garden to see what was to  
Meow Meow-meeow meow mew meow mew meeeow me mew meow mew me

be seen. It was a large garden, only half cultivated, with  
me meow. Me mew m meow meooow, meow meow meeoowooow, meow

bushes, as big as summer-houses, of Marshal Niel roses, lime and  
meeeow, me mew me meeoow-meeow, me Meeeoow Meow meow, meow mew

orange trees, clumps of bamboos, and thickets of high grass.  
meeoow meow, meeeow me meooooow, mew meeeeoow me meow meow.

Rikki-tikki licked his lips. "This is a splendid hunting-ground,"  
Meeow-meow meeeow mew meow. "Meow me m meeeeoow meeeoow-meeow,"

he said, and his tail grew bottle-brushy at the thought of it, and  
me meow, mew mew meow meow meooow-meeow me mew meeeeoow me me, mew

he scuttled up and down the garden, snuffing here and there till  
me meeeeoow me mew meow mew meeoow, meeeeoow meow mew meow meow

he heard very sorrowful voices in a thorn-bush.  
me meow meow meeoowooow meeeow me m meow-meow.

It was Darzee, the Tailorbird, and his wife. They had made a

Me mew Meeeow, mew Meeoooooow, mew mew meow. Meow mew meow m  
beautiful nest by pulling two big leaves together and stitching  
meoooooow meow me meeoow mew mew meoow meeoow mew meeoow  
them up the edges with fibers, and had filled the hollow with  
meow me mew meow meow meoow, mew mew meoow mew meow meow  
cotton and downy fluff. The nest swayed to and fro, as they sat  
meoow mew meow meow. Mew meow meoow me mew mew, me meow mew  
on the rim and cried.  
me mew mew mew meow.

"What is the matter?" asked Rikki-tikki.  
"Meow me mew meoow?" meow Meeow-meoow.

"We are very miserable," said Darzee. "One of our babies fell  
"Me mew meow meeeeeeow," meow Meeoow. "Mew me mew meoow meow  
out of the nest yesterday and Nag ate him."  
mew me mew meow meeeeeeow mew Mew mew mew."

"H'm!" said Rikki-tikki, "that is very sad--but I am a  
"M'm!" meow Meeow-meoow, "meow me meow mew--mew M me m

stranger here. Who is Nag?"  
meeeeow meow. Mew me Mew?"

Darzee and his wife only cowered down in the nest without  
Meeow mew mew meow meow meeoow meow me mew meow meeeeow  
answering, for from the thick grass at the foot of the bush there  
meoooooow, mew meow mew meow meow me mew meow me mew meow meow  
came a low hiss--a horrid cold sound that made Rikki-tikki jump  
meow m mew meow--m meeeow meow meow meow meow Meeow-meoow meow  
back two clear feet. Then inch by inch out of the grass rose up  
meow mew meow meow. Meow meow me meow mew me mew meow meow me  
the head and spread hood of Nag, the big black cobra, and he was  
mew meow mew meeoow meow me Mew, mew mew meow meow, mew me mew  
five feet long from tongue to tail. When he had lifted one-third

meow meow meow meow meoooo me meow. Meow me mew meeeow mew-meeow

of himself clear of the ground, he stayed balancing to and fro  
me meeeow meow me mew meeeow, me meeeow meooooooooow me mew mew

exactly as a dandelion tuft balances in the wind, and he looked at  
meeeow me m meeeeoow meow meeeeeow me mew meow, mew me meeeow me

Rikki-tikki with the wicked snake's eyes that never change their  
Meow-meow meow mew meeeow meow'm meow meow meow meeeow meow

expression, whatever the snake may be thinking of.  
meeeeeeeow, meeeeeow mew meeeow mew me meooooow me.

"Who is Nag?" said he. "I am Nag. The great God Brahm put  
"Mew me Mew?" meow me. "M me Mew. Mew meow Mew Meow mew

his mark upon all our people, when the first cobra spread his hood  
mew meow meow mew mew meeoow, meow mew meeoow meow meeeow mew meow

to keep the sun off Brahm as he slept. Look, and be afraid!"  
me meow mew mew mew Meow me me meow. Meow, mew me meeoow!"

He spread out his hood more than ever, and Rikki-tikki saw the  
Me meeeow mew mew meow meow meow meow, mew Meeow-meow mew mew

spectacle-mark on the back of it that looks exactly like the eye  
meooooooooow-meow me mew meow me me meow meow meeeeoow meow mew mew

part of a hook-and-eye fastening. He was afraid for the minute,  
meow me m meow-mew-mew meeeeoow. Me mew meeoow mew mew meeeow,

but it is impossible for a mongoose to stay frightened for any  
mew me me meeeeeeeow mew m meeeeeow me meow meeeooooooooow mew mew

length of time, and though Rikki-tikki had never met a live cobra  
meeoow me meow, mew meeeow Meow-meow mew meeeow mew m meow meow

before, his mother had fed him on dead ones, and he knew that all  
meeoow, mew meeoow mew mew mew me meow meow, mew me meow meow mew

a grown mongoose's business in life was to fight and eat snakes.  
m meow meeeeoow'm meooooow me meow mew me meeoow mew mew meeoow.

Nag knew that too and, at the bottom of his cold heart, he was  
Mew meow meow mew mew, me mew meeeow me mew meow meeeow, me mew

afraid.  
meeoow.

"Well," said Rikki-tikki, and his tail began to fluff up

"Meow," meow Meeow-meeow, mew mew meow meeow me meeow me

again, "marks or no marks, do you think it is right for you to eat meeow, "meeow me me meow, me mew meeow me me meeow mew mew me mew

fledglings out of a nest?"  
meeooooow mew me m meow?"

Nag was thinking to himself, and watching the least little  
Mew mew meeeoow me meoooow, mew meeeoow mew meeow meoooow

movement in the grass behind Rikki-tikki. He knew that mongooses  
meeeeow me mew meow meeeow Meeow-meoow. Me meow meow meeeooooow

in the garden meant death sooner or later for him and his family,  
me mew meeeow meow meow meeeow me meeow mew mew mew mew meoooow,

but he wanted to get Rikki-tikki off his guard. So he dropped his  
mew me meoooow me mew Meoow-meoow mew mew meow. Me me meeeow mew

head a little, and put it on one side.  
meow m meoooow, mew mew me me mew meow.

"Let us talk," he said. "You eat eggs. Why should not I eat  
"Mew me meow," me meow. "Mew mew meow. Mew meeoow mew M mew

birds?"  
meeow?"

"Behind you! Look behind you!" sang Darzee.  
"Meeow mew! Meow meoooow mew!" meow Meoooow.

Rikki-tikki knew better than to waste time in staring. He  
Meoow-meoow meow meeoow meow me meow meow me meeeow. Me

jumped up in the air as high as he could go, and just under him  
meoooow me me mew mew me meow me me meeow me, mew meow meeow mew

whizzed by the head of Nagaina, Nag's wicked wife. She had crept  
meeeoow me mew meow me Meeeeow, Mew'm meeoow meow. Mew mew meeow

up behind him as he was talking, to make an end of him. He heard  
me meoooow mew me me mew meeeow, me meow me mew me mew. Me meeow

her savage hiss as the stroke missed. He came down almost across

mew meeoow meow me mew meeeow meeeow. Me meow meow meeoow meeoow

her back, and if he had been an old mongoose he would have known  
mew meow, mew me me mew meow me mew meeeoow me meow meow meow

that then was the time to break her back with one bite; but he was  
meow meow mew mew meow me meoow mew meow meow mew meow; mew me mew

afraid of the terrible lashing return stroke of the cobra. He  
meoow me mew meeeoow meeeow meeeow meoow me mew meow. Me

bit, indeed, but did not bite long enough, and he jumped clear of  
mew, meeoow, mew mew mew meow meow meeoow, mew me meeeow meow me

the whisking tail, leaving Nagaina torn and angry.  
mew meeeoow meow, meeeoow Meeeeow meow mew meow.

"Wicked, wicked Darzee!" said Nag, lashing up as high as he  
"Meeow, meeoow Meoow!" meow Mew, meeeow me me meow me me

could reach toward the nest in the thorn-bush. But Darzee had  
meow meow meeeow mew meow me mew meoow-meow. Mew Meoow mew

built it out of reach of snakes, and it only swayed to and fro.  
meow me mew me meoow me meoow, mew me meow meeoow me mew mew.

Rikki-tikki felt his eyes growing red and hot (when a  
Meoow-meeow meow mew meow meeeoow mew mew mew (meow m

mongoose's eyes grow red, he is angry), and he sat back on his  
meeeeoow'm meow meow mew, me me meow), mew me mew meow me mew

tail and hind legs like a little kangaroo, and looked all round  
meow mew meow meow meow m meeoow meeeeoow, mew meoow mew meow

him, and chattered with rage. But Nag and Nagaina had disappeared  
mew, mew meeeeoow meow meow. Mew Mew mew Meeeoow mew meeeeeeow

into the grass. When a snake misses its stroke, it never says  
meow mew meow. Meow m meoow meeoow mew meoow, me meow meow

anything or gives any sign of what it means to do next.  
meeeeoow me meow mew meow me meow me meow me me meow.

Rikki-tikki did not care to follow them, for he did not feel sure  
Meeow-meeow mew mew meow me meeoow meow, mew me mew mew meow meow

that he could manage two snakes at once. So he trotted off to the  
meow me meoow meoow mew meeeow me meow. Me me meeeoow mew me mew

gravel path near the house, and sat down to think. It was a



meeeeow meow meow mew meeeow, mew mew meow me meoow. Me mew m

serious matter for him.

meeeeow meeoow mew mew.

If you read the old books of natural history, you will find

Me mew meow mew mew meeeow me meooooow meeeeow, mew meow meow

they say that when the mongoose fights the snake and happens to

meow mew meow meow mew meeoow meeoow mew meeeow mew meeeeow me

get bitten, he runs off and eats some herb that cures him. That

mew meeoow, me meow mew mew meow meow meow meow meoow mew. Meow

is not true. The victory is only a matter of quickness of eye and

me mew meow. Mew meeoow me meow m meeoow me meeeeow me mew mew

quickness of foot--snake's blow against mongoose's jump--and

meooooow me meow--meeow'm meow meooooow meeeeow'm meow--mew

as no eye can follow the motion of a snake's head when it strikes,

me me mew mew meoow mew meeoow me m meeoow'm meow meow me meeeeow,

this makes things much more wonderful than any magic herb.

meow meeoow meoow meow meow meeeeoow meow mew meoow meow.

Rikki-tikki knew he was a young mongoose, and it made him all the

Meeow-meow meow me mew m meeoow meeoow, mew me meow mew mew mew

more pleased to think that he had managed to escape a blow from

meow meooooow me meeoow meow me mew meooooow me meeeow m meow meow

behind. It gave him confidence in himself, and when Teddy came

meeeow. Me meow mew meooooooooow me meooooow, mew meow Meow meow

running down the path, Rikki-tikki was ready to be petted.

meeeeow meow mew meow, Meeow-meow mew meeoow me me meeeow.

But just as Teddy was stooping, something wriggled a little in

Mew meow me Meeow mew meeeeow, meeoow meeeeow m meeeow me

the dust, and a tiny voice said: "Be careful. I am Death!" It

mew meow, mew m meow meow meow: "Me meooooow. M me Meeow!" Me

was Karait, the dusty brown snakeling that lies for choice on the

mew Meoow, mew meeoow meeoow meooooooooow meow meow mew meeoow me mew

dusty earth; and his bite is as dangerous as the cobra's. But he

meeoow meeoow; mew mew meow me me meeoow me mew meoow'm. Mew me

is so small that nobody thinks of him, and so he does the more

me me meow meow meeeow meooow me mew, mew me me meow mew meow

harm to people.

meow me meeeow.

Rikki-tikki's eyes grew red again, and he danced up to Karait  
Meow-meeow'm meow meow mew meow, mew me meeeow me me Meeow

with the peculiar rocking, swaying motion that he had inherited  
meow mew meeeooow meeeow, meooooow meeeow meow me mew meeeooooow

from his family. It looks very funny, but it is so perfectly  
meow mew meeeow. Me meow meow meeeow, mew me me me meeeeeeow

balanced a gait that you can fly off from it at any angle you  
meeeeeeow m meow meow mew mew mew mew meow me me mew meow mew

please, and in dealing with snakes this is an advantage. If  
meooow, mew me meeeow meow meooow meow me me meooooow. Me

Rikki-tikki had only known, he was doing a much more dangerous  
Meow-meeow mew meow meeeow, me mew meeeow m meow meow meeeeeeow

thing than fighting Nag, for Karait is so small, and can turn so  
meeow meow meeeeoow Mew, mew Meeow me me meow, mew mew meow me

quickly, that unless Rikki bit him close to the back of the head,  
meooooow, meow meeeow Meow mew mew meeeow me mew meow me mew meow,

he would get the return stroke in his eye or his lip. But Rikki  
me meeeow mew mew meeeow meeeow me mew mew me mew mew. Mew Meow

did not know. His eyes were all red, and he rocked back and  
mew mew meow. Mew meow meow mew mew, mew me meeeow meow mew

forth, looking for a good place to hold. Karait struck out.  
meeow, meooooow mew m meow meow me meow. Meooooow meeeow mew.

Rikki jumped sideways and tried to run in, but the wicked little  
Meeow meooow meeeeeeow mew meow me mew me, mew mew meeeow meeeow

dusty gray head lashed within a fraction of his shoulder, and he  
meeow meow meow meooow meooow m meeeooooow me mew meeeeeeow, mew me

had to jump over the body, and the head followed his heels close.  
mew me meow meow mew meow, mew mew meow meooooow mew meeeow meeeow.

Teddy shouted to the house: "Oh, look here! Our mongoose is  
Meeow meeeow me mew meow: "Me, meow meow! Mew meeeeeeow me

killing a snake." And Rikki-tikki heard a scream from Teddy's

meeeeow m meow." Mew Meeow-meeow meow m meooow meow Meeow'm

mother. His father ran out with a stick, but by the time he came  
meeeeow. Mew meooow mew mew meow m meow, mew me mew meow me meow

up, Karait had lunged out once too far, and Rikki-tikki had  
me, Meeow mew meooow mew meow mew mew, mew Meow-meeow mew

sprung, jumped on the snake's back, dropped his head far between  
meooow, meooow me mew meow'm meow, meeeow mew meow mew meeeow

his forelegs, bitten as high up the back as he could get hold, and  
mew meeeow, meeeow me meow me mew meow me me meow mew meow, mew

rolled away. That bite paralyzed Karait, and Rikki-tikki was just  
meooow meow. Meow meow meeeeeeow Meeow, mew Meeow-meow mew meow

going to eat him up from the tail, after the custom of his family  
meow me mew mew me meow mew meow, meow mew meeeow me mew meeeow

at dinner, when he remembered that a full meal makes a slow  
me meeeow, meow me meeeooooow meow m meow meow meooow m meow

mongoose, and if he wanted all his strength and quickness ready,  
meeeow, mew me me meeeow mew mew meooooow mew meeeeeeow meow,

he must keep himself thin.  
me meow meow meeeow meow.

He went away for a dust bath under the castor-oil bushes,  
Me meow meow mew m meow meow meeeow mew meooow-mew meeeow,

while Teddy's father beat the dead Karait. "What is the use of  
meow Meeow'm meooow meow mew meow Meeow. "Meow me mew mew me

that?" thought Rikki-tikki. "I have settled it all;" and then  
meow?" meeeow Meow-meeow. "M meow meeeow me mew;" mew meow

Teddy's mother picked him up from the dust and hugged him, crying  
Meow'm meooow meeeow mew me meow mew meow mew meeeow mew, meeeow

that he had saved Teddy from death, and Teddy's father said that  
meow me mew meow Meow meow meeeow, mew Meeow'm meeeow meow meow

he was a providence, and Teddy looked on with big scared eyes.  
me mew m meeeeeeow, mew Meeow meeeow me meow mew meeeow meow.

Rikki-tikki was rather amused at all the fuss, which, of course,  
Meeow-meow mew meeeow meeeow me mew mew meow, meeeow, me meeeow,

he did not understand. Teddy's mother might just as well have  
me mew mew meeeooooow. Meeow'm meeeow meeeow meow me meow meow

petted Teddy for playing in the dust. Rikki was thoroughly

meeoow Meeow mew meeeoow me mew meow. Meoow mew meeeeeeeow

enjoying himself.  
meeeoow meoooow.

That night at dinner, walking to and fro among the  
Meow meoow me meooow, meeeoow me mew mew meoow mew

wine-glasses on the table, he might have stuffed himself three  
meow-meeeeow me mew meooow, me meow meow meooooow meeeeow meow

times over with nice things. But he remembered Nag and Nagaina,  
meow meow meow meow meooow. Mew me meeeeeeeoow Mew mew Meeeeow,

and though it was very pleasant to be patted and petted by Teddy's  
mew meeoow me mew meow meeeoow me me meeeow mew meeoow me Meeow'm

mother, and to sit on Teddy's shoulder, his eyes would get red  
meeeow, mew me mew me Meeow'm meeeoow, mew meow meoow mew mew

from time to time, and he would go off into his long war cry of  
meow meow me meow, mew me meow me mew meow mew meow mew mew me

"Rikk-tikk-tikki-tikki-tchk!"  
"Meow-meow-meow-meeow-meow!"

Teddy carried him off to bed, and insisted on Rikki-tikki  
Meow meeeoow mew mew me mew, mew meeeeeow me Meeow-meow

sleeping under his chin. Rikki-tikki was too well bred to bite or  
meeeeow meow mew meow. Meoow-meeow mew mew meow meow me meow me

scratch, but as soon as Teddy was asleep he went off for his  
meeeeow, mew me meow me Meoow mew meeoow me meow mew mew mew

nightly walk round the house, and in the dark he ran up against  
meeeeow meow meow mew meow, mew me mew meow me mew me meeeeow

Chuchundra, the musk-rat, creeping around by the wall. Chuchundra  
Meeeeeeeoow, mew meow-mew, meooooow meooow me mew meow. Meeeeeeeow

is a broken-hearted little beast. He whimpers and cheeps all the  
me m meooow-meeeeow meeeow meooow. Me meooooow mew meeeow mew mew

night, trying to make up his mind to run into the middle of the  
meeow, meeoow me meow me mew meow me mew meow mew meeeow me mew

room. But he never gets there.  
meow. Mew me meoow meow meeeow.

"Don't kill me," said Chuchundra, almost weeping.

"Mew'm meow me," meow Meeooooow, meeeow meeeow.

"Rikki-tikki, don't kill me!"

"Meow-meow, mew'm meow me!"

"Do you think a snake-killer kills muskrats?" said Rikki-tikki

"Me mew meow m meow-meow meow meeeow?" meow Meeow-meow

scornfully.

meeeooooow.

"Those who kill snakes get killed by snakes," said Chuchundra,

"Meow mew meow meow mew meow me meeeow," meow Meeooooow,

more sorrowfully than ever. "And how am I to be sure that Nag

meow meeeeeeow meow meow. "Mew mew me M me me meow meow Mew

won't mistake me for you some dark night?"

mew'm meooooow me mew mew meow meow meeeow?"

"There's not the least danger," said Rikki-tikki. "But Nag is

"Meow'm mew mew meow meow," meow Meeow-meow. "Mew Mew me

in the garden, and I know you don't go there."

me mew meow, mew M meow mew mew'm me meow."

"My cousin Chua, the rat, told me--" said Chuchundra, and

"Me meeeow Meow, mew mew, meow me--" meow Meeooooow, mew

then he stopped.

meow me meeeow.

"Told you what?"

"Meow mew meow?"

"H'sh! Nag is everywhere, Rikki-tikki. You should have

"M'me! Mew me meooooow, Meeow-meow. Mew meow meow

talked to Chua in the garden."

meoooo me Meow me mew meeeow."

"I didn't--so you must tell me. Quick, Chuchundra, or I'll  
"M meow'm--me mew meow meow me. Meeow, Meeeeeeoow, me M'me

bite you!"  
meow mew!"

Chuchundra sat down and cried till the tears rolled off his  
Meeeeooooow mew meow mew meoow meow mew meoow meeoow mew mew

whiskers. "I am a very poor man," he sobbed. "I never had spirit  
meooooow. "M me m meow meow mew," me meooooow. "M meoow mew meooooow

enough to run out into the middle of the room. H'sh! I mustn't  
meeeow me mew mew meow mew meeoow me mew meow. M'me! M meeoow'm

tell you anything. Can't you hear, Rikki-tikki?"  
meow mew meooooow. Mew'm mew meow, Meeow-meoow?"

Rikki-tikki listened. The house was as still as still, but he  
Meoow-meoow meeeeeow. Mew meeoow mew me meeoow me meoow, mew me

thought he could just catch the faintest scratch-scratch in the  
meeeoow me meoow meow meoow mew meeeeeoow meeoow-meeeoow me mew

world--a noise as faint as that of a wasp walking on a  
meeoow--m meeoow me meeoow me meow me m meow meooooow me m

window-pane--the dry scratch of a snake's scales on brick-work.  
meooooow-meoow--mew mew meooooow me m meeoow'm meooooow me meeoow-meoow.

"That's Nag or Nagaina," he said to himself, "and he is  
"Meow'm Mew me Meeeoow," me meow me meooooow, "mew me me

crawling into the bath-room sluice. You're right, Chuchundra; I  
meeeeoow meow mew meow-meoow meeeow. Mew'me meeoow, Meeeeeeoow; M

should have talked to Chua."  
meeoow meow meeeow me Meow."

He stole off to Teddy's bath-room, but there was nothing

Me meow mew me Meow'm meow-meow, mew meow mew meeeow

there, and then to Teddy's mother's bathroom. At the bottom of meow, mew meow me Meow'm meeeow'm meooooow. Me mew meeeow me

the smooth plaster wall there was a brick pulled out to make a mew meeeow meeeow meow meow mew m meeeow meeeow mew me meow m

sluice for the bath water, and as Rikki-tikki stole in by the meeeow mew mew meow meow, mew me Meow-meow meeeow me me mew

masonry curb where the bath is put, he heard Nag and Nagaina meeeow meow meeeow mew meow me mew, me meow Mew mew Meeeeow

whispering together outside in the moonlight. meeeeeeeow meeeeeow meeeow me mew meeeeeeeow.

"When the house is emptied of people," said Nagaina to her "Meow mew meeeow me meooooow me meeeow," meow Meooooow me mew

husband, "he will have to go away, and then the garden will be our meeeeeow, "me meow meow me me meow, mew meow mew meeeow meow me mew

own again. Go in quietly, and remember that the big man who mew meow. Me me meeeow, mew meeeeeow meow mew mew mew mew

killed Karait is the first one to bite. Then come out and tell meeeow Meeeeow me mew meeeow mew me meow. Meow meow mew mew meow

me, and we will hunt for Rikki-tikki together." me, mew me meow meow mew Meow-meow meeeeeeeow."

"But are you sure that there is anything to be gained by "Mew mew mew meow meow meeeow me meeeeeeeow me me meeeow me

killing the people?" said Nag. meeeow mew meeeow?" meow Mew.

"Everything. When there were no people in the bungalow, did "Meeeooooow. Meow meeeow meow me meeeow me mew meooooow, mew

we have any mongoose in the garden? So long as the bungalow is me meow mew meeeow me mew meeeow? Me meow me mew meeeeeeeow me

empty, we are king and queen of the garden; and remember that as meow, me mew meow mew meeeow me mew meeeow; mew meeeeeow meow me

soon as our eggs in the melon bed hatch (as they may tomorrow),

meow me mew meow me mew meoow mew meoow (me meow mew meeeeoow),

our children will need room and quiet."  
mew meeeeoow meow meow meow mew meoow."

"I had not thought of that," said Nag. "I will go, but there  
"M mew mew meeeeoow me meow," meow Mew. "M meow me, mew meoow

is no need that we should hunt for Rikki-tikki afterward. I will  
me me meow meow me meeoow meow mew Meeow-meeow meeoowooow. M meow

kill the big man and his wife, and the child if I can, and come  
meow mew mew mew mew mew meow, mew mew meoow me M mew, mew meow

away quietly. Then the bungalow will be empty, and Rikki-tikki  
meow meeeeoow. Meow mew meeeeoow meow me meoow, mew Meeow-meeow

will go."  
meow me."

Rikki-tikki tingled all over with rage and hatred at this, and  
Meoow-meoow meoowoo mew meow meow meow mew meeeow me meow, mew

then Nag's head came through the sluice, and his five feet of cold  
meow Mew'm meow meow meeeeoow mew meeeow, mew mew meow meow me meow

body followed it. Angry as he was, Rikki-tikki was very  
meow meeoowoo me. Meoow me me mew, Meeow-meoow mew meow

frightened as he saw the size of the big cobra. Nag coiled  
meoowooow me me mew mew meow me mew mew meoow. Mew meeeow

himself up, raised his head, and looked into the bathroom in the  
meeeeoow me, meoow mew meow, mew meeoow meow mew meoowooow me mew

dark, and Rikki could see his eyes glitter.  
meow, mew Meeow meow mew mew meow meeeeoow.

"Now, if I kill him here, Nagaina will know; and if I fight  
"Mew, me M meow mew meow, Meeoow meow meow; mew me M meoow

him on the open floor, the odds are in his favor. What am I to  
mew me mew meow meoow, mew meow mew me mew meoow. Meow me M me

do?" said Rikki-tikki-tavi.  
me?" meow Meeow-meoow-meow.

Nag waved to and fro, and then Rikki-tikki heard him drinking



Mew meow me mew mew, mew meow Meeow-meow meow mew meeeow

from the biggest water-jar that was used to fill the bath. "That meow mew meeeow meow-mew meow mew meow me meow mew meow. "Meow

is good," said the snake. "Now, when Karait was killed, the big me meow," meow mew meow. "Mew, meow Meeow mew meow, mew mew

man had a stick. He may have that stick still, but when he comes mew mew m meow. Me mew meow meow meow meow, mew meow me meow

in to bathe in the morning he will not have a stick. I shall wait me me meow me mew meeeow me meow mew meow m meow. M meow meow

here till he comes. Nagaina--do you hear me?--I shall wait meow meow me meow. Meeeeow--me mew meow me?--M meow meow

here in the cool till daytime." meow me mew meow meow meeeow."

There was no answer from outside, so Rikki-tikki knew Nagaina Meeow mew me meeeow meow meeeow, me Meeow-meow meow Meeow

had gone away. Nag coiled himself down, coil by coil, round the mew meow meow. Mew meeeow meeeow meow, meow me meow, meow mew

bulge at the bottom of the water jar, and Rikki-tikki stayed still meow me mew meeeow me mew meow mew, mew Meeow-meow meeeow meow

as death. After an hour he began to move, muscle by muscle, me meow. Meeow me meow me meow me meow, meeeow me meow,

toward the jar. Nag was asleep, and Rikki-tikki looked at his big meeeow mew mew. Mew mew meeeow, mew Meeow-meow meeeow me mew mew

back, wondering which would be the best place for a good hold. meow, meeeeeow meow meow me mew meow meow mew m meow meow.

"If I don't break his back at the first jump," said Rikki, "he can "Me M mew'm meow mew meow me mew meow meow," meow Meeow, "me mew

still fight. And if he fights--O Rikki!" He looked at the meow meow. Mew me me meeeow--M Meeow!" Me meeeow me mew

thickness of the neck below the hood, but that was too much for meeeeeow me mew meow meow mew meow, mew meow mew mew meow mew

him; and a bite near the tail would only make Nag savage. mew; mew m meow meow mew meow meow meow meow Mew meeeow.

"It must be the head" he said at last; "the head above the

"Me meow me mew meow" ' me meow me meow; "mew meow meoow mew

hood. And, when I am once there, I must not let go."  
meow. Mew, meow M me meow meeow, M meow mew mew me."

Then he jumped. The head was lying a little clear of the  
Meow me meoow. Mew meow mew meoow m meeoow meeow me mew

water jar, under the curve of it; and, as his teeth met, Rikki  
meeow mew, meoow mew meeow me me; mew, me mew meoow mew, Meeow

braced his back against the bulge of the red earthenware to hold  
meoow mew meow meeeow mew meeow me mew mew meeeooooow me meow

down the head. This gave him just one second's purchase, and he  
meow mew meow. Meow meow mew meow mew meoow'm meeoow, mew me

made the most of it. Then he was battered to and fro as a rat is  
meow mew meow me me. Meow me mew meeeew me mew mew me m mew me

shaken by a dog--to and fro on the floor, up and down, and  
meeoow me m mew--me mew mew me mew meoow, me mew meow, mew

around in great circles, but his eyes were red and he held on as  
meeeow me meeow meeoow, mew mew meow meow mew mew me meow me me

the body cart-whipped over the floor, upsetting the tin dipper and  
mew meow meow-meeeew meow mew meoow, meeeeeeow mew mew meoow mew

the soap dish and the flesh brush, and banged against the tin side  
mew meow meow mew mew meeow meoow, mew meeeow meeeew mew mew meow

of the bath. As he held he closed his jaws tighter and tighter,  
me mew meow. Me me meow me meoow mew meow meeeow mew meoow,

for he made sure he would be banged to death, and, for the honor  
mew me meow meow me meeow me meeoow me meoow, mew, mew mew meeow

of his family, he preferred to be found with his teeth locked. He  
me mew meeoow, me meeeeoow me me meoow meow mew meoow meeoow. Me

was dizzy, aching, and felt shaken to pieces when something went  
mew meeow, meeoow, mew meow meeeow me meoow meow meeeeoow meow

off like a thunderclap just behind him. A hot wind knocked him  
mew meow m meeoooooow meow meoow mew. M mew meow meeeow mew

senseless and red fire singed his fur. The big man had been  
meooooow mew mew meow meeeow mew mew. Mew mew mew mew meow

wakened by the noise, and had fired both barrels of a shotgun into  
meeoow me mew meeow, mew mew meeow meow meeeew me m meeoow meow

Nag just behind the hood.

Mew meow meeoow mew meow.

Rikki-tikki held on with his eyes shut, for now he was quite  
Meeow-meow meow me meow mew meow meow, mew mew me mew meow

sure he was dead. But the head did not move, and the big man  
meow me mew meow. Mew mew meow mew mew meow, mew mew mew mew

picked him up and said, "It's the mongoose again, Alice. The  
meeoow mew me mew meow, "Me'm mew meeeeoow meow, Meeow. Mew

little chap has saved our lives now."  
meeeow meow mew meoow mew meoow mew."

Then Teddy's mother came in with a very white face, and saw  
Meow Meeow'm meeoow meow me meow m meow meow meow, mew mew

what was left of Nag, and Rikki-tikki dragged himself to Teddy's  
meow mew meow me Mew, mew Meeow-meeow meeoow meeeoow me Meow'm

bedroom and spent half the rest of the night shaking himself  
meeeoow mew meoow meow mew meow me mew meoow meeoow meeeoow

tenderly to find out whether he really was broken into forty  
meooooow me meow mew meeeoow me meooooow mew meeeow meow meow

pieces, as he fancied.  
meeoow, me me meooooow.

When morning came he was very stiff, but well pleased with his  
Meow meooooow meow me mew meow meow, mew meow meeoow meow mew

doings. "Now I have Nagaina to settle with, and she will be worse  
meeeow. "Mew M meow Meooooow me meeoow meow, mew mew meow me meow

than five Nags, and there's no knowing when the eggs she spoke of  
meow meow Meow, mew meoow'm me meeoow meow mew meow mew meow me

will hatch. Goodness! I must go and see Darzee," he said.  
meow meow. Meeeeoow! M meow me mew mew Meeoow," me meow.

Without waiting for breakfast, Rikki-tikki ran to the  
Meeeoow meeeow mew meeeeoow, Meeow-meeow mew me mew

thornbush where Darzee was singing a song of triumph at the top of

meeeeeeow meow Meeow mew meooooow m meow me meeeow me mew mew me

his voice. The news of Nag's death was all over the garden, for mew meow. Mew meow me Mew'm meow mew mew meow mew meow, mew

the sweeper had thrown the body on the rubbish-heap. mew meeeow mew meooow mew meow me mew meeeow-mew.

"Oh, you stupid tuft of feathers!" said Rikki-tikki angrily. "Me, mew meow meow me meooooow!" mew Meow-mew meow.

"Is this the time to sing?" "Me mew mew meow me mew?"

"Nag is dead--is dead--is dead!" sang Darzee. "The Mew me meow--me meow--me meow!" mew Meeow. "Mew

valiant Rikki-tikki caught him by the head and held fast. The big meooooow Meeow-mew meeeow mew me mew meow mew meow meow. Mew mew

man brought the bang-stick, and Nag fell in two pieces! He will mew meooooow mew meow-mew, mew Mew meow me mew meow! Me mew

never eat my babies again." meow mew me meow meow."

"All that's true enough. But where's Nagaina?" said "Mew meow'm meow meeeow. Mew meow'm Meeow?" mew

Rikki-tikki, looking carefully round him. Meow-mew, meooooow meeeow meow mew.

"Naina came to the bathroom sluice and called for Nag," "Meeow meow me mew meooooow meow mew meow mew Mew,"

Darzee went on, "and Nag came out on the end of a stick--the Meow meow me, "mew Mew meow mew me mew meow--mew

sweeper picked him up on the end of a stick and threw him upon the meeeow meow mew me mew mew meow mew meow mew meow mew

rubbish heap. Let us sing about the great, the red-eyed meeeow meow. Mew meow meow mew meow, mew mew-mew

Rikki-tikki!" And Darzee filled his throat and sang.

Meeow-meeow!" Mew Meeow meeoow mew meeoow mew meow.

"If I could get up to your nest, I'd roll your babies out!"  
"Me M meow mew me me meow meow, M'm meow meow meooow mew!"

said Rikki-tikki. "You don't know when to do the right thing at  
meow Meow-meeow. "Mew mew'm meow meow me me mew meow meow me

the right time. You're safe enough in your nest there, but it's  
mew meow meow. Mew'me meow meeoow me meow meow meoow, mew me'm

war for me down here. Stop singing a minute, Darzee."  
mew mew me meow meow. Meow meeeoow m meooow, Meooow."

"For the great, the beautiful Rikki-tikki's sake I will stop,"  
"Mew mew meow, mew meoooooow Meeow-meeow'm meow M meow meow,"

said Darzee. "What is it, O Killer of the terrible Nag?"  
meow Meeoow. "Meow me me, M Meooow me mew meeoow Mew?"

"Where is Nagaina, for the third time?"  
"Meeow me Meeeoow, mew mew meow meow?"

"On the rubbish heap by the stables, mourning for Nag. Great  
"Me mew meeeow meow me mew meeoow, meeeoow mew Mew. Meeow

is Rikki-tikki with the white teeth."  
me Meeow-meeow meow mew meow meow."

"Bother my white teeth! Have you ever heard where she keeps  
"Meeoow me meow meow! Meow mew meow meow meow mew meow

her eggs?"  
mew meow?"

"In the melon bed, on the end nearest the wall, where the sun  
"Me mew meow mew, me mew mew meeoow mew meow, meow mew mew

strikes nearly all day. She hid them there weeks ago."

meeooow meeeow mew mew. Mew mew meow meeow meeow mew."

"And you never thought it worth while to tell me? The end  
"Mew mew meeow meeeow me meoow meoow me meow me? Mew mew

nearest the wall, you said?"  
meeooow mew meow, mew meow?"

"Rikki-tikki, you are not going to eat her eggs?"  
"Meeow-meoow, mew mew mew meoow me mew mew meow?"

"Not eat exactly; no. Darzee, if you have a grain of sense  
"Mew mew meeeow; me. Meeow, me mew meow m meoow me meeow

you will fly off to the stables and pretend that your wing is  
mew meow mew mew me mew meooooow mew meeeoow meow meow meow me

broken, and let Nagaina chase you away to this bush. I must get  
meeoow, mew mew Meeeeow meeow mew meow me meow meow. M meow mew

to the melon-bed, and if I went there now she'd see me."  
me mew meoow-mew, mew me M meow meeow mew mew'm mew me."

Darzee was a feather-brained little fellow who could never  
Meeoow mew m meooooow-meeeoow meeeow meeeow mew meoow meoow

hold more than one idea at a time in his head. And just because  
meow meow meow mew meow me m meow me mew meow. Mew meow meooooow

he knew that Nagaina's children were born in eggs like his own, he  
me meow meow Meeooow'm meeeooooow meow meow me meow meow mew mew, me

didn't think at first that it was fair to kill them. But his wife  
meow'm meeow me meeow meow me mew meow me meow meow. Mew mew meow

was a sensible bird, and she knew that cobra's eggs meant young  
mew m meeeooooow meow, mew mew meow meow meeow'm meow meoow meeow

cobras later on. So she flew off from the nest, and left Darzee  
meooooow meoow me. Me mew meow mew meow mew meow, mew meow Meooooow

to keep the babies warm, and continue his song about the death of  
me meow mew meeeow meow, mew meoooooow mew meow meeow mew meoow me

Nag. Darzee was very like a man in some ways.

Mew. Meoooo mew meow meow m mew me meow meow.

She fluttered in front of Nagaina by the rubbish heap and  
Mew meeeeeoooo mew meow me Meoooo mew mew meeeoo mew mew

cried out, "Oh, my wing is broken! The boy in the house threw a  
meeow mew, "Me, me meow me meeeow! Mew mew me mew meow meow m

stone at me and broke it." Then she fluttered more desperately  
meow me me mew meow me." Meow mew meeeeeoooo mew meeeeeoooo

than ever.  
meow meow.

Nagaina lifted up her head and hissed, "You warned Rikki-tikki  
Meeeeeow meoooo mew mew meow mew meeeow, "Mew meeoow Meoow-meoow

when I would have killed him. Indeed and truly, you've chosen a  
meow M meow meow meeeow mew. Meeoow mew meow, mew'me meeeow m

bad place to be lame in." And she moved toward Darzee's wife,  
mew meoow me me meow me." Mew mew meoow meeoow Meoooo'm meow,

slipping along over the dust.  
meeeeeow meoow meow mew meow.

"The boy broke it with a stone!" shrieked Darzee's wife.  
"Mew mew meoow me meow m meoow!" meeeeeoooo Meoooo'm meow.

"Well! It may be some consolation to you when you're dead to  
"Meow! Me mew me meow meeeeeoooo mew mew meow mew'me meow me

know that I shall settle accounts with the boy. My husband lies  
meow meow M meoow meeoow meeeeeoooo mew mew mew. Me meoooo mew

on the rubbish heap this morning, but before night the boy in the  
me mew meeeow mew meow meeoow, mew meeeow meoow mew mew me mew

house will lie very still. What is the use of running away? I am  
meow meow mew meow meoow. Meow me mew mew me meeeow meow? M me

sure to catch you. Little fool, look at me!"  
meow me meow mew. Meeow meow, meow me me!"

Darzee's wife knew better than to do that, for a bird who

Meeow'm meow meow meow meow me me meow, mew m meow mew

looks at a snake's eyes gets so frightened that she cannot move.  
meeow me m meow'm meow meow me meow meow meow mew meow meow.

Darzee's wife fluttered on, piping sorrowfully, and never leaving  
Meeow'm meow meow meow me, meow meow meow meow, mew meow meow

the ground, and Nagaina quickened her pace.  
mew meow, mew Meeow meow meow mew meow.

Rikki-tikki heard them going up the path from the stables, and  
Meow-meow meow meow meow me mew meow meow mew meow, mew

he raced for the end of the melon patch near the wall. There, in  
me meow mew mew mew me mew meow meow meow mew meow. Meow, me

the warm litter above the melons, very cunningly hidden, he found  
mew meow meow meow mew meow, meow meow meow meow, me meow

twenty-five eggs, about the size of a bantam's eggs, but with  
meeow-meow meow, meow mew meow me m meow'm meow, mew meow

whitish skin instead of shell.  
meow meow meow meow meow.

"I was not a day too soon," he said, for he could see the baby  
"M mew mew m mew mew meow," me meow, mew me meow mew mew meow

cobras curled up inside the skin, and he knew that the minute they  
meow meow meow meow meow mew meow, mew me meow meow mew meow meow

were hatched they could each kill a man or a mongoose. He bit off  
meow meow meow meow meow meow m mew me m meow. Me mew mew

the tops of the eggs as fast as he could, taking care to crush the  
mew meow me mew meow me meow me me meow, meow meow me meow mew

young cobras, and turned over the litter from time to time to see  
meow meow, mew meow meow mew meow meow meow meow meow meow

whether he had missed any. At last there were only three eggs  
meow meow mew meow meow mew. Me meow meow meow meow meow meow

left, and Rikki-tikki began to chuckle to himself, when he heard  
meow, mew Meow-meow meow me meow meow meow meow, meow me meow

Darzee's wife screaming:  
Meeow'm meow meow meow:

"Rikki-tikki, I led Nagaina toward the house, and she has gone



"Meow-meow, M mew Meeeeow meeeow mew meow, mew mew mew meow

into the veranda, and--oh, come quickly--she means killing!"  
meow mew meeeow, mew--me, meow meeeow--mew meow meeeow!"

Rikki-tikki smashed two eggs, and tumbled backward down the  
Meow-meeow meooooow mew meow, mew meooooow meeeooooow meow mew

melon-bed with the third egg in his mouth, and scuttled to the  
meow-mew meow mew meow mew me mew meow, mew meeeooooow me mew

veranda as hard as he could put foot to the ground. Teddy and his  
meeeow me meow me me meow mew meow me mew meooooow. Meeow mew mew

mother and father were there at early breakfast, but Rikki-tikki  
meeeow mew meeeow meow meow me meow meeeooooow, mew Meow-meeow

saw that they were not eating anything. They sat stone-still, and  
mew meow meow meow mew meeeow meooooow. Meow mew meeeow-meow, mew

their faces were white. Nagaina was coiled up on the matting by  
meow meow meow meow. Meeeeow mew meeeow me me mew meeeow me

Teddy's chair, within easy striking distance of Teddy's bare leg,  
Meow'm meow, meeeow meow meeeooooow meeeeoow me Meow'm meow mew,

and she was swaying to and fro, singing a song of triumph.  
mew mew mew meeeow me mew mew, meeeow m meow me meeeow.

"Son of the big man that killed Nag," she hissed, "stay still.  
"Mew me mew mew mew meow meooooow Mew," mew meeeow, "meow meow.

I am not ready yet. Wait a little. Keep very still, all you  
M me mew meow mew. Meow m meooooow. Meow meow meeeow, mew mew

three! If you move I strike, and if you do not move I strike.  
meow! Me mew meow M meeeow, mew me mew me mew meow M meooooow.

Oh, foolish people, who killed my Nag!"  
Me, meeeow meeeow, mew meeeow me Mew!"

Teddy's eyes were fixed on his father, and all his father  
Meow'm meow meow meow me mew meooooow, mew mew mew meooooow

could do was to whisper, "Sit still, Teddy. You mustn't move.  
meow me mew me meooooow, "Mew meow, Meow. Mew meow'm meow.

Teddy, keep still."

Meow, meow meow."

Then Rikki-tikki came up and cried, "Turn round, Nagaina.  
Meow Meeow-meeow meow me mew meeow, "Meow meow, Meooooow.

Turn and fight!"  
Meow mew meow!"

"All in good time," said she, without moving her eyes. "I  
"Mew me meow meow," meow mew, meeeeow meeoow mew meow. "M

will settle my account with you presently. Look at your friends,  
meow meoooo me meoooo meow mew meooooow. Meow me meow meooooow,

Rikki-tikki. They are still and white. They are afraid. They  
Meow-meeow. Meow mew meeow mew meeow. Meow mew meoooo. Meow

dare not move, and if you come a step nearer I strike."  
meow mew meow, mew me mew meow m meow meeeeow M meeeeow."

"Look at your eggs," said Rikki-tikki, "in the melon bed near  
"Meow me meow meow," meow Meow-meeow, "me mew meow mew meow

the wall. Go and look, Nagaina!"  
mew meow. Me mew meow, Meeeoow!"

The big snake turned half around, and saw the egg on the  
Mew mew meow meeeeow meow meeeeow, mew mew mew mew me mew

veranda. "Ah-h! Give it to me," she said.  
meeeeow. "Me-m! Meow me me me," mew meow.

Rikki-tikki put his paws one on each side of the egg, and his  
Meeow-meeow mew mew meow mew me meow meow me mew mew, mew mew

eyes were blood-red. "What price for a snake's egg? For a young  
meow meow meeow-mew. "Meow meow mew m meow'm mew? Mew m meow

cobra? For a young king cobra? For the last--the very last of  
meeow? Mew m meow meow meow? Mew mew meow--mew meow meow me

the brood? The ants are eating all the others down by the melon

mew meow? Mew meow mew meeoow mew mew meeeow meow me mew meoow

bed."

mew."

Nagaina spun clear round, forgetting everything for the sake  
Meeeeow meow meow meoow, meooooooooow meooooooooow mew mew meow

of the one egg. Rikki-tikki saw Teddy's father shoot out a big  
me mew mew mew. Meeow-meeow mew Meoow'm meeoow meow mew m mew

hand, catch Teddy by the shoulder, and drag him across the little  
meow, meow Meow me mew meeeeoow, mew meow mew meeeow mew meoow

table with the tea-cups, safe and out of reach of Nagaina.  
meoow meow mew mew-meow, meow mew mew me meoow me Meooooow.

"Tricked! Tricked! Tricked! Rikk-tck-tck!" chuckled

"Meeeeow! Meeeoow! Meeeoow! Meow-mew-mew!" meoooooooo

Rikki-tikki. "The boy is safe, and it was I--I--I that caught  
Meeow-meoow. "Mew mew me meow, mew me mew M--M--M meow meeeow

Nag by the hood last night in the bathroom." Then he began to  
Mew me mew meow meow meoow me mew meeeeeeow." Meow me meow me

jump up and down, all four feet together, his head close to the  
meow me mew meow, mew meow meow meeeeoow, mew meow meow me mew

floor. "He threw me to and fro, but he could not shake me off.  
meeow. "Me meoow me me mew mew, mew me meoow mew meow me mew.

He was dead before the big man blew him in two. I did it!  
Me mew meow meeeow mew mew mew meow mew me mew. M mew me!

Rikki-tikki-tck-tck! Come then, Nagaina. Come and fight with me.  
Meoow-meeow-mew-mew! Meow meow, Meeeeeow. Meow mew meoow meow me.

You shall not be a widow long."

Mew meoow mew me m meeoow meow."

Nagaina saw that she had lost her chance of killing Teddy, and  
Meeeeow mew meow mew mew meow mew meeoow me meeoow Meoow, mew

the egg lay between Rikki-tikki's paws. "Give me the egg,  
mew mew mew meeoow Meoow-meoow'm meow. "Meow me mew mew,

Rikki-tikki. Give me the last of my eggs, and I will go away and

Meeow-meeow. Meow me mew meow me me meow, mew M meow me meow mew

never come back," she said, lowering her hood.  
meow meow meow," mew meow, meooooow mew meow.

"Yes, you will go away, and you will never come back. For you  
"Mew, mew meow me meow, mew mew meow meow meow meow. Mew mew

will go to the rubbish heap with Nag. Fight, widow! The big man  
meow me me mew meooooow meow meow Mew. Meeow, meeow! Mew mew mew

has gone for his gun! Fight!"  
mew meow mew mew mew! Meeow!"

Rikki-tikki was bounding all round Nagaina, keeping just out  
Meeow-meow mew meooooow mew meow Meeeeeow, meooooow meow mew

of reach of her stroke, his little eyes like hot coals. Nagaina  
me meeow me mew meeeeow, mew meooooow meow meow mew meow. Meooooow

gathered herself together and flung out at him. Rikki-tikki  
meooooow meooooow meooooow mew meeow mew me mew. Meow-meeow

jumped up and backward. Again and again and again she struck, and  
meooooow me mew meeeeow. Meeow mew meow mew meow mew meeeeow, mew

each time her head came with a whack on the matting of the veranda  
meow meow mew meow meow meow m meow me mew meooooow me mew meeeeow

and she gathered herself together like a watch spring. Then  
mew mew meooooow meooooow meeeeow meow m meow meeeeow. Meow

Rikki-tikki danced in a circle to get behind her, and Nagaina spun  
Meow-meow meow me m meow me mew meeeeow mew, mew Meeeeeow meow

round to keep her head to his head, so that the rustle of her tail  
meeow me meow mew meow me mew meow, me meow mew meooooow me mew meow

on the matting sounded like dry leaves blown along by the wind.  
me mew meooooow meeeeow meow mew meooooow meow meow me mew meow.

He had forgotten the egg. It still lay on the veranda, and  
Me mew meeeeooooow mew mew. Me meeow mew me mew meeeeow, mew

Nagaina came nearer and nearer to it, till at last, while  
Meeeoow meow meeoow mew meooooow me me, meow me meow, meow

Rikki-tikki was drawing breath, she caught it in her mouth, turned

Meeow-meeow mew meeeoow meooow, mew meeeow me me mew meow, meeeow

to the veranda steps, and flew like an arrow down the path, with  
me mew meeeoow meow, mew meow meow me meow meow mew meow, meow

Rikki-tikki behind her. When the cobra runs for her life, she  
Meeow-meeow meeeow mew. Meow mew meeeow meow mew mew meow, mew

goes like a whip-lash flicked across a horse's neck.  
meow meow m meow-meow meooooow meooow m meeeow'm meow.

Rikki-tikki knew that he must catch her, or all the trouble  
Meow-meeow meow meow me meow meeeow mew, me mew mew meeeow

would begin again. She headed straight for the long grass by the  
meeow meow meeeow. Mew meooow meeeoow mew mew meow meeeow me mew

thorn-bush, and as he was running Rikki-tikki heard Darzee still  
meeow-meow, mew me me mew meeeoow Meeow-meeow meeeow Meooow meeeow

singing his foolish little song of triumph. But Darzee's wife was  
meeeoow mew meeeoow meooow meow me meeeow. Mew Meeoow'm meow mew

wiser. She flew off her nest as Nagaina came along, and flapped  
meeow. Mew meow mew mew meow me Meeeeow meow meeeow, mew meeeoow

her wings about Nagaina's head. If Darzee had helped they might  
mew meow meow Meeeoow'm meow. Me Meeeeow mew meeeow meow meeeow

have turned her, but Nagaina only lowered her hood and went on.  
meow meeeow mew, mew Meeooow meow meeeoow mew meow mew meow me.

Still, the instant's delay brought Rikki-tikki up to her, and as  
Meow, mew meeeoow'm meow meeeoow Meeow-meeow me me mew, mew me

she plunged into the rat-hole where she and Nag used to live, his  
mew meeeoow meow mew mew-meow meeeow mew mew Mew meow me meow, mew

little white teeth were clenched on her tail, and he went down  
meeeow meeeow meeeow meow meeeeeow me mew meow, mew me meow meow

with her--and very few mongooses, however wise and old they may  
meow mew--mew meow mew meeeeeeow, meeeoow meow mew mew meow mew

be, care to follow a cobra into its hole. It was dark in the  
me, meow me meooow m meow meow mew meow. Me mew meow me mew

hole; and Rikki-tikki never knew when it might open out and give  
meow; mew Meow-meeow meow meow meow me meeeow meow mew mew meow

Nagaina room to turn and strike at him. He held on savagely, and  
Meooooow meow me meow mew meeeow me mew. Me meow me meeeeeow, mew

stuck out his feet to act as brakes on the dark slope of the hot,

meow mew mew meow me mew me meooow me mew meow meow me mew mew,  
moist earth.  
meow meeow.

Then the grass by the mouth of the hole stopped waving, and  
Meow mew meow me mew meow me mew meow meeeoow meeoow, mew

Darzee said, "It is all over with Rikki-tikki! We must sing his  
Meooow meow, "Me me mew meow meow Meeow-meoow! Me meow meow mew

death song. Valiant Rikki-tikki is dead! For Nagaina will surely  
meeow meow. Meooooow Meeow-meoow me meow! Mew Meeooooow meow meeeow

kill him underground."  
meow mew meeeeeeoow."

So he sang a very mournful song that he made up on the spur of  
Me me meow m meow meooooow meow meow me meow me me mew meow me

the minute, and just as he got to the most touching part, the  
mew meooow, mew meow me me mew me mew meow meeeeoow meow, mew

grass quivered again, and Rikki-tikki, covered with dirt, dragged  
meeow meeeooooow meow, mew Meeow-meeow, meeeeoow meow meow, meeeoow

himself out of the hole leg by leg, licking his whiskers. Darzee  
meeeeoow mew me mew meow mew me mew, meooooow mew meeeeoow. Meeoow

stopped with a little shout. Rikki-tikki shook some of the dust  
meeeeoow meow m meeoow meeoow. Meoow-meeow meeoow meow me mew meow

out of his fur and sneezed. "It is all over," he said. "The  
mew me mew mew mew meooooow. "Me me mew meow," me meow. "Mew

widow will never come out again." And the red ants that live  
meow meow meeoow meow mew meoow." Mew mew mew meow meow meow

between the grass stems heard him, and began to troop down one  
meooooow mew meeoow meoow meeoow mew, mew meoow me meeoow meow mew

after another to see if he had spoken the truth.  
meow meeeeoow me mew me me mew meeoow mew meoow.

Rikki-tikki curled himself up in the grass and slept where he  
Meeow-meoow meeeow meeeoow me me mew meoow mew meoow meoow me  
was--slept and slept till it was late in the afternoon, for he

mew--meeow mew meeow meow me mew meow me mew meeeooooow, mew me

had done a hard day's work.

mew meow m meow mew'm meow.

"Now," he said, when he awoke, "I will go back to the house.

"Mew," me meow, meow me meeow, "M meow me meow me mew meeow.

Tell the Coppersmith, Darzee, and he will tell the garden that

Meow mew Meeeeooooow, Meeow, mew me meow meow mew meeow meow

Nagaina is dead."

Meeooow me meow."

The Coppersmith is a bird who makes a noise exactly like the

Mew Meeeeooooow me m meow mew meoow m meoow meeoow meow mew

beating of a little hammer on a copper pot; and the reason he is

meeeoow me m meeow meoow me m meeow mew; mew mew meeow me me

always making it is because he is the town crier to every Indian

meeeow meeeow me me meeeow me me mew meow meeow me meoow Meeow

garden, and tells all the news to everybody who cares to listen.

meooow, mew meeow mew mew meow me meooooow mew meoow me meooow.

As Rikki-tikki went up the path, he heard his "attention" notes

Me Meoow-meeow meow me mew meow, me meeow mew "meeeooooow" meoow

like a tiny dinner gong, and then the steady "Ding-dong-tock! Nag

meow m meow meeoow meow, mew meow mew meeoow "Meow-meow-meow! Mew

is dead--dong! Nagaina is dead! Ding-dong-tock!" That set all

me meow--meow! Meooooow me meow! Meow-meow-meow!" Meow mew mew

the birds in the garden singing, and the frogs croaking, for Nag

mew meoow me mew meoow meooooow, mew mew meoow meooooow, mew Mew

and Nagaina used to eat frogs as well as little birds.

mew Meeeoow meow me mew meeow me meow me meeeow meoow.

When Rikki got to the house, Teddy and Teddy's mother (she

Meow Meoow mew me mew meoow, Meoow mew Meoow'm meeeow (mew

looked very white still, for she had been fainting) and Teddy's

meeoow meow meeow meoow, mew mew mew meow meeeooooow) mew Meoow'm

father came out and almost cried over him; and that night he ate

meeow mew mew mew meeeow meeow mew mew; mew mew meow me mew

all that was given him till he could eat no more, and went to bed  
mew mew mew meow mew mew me meow mew me meow, mew mew me mew

on Teddy's shoulder, where Teddy's mother saw him when she came to  
me Meow'm meeeeoow, meow Meeow'm meooow mew mew meow mew meow me

look late at night.  
meow mew me meow.

"He saved our lives and Teddy's life," she said to her  
"Me meow mew meow mew Meeow'm meow," mew mew me mew

husband. "Just think, he saved all our lives."  
meeoow. "Meow meow, me meow mew mew meow."

Rikki-tikki woke up with a jump, for the mongooses are light  
Meow-meeow mew me meow m meow, mew mew meeoow mew meow

sleepers.  
meeeeoow.

"Oh, it's you," said he. "What are you bothering for? All  
"Me, me'm mew," meow me. "Meow mew mew meeeeeeow mew? Mew

the cobras are dead. And if they weren't, I'm here."  
mew meooow mew meow. Mew me meow meow'm, M'm meow."

Rikki-tikki had a right to be proud of himself. But he did  
Meeow-meow mew m meow me me meow me meooow. Mew me mew

not grow too proud, and he kept that garden as a mongoose should  
mew mew mew meow, mew me meow meow meeoow me m meeoow meeoow

keep it, with tooth and jump and spring and bite, till never a  
meow me, meow meow mew meow mew meeoow mew meow, meow meow m

cobra dared show its head inside the walls.  
meow meow mew mew meow meooow mew meow.

Darzee's Chant  
Meooow'm Meeow

(Sung in honor of Rikki-tikki-tavi)



(Meow me meoow me Meoow-meeow-meow)

Singer and tailor am I--  
Meeoow mew meoooow me M--

Doubled the joys that I know--  
Meeeoow mew meow meow M meow--

Proud of my lilt to the sky,  
Meeow me me meow me mew mew,

Proud of the house that I sew--  
Meeow me mew meeoow meow M mew--

Over and under, so weave I my music--so weave I the house that I  
Meow mew meeoow, me meeoow M me meeoow--me meoow M mew meeoow meow M

sew.  
mew.

Sing to your fledglings again,  
Meow me meow meeeeeeoow meoow,

Mother, oh lift up your head!  
Meeeoow, me meow me meow meow!

Evil that plagued us is slain,  
Meow meow meeoow me me meeoow,

Death in the garden lies dead.  
Meeow me mew meeoow meow meow.

Terror that hid in the roses is impotent--flung on the dung-hill  
Meoooow meow mew me mew meeoow me meeoow--meoow me mew meow-meow

and dead!  
mew meow!

Who has delivered us, who?  
Mew mew meeoowooow me, mew?

Tell me his nest and his name.  
Meow me mew meow mew mew meow.

Rikki, the valiant, the true,  
Meeow, mew meeoow, mew meow,

Tikki, with eyeballs of flame,

Meow, meow meeeooow me meow,

Rikk-tikki-tikki, the ivory-fanged, the hunter with eyeballs of  
Meow-meow-meeow, mew meow-meeow, mew meooow meow meeeeoow me

flame!  
meow!

Give him the Thanks of the Birds,  
Meow mew mew Meeow me mew Meow,

Bowing with tail feathers spread!  
Meeow meow meow meeeooow meeeow!

Praise him with nightingale words--  
Meooow mew meow meooooooooow meow--

Nay, I will praise him instead.  
Mew, M meow meooow mew meeeooow.

Hear! I will sing you the praise of the bottle-tailed Rikki, with  
Meow! M meow meow mew mew meeeow me mew meeeow-meooow Meeow, meow

eyeballs of red!  
meeeeoow me mew!

(Here Rikki-tikki interrupted, and the rest of the song is  
(Meow Meeow-meow meeeeeeeeoow, mew mew meow me mew meow me

lost.)  
meow.)

Toomai of the Elephants  
Meooow me mew Meeeeooow

I will remember what I was, I am sick of rope and chain--  
M meow meeeooow meow M mew, M me meow me meow mew meow--

I will remember my old strength and all my forest affairs.  
M meow meeeeoow me mew meeeeoow mew mew me meeeow meeeooow.

I will not sell my back to man for a bundle of sugar-cane:

M meow mew meow me meow me mew mew m meooow me meow-meow:

I will go out to my own kind, and the wood-folk in their lairs.  
M meow me mew me me mew meow, mew mew meow-meow me meow meow.

I will go out until the day, until the morning break--  
M meow me mew meow mew mew, meow mew meooooow meow--

Out to the wind's untainted kiss, the water's clean caress;  
Mew me mew meow'm meeeeeooow meow, mew meow'm meow meow;

I will forget my ankle-ring and snap my picket stake.  
M meow meooow me meow-meow mew meow me meooow meow.

I will revisit my lost loves, and playmates masterless!  
M meow meooooow me meow meow, mew meooooooow meeeeeeeow!

Kala Nag, which means Black Snake, had served the Indian  
Meow Mew, meow meow Meeow Meeow, mew meeeow mew Meeow

Government in every way that an elephant could serve it for  
Meooooooow me meow mew meow me meeeooow meow meow me mew

forty-seven years, and as he was fully twenty years old when he  
meow-meow meow, mew me me mew meow meeeow meow mew meow me

was caught, that makes him nearly seventy--a ripe age for an  
mew meooow, meow meow mew meooow meeeooow--m meow mew mew me

elephant. He remembered pushing, with a big leather pad on his  
meooooow. Me meooooooow meooooow, meow m mew meooooow mew me mew

forehead, at a gun stuck in deep mud, and that was before the  
meeeeeow, me m mew meow me meow mew, mew meow mew meeeow mew

Afghan War of 1842, and he had not then come to his full strength.  
Meeow Mew me meow, mew me mew mew meow meow me mew meow meooooow.

His mother Radha Pyari,--Radha the darling,--who had been  
Mew meeeow Meow Meow,--Meow mew meooow,--mew mew meow

caught in the same drive with Kala Nag, told him, before his  
meooow me mew meow meow meow Meow Mew, meow mew, meeeow mew

little milk tusks had dropped out, that elephants who were afraid  
meooow meow meow mew meeeooow mew, meow meooooooow mew meow meeeow

always got hurt. Kala Nag knew that that advice was good, for the

meoooo mew meow. Meow Mew meow meow meow meeeow mew meow, mew mew

first time that he saw a shell burst he backed, screaming, into a meow meow meow me mew m meow meow me meeeow, meooooow, meow m

stand of piled rifles, and the bayonets pricked him in all his meow me meow meeeow, mew mew meeeooow meooooow mew me mew mew

softest places. So, before he was twenty-five, he gave up being meooooow meeeow. Me, meeeow me mew meooooow-meow, me meow me meow

afraid, and so he was the best-loved and the best-looked-after meeeow, mew me me mew mew meow-meew mew mew meow-meooooow-meew

elephant in the service of the Government of India. He had meooooow me mew meeeooow me mew Meeooooooow me Meow. Me mew

carried tents, twelve hundred pounds' weight of tents, on the meeeooow meow, meeeow meooooow meeeow' meooooow me meow, me mew

march in Upper India. He had been hoisted into a ship at the end meew me Meow Meeow. Me mew meow meeeooow meow m meow me mew mew

of a steam crane and taken for days across the water, and made to me m meow meow mew meow mew meow meeeow mew meew, mew meow me

carry a mortar on his back in a strange and rocky country very far meow m meeeow me mew meow me m meeeow mew meow meeeooow meow mew

from India, and had seen the Emperor Theodore lying dead in meow Meow, mew mew meow mew Meeooooow Meeeeooow meow meow me

Magdala, and had come back again in the steamer entitled, so the Meeeeow, mew mew meow meow meow me mew meeeooow meooooow, me mew

soldiers said, to the Abyssinian War medal. He had seen his meeeeeow meow, me mew Meeeeeooow Mew meew. Me mew meow mew

fellow elephants die of cold and epilepsy and starvation and meeeow meooooooow mew me meow mew meeeooow mew meeeooooooow mew

sunstroke up at a place called Ali Musjid, ten years later; and meeeeeeow me me m meow meeeow Mew Meeooow, mew meow meew; mew

afterward he had been sent down thousands of miles south to haul meeeooooow me mew meow meow meow meooooooow me meew meew me meow

and pile big balks of teak in the timberyards at Moulmein. There mew meow mew meow me meow me mew meeeeeeeow me Meeeeooow. Meeow

he had half killed an insubordinate young elephant who was me mew meow meooow me meeeeeeeooooow meow meeeeeow mew mew

shirking his fair share of work. meeeeeow mew meow meew me meow.

After that he was taken off timber-hauling, and employed, with

Meow meow me mew meow mew meeoow-meooooow, mew meeeeeeow, meow

a few score other elephants who were trained to the business, in  
m mew meow meow meeeooooow mew meow meeeoow me mew meeeooooow, me

helping to catch wild elephants among the Garo hills. Elephants  
meeeoow me meow meow meeeooooow meow mew Meow meoow. Meooooooow

are very strictly preserved by the Indian Government. There is  
mew meow meeeooooow meeeeeeow me mew Meooow Meeeeeeooooow. Meow me

one whole department which does nothing else but hunt them, and  
mew meow meeeeeeooooow meow meow meeoow meow mew meow meow, mew

catch them, and break them in, and send them up and down the  
meow meow, mew meow meow me, mew meow meow me mew meow mew

country as they are needed for work.  
meooooow me meow mew meeoow mew meow.

Kala Nag stood ten fair feet at the shoulders, and his tusks  
Meow Mew meow mew meow meow me mew meooooooow, mew mew meow

had been cut off short at five feet, and bound round the ends, to  
mew meow mew mew meow me meow meow, mew meow meow mew meow, me

prevent them splitting, with bands of copper; but he could do more  
meooooow meow meeeeeeow, meow meow me meooooow; mew me meow me meow

with those stumps than any untrained elephant could do with the  
meow meow meeeow meow mew meeeeoow meooooow meow me meow mew

real sharpened ones. When, after weeks and weeks of cautious  
meow meeeeoow meow. Meow, meow meow mew meow me meooooow

driving of scattered elephants across the hills, the forty or  
meooooow me meeeeeeow meeeooooow meeoow mew meow, mew meow me

fifty wild monsters were driven into the last stockade, and the  
meow meow meeeooooow meow meooooow meow mew meow meeeeeeow, mew mew

big drop gate, made of tree trunks lashed together, jarred down  
mew meow meow, meow me meow meooooow meeoow meeeooooow, meooooow meow

behind them, Kala Nag, at the word of command, would go into that  
meooooow meow, Meow Mew, me mew meow me meeoow, meow me meow meow

flaring, trumpeting pandemonium (generally at night, when the  
meooooow, meeeeeeooooow meeeeeeooooow (meeeeoow me meow, meow mew

flicker of the torches made it difficult to judge distances), and,  
meooooow me mew meeeeoow meow me meooooooow me meow meeeooooow), mew,

picking out the biggest and wildest tusker of the mob, would

meooooow mew mew meeeoow mew meeeeow meoooo me mew mew, meoow

hammer him and hustle him into quiet while the men on the backs of  
meoooo mew mew meeeow mew meow meeow meeow mew mew me mew meoow me

the other elephants roped and tied the smaller ones.  
mew meoow meeoowooow meeow mew meow mew meooooow meow.

There was nothing in the way of fighting that Kala Nag, the  
Meoow mew meeeoow me mew mew me meeeoow meow Meow Mew, mew

old wise Black Snake, did not know, for he had stood up more than  
mew meow Meeow Meeow, mew mew meow, mew me mew meeow me meow meow

once in his time to the charge of the wounded tiger, and, curling  
meow me mew meow me mew meeeow me mew meooooow meeow, mew, meeeeow

up his soft trunk to be out of harm's way, had knocked the  
me mew meow meeow me me mew me meow'm mew, mew meeoow mew

springing brute sideways in mid-air with a quick sickle cut of his  
meeeeoow meoow meeoow me mew-mew meow m meoow meeow mew me mew

head, that he had invented all by himself; had knocked him over,  
meow, meow me mew meooooow mew me meooooow; mew meeeow mew meow,

and kneeled upon him with his huge knees till the life went out  
mew meooooow meow mew meow mew meow meoow meow mew meow meow mew

with a gasp and a howl, and there was only a fluffy striped thing  
meow m meow mew m meow, mew meeow mew meow m meeoow meeeow meeow

on the ground for Kala Nag to pull by the tail.  
me mew meoow mew Meow Mew me meow me mew meow.

"Yes," said Big Toomai, his driver, the son of Black Toomai  
"Mew," meow Mew Meoow, mew meoow, mew mew me Meoow Meeow

who had taken him to Abyssinia, and grandson of Toomai of the  
mew mew meeow mew me Meeeeeoow, mew meeeeoow me Meoow me mew

Elephants who had seen him caught, "there is nothing that the  
Meeeeeoow mew mew meow mew meoow, "meeow me meooooow meow mew

Black Snake fears except me. He has seen three generations of us  
Meeow Meoow meoow meeow me. Me mew meow meeow meeoowooow me me

feed him and groom him, and he will live to see four."  
meow mew mew meeow mew, mew me meow meow me mew meow."

"He is afraid of me also," said Little Toomai, standing up to

"Me me meeeow me me meow," meow Meoooo Meoooo, meeeeoow me me

his full height of four feet, with only one rag upon him. He was  
mew meow meeoow me meow meow, meow meow mew mew meow mew. Me mew

ten years old, the eldest son of Big Toomai, and, according to  
mew meow mew, mew meeeow mew me Mew Meeeeow, mew, meeoowooow me

custom, he would take his father's place on Kala Nag's neck when  
meeoow, me meow meow mew meeeow'm meoow me Meow Mew'm meow meow

he grew up, and would handle the heavy iron ankus, the elephant  
me meow me, mew meow meoooo mew meoow meow meoow, mew meeoowoo

goad, that had been worn smooth by his father, and his  
meow, meow mew meow meow meeoow me mew meeeow, mew mew

grandfather, and his great-grandfather.  
meeeeeeeow, mew mew meoow-meeeeeeow.

He knew what he was talking of; for he had been born under  
Me meow meow me mew meoooo me; mew me mew meow meow meoow

Kala Nag's shadow, had played with the end of his trunk before he  
Meow Mew'm meeeow, mew meoooo meow mew mew me mew meow meoooo me

could walk, had taken him down to water as soon as he could walk,  
meoow meow, mew meow mew meow me meow me meow me me meoow meow,

and Kala Nag would no more have dreamed of disobeying his shrill  
mew Meow Mew meoow me meow meow meeeeoow me meooooooooow mew meoooo

little orders than he would have dreamed of killing him on that  
meoooo meeeow meow me meoow meow meeeeoow me meoooo mew me meow

day when Big Toomai carried the little brown baby under Kala Nag's  
mew meow Mew Meeeeow meeeeoow mew meoooo meoow meow meow Meow Mew'm

tusks, and told him to salute his master that was to be.  
meeow, mew meow mew me meeeow mew meoooo meow mew me me.

"Yes," said Little Toomai, "he is afraid of me," and he took  
"Mew," meow Meeeoow Meeoow, "me me meoooo me me," mew me meow

long strides up to Kala Nag, called him a fat old pig, and made  
meow meeeeoow me me Meow Mew, meeoow mew m mew mew mew, mew meow

him lift up his feet one after the other.  
mew meow me mew meow mew meoow mew meeoow.

"Wah!" said Little Toomai, "thou art a big elephant," and he

"Mew!" meow Meeow Meeow, "meow mew m mew meooooow," mew me

wagged his fluffy head, quoting his father. "The Government may meow mew meow meow, meeeow mew meow. "Mew Meeeeow mew

pay for elephants, but they belong to us mahouts. When thou art mew mew meeeeeow, mew meow meow me me meeeow. Meow meow mew

old, Kala Nag, there will come some rich rajah, and he will buy mew, Meow Mew, meow meow meow meow meow meow, mew me meow mew

thee from the Government, on account of thy size and thy manners, meow meow mew Meooooow, me meeeow me mew meow mew mew meeeow,

and then thou wilt have nothing to do but to carry gold earrings mew meow meow meow meow meeeow me me mew me meow meow meeeow

in thy ears, and a gold howdah on thy back, and a red cloth me mew meow, mew m meow meow me mew meow, mew m mew meow

covered with gold on thy sides, and walk at the head of the meooooow meow meow me mew meow, mew meow me mew meow me mew

processions of the King. Then I shall sit on thy neck, O Kala meeeeeow me mew Meow. Meow M meow mew me mew meow, M Meow

Nag, with a silver ankus, and men will run before us with golden Mew, meow m meow meow, mew mew meow mew meow me meow meow

sticks, crying, 'Room for the King's elephant!' That will be meow, meeeow, 'Meow mew mew Meow'm meeeow!' Meow meow me

good, Kala Nag, but not so good as this hunting in the jungles." meow, Meow Mew, mew mew me meow me meow meeeow me mew meeeow."

"Umph!" said Big Toomai. "Thou art a boy, and as wild as a "Meow!" meow Mew Meeow. "Meow mew m mew, mew me meow me m

buffalo-calf. This running up and down among the hills is not the meooooow-meow. Meow meeeow me mew meow meow mew meow me mew mew

best Government service. I am getting old, and I do not love wild meow Meeeeow meeeow. M me meeeow mew, mew M me mew meow meow

elephants. Give me brick elephant lines, one stall to each meooooow. Meow me meow meeeow meow, mew meow me meow

elephant, and big stumps to tie them to safely, and flat, broad meeeow, mew mew meow me mew meow me meow, mew meow, meow

roads to exercise upon, instead of this come-and-go camping. Aha, meow me meeeow meow, meeeow me meow meow-mew-me meooooow. Mew,

the Cawnpore barracks were good. There was a bazaar close by, and



mew Meeeeeoow meeeeoow meow meow. Meoow mew m meeoow meoow me, mew

only three hours' work a day."  
meow meow meow' meow m mew."

Little Toomai remembered the Cawnpore elephant-lines and said  
Meeoow Meoow meeeeeeoow mew Meeeoow meooooow-meeow mew meow

nothing. He very much preferred the camp life, and hated those  
meeeeoow. Me meow meow meeeeeeoow mew meow meow, mew meow meow

broad, flat roads, with the daily grubbing for grass in the forage  
meow, meow meow, meow mew meow meeeeoow mew meow me mew meoow

reserve, and the long hours when there was nothing to do except to  
meeoow, mew mew meow meow meow meow mew meeoow me me meoow me

watch Kala Nag fidgeting in his pickets.  
meow Meow Mew meeeeeeoow me mew meeeeoow.

What Little Toomai liked was to scramble up bridle paths that  
Meow Meoow Meeow meow mew me meeeeeeoow me meeoow meow meow

only an elephant could take; the dip into the valley below; the  
meow me meeoow meow meow; mew mew meow mew meoow meow; mew

glimpses of the wild elephants browsing miles away; the rush of  
meooooow me mew meow meeeeeeoow meeeeoow meow meow; mew meow me

the frightened pig and peacock under Kala Nag's feet; the blinding  
mew meeoow meow mew meeeeoow meow Meow Mew'm meow; mew meeeeoow

warm rains, when all the hills and valleys smoked; the beautiful  
meow meow, meow mew mew meow mew meooooow meoow; mew meooooow

misty mornings when nobody knew where they would camp that night;  
meow meooooow meow meoow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow;

the steady, cautious drive of the wild elephants, and the mad rush  
mew meeoow, meeeeoow meow me mew meow meeoow, mew mew mew meow

and blaze and hullabaloo of the last night's drive, when the  
mew meow mew meeeeeeoow me mew meow meow'm meow, meow mew

elephants poured into the stockade like boulders in a landslide,  
meeeeoow meoow meow mew meeeeoow meow meeoow me m meooooow,

found that they could not get out, and flung themselves at the  
meow meow meow meow mew mew mew, mew meow meeoow me mew

heavy posts only to be driven back by yells and flaring torches

meow meow meow me me meeeow meow me meow mew meeeow meeeow

and volleys of blank cartridge.  
mew meeeow me meow meeeeoow.

Even a little boy could be of use there, and Toomai was as  
Meow m meeoow mew meow me me mew meoow, mew Meeoow mew me

useful as three boys. He would get his torch and wave it, and  
meeeow me meoow meow. Me meow mew mew meeoow mew meow me, mew

yell with the best. But the really good time came when the  
meow meow mew meow. Mew mew meeeow meow meow meow meow mew

driving out began, and the Keddah--that is, the stockade--  
meeeoow mew meow, mew mew Meeeoow--meow me, mew meeeoow--

looked like a picture of the end of the world, and men had to make  
meoow meow m meoooow me mew mew me mew meoow, mew mew mew me meow

signs to one another, because they could not hear themselves  
meow me mew meeoow, meeeow meow meoow mew meow meeoowooow

speak. Then Little Toomai would climb up to the top of one of the  
meow. Meow Meeeoow Meeeoow meow meoow me me mew mew me mew me mew

quivering stockade posts, his sun-bleached brown hair flying loose  
meeeeoow meeeeoow meow, mew mew-meeeeoow meow meow meeoow meow

all over his shoulders, and he looking like a goblin in the  
mew meow mew meeeeoow, mew me meeoow meow m meoooow me mew

torch-light. And as soon as there was a lull you could hear his  
meow-meow. Mew me meow me meoow mew m meow mew meow meow mew

high-pitched yells of encouragement to Kala Nag, above the  
meow-meoooow meow me meeoowooooow me Meow Mew, meow mew

trumpeting and crashing, and snapping of ropes, and groans of the  
meeoowooooow mew meoooow, mew meeoow me meow, mew meoow me mew

tethered elephants. "Mael, mael, Kala Nag! (Go on, go on, Black  
meeeeoow meeoowooow. "Meow, meow, Meow Mew! (Me me, me me, Meeow

Snake!) Dant do! (Give him the tusk!) Somalo! Somalo!  
Meeow!) Meow me! (Meow mew mew meow!) Meeeoow! Meeeoow!

(Careful, careful!) Maro! Mar! (Hit him, hit him!) Mind the  
(Meeeoow, meeeow!) Meow! Mew! (Mew mew, mew mew!) Meow mew

post! Arre! Arre! Hai! Yai! Kya-a-ah!" he would shout, and  
meow! Meow! Meow! Mew! Mew! Mew-m-me!" me meoow meeoow, mew

the big fight between Kala Nag and the wild elephant would sway to

mew mew meow meeeow Meow Mew mew mew meow meeeoow meow meow me

and fro across the Keddah, and the old elephant catchers would  
mew mew meoow mew Meoow, mew mew mew meeeoow meeoow meow

wipe the sweat out of their eyes, and find time to nod to Little  
meow mew meow mew me meow meow, mew meow meow me mew me Meoow

Toomai wriggling with joy on the top of the posts.  
Meoow meeeow meow mew me mew mew me mew meow.

He did more than wriggle. One night he slid down from the  
Me mew meow meow meeeow. Mew meow me meow meow meow mew

post and slipped in between the elephants and threw up the loose  
meow mew meeeow me meoow mew meeeoow mew meow me mew meow

end of a rope, which had dropped, to a driver who was trying to  
mew me m meow, meow mew meeeow, me m meeeow mew mew meoow me

get a purchase on the leg of a kicking young calf (calves always  
mew m meeeow me mew mew me m meoow meow meow (meoow meow

give more trouble than full-grown animals). Kala Nag saw him,  
meow meow meeeow meow meow-meeow meeeow). Meow Mew mew mew,

caught him in his trunk, and handed him up to Big Toomai, who  
meoow mew me mew meow, mew meow mew me me Mew Meoow, mew

slapped him then and there, and put him back on the post.  
meeeow mew meow mew meow, mew mew mew meow me mew meow.

Next morning he gave him a scolding and said, "Are not good  
Meow meeeow me meow mew m meoow mew meow, "Mew mew meow

brick elephant lines and a little tent carrying enough, that thou  
meow meeeow meow mew m meow meow meoow meow, meow meow

must needs go elephant catching on thy own account, little  
meow meow me meeeow meeeow me mew mew meeeow, meeeow

worthless? Now those foolish hunters, whose pay is less than my  
meooooow? Mew meow meoow meoow, meow mew me meow meow me

pay, have spoken to Petersen Sahib of the matter." Little Toomai  
mew, meow meeeow me Meooooow Meow me mew meeeow." Meeeow Meoow

was frightened. He did not know much of white men, but Petersen  
mew meooooow. Me mew mew meow meow me meow mew, mew Meeeow

Sahib was the greatest white man in the world to him. He was the

Meeow mew mew meeeoow meoow mew me mew meoow me mew. Me mew mew

head of all the Keddah operations--the man who caught all the  
meow me mew mew Meeoow meeeeeeow--mew mew mew meeeow mew mew

elephants for the Government of India, and who knew more about the  
meeeeeeow mew mew Meoooooow me Meoow, mew mew meow meow meoow mew

ways of elephants than any living man.  
meow me meeeeoow meow mew meoow mew.

"What--what will happen?" said Little Toomai.  
"Meow--meow meow meoow?" meow Meoow Meoow.

"Happen! The worst that can happen. Petersen Sahib is a  
"Meoow! Mew meoow meow mew meoow. Meeeeeow Meoow me m

madman. Else why should he go hunting these wild devils? He may  
meeeow. Meow mew meeoow me me meeoow meow meow meoow? Me mew

even require thee to be an elephant catcher, to sleep anywhere in  
meow meeeow meow me me meeeoow meeeow, me meow meooooow me

these fever-filled jungles, and at last to be trampled to death in  
meow meow-meoow meeeow, mew me meow me me meeeeeow me meow me

the Keddah. It is well that this nonsense ends safely. Next week  
mew Meoow. Me me meow meow meow meooooow meow meoow. Meow meow

the catching is over, and we of the plains are sent back to our  
mew meeeeeow me meow, mew me me mew meoow mew meow meow me mew

stations. Then we will march on smooth roads, and forget all this  
meooooow. Meow me meow meow me meeeow meow, mew meeoow mew meow

hunting. But, son, I am angry that thou shouldst meddle in the  
meeoow. Mew, mew, M me meow meow meow meeeeoow meeeow me mew

business that belongs to these dirty Assamese jungle folk. Kala  
meeeeoow meow meeeow me meoow meow Meooooow meeoow meow. Meow

Nag will obey none but me, so I must go with him into the Keddah,  
Mew meow meow meow mew me, me M meow me meow mew meow mew Meeow,

but he is only a fighting elephant, and he does not help to rope  
mew me me meow m meeeeoow meeeeeow, mew me meow mew meow me meow

them. So I sit at my ease, as befits a mahout,--not a mere  
meow. Me M mew me me meow, me meeoow m meoow,--mew m meow

hunter,--a mahout, I say, and a man who gets a pension at the

meeoow,--m meooow, M mew, mew m mew mew meow m meeeow me mew

end of his service. Is the family of Toomai of the Elephants to mew me mew meooow. Me mew meeeow me Meeoow me mew Meeeeow me

be trodden underfoot in the dirt of a Keddah? Bad one! Wicked me meooow meeeow me mew meow me m Meooow? Mew mew! Meeow

one! Worthless son! Go and wash Kala Nag and attend to his ears, mew! Meeooooow mew! Me mew meow Meow Mew mew meeoow me mew meow,

and see that there are no thorns in his feet. Or else Petersen mew mew meow meow mew me meeeow me mew meow. Me meow Meeeeow

Sahib will surely catch thee and make thee a wild hunter--a Meeow meow meeoow meow meow mew meow meow m meow meeeow--m

follower of elephant's foot tracks, a jungle bear. Bah! Shame! meooooow me meeeow'm meow meeoow, m meooow meow. Mew! Meeow!

Go!"

Me!"

Little Toomai went off without saying a word, but he told Kala Meeoow Meooow meow mew meeeow meooow m meow, mew me meow Meow

Nag all his grievances while he was examining his feet. "No Mew mew mew meeeeeeow meow me mew meooooow mew meow. "Me

matter," said Little Toomai, turning up the fringe of Kala Nag's meeoow," meow Meeoow Meeoow, meeeow me mew meeoow me Meow Mew'm

huge right ear. "They have said my name to Petersen Sahib, and meow meow mew. "Meow meow meow me meow me Meeeeow Meow, mew

perhaps--and perhaps--and perhaps--who knows? Hai! That is meeeow--mew meooow--mew meeeow--mew meow? Mew! Meow me

a big thorn that I have pulled out!"

m mew meow meow M meow meeoow mew!"

The next few days were spent in getting the elephants

Mew meow mew meow meow meow me meeeow mew meeeooooow

together, in walking the newly caught wild elephants up and down meooooow, me meeeow mew meow meeeow meow meeeooooow me mew meow

between a couple of tame ones to prevent them giving too much meooooow m meooow me meow meow me meooooow meow meeeow mew meow

trouble on the downward march to the plains, and in taking stock

meeeeow me mew meeeoow meeow me mew meeeow, mew me meeoow meow

of the blankets and ropes and things that had been worn out or  
me mew meeeeoow mew meow mew meeoow meow mew meow meow mew me

lost in the forest.  
meow me mew meeoow.

Petersen Sahib came in on his clever she-elephant Pudmini; he  
Meeeoow Meow meow me me mew meeeow mew-meooooow Meeeoow; me

had been paying off other camps among the hills, for the season  
mew meow meeoow mew meeoow meeow meeow mew meow, mew mew meeoow

was coming to an end, and there was a native clerk sitting at a  
mew meeeow me me mew, mew meeoow mew m meeeow meeow meooooow me m

table under a tree, to pay the drivers their wages. As each man  
meeow meow m meow, me mew mew meeeeoow meow meeow. Me meow mew

was paid he went back to his elephant, and joined the line that  
mew meow me meow meow me mew meeeeoow, mew meeoow mew meow meow

stood ready to start. The catchers, and hunters, and beaters, the  
meow meow me meeoow. Mew meeeeoow, mew meooooow, mew meeoow, mew

men of the regular Keddah, who stayed in the jungle year in and  
mew me mew meooooow Meeeoow, mew meeoow me mew meeoow meow me mew

year out, sat on the backs of the elephants that belonged to  
meow mew, mew me mew meow me mew meeeeoow meow meeeeoow me

Petersen Sahib's permanent force, or leaned against the trees with  
Meeeoow Meow'm meeeeoow meeow, me meeeow meooooow mew meow meow

their guns across their arms, and made fun of the drivers who were  
meow meow meeoow meeow meow, mew meow mew me mew meeeeoow mew meow

going away, and laughed when the newly caught elephants broke the  
meeow meow, mew meeeeoow meow mew meeoow meooooow meeoow mew mew

line and ran about.  
meow mew mew meeoow.

Big Toomai went up to the clerk with Little Toomai behind him,  
Mew Meeoow meow me me mew meow meow Meeeoow Meeeoow meeeow mew,

and Machua Appa, the head tracker, said in an undertone to a  
mew Meeoow Meow, mew meow meooooow, meow me me meooooow me m

friend of his, "There goes one piece of good elephant stuff at

meooow me mew, "Meoow meow mew meeow me meow meeeeoow meow me

least. 'Tis a pity to send that young jungle-cock to molt in the  
meeow. 'Mew m meow me meow meow meooow meeoow-meow me meow me mew

plains."  
meeeow."

Now Petersen Sahib had ears all over him, as a man must have  
Mew Meeoow Meow mew meow mew meow mew, me m mew meow meow

who listens to the most silent of all living things--the wild  
mew meooow me mew meow meeeow me mew meeoow meooow--mew meow

elephant. He turned where he was lying all along on Pudmini's  
meeeeoow. Me meeeow meeow me mew meeow mew meeow me Meeeoow'm

back and said, "What is that? I did not know of a man among the  
meow mew meow, "Meow me meow? M mew mew meow me m mew meeow mew

plains-drivers who had wit enough to rope even a dead elephant."  
meeoow-meeeoow mew mew mew meooow me meow meow m meow meeeeoow."

"This is not a man, but a boy. He went into the Keddah at the  
"Meow me mew m mew, mew m mew. Me meow meow mew Meeeow me mew

last drive, and threw Barmao there the rope, when we were trying  
meow meeow, mew meeow Meooow meeow mew meow, meow me meow meooow

to get that young calf with the blotch on his shoulder away from  
me mew meow meeow meow meow mew meooow me mew meeeeoow meow meow

his mother."  
mew meooow."

Machua Appa pointed at Little Toomai, and Petersen Sahib  
Meeoow Meow meooow me Meeoow Meeeow, mew Meeoow Meow

looked, and Little Toomai bowed to the earth.  
meeoow, mew Meeeow Meooow meeow me mew meeow.

"He throw a rope? He is smaller than a picket-pin. Little  
"Me meow m meow? Me me meeeow meow m meooow-mew. Meooow

one, what is thy name?" said Petersen Sahib.

mew, meow me mew meow?" meow Meooooow Meow.

Little Toomai was too frightened to speak, but Kala Nag was Meooow Meeoow mew mew meooooooooow me meeow, mew Meow Mew mew

behind him, and Toomai made a sign with his hand, and the elephant meooow mew, mew Meooow meow m meow meow mew meow, mew mew meeeoow

caught him up in his trunk and held him level with Pudmini's meeoow mew me me mew meooow mew meow mew meooow meow Meeeeow'm

forehead, in front of the great Petersen Sahib. Then Little meeeoow, me meeow me mew meooow Meeeoow Meow. Meow Meeow

Toomai covered his face with his hands, for he was only a child, Meeow meeeow mew meow meow mew meeow, mew me mew meow m meow,

and except where elephants were concerned, he was just as bashful mew meeoow meooow meeeeoow meow meeeeoow, me mew meow me meeoow

as a child could be.  
me m meooow meooow me.

"Oho!" said Petersen Sahib, smiling underneath his mustache,  
"Mew!" meow Meeeeow Meow, meeoow meeeeoow mew meeeeoow,

"and why didst thou teach thy elephant that trick? Was it to help  
"mew mew meeow meow meooow mew meeeeoow meow meooow? Mew me me meow

thee steal green corn from the roofs of the houses when the ears  
meow meeow meeow meow meow mew meooow me mew meeoow meow mew meow

are put out to dry?"  
mew mew mew me mew?"

"Not green corn, Protector of the Poor,--melons," said  
"Mew meeow meow, Meooooow me mew Meow,--meooow," meow

Little Toomai, and all the men sitting about broke into a roar of  
Meooow Meeow, mew mew mew mew meooooow meooow meeow meow m meow me

laughter. Most of them had taught their elephants that trick when  
meooooow. Meow me meow mew meooow meeow meeeeoow meow meooow meow

they were boys. Little Toomai was hanging eight feet up in the  
meow meow meow. Meooow Meeow mew meooooow meooow meow me me mew

air, and he wished very much that he were eight feet underground.



mew, mew me meeoow meow meow meow me meow meoow meow meeeeeeeoow.

"He is Toomai, my son, Sahib," said Big Toomai, scowling. "He  
"Me me Meoow, me mew, Meow," meow Mew Meeoow, meeeeoow. "Me

is a very bad boy, and he will end in a jail, Sahib."  
me m meow mew mew, mew me meow mew me m meow, Meeow."

"Of that I have my doubts," said Petersen Sahib. "A boy who  
"Me meow M meow me meoow," meow Meeeeeow Meeow. "M mew mew

can face a full Keddah at his age does not end in jails. See,  
mew meow m meow Meeeoow me mew mew meow mew mew me meeoow. Mew,

little one, here are four annas to spend in sweetmeats because  
meoow mew, meow mew meow meoow me meeoow me meooooooooow meoow

thou hast a little head under that great thatch of hair. In time  
meow meow m meeeow meow meeoow meow meeoow meoow me meow. Me meow

thou mayest become a hunter too." Big Toomai scowled more than  
meow meeoow meeoow m meeoow mew." Mew Meeoow meeoow meow meow

ever. "Remember, though, that Keddahs are not good for children  
meow. "Meeooooow, meeeow, meow Meeeeeow mew mew meow mew meeoow

to play in," Petersen Sahib went on.  
me meow me," Meeeoow Meow meow me.

"Must I never go there, Sahib?" asked Little Toomai with a big  
"Meow M meeoow me meeoow, Meow?" meow Meeeoow Meoow meow m mew

gasp.  
meow.

"Yes." Petersen Sahib smiled again. "When thou hast seen the  
"Mew." Meeeoow Meow meeoow meow. "Meow meow meow meow mew

elephants dance. That is the proper time. Come to me when thou  
meeoowooow meeoow. Meow me mew meeoow meow. Meow me me meow meow

hast seen the elephants dance, and then I will let thee go into  
meow meow mew meooooooooow meow, mew meow M meow mew meow me meow

all the Keddahs."

mew mew Meeeoow. "

There was another roar of laughter, for that is an old joke  
Meeow mew meeoow meow me meeeeoow, mew meow me me mew meow

among elephant-catchers, and it means just never. There are great  
meeow meeeeoow-meeeoow, mew me meoow meow meoow. Meow mew meoow

cleared flat places hidden away in the forests that are called  
meeoow meow meeoow meeoow meow me mew meeeeoow meow mew meeoow

elephants' ball-rooms, but even these are only found by accident,  
meooooow' meow-meow, mew meow meeoow mew meow meoow me meeeeoow,

and no man has ever seen the elephants dance. When a driver  
mew me mew mew meow meow mew meeeeoow meoow. Meow m meoow

boasts of his skill and bravery the other drivers say, "And when  
meoow me mew meoow mew meeoow mew meeoow meeoow mew, "Mew meow

didst thou see the elephants dance?"  
meeow meow mew mew meooooow meoow?"

Kala Nag put Little Toomai down, and he bowed to the earth  
Meow Mew mew Meeeoow Meeoow meow, mew me meoow me mew meoow

again and went away with his father, and gave the silver four-anna  
meoow mew meow meow meow mew meeoow, mew meow mew meeoow meow-meow

piece to his mother, who was nursing his baby brother, and they  
meoow me mew meeoow, mew mew meeeeoow mew meow meeeeoow, mew meow

all were put up on Kala Nag's back, and the line of grunting,  
mew meow mew me me Meow Mew'm meow, mew mew meow me meooooow,

squealing elephants rolled down the hill path to the plains. It  
meeeeoow meeeeoow meeoow meow mew meow meow me mew meeoow. Me

was a very lively march on account of the new elephants, who gave  
mew m meow meeoow meeoow me meeeeoow me mew mew meeeeoow, mew meow

trouble at every ford, and needed coaxing or beating every other  
meeoow me meeoow meow, mew meeoow meeoow me meeoow meeoow meoow

minute.  
meoow.

Big Toomai prodded Kala Nag spitefully, for he was very angry,

Mew Meooow meeeoow Meow Mew meeeeeeoow, mew me mew meow meow,

but Little Toomai was too happy to speak. Petersen Sahib had mew Meeow Meeow mew mew meow me meow. Meeeoow Meeow mew

noticed him, and given him money, so he felt as a private soldier meeeoow mew, mew meow mew meow, me me meow me m meeeoow meeoow

would feel if he had been called out of the ranks and praised by meow meow me me mew meow meooow mew me mew meow mew meeeoow me

his commander-in-chief.  
mew meeoowow-me-meeow.

"What did Petersen Sahib mean by the elephant dance?" he said,  
"Meow mew Meeeoow Meow meow me mew meeoowow meow?" me meow,

at last, softly to his mother.  
me meow, meeoow me mew meeeow.

Big Toomai heard him and grunted. "That thou shouldst never  
Mew Meeow meow mew mew meeeoow. "Meow meow meeeeoow meow

be one of these hill buffaloes of trackers. That was what he  
me mew me meow meow meeeeeeoow me meeoowow. Meow mew meow me

meant. Oh, you in front, what is blocking the way?"  
meow. Me, mew me meow, meow me meoowow mew mew?"

An Assamese driver, two or three elephants ahead, turned round  
Me Meeeoow meeoow, mew me meow meoowowow meow, meeoow meow

angrily, crying: "Bring up Kala Nag, and knock this youngster of  
meeeeoow, meoow: "Meow me Meow Mew, mew meow meow meeoowow me

mine into good behavior. Why should Petersen Sahib have chosen me  
meow meow meow meoowow. Mew meeoow Meoowow Meeow meow meoow me

to go down with you donkeys of the rice fields? Lay your beast  
me me meow meow mew meeoow me mew meow meoow? Mew meow meow

alongside, Toomai, and let him prod with his tusks. By all the  
meeeeoow, Meeow, mew mew mew meow meow mew meow. Me mew mew

Gods of the Hills, these new elephants are possessed, or else they  
Meow me mew Meeow, meow mew meeeeeeoow mew meeeeoow, me meow meow

can smell their companions in the jungle." Kala Nag hit the new

mew meow meow meeeooooow me mew meooow." Meow Mew mew mew mew

elephant in the ribs and knocked the wind out of him, as Big meeeeoow me mew meow mew meeeeoow mew meow mew me mew, me Mew

Toomai said, "We have swept the hills of wild elephants at the Meeeoow meow, "Me meow meow mew meooow me meow meeeeeeow me mew

last catch. It is only your carelessness in driving. Must I keep meow meow. Me me meow meow meooooooooow me meeoow. Meow M meow

order along the whole line?"  
meeow meeow mew meow meow?"

"Hear him!" said the other driver. "We have swept the hills!  
"Meow mew!" meow mew meow meooow. "Me meow meeow mew meeow!

Ho! Ho! You are very wise, you plains people. Anyone but a Me! Me! Mew mew meow meow, mew meeoow meeoow. Meeeoow mew m

mud-head who never saw the jungle would know that they know that mew-meow mew meow mew mew meooow meeow meow meow meow meow

the drives are ended for the season. Therefore all the wild mew meooow mew meow mew mew meeeow. Meeooooow mew mew meow

elephants to-night will--but why should I waste wisdom on a meeeooooow me-meow meow--mew mew meooow M meow meeeow me m

river-turtle?"  
meow-meeeoow?"

"What will they do?" Little Toomai called out.  
"Meow meow meow me?" Meeeoow Meeooow meeeow mew.

"Ohe, little one. Art thou there? Well, I will tell thee,  
"Mew, meeoow mew. Mew meow meow? Meow, M meow meow meow,

for thou hast a cool head. They will dance, and it behooves thy mew meow meow m meow meow. Meow meow meow, mew me meeeooooow mew

father, who has swept all the hills of all the elephants, to meeeow, mew mew meeow mew mew meooow me mew mew meeeeeeow, me

double-chain his pickets to-night."  
meooow-meow mew meooow me-meeow."

"What talk is this?" said Big Toomai. "For forty years,

"Meow meow me meow?" meow Mew Meooow. "Mew meow meow,

father and son, we have tended elephants, and we have never heard  
meeow mew mew, me meow meeeow meeoowooow, mew me meow meow meow

such moonshine about dances."  
meow meeeeoow meow meeoow."

"Yes; but a plainsman who lives in a hut knows only the four  
"Mew; mew m meeoowooow mew meow me m mew meow meow mew mew

walls of his hut. Well, leave thy elephants unshackled tonight  
meeow me mew mew. Meow, meow mew meeeeoow meeoowooow meeoow

and see what comes. As for their dancing, I have seen the place  
mew mew meow meow. Me mew meow meeeow, M meow meow mew meow

where--Bapree-bap! How many windings has the Dihang River?  
meow--Meeow-mew! Mew meow meeoowooow mew mew Meeow Meow?

Here is another ford, and we must swim the calves. Stop still,  
Meow me meeoow meow, mew me meow meow mew meeoow. Meow meow,

you behind there."  
mew meeoow meow."

And in this way, talking and wrangling and splashing through  
Mew me meow mew, meeoow mew meeoowooow mew meeoowooow meeoow

the rivers, they made their first march to a sort of receiving  
mew meeoow, meow meow meow meow meow me m meow me meeoowooow

camp for the new elephants. But they lost their tempers long  
meow mew mew mew meeeeoow. Mew meow meow meow meeoow meow

before they got there.  
meeoow meow mew meow.

Then the elephants were chained by their hind legs to their  
Meow mew meeoowooow meow meeoow me meow meow meow me meow

big stumps of pickets, and extra ropes were fitted to the new  
mew meeoow me meeoow, mew meow meow meow meeoow me mew mew

elephants, and the fodder was piled before them, and the hill  
meeoowooow, mew mew meeoow mew meow meeoow meow, mew mew meow

drivers went back to Petersen Sahib through the afternoon light,

meeeeow meow meow me Meooooow Meeow meeeeeow mew meeeeeeeow meeow,  
telling the plains drivers to be extra careful that night, and  
meeeoow mew meooow meeeoow me me meoow meeeoow meow meeow, mew  
laughing when the plains drivers asked the reason.  
meooooow meow mew meeoow meeoow meeoow mew meeeow.

Little Toomai attended to Kala Nag's supper, and as evening  
Meeoow Meeoow meeeeeow me Meow Mew'm meooow, mew me meeoow

fell, wandered through the camp, unspeakably happy, in search of a  
meow, meeeeeow meeoow mew meow, meeeoooooow meeow, me meeeow me m

tom-tom. When an Indian child's heart is full, he does not run  
mew-mew. Meow me Meeow meeow'm meoow me meow, me meow mew mew

about and make a noise in an irregular fashion. He sits down to a  
meeow mew meow m meeoow me me meeoooooow meeoow. Me meow meow me m

sort of revel all by himself. And Little Toomai had been spoken  
meow me meoow mew me meooooow. Mew Meooow Meeow mew meow meoow

to by Petersen Sahib! If he had not found what he wanted, I  
me me Meeeeow Meow! Me me mew mew meeow meow me meeeow, M

believe he would have been ill. But the sweetmeat seller in the  
meeeoow me meeoow meow meow mew. Mew mew meeeeeow meooow me mew

camp lent him a little tom-tom--a drum beaten with the flat of  
meow meow mew m meooow mew-mew--m meow meooow meow mew meow me

the hand--and he sat down, cross-legged, before Kala Nag as the  
mew meow--mew me mew meow, meoow-meooow, meeoow Meow Mew me mew

stars began to come out, the tom-tom in his lap, and he thumped  
meoow meoow me meow mew, mew mew-mew me mew mew, mew me meeoow

and he thumped and he thumped, and the more he thought of the  
mew me meeeow mew me meeeow, mew mew meow me meooooow me mew

great honor that had been done to him, the more he thumped, all  
meoow meeoow meow mew meow meow me mew, mew meow me meooooow, mew

alone among the elephant fodder. There was no tune and no words,  
meoow meoow mew meeeoow meeeow. Meoow mew me meow mew me meoow,

but the thumping made him happy.  
mew mew meeoow meow mew meow.

The new elephants strained at their ropes, and squealed and

Mew mew meeeeeeeow meooooow me meow meow, mew meeeeeow mew

trumpeted from time to time, and he could hear his mother in the  
meooooow meow meow me meow, mew me meow meow mew meeeow me mew

camp hut putting his small brother to sleep with an old, old song  
meow mew meeeow mew meow meooooow me meow meow me mew, mew meow

about the great God Shiv, who once told all the animals what they  
meow mew meow Mew Meow, mew meow meow mew mew meeeow meow meow

should eat. It is a very soothing lullaby, and the first verse  
meooow mew. Me me m meow meooooow meeeow, mew mew meow meow

says:

meow:

Shiv, who poured the harvest and made the winds to blow,  
Meow, mew meeoow mew meeeow mew meow mew meooow me meow,

Sitting at the doorways of a day of long ago,  
Meooooow me mew meooooow me m mew me meow mew,

Gave to each his portion, food and toil and fate,  
Meow me meow mew meeoow, meow mew meow mew meow,

From the King upon the guddee to the Beggar at the gate.  
Meow mew Meow meow mew meeeow me mew Meooow me mew meow.

All things made he--Shiva the Preserver.  
Mew meeoow meow me--Meeow mew Meeeeeeeow.

Mahadeo! Mahadeo! He made all--  
Meooooow! Meeeow! Me meow mew--

Thorn for the camel, fodder for the kine,  
Meow mew mew meow, meeoow mew mew meow,

And mother's heart for sleepy head, O little son of mine!  
Mew meooow'm meow mew meeeow meow, M meeoow mew me meow!

Little Toomai came in with a joyous tunk-a-tunk at the end of  
Meooow Meeeow meow me meow m meeeow meow-m-meow me mew mew me

each verse, till he felt sleepy and stretched himself on the  
meow meow, meow me meow meooow mew meeeeeeeow meooooow me mew

fodder at Kala Nag's side. At last the elephants began to lie

meoow me Meow Mew'm meow. Me meow mew meeeeoow meoow me mew

down one after another as is their custom, till only Kala Nag at meow mew meoow meeoow me me meow meeeow, meow meow Meow Mew me

the right of the line was left standing up; and he rocked slowly mew meow me mew meow mew meow meooooow me; mew me meeoow meeoow

from side to side, his ears put forward to listen to the night meow meow me meow, mew meow mew meeoow me meeeow me mew meow

wind as it blew very slowly across the hills. The air was full of meow me me meow meow meeoow meeeow mew meoow. Mew mew mew meow me

all the night noises that, taken together, make one big silence-- mew mew meoow meoow meow, meoow meeeeeow, meow mew mew meeeow--

the click of one bamboo stem against the other, the rustle of mew meow me mew meeoow meow meooooow mew meow, mew meeoow me

something alive in the undergrowth, the scratch and squawk of a meeeeoow meow me mew meeeeoow, mew meeoow mew meeeow me m

half-waked bird (birds are awake in the night much more often than meow-meow meow (meeow mew meow me mew meow meow meow meow meow

we imagine), and the fall of water ever so far away. Little me meeeow), mew mew meow me meoow meow me mew meow. Meeoow

Toomai slept for some time, and when he waked it was brilliant Meeow meow mew meow meow, mew meow me meoow me mew meeeeoow

moonlight, and Kala Nag was still standing up with his ears meeoow, mew Meow Mew mew meow meeeeoow me meow mew meow

cocked. Little Toomai turned, rustling in the fodder, and watched meeeow. Meeow Meoow meeoow, meeoow me mew meeeow, mew meeoow

the curve of his big back against half the stars in heaven, and mew meow me mew mew meow meeoow meow mew meow me meeoow, mew

while he watched he heard, so far away that it sounded no more meow me meooooow me meow, me mew meow meow me meeoow me meow

than a pinhole of noise pricked through the stillness, the meow m meeoow me meow meeoow meooooow mew meeeeoow, mew

"hoot-toot" of a wild elephant.

"meow-meow" me m meow meeeeoow.

All the elephants in the lines jumped up as if they had been Mew mew meeeeoow me mew meow meeoow me me me meow mew meow

shot, and their grunts at last waked the sleeping mahouts, and



meow, mew meoow meooow me meow meeow mew meooooow meeeoow, mew

they came out and drove in the picket pegs with big mallets, and  
meow meow mew mew meeow me mew meeeow meow meow mew meeeoow, mew

tightened this rope and knotted that till all was quiet. One new  
meooooow meow meow mew meeeoow meow meow mew mew meeow. Mew mew

elephant had nearly grubbed up his picket, and Big Toomai took off  
meeeeow mew meooow meeeow me mew meooow, mew Mew Meooow meow mew

Kala Nag's leg chain and shackled that elephant fore-foot to  
Meow Mew'm mew meeow mew meooooow meow meeeoow meow-meow me

hind-foot, but slipped a loop of grass string round Kala Nag's  
meow-meow, mew meooooow m meow me meeow meeeow meow Meow Mew'm

leg, and told him to remember that he was tied fast. He knew that  
mew, mew meow mew me meeeeoow meow me mew meow meow. Me meow meow

he and his father and his grandfather had done the very same thing  
me mew mew meeoow mew mew meooooooooow mew meow mew meow meow meeow

hundreds of times before. Kala Nag did not answer to the order by  
meeeeow me meeow meooow. Meow Mew mew mew meooow me mew meeow me

gurgling, as he usually did. He stood still, looking out across  
meooooow, me me meeoow mew. Me meow meow, meeoow mew meeoow

the moonlight, his head a little raised and his ears spread like  
mew meeeeoow, mew meow m meooow meeoow mew mew meow meeoow meow

fans, up to the great folds of the Garo hills.  
meow, me me mew meeow meeow me mew Meow meeow.

"Tend to him if he grows restless in the night," said Big  
"Meow me mew me me meow meeeeoow me mew meeow," mew Mew

Toomai to Little Toomai, and he went into the hut and slept.  
Meeow me Meeow Meeow, mew me meow meow mew mew mew meow.

Little Toomai was just going to sleep, too, when he heard the coir  
Meeow Meooow mew meow meow me meeow, mew, meow me meow mew meow

string snap with a little "tang," and Kala Nag rolled out of his  
meeow meow meow m meeeow "meow," mew Meow Mew meooow mew me mew

pickets as slowly and as silently as a cloud rolls out of the  
meooooow me meeoow mew me meeeeoow me m meow meow mew me mew

mouth of a valley. Little Toomai pattered after him, barefooted,  
meeow me m meooow. Meeow Meeow meooooow meow mew, meeeeoow,

down the road in the moonlight, calling under his breath, "Kala

meow mew meow me mew meeeeoow, meeeoow meow mew meeoow, "Meow

Nag! Kala Nag! Take me with you, O Kala Nag!" The elephant  
Mew! Meow Mew! Meow me meow mew, M Meow Mew!" Mew meooooow

turned, without a sound, took three strides back to the boy in the  
meeeow, meeoow m meow, meow meow meeeow meow me mew mew me mew

moonlight, put down his trunk, swung him up to his neck, and  
meeeeeeow, mew meow mew meow, meow mew me me mew meow, mew

almost before Little Toomai had settled his knees, slipped into  
meoow meeeow Meoow Meoow mew meeeoow mew meoow, meeoow meow

the forest.  
mew meeeow.

There was one blast of furious trumpeting from the lines, and  
Meow mew mew meow me meooooow meeeooooow meow mew meow, mew

then the silence shut down on everything, and Kala Nag began to  
meow mew meooooow meow meow me meeeeeeow, mew Meow Mew meow me

move. Sometimes a tuft of high grass washed along his sides as a  
meow. Meeeeoow m meow me meow meow meeoow meow mew meow me m

wave washes along the sides of a ship, and sometimes a cluster of  
meow meeoow meow mew meow me m meow, mew meeeeeeow m meooooow me

wild-pepper vines would scrape along his back, or a bamboo would  
meow-meeeow meow meow meeeow meow mew meow, me m meoow meow

creak where his shoulder touched it. But between those times he  
meow meow mew meeeeoow meeeow me. Mew meeoow meow meow me

moved absolutely without any sound, drifting through the thick  
meow meeeooooow meooooow mew meow, meeeeoow meooooow mew meow

Garro forest as though it had been smoke. He was going uphill, but  
Meow meeoow me meeoow me mew meow meow. Me mew meow meeoow, mew

though Little Toomai watched the stars in the rifts of the trees,  
meoow Meoow Meeeow meeeow mew meow me mew meow me mew meow,

he could not tell in what direction.  
me meow mew meow me meow meooooow.

Then Kala Nag reached the crest of the ascent and stopped for  
Meow Meow Mew meeoow mew meow me mew meeeow mew meooooow mew

a minute, and Little Toomai could see the tops of the trees lying

m meeoow, mew Meeoow Meeeoow meeoow mew mew meow me mew meeoow meoow

all speckled and furry under the moonlight for miles and miles,  
mew meeeeoow mew meoow meeoow mew meeeeoow mew meoow mew meeoow,

and the blue-white mist over the river in the hollow. Toomai  
mew mew meow-meoow meow meow mew meeoow me mew meoooow. Meoooow

leaned forward and looked, and he felt that the forest was awake  
meoooow meeeeoow mew meoooow, mew me meow meow mew meeoow mew meoow

below him--awake and alive and crowded. A big brown  
meeoow mew--meeoow mew meeoow mew meoooow. M mew meeoow

fruit-eating bat brushed past his ear; a porcupine's quills  
meoow-meeeeoow mew meoooow meow mew mew; m meeeeoow'm meoooow

rattled in the thicket; and in the darkness between the tree stems  
meeeeoow me mew meoooow; mew me mew meeeeoow meoooow mew meow meoow

he heard a hog-bear digging hard in the moist warm earth, and  
me meeoow m mew-meow meeoow meow me mew meeoow meow meeoow, mew

snuffing as it digged.  
meeeeoow me me meeoow.

Then the branches closed over his head again, and Kala Nag  
Meow mew meeeeoow meeoow meow mew meow meeoow, mew Meow Mew

began to go down into the valley--not quietly this time, but as  
meeoow me me meow meow mew meeeow--mew meoooow meow meow, mew me

a runaway gun goes down a steep bank--in one rush. The huge  
m meeoow mew meow meow m meoow meow--me mew meow. Mew meow

limbs moved as steadily as pistons, eight feet to each stride, and  
meoow meeoow me meeeeoow me meeeeoow, meeoow meow me meow meoooow, mew

the wrinkled skin of the elbow points rustled. The undergrowth on  
mew meeeeoow meow me mew meeoow meeoow meeoow. Mew meeeeoow me

either side of him ripped with a noise like torn canvas, and the  
meeeeoow meow me mew meoooow meow m meoow meow meow meoooow, mew mew

saplings that he heaved away right and left with his shoulders  
meeeeoow meow me meoooow meow meeoow mew meow meow mew meeoow

sprang back again and banged him on the flank, and great trails of  
meeoow meow meeoow mew meeeeoow mew me mew meeoow, mew meeoow meoow me

creepers, all matted together, hung from his tusks as he threw his  
meeeeoow, mew meeeeoow meeoow, meow meow mew meeoow me me meeoow mew

head from side to side and plowed out his pathway. Then Little

meow meow meow me meow mew meeeow mew mew meeeoow. Meow Meeow

Toomai laid himself down close to the great neck lest a swinging Meeow meow meooooow meow meow me mew meow meow meow m meeeoow

bough should sweep him to the ground, and he wished that he were meow meeeow meow mew me mew meeeow, mew me meooooow meow me meow

back in the lines again.  
meow me mew meow meow.

The grass began to get squashy, and Kala Nag's feet sucked and Mew meow meow me mew meeeow, mew Meow Mew'm meow meooooow mew

squelched as he put them down, and the night mist at the bottom of meoooooow me me mew meow meow, mew mew meow meow me mew meeeow me

the valley chilled Little Toomai. There was a splash and a mew meeeow meeeow Meeow Meooooow. Meow mew m meeeow mew m

trample, and the rush of running water, and Kala Nag strode meooooow, mew mew meow me meooooow meow, mew Meow Mew meooooow

through the bed of a river, feeling his way at each step. Above meeeoow mew mew me m meow, meeeow mew mew me meow meow. Meeow

the noise of the water, as it swirled round the elephant's legs, mew meow me mew meow, me me meooooow meow mew meeeeeow'm meow,

Little Toomai could hear more splashing and some trumpeting both Meooooow Meooooow meow meow meow meeeooooow mew meow meeeooooow meow

upstream and down--great grunts and angry snortings, and all the meeeeoow mew meow--meow meooooow mew meow meeeeeoow, mew mew mew

mist about him seemed to be full of rolling, wavy shadows.  
meow meow mew meeeow me me meow me meeeoow, meow meeeoow.

"Ai!" he said, half aloud, his teeth chattering. "The  
"Me!" me meow, meow meow, mew meow meeeooooow. "Mew

elephant-folk are out tonight. It is the dance, then!"  
meeeeoow-meow mew mew meeeow. Me me mew meow, meow!"

Kala Nag swashed out of the water, blew his trunk clear, and Meow Mew meooooow mew me mew meow, meow mew meow meow, mew

began another climb. But this time he was not alone, and he had

meeow meooooow meow. Mew meow meow me mew mew meeow, mew me mew

not to make his path. That was made already, six feet wide, in  
mew me meow mew meow. Meow mew meow meeeow, mew meow meow, me

front of him, where the bent jungle-grass was trying to recover  
meow me mew, meeow mew meow meeeow-meeow mew meeeow me meeoow

itself and stand up. Many elephants must have gone that way only  
meoow mew meeow me. Meow meeoowooow meow meow meow meow mew meow

a few minutes before. Little Toomai looked back, and behind him a  
m mew meeoow meeeow. Meeow Meoow meeeow meow, mew meeoow mew m

great wild tusker with his little pig's eyes glowing like hot  
meow meow meoow meow mew meeoow mew'm meow meooooow meow mew

coals was just lifting himself out of the misty river.  
meow mew meow meooooow meeeow mew me mew meeow meow.

Then the trees closed up again, and they went on and up, with  
Meow mew meow meeoow me meeow, mew meow meow me mew me, meow

trumpetings and crashings, and the sound of breaking branches on  
meooooow mew meeeeeeow, mew mew meoow me meooooow meeeoow me

every side of them.  
meow meow me meow.

At last Kala Nag stood still between two tree-trunks at the  
Me meow Meow Mew meeow meeow meooooow mew meow-meooooow me mew

very top of the hill. They were part of a circle of trees that  
meow mew me mew meow. Meow meow meow me m meoow me meeow meow

grew round an irregular space of some three or four acres, and in  
meow meeow me meooooow meeow me meow meeow me meow meeow, mew me

all that space, as Little Toomai could see, the ground had been  
mew meow meow, me Meeow Meeow meeow mew, mew meeeow mew meow

trampled down as hard as a brick floor. Some trees grew in the  
meooooow meow me meow me m meoow meeow. Meow meeow meow me mew

center of the clearing, but their bark was rubbed away, and the  
meoow me mew meeeeoow, mew meow meow mew meoow meow, mew mew

white wood beneath showed all shiny and polished in the patches of  
meeow meow meeeow meeeow mew meeow mew meeoow me mew meeeow me

moonlight. There were creepers hanging from the upper branches,  
meooooow. Meow meow meeoow meeeow meow mew meeow meooooow,

and the bells of the flowers of the creepers, great waxy white

mew mew meow me mew meeoow me mew meeoow, meow meow meow

things like convolvuluses, hung down fast asleep. But within the meoow meow meooooooooow, meow meow meow meoow. Mew meoow mew

limits of the clearing there was not a single blade of green-- meoow me mew meeeow meow mew mew m meeoow meow me meow--

nothing but the trampled earth. meeeow mew mew meeoow meow.

The moonlight showed it all iron gray, except where some Mew meooooooooow meoow me mew meow meow, meeeow meow meow

elephants stood upon it, and their shadows were inky black. meeoow meow meow me, mew meow meeoow meow meow meow.

Little Toomai looked, holding his breath, with his eyes starting Meoow Meeeow meoow, meeeow mew meeeow, meow mew meow meeeow

out of his head, and as he looked, more and more and more mew me mew meow, mew me me meeeow, meow mew meow mew meow

elephants swung out into the open from between the tree trunks. meeeeoow meow mew meow mew meow meow meoooooooo mew meow meeoow.

Little Toomai could only count up to ten, and he counted again and Meoow Meoow meow meow meow me me mew, mew me meeeow meow mew

again on his fingers till he lost count of the tens, and his head meow me mew meeoow meow me meow meow me mew meow, mew mew meow

began to swim. Outside the clearing he could hear them crashing meow me meow. Meeoow mew meeeow me meow meow meow meeoow

in the undergrowth as they worked their way up the hillside, but me mew meeeeoow me meow meeeow meow mew me mew meeeow, mew

as soon as they were within the circle of the tree trunks they me meow me meow meow meeoow mew meeoow me mew meow meeeow meow

moved like ghosts. meow meow meoow.

There were white-tusked wild males, with fallen leaves and Meow meow meow-meoow meow meow, meow meeoow meeeow mew

nuts and twigs lying in the wrinkles of their necks and the folds meow mew meow meow me mew meoooooooo meow meow mew mew meow

of their ears; fat, slow-footed she-elephants, with restless,

me meow meow; mew, meow-meooow mew-meeeeooooow, meow meooooow,

little pinky black calves only three or four feet high running  
meeooow meow meow meooow meow meeow me meow meow meow meooooow

under their stomachs; young elephants with their tusks just  
meow meow meeeeeow; meeow meeeeeeoow meow meooow meow meow

beginning to show, and very proud of them; lanky, scraggy old-maid  
meeeeeeoow me meow, mew meow meeow me meow; meooow, meooooow mew-meow

elephants, with their hollow anxious faces, and trunks like rough  
meoooooow, meow meow meeoow meeeeoow meeow, mew meooow meow meow

bark; savage old bull elephants, scarred from shoulder to flank  
meow; meooow mew meow meoooooow, meeeoow meow meooooow me meeow

with great weals and cuts of bygone fights, and the caked dirt of  
meow meow meow mew meow me meeoow meeoow, mew mew meow meow me

their solitary mud baths dropping from their shoulders; and there  
meeow meeeooow mew meeow meooooow meow meooow meeeeeooow; mew meow

was one with a broken tusk and the marks of the full-stroke, the  
mew mew meow m meeeow meow mew mew meeow me mew meow-meeoow, mew

terrible drawing scrape, of a tiger's claws on his side.  
meeeeeoow meeoow meeoow, me m meoow'm meeow me mew meow.

They were standing head to head, or walking to and fro across  
Meow meow meeeeeoow meow me meow, me meeoow me mew mew meooow

the ground in couples, or rocking and swaying all by themselves--  
mew meooow me meooow, me meeeeoow mew meeoow mew me meeoooooow--

scores and scores of elephants.  
meeoow mew meeoow me meeeeeoow.

Toomai knew that so long as he lay still on Kala Nag's neck  
Meeow meow meow me meow me me mew meooow me Meow Mew'm meow

nothing would happen to him, for even in the rush and scramble of  
meooooow meow meooow me mew, mew meow me mew meow mew meeeooow me

a Keddah drive a wild elephant does not reach up with his trunk  
m Meeow meow m meow meeoow meow mew meooow me meow mew meeow

and drag a man off the neck of a tame elephant. And these  
mew meow m mew mew mew meow me m meow meeeeeow. Mew meow

elephants were not thinking of men that night. Once they started

meeeeooooow meow mew meeeeoow me mew meow meoow. Meow meow meeeeoow

and put their ears forward when they heard the chinking of a leg  
mew mew meeoow meow meeeooooow meow meow meoow mew meeeeoow me m mew

iron in the forest, but it was Pudmini, Petersen Sahib's pet  
meow me mew meeeow, mew me mew Meooooow, Meeeeeow Meoow'm mew

elephant, her chain snapped short off, grunting, snuffling up the  
meeeeoow, mew meoow meeeeoow meoow mew, meeeooooow, meeeooooow me mew

hillside. She must have broken her pickets and come straight from  
meooooow. Mew meow meow meooooow mew meeeeoow mew meow meeeeoow meow

Petersen Sahib's camp; and Little Toomai saw another elephant, one  
Meeeeeow Meoow'm meow; mew Meeoow Meooooow mew meooooow meooooow, mew

that he did not know, with deep rope galls on his back and breast.  
meow me mew mew meow, meow meow meow meoow me mew meow mew meeeow.

He, too, must have run away from some camp in the hills about.  
Me, mew, meow meow mew meow meow meow meow me mew meeoow meoow.

At last there was no sound of any more elephants moving in the  
Me meow meoow mew me meoow me mew meow meeeooooow meooooow me mew

forest, and Kala Nag rolled out from his station between the trees  
meeoow, mew Meow Mew meeoow mew meow mew meeeooooow meooooow mew meoow

and went into the middle of the crowd, clucking and gurgling, and  
mew meow meow mew meeeow me mew meeoow, meeeeeeow mew meooooow, mew

all the elephants began to talk in their own tongue, and to move  
mew mew meeeeoow meoow me meow me meeoow mew meooooow, mew me meow

about.  
meeow.

Still lying down, Little Toomai looked down upon scores and  
Meeow meeoow meow, Meeoow Meeoow meeeow meow meow meeoow mew

scores of broad backs, and wagging ears, and tossing trunks, and  
meeeow me meeoow meeoow, mew meeeeoow meow, mew meeeeoow meeeow, mew

little rolling eyes. He heard the click of tusks as they crossed  
meeoow meeeeoow meow. Me meoow mew meeoow me meeoow me meow meeoow

other tusks by accident, and the dry rustle of trunks twined  
meeow meeoow me meeeooooow, mew mew mew meeeow me meeoow meeoow

together, and the chafing of enormous sides and shoulders in the



meeeeoow, mew mew meeoow me meeeeoow meow mew meooooooooow me mew

crowd, and the incessant flick and hissh of the great tails. Then meow, mew mew meooooooooow meow mew meow me mew meow meow. Meow

a cloud came over the moon, and he sat in black darkness. But the m meow meow meow mew meow, mew me mew me meow meeoow. Mew mew

quiet, steady hustling and pushing and gurgling went on just the meow, meoow meeoow mew meeoow mew meeeeoow meow me meow mew

same. He knew that there were elephants all round Kala Nag, and meow. Me meow meow meow meow meeeeoow mew meow Meow Mew, mew

that there was no chance of backing him out of the assembly; so he meow meow mew me meeoow me meoow mew mew me mew meooooooooow; me me

set his teeth and shivered. In a Keddah at least there was mew mew meow mew meeeeoow. Me m Meoow me meow meow mew

torchlight and shouting, but here he was all alone in the dark, meeeeeeoow mew meeoow, mew meow me mew mew meow me mew meow,

and once a trunk came up and touched him on the knee. mew meow m meow meow me mew meeoow mew me mew meow.

Then an elephant trumpeted, and they all took it up for five Meow me meeeeoow meeoow, mew meow mew meow me me mew meow

or ten terrible seconds. The dew from the trees above spattered me mew meeeeoow meoow. Mew mew meow mew meow meeoow meeoow meooooooooow

down like rain on the unseen backs, and a dull booming noise meow meow meow me mew meoow meow, mew m meow meeoow meow

began, not very loud at first, and Little Toomai could not tell meow, mew meow meow me meow, mew Meeow Meeow meow mew meow

what it was. But it grew and grew, and Kala Nag lifted up one meow me mew. Mew me meow mew meow, mew Meow Mew meoow me mew

forefoot and then the other, and brought them down on the ground meooooooooow mew meow mew meow, mew meoow meow meow me mew meeoow

--one-two, one-two, as steadily as trip-hammers. The elephants --mew-mew, mew-mew, me meeeeoow me meow-meeeeoow. Mew meeoow

were stamping all together now, and it sounded like a war drum meow meeeeoow mew meooooooooow mew, mew me meeeeoow meow m mew meow

beaten at the mouth of a cave. The dew fell from the trees till meeoow me mew meow me m meow. Mew mew meow meow mew meow meow

there was no more left to fall, and the booming went on, and the

meow mew me meow meow me meow, mew mew meooooow meow me, mew mew

ground rocked and shivered, and Little Toomai put his hands up to  
meeow meeoow mew meooooow, mew Meoow Meoow mew mew meow me me

his ears to shut out the sound. But it was all one gigantic jar  
mew meow me meow mew mew meow. Mew me mew mew mew meeeeoow mew

that ran through him--this stamp of hundreds of heavy feet on  
meow mew meeeeoow mew--meow meoow me meeeeoow me meeoow meow me

the raw earth. Once or twice he could feel Kala Nag and all the  
mew mew meow. Meow me meeoow me meoow meow Meow Mew mew mew mew

others surge forward a few strides, and the thumping would change  
meeeoow meoow meooooow m mew meooooow, mew mew meeeeoow meeoow meoow

to the crushing sound of juicy green things being bruised, but in  
me mew meeeeoow meeoow me meeoow meoow meeeeoow meeoow meeoow, mew me

a minute or two the boom of feet on hard earth began again. A  
m meeoow me mew mew meow me meow me meow meeoow meoow meeoow. M

tree was creaking and groaning somewhere near him. He put out his  
meow mew meeeeoow mew meooooow meeeeoow meow mew. Me mew mew mew

arm and felt the bark, but Kala Nag moved forward, still tramping,  
mew mew meow mew meow, mew Meow Mew meoow meeeeoow, meoow meooooow,

and he could not tell where he was in the clearing. There was no  
mew me meeoow mew meow meeoow me mew me mew meeeeoow. Meoow mew me

sound from the elephants, except once, when two or three little  
meoow meow mew meeeeoow, meoow meow, meow mew me meeoow meeeow

calves squeaked together. Then he heard a thump and a shuffle,  
meoow meooooow meeeeoow. Meow me meeoow m meoow mew m meeeeoow,

and the booming went on. It must have lasted fully two hours, and  
mew mew meeeeoow meow me. Me meow meow meoow meeoow mew meoow, mew

Little Toomai ached in every nerve, but he knew by the smell of  
Meoow Meoow meoow me meoow meeoow, mew me meow me mew meeoow me

the night air that the dawn was coming.  
mew meoow mew meow mew meow mew meoow.

The morning broke in one sheet of pale yellow behind the green  
Mew meeeeoow meoow me mew meeoow me meow meeoow meoow mew meeoow

hills, and the booming stopped with the first ray, as though the  
meoow, mew mew meeeeoow meeeeoow meow mew meeoow mew, me meeoow mew

light had been an order. Before Little Toomai had got the ringing

meeow mew meow me meow. Meeoow Meeoow Meoooow mew mew mew meeeeow

out of his head, before even he had shifted his position, there  
mew me mew meow, meoooow meow me mew meooooow mew meeeeow, meow

was not an elephant in sight except Kala Nag, Pudmini, and the  
mew mew me meeeeow me meow meeoow Meow Mew, Meeeow, mew mew

elephant with the rope-galls, and there was neither sign nor  
meooooow mew mew meow-meow, mew meoow mew meeeeow mew mew

rustle nor whisper down the hillsides to show where the others had  
meoooow mew meoooow meow mew meeeooooow me meow meoow mew meoooow mew

gone.

meow.

Little Toomai stared again and again. The clearing, as he  
Meeeow Meoooow meeoow meow mew meow. Mew meeeeow, me me

remembered it, had grown in the night. More trees stood in the  
meeeeeeeow me, mew meoow me mew meow. Meow meoow meow me mew

middle of it, but the undergrowth and the jungle grass at the  
meeoow me me, mew mew meeeeeeeow mew mew meoooow meow me mew

sides had been rolled back. Little Toomai stared once more. Now  
meoow mew meow meeeow meow. Meeeow Meeoow meeeow meow meow. Mew

he understood the trampling. The elephants had stamped out more  
me meeeooooow mew meeeeow. Mew meeeooooow mew meoooow mew meow

room--had stamped the thick grass and juicy cane to trash, the  
meow--mew meeeeow mew meoow meoow mew meoow meow me meow, mew

trash into slivers, the slivers into tiny fibers, and the fibers  
meow meow meeeeow, mew meooooow meow meow meoooow, mew mew meeoow

into hard earth.

meow meow meow.

"Wah!" said Little Toomai, and his eyes were very heavy.

"Mew!" mew Meoooow Meeeow, mew mew meow meow meow meow.

"Kala Nag, my lord, let us keep by Pudmini and go to Petersen

"Meow Mew, me meow, mew me meow me Meeoooow mew me me Meeooooow

Sahib's camp, or I shall drop from thy neck."

Meow'm meow, me M meow meow meow mew meow."

The third elephant watched the two go away, snorted, wheeled

Mew meow meooooow meeeow mew mew me meow, meooooow, meeeow

round, and took his own path. He may have belonged to some little meow, mew meow mew mew meow. Me mew meow meeeow me meow meeeow

native king's establishment, fifty or sixty or a hundred miles meeeow meow'm meooooooooow, meow me meow me m meeeow meow

away.

meow.

Two hours later, as Petersen Sahib was eating early breakfast, Mew meow meow, me Meeeeow Meow mew meeeow meow meooooow,

his elephants, who had been double chained that night, began to mew meeeeeow, mew mew meow meeeow meeeow meow meow, meow me

trumpet, and Pudmini, mired to the shoulders, with Kala Nag, very meeeow, mew Meooooow, meow me mew meeeeoow, meow Meow Mew, meow

footsore, shambled into the camp. Little Toomai's face was gray meeeeeow, meooooow meow mew meow. Meeow Meeow'm meow mew meow

and pinched, and his hair was full of leaves and drenched with mew meeeow, mew mew meow mew meow me meeeow mew meeeeeow meow

dew, but he tried to salute Petersen Sahib, and cried faintly: mew, mew me meow me meooow Meeooooow Meow, mew meow meooooow:

"The dance--the elephant dance! I have seen it, and--I die!"

"Mew meow--mew meooooow meow! M meow meow me, mew--M mew!"

As Kala Nag sat down, he slid off his neck in a dead faint.

Me Meow Mew mew meow, me meow mew mew meow me m meow meow.

But, since native children have no nerves worth speaking of, Mew, meow meeeow meeeow meow me meooow meow meeeeoow me,

in two hours he was lying very contentedly in Petersen Sahib's me mew meow me mew meow meow meeeeeeow me Meeeeow Meow'm

hammock with Petersen Sahib's shooting-coat under his head, and a meeeow meow Meeeeow Meow'm meeeoow-meow meow mew meow, mew m

glass of warm milk, a little brandy, with a dash of quinine, meow me meow meow, m meeeow meeeow, meow m meow me meeeow,

inside of him, and while the old hairy, scarred hunters of the meeeow me mew, mew meeeow mew mew meow, meooooow meeeow me mew

jungles sat three deep before him, looking at him as though he

meeooow mew meeow meow meeooow mew, meeooow me mew me meooow me

were a spirit, he told his tale in short words, as a child will,  
meow m meooow, me meow mew meow me meooow meeow, me m meooow meow,

and wound up with:  
mew meooow me meow:

"Now, if I lie in one word, send men to see, and they will  
"Mew, me M mew me mew meow, meow mew me mew, mew meow meow

find that the elephant folk have trampled down more room in their  
meow meow mew meooooow meow meow meeeeeeow meow meow meow me meooow

dance-room, and they will find ten and ten, and many times ten,  
meow-meow, mew meow meow meow mew mew mew, mew meow meooow mew,

tracks leading to that dance-room. They made more room with their  
meooow meooooow me meow meeow-meow. Meow meow meow meow meow meooow

feet. I have seen it. Kala Nag took me, and I saw. Also Kala  
meow. M meow meow me. Meow Mew meow me, mew M mew. Meow Meow

Nag is very leg-weary!"  
Mew me meow mew-meow!"

Little Toomai lay back and slept all through the long  
Meeoow Meeoow mew meow mew meooow mew meeeeeeow mew meow

afternoon and into the twilight, and while he slept Petersen Sahib  
meeeeeeow mew meow mew meeeeeeow, mew meooow me meooow Meeeeoow Meoow

and Machua Appa followed the track of the two elephants for  
mew Meeoow Meow meeeeeeow mew meeow me mew mew meeeeeeow mew

fifteen miles across the hills. Petersen Sahib had spent eighteen  
meeeeow meooow meeooow mew meooow. Meeeeeow Meoow mew meooow meeeeoow

years in catching elephants, and he had only once before found  
meooow me meeeeeeow meeeeeeow, mew me mew meow meow meeooow meooow

such a dance-place. Machua Appa had no need to look twice at the  
meow m meeow-meeow. Meeoow Meow mew me meow me meow meeow me mew

clearing to see what had been done there, or to scratch with his  
meeeeoow me mew meow mew meow meow meooow, me me meeeeeeow meow mew

toe in the packed, rammed earth.  
mew me mew meooow, meooow meooow.

"The child speaks truth," said he. "All this was done last

"Mew meow meeeow meow," meow me. "Mew meow mew meow meow

night, and I have counted seventy tracks crossing the river. See, meow, mew M meow meeoow meeeow meeoow meooooow mew meow. Mew,

Sahib, where Pudmini's leg-iron cut the bark of that tree! Yes; Meeow, meeow Meeoow'm mew-meow mew mew meow me meow meow! Mew;

she was there too."  
mew mew meow mew."

They looked at one another and up and down, and they wondered.  
Meow meeeow me mew meooooow mew me mew meow, mew meow meeeeeow.

For the ways of elephants are beyond the wit of any man, black or  
Mew mew meow me meeoowoo mew meoow mew mew me mew mew, meeow me

white, to fathom.  
meow, me meeoow.

"Forty years and five," said Machua Appa, "have I followed my  
"Meow meow mew meow," meow Meoow Meow, "meow M meeoow me

lord, the elephant, but never have I heard that any child of man  
meow, mew meooooow, mew meeow meow M meeow meow mew meow me mew

had seen what this child has seen. By all the Gods of the Hills,  
mew meow meow meow meeow mew meow. Me mew mew Meow me mew Meow,

it is--what can we say?" and he shook his head.  
me me--meow mew me mew?" mew me meeow mew meow.

When they got back to camp it was time for the evening meal.  
Meow meow mew meow me meow me mew meow mew mew meeoow meow.

Petersen Sahib ate alone in his tent, but he gave orders that the  
Meeeeow Meow mew meow me mew meow, mew me meow meoow meow mew

camp should have two sheep and some fowls, as well as a double  
meow meeoow meow mew meeow mew meow meow, me meow me m meeeow

ration of flour and rice and salt, for he knew that there would be  
meoow me meeow mew meow mew meow, mew me meow meow meoow meow me

a feast.  
m meow.

Big Toomai had come up hotfoot from the camp in the plains to

Mew Meeoow mew meow me meeeow meow mew meow me mew meeoow me

search for his son and his elephant, and now that he had found  
meeoow mew mew mew mew mew meeeow, mew mew meow me mew meow

them he looked at them as though he were afraid of them both. And  
meow me meeoow me meow me meeeow me meow meeeow me meow meow. Mew

there was a feast by the blazing campfires in front of the lines  
meeow mew m meow me mew meooooow meooooow me meow me mew meow

of picketed elephants, and Little Toomai was the hero of it all.  
me meooooow meeeow, mew Meeow Meeoow mew mew meow me me mew.

And the big brown elephant catchers, the trackers and drivers and  
Mew mew mew meow meeeow meeeow, mew meooooow mew meooooow mew

roppers, and the men who know all the secrets of breaking the  
meeow, mew mew mew mew meow mew mew meeeow me meooooow mew

wildest elephants, passed him from one to the other, and they  
meooooow meooooow, meoow mew meow mew me mew meow, mew meow

marked his forehead with blood from the breast of a newly killed  
meeoow mew meooooow meow meow meow mew meeoow me m meow meeoow

jungle-cock, to show that he was a forester, initiated and free of  
meoow-meow, me meow meow me mew m meeeow, meeeow mew meow me

all the jungles.  
mew mew meeeow.

And at last, when the flames died down, and the red light of  
Mew me meow, meow mew meoow meow meow, mew mew mew meow me

the logs made the elephants look as though they had been dipped in  
mew meow meow mew meeeow meow me meeeow meow mew meow meeoow me

blood too, Machua Appa, the head of all the drivers of all the  
meeow mew, Meoow Meow, mew meow me mew mew meeoow me mew mew

Keddahs--Machua Appa, Petersen Sahib's other self, who had never  
Meeoow--Meeow Meow, Meeoow Meow'm meow meow, mew mew meow

seen a made road in forty years: Machua Appa, who was so great  
meow m meow meow me meow meow: Meoow Meow, mew mew me meow

that he had no other name than Machua Appa,--leaped to his feet,  
meow me mew me meow meow meow Meeow Meow,--meeeow me mew meow,

with Little Toomai held high in the air above his head, and  
meow Meoow Meoow meow meow me mew mew meow mew meow, mew

shouted: "Listen, my brothers. Listen, too, you my lords in the

meeeeow: "Meeoow, me meeeeeeow. Meooow, mew, mew me meoow me mew

lines there, for I, Machua Appa, am speaking! This little one  
meow meow, mew M, Meeoow Meow, me meeeeeeow! Meow meeeow mew

shall no more be called Little Toomai, but Toomai of the  
meow me meow me meeeow Meooow Meooow, mew Meooow me mew

Elephants, as his great-grandfather was called before him. What  
Meeeeeooow, me mew meow-meeeeeeeeeow mew meooow meooow mew. Meow

never man has seen he has seen through the long night, and the  
meow mew mew meow me mew meow meeeoow mew meow meow, mew mew

favor of the elephant-folk and of the Gods of the Jungles is with  
meow me mew meooooow-meow mew me mew Meow me mew Meeeeeow me meow

him. He shall become a great tracker. He shall become greater  
mew. Me meow meooow m meow meeeeeeow. Me meow meeeow meooooow

than I, even I, Machua Appa! He shall follow the new trail, and  
meow M, meow M, Meeeeeow Meow! Me meow meeeow mew mew meow, mew

the stale trail, and the mixed trail, with a clear eye! He shall  
mew meow meow, mew mew meeeow meow, meow m meeeow mew! Me meow

take no harm in the Keddah when he runs under their bellies to  
meow me meow me mew Meeeeeow meow me meow meeeow meeeow meeeoow me

rope the wild tuskers; and if he slips before the feet of the  
meow mew meow meooooow; mew me me meow meeeeeeow mew meow me mew

charging bull elephant, the bull elephant shall know who he is and  
meeeeeeow meow meeeeoow, mew meow meoooooow meeeow meow mew me me mew

shall not crush him. Aihai! my lords in the chains,"--he  
meow mew meeeow mew. Meow! me meeeow me mew meeeoow,"--me

whirled up the line of pickets--"here is the little one that has  
meooooow me mew meow me meeeoow--"meow me mew meooooow mew meow mew

seen your dances in your hidden places,--the sight that never  
meow meow meeeow me meow meeeow meooow,--mew meeeow meow meow

man saw! Give him honor, my lords! Salaam karo, my children.  
mew mew! Meow mew meow, me meeeow! Meeoow meow, me meeeooooow.

Make your salute to Toomai of the Elephants! Gunga Pershad, ahaa!  
Meow meow meooow me Meeoow me mew Meeeeeooow! Meow Meeeoow, meow!

Hira Guj, Birchi Guj, Kuttar Guj, ahaa! Pudmini,--thou hast  
Meow Mew, Meeeeeow Mew, Meeoow Mew, meow! Meeeeeow,--meow meow

seen him at the dance, and thou too, Kala Nag, my pearl among  
meow mew me mew meow, mew meow mew, Meow Mew, me meow meeeow

elephants!--ahaa! Together! To Toomai of the Elephants.



meeeeeoow!--meow! Meeeeeeow! Me Meeeeow me mew Meeeeeeoow.

Barrao!"

Meooow!"

And at that last wild yell the whole line flung up their  
Mew me meow meow meow meow mew meeow meow meoow me meeow

trunks till the tips touched their foreheads, and broke out into  
meeoow meow mew meow meeooow meoow meoooooow, mew meeow mew meow

the full salute--the crashing trumpet-peal that only the Viceroy  
mew meow meeooow--mew meeooow meeeeeow-meow meow meow mew Meeeeow

of India hears, the Salaamut of the Keddah.  
me Meeow meoow, mew Meeooooow me mew Meooow.

But it was all for the sake of Little Toomai, who had seen  
Mew me mew mew mew mew meow me Meooow Meooow, mew mew meow

what never man had seen before--the dance of the elephants at  
meow meeow mew mew meow meeooow--mew meoow me mew meeeeeeoow me

night and alone in the heart of the Garo hills!  
meeow mew meoow me mew meoow me mew Meow meoow!

Shiv and the Grasshopper  
Meow mew mew Meeeeeeeeeeow

(The song that Toomai's mother sang to the baby)  
(Mew meow meow Meooow'm meooow meow me mew meow)

Shiv, who poured the harvest and made the winds to blow,  
Meow, mew meeeow mew meooooow mew meow mew meeow me meow,

Sitting at the doorways of a day of long ago,  
Meeooow me mew meeeooow me m mew me meow mew,

Gave to each his portion, food and toil and fate,

Meow me meow mew meooooow, meow mew meow mew meow,

From the King upon the guddee to the Beggar at the gate.  
Meow mew Meow meow mew meeeow me mew Meeoow me mew meow.

All things made he--Shiva the Preserver.  
Mew meooooow meow me--Meoow mew Meeeeeeow.

Mahadeo! Mahadeo! He made all,--  
Meeeoow! Meooooow! Me meow mew,--

Thorn for the camel, fodder for the kine,  
Meeow mew mew meeeow, meeeow mew mew meow,

And mother's heart for sleepy head, O little son of mine!  
Mew meooooow'm meoow mew meeoow meow, M meeoow mew me meow!

Wheat he gave to rich folk, millet to the poor,  
Meoow me meow me meow meow, meeoow me mew meow,

Broken scraps for holy men that beg from door to door;  
Meeoow meeoow mew meow mew meow mew meow meow me meow;

Battle to the tiger, carrion to the kite,  
Meeoow me mew meeeow, meeeow me mew meow,

And rags and bones to wicked wolves without the wall at night.  
Mew meow mew meeeow me meeoow meeeow meooooow mew meow me meeeow.

Naught he found too lofty, none he saw too low--  
Meeeoow me meeeow mew meeeow, meow me mew mew mew--

Parbati beside him watched them come and go;  
Meooooow meeeow mew meooooow meow meow mew me;

Thought to cheat her husband, turning Shiv to jest--  
Meooooow me meoow mew meeeoow, meeeow Meow me meow--

Stole the little grasshopper and hid it in her breast.  
Meoow mew meooooow meeeeeooooow mew mew me me mew meooooow.

So she tricked him, Shiva the Preserver.  
Me mew meeeoow mew, Meeow mew Meeeeeeow.

Mahadeo! Mahadeo! Turn and see.  
Meooooow! Meeeeow! Meow mew mew.

Tall are the camels, heavy are the kine,  
Meow mew mew meeeow, meeeow mew mew meow,

But this was Least of Little Things, O little son of mine!  
Mew meow mew Meoow me Meooooow Meeeeow, M meeoow mew me meow!

When the dole was ended, laughingly she said,

Meow mew meow mew meow, meeeooooow mew meow,

Master, of a million mouths, is not one unfed?"  
Meeow, me m meooooow meooooow, me mew mew meow?"

Laughing, Shiv made answer, "All have had their part,  
Meooooow, Meow meow meeeow, "Mew meow mew meow meow,

Even he, the little one, hidden 'neath thy heart."  
Meow me, mew meooooow mew, meeeow 'meow mew meow."

From her breast she plucked it, Parbati the thief,  
Meow mew meeeow mew meeeow me, Meeooooow mew meow,

Saw the Least of Little Things gnawed a new-grown leaf!  
Mew mew Meeow me Meeow Meooooow meeeow m mew-meow meow!

Saw and feared and wondered, making prayer to Shiv,  
Mew mew meeeow mew meooooow, meeeow meeeow me Meow,

Who hath surely given meat to all that live.  
Mew meow meeeow meow meow me mew meow meow.

All things made he--Shiva the Preserver.  
Mew meooooow meow me--Meeow mew Meooooow.

Mahadeo! Mahadeo! He made all,--  
Meeeeow! Meeooooow! Me meow mew,--

Thorn for the camel, fodder for the kine,  
Meow mew mew meow, meeeow mew mew meow,

And mother's heart for sleepy head, O little son of mine!  
Mew meeeow'm meow mew meeeow meow, M meeeow mew me meow!

Her Majesty's Servants  
Mew Meooooow'm Meooooow

You can work it out by Fractions or by simple Rule of Three,  
Mew mew meow me mew me Meeeooooow me me meeeow Meow me Meow,

But the way of Tweedle-dum is not the way of Tweedle-dee.  
Mew mew mew me Meooooow-mew me mew mew mew me Meeeow-mew.

You can twist it, you can turn it, you can plait it till you drop,  
Mew mew meow me, mew mew meow me, mew mew meow me meow mew meow,

But the way of Pilly Winky's not the way of Winkie Pop!

Mew mew mew me Meow Meow'm mew mew mew me Meeow Mew!

It had been raining heavily for one whole month--raining on a  
Me mew meow meooooow meeeow mew mew meow meow--meeow me m

camp of thirty thousand men and thousands of camels, elephants,  
meow me meeeow meooooow mew mew meooooow me meeeow, meeeow,

horses, bullocks, and mules all gathered together at a place  
meeow, meeeow, mew meow mew meeeow meeeow me m meow

called Rawal Pindi, to be reviewed by the Viceroy of India. He  
meow Meow Meow, me me meeeow me mew Meeow me Meow. Me

was receiving a visit from the Amir of Afghanistan--a wild king  
mew meeeow m meow meow mew Meow me Meeeeow--m meow meow

of a very wild country. The Amir had brought with him for a  
me m meow meow meow. Mew Meow mew meeeow meow mew mew m

bodyguard eight hundred men and horses who had never seen a camp  
meeeow meow meeeow mew mew meow mew mew meow meow m meow

or a locomotive before in their lives--savage men and savage  
me m meeeow meow me meow meow--meeow mew mew meeeow

horses from somewhere at the back of Central Asia. Every night a  
meow meow meeeow me mew meow me Meeow Meow. Meeow meow m

mob of these horses would be sure to break their heel ropes and  
mew me meow meow meow me meow me meow meow meow meow mew

stampede up and down the camp through the mud in the dark, or the  
meeeow me mew meow mew meow meeeow mew mew me mew meow, me mew

camels would break loose and run about and fall over the ropes of  
meeow meow meow meow mew mew meow mew meow meow mew meow me

the tents, and you can imagine how pleasant that was for men  
mew meow, mew mew mew meeeow mew meeeow meow mew mew mew

trying to go to sleep. My tent lay far away from the camel lines,  
meow me me me meow. Me meow mew mew meow meow mew meow meow,

and I thought it was safe. But one night a man popped his head in  
mew M meeeow me mew meow. Mew mew meow m mew meeeow mew meow me

and shouted, "Get out, quick! They're coming! My tent's gone!"  
mew meeeow, "Mew mew, meow! Meow'm meeeow! Me meow'm meow!"

I knew who "they" were, so I put on my boots and waterproof

M meow mew "meow" meow, me M mew me me meoow mew meeeooooow

and scuttled out into the slush. Little Vixen, my fox terrier,  
mew meooooow mew meow mew meoow. Meeow Meoow, me mew meeeoow,

went out through the other side; and then there was a roaring and  
meow mew meeeoow mew meoow meow; mew meow meoow mew m meeeow mew

a grunting and bubbling, and I saw the tent cave in, as the pole  
m meeeooooow mew meeeeoow, mew M mew mew meow meow me, me mew meow

snapped, and begin to dance about like a mad ghost. A camel had  
meeeeoow, mew meow me meoow meoow meow m mew meeoow. M meoow mew

blundered into it, and wet and angry as I was, I could not help  
meeeeeeow meow me, mew mew mew meeoow me M mew, M meoow mew meow

laughing. Then I ran on, because I did not know how many camels  
meeeeoow. Meow M mew me, meooooow M mew mew meow mew meow meeeow

might have got loose, and before long I was out of sight of the  
meow meow mew meoow, mew meeoow meow M mew mew me meoow me mew

camp, plowing my way through the mud.  
meow, meeeoow me mew meooooow mew mew.

At last I fell over the tail-end of a gun, and by that knew I  
Me meow M meow meow mew meow-mew me m mew, mew me meow meow M

was somewhere near the artillery lines where the cannon were  
mew meeeooooow meow mew meeeooooow meoow meoow mew meeeow meow

stacked at night. As I did not want to plowter about any more in  
meooooow me meoow. Me M mew mew meow me meeoow meow mew meow me

the drizzle and the dark, I put my waterproof over the muzzle of  
mew meooooow mew mew meow, M mew me meoooooooow meow mew meoow me

one gun, and made a sort of wigwam with two or three rammers that  
mew mew, mew meow m meow me meeeow meow mew me meeoow meeeeoow meow

I found, and lay along the tail of another gun, wondering where  
M meeoow, mew mew meeoow mew meow me meeeoow mew, meeeooooow meeoow

Vixen had got to, and where I might be.  
Meoow mew mew me, mew meeoow M meoow me.

Just as I was getting ready to go to sleep I heard a jingle of  
Meow me M mew meeeoow meeoow me me me meoow M meeoow m meeoow me

harness and a grunt, and a mule passed me shaking his wet ears.

meooooow mew m meoow, mew m meow meeoow me meeoow mew mew meow.

He belonged to a screw-gun battery, for I could hear the rattle of  
Me meeeoow me m meoow-mew meooooow, mew M meeow meow mew meeoow me

the straps and rings and chains and things on his saddle pad. The  
mew meoow mew meeow mew meeoow mew meeeow me mew meeeow mew. Mew

screw-guns are tiny little cannon made in two pieces, that are  
meeow-meow mew meow meoow meeeow meow me mew meoow, meow mew

screwed together when the time comes to use them. They are taken  
meeeow meeoow meow mew meow meoow me mew meow. Meow mew meow

up mountains, anywhere that a mule can find a road, and they are  
me meeeoow, meeeow meow m meow mew meow m meow, mew meow mew

very useful for fighting in rocky country.  
meow meeoow mew meeoow me meoow meeeow.

Behind the mule there was a camel, with his big soft feet  
Meeow mew meow meeow mew m meoow, meow mew mew meow meow

squelching and slipping in the mud, and his neck bobbing to and  
meooooow mew meeeow me mew mew, mew mew meow meeoow me mew

fro like a strayed hen's. Luckily, I knew enough of beast  
mew meow m meeoow mew'm. Meeoow, M meow meoow me meeow

language--not wild-beast language, but camp-beast language, of  
meooooow--mew meow-meow meeoow, mew meow-meeow meeoow, me

course--from the natives to know what he was saying.  
meoow--meow mew meoow me meow meow me mew meeoow.

He must have been the one that flopped into my tent, for he  
Me meow meow meow mew mew meow meeeow meow me meow, mew me

called to the mule, "What shall I do? Where shall I go? I have  
meeeow me mew meow, "Meow meeow M me? Meeow meeow M me? M meow

fought with a white thing that waved, and it took a stick and hit  
meeeow meow m meoow meeow meow meow, mew me meow m meeoow mew mew

me on the neck." (That was my broken tent pole, and I was very  
me me mew meow." (Meow mew me meeeow meow meow, mew M mew meow

glad to know it.) "Shall we run on?"  
meow me meow me.) "Meow me mew me?"

"Oh, it was you," said the mule, "you and your friends, that

"Me, me mew mew," meow mew meow, "mew mew meow meeeoow, meow

have been disturbing the camp? All right. You'll be beaten for meow meow meeeeeeeow mew meow? Mew meow. Mew'me me meoow mew

this in the morning. But I may as well give you something on meow me mew meeoow. Mew M mew me meow meow mew meeeeeoow me

account now."  
meeeoow mew."

I heard the harness jingle as the mule backed and caught the M meow mew meeeow meoow me mew meow meeoow mew meoow mew

camel two kicks in the ribs that rang like a drum. "Another meow mew meow me mew meow meow meow meow m meow. "Meeoow

time," he said, "you'll know better than to run through a mule meow," me meow, "mew'me meow meoow meow me mew meeeow m meow

battery at night, shouting `Thieves and fire!' Sit down, and keep meooooow me meow, meeeeeow `Meooooow mew meow!' Mew meow, mew meow

your silly neck quiet."  
meow meow meow meow."

The camel doubled up camel-fashion, like a two-foot rule, and Mew meow meeeow me meow-meeeow, meow m mew-meow meow, mew

sat down whimpering. There was a regular beat of hoofs in the mew meow meooooooooow. Meow mew m meeoow meow me meow me mew

darkness, and a big troop-horse cantered up as steadily as though meooooow, mew m mew meow-meow meeeeoow me me meooooooooow me meeoow

he were on parade, jumped a gun tail, and landed close to the me meow me meeoow, meoow m mew meow, mew meoow meow me mew

mule.  
meow.

"It's disgraceful," he said, blowing out his nostrils. "Those "Me'm meeeooooooooow," me meow, meooooow mew mew meeeeoow. "Meow

camels have racketed through our lines again--the third time meeoow meow meooooooooow meeeow mew meow meow--mew meow meow

this week. How's a horse to keep his condition if he isn't

meow meow. Mew'm m meoow me meow mew meeeeoow me me mew'm

allowed to sleep. Who's here?"

meeeow me meow. Mew'm meow?"

"I'm the breech-piece mule of number two gun of the First

"M'm mew meeoow-meoow meow me meeoow mew mew me mew Meeow

Screw Battery," said the mule, "and the other's one of your

Meoow Meooooow," meow mew meow, "mew mew meoow'm mew me meow

friends. He's waked me up too. Who are you?"

meeoow. Me'm meoow me me mew. Mew mew mew?"

"Number Fifteen, E troop, Ninth Lancers--Dick Cunliffe's

"Meeoow Meeeoow, M meoow, Meeow Meeeoow--Meow Meeeoow'm

horse. Stand over a little, there."

meoow. Meoow meow m meeoow, meow."

"Oh, beg your pardon," said the mule. "It's too dark to see

"Me, mew meow meeoow," meow mew meow. "Me'm mew meow me mew

much. Aren't these camels too sickening for anything? I walked

meow. Meow'm meoow meeoow mew meooooow mew meeoow? M meeoow

out of my lines to get a little peace and quiet here."

mew me me meoow me mew m meeoow meoow mew meow meow."

"My lords," said the camel humbly, "we dreamed bad dreams in

"Me meow," meow mew meeoow meoow, "me meeoow mew meeoow me

the night, and we were very much afraid. I am only a baggage

mew meoow, mew me meow meow meow meeoow. M me meow m meeoow

camel of the 39th Native Infantry, and I am not as brave as you

meoow me mew meow Meoow Meeooooow, mew M me mew me meoow me mew

are, my lords."

mew, me meow."

"Then why didn't you stay and carry baggage for the 39th





"Meow'm mew me mew meeeeoow," meow mew mew meow me mew meow

horse. "He's calling for me. Here, youngster, stop squealing.  
meow. "Me'm meooooow mew me. Meow, meeeooooow, meow meeeeeeow.

The dark never hurt anybody yet."  
Mew meow meow meow meeeeoow mew."

The gun-bullocks lay down together and began chewing the cud,  
Mew mew-meeeeoow mew meow meeeooooow mew meoow meooooow mew mew,

but the young mule huddled close to Billy.  
mew mew meoow meow meeeeoow meow me Meoow.

"Things!" he said. "Fearful and horrible, Billy! They came  
"Meeoow!" me meow. "Meeeoow mew meeeeoow, Meeow! Meow meow

into our lines while we were asleep. D'you think they'll kill  
meow mew meow meow me meow meooooow. M'mew meoow meow'me meow

us?"  
me?"

"I've a very great mind to give you a number-one kicking,"  
"M'me m meow meow meow me meow mew m meooooow-mew meeeeoow,"

said Billy. "The idea of a fourteen-hand mule with your training  
meow Meoow. "Mew meow me m meeeeoow-meow meow meow meow meeeeoow

disgracing the battery before this gentleman!"  
meooooooow mew meeeeoow meooooow meow meeeeoow!"

"Gently, gently!" said the troop-horse. "Remember they are  
"Meooooow, meeeow!" meow mew meoow-meoow. "Meeeeeow meow mew

always like this to begin with. The first time I ever saw a man  
meeeow meow meow me meoow meow. Mew meoow meow M meow mew m mew

(it was in Australia when I was a three-year-old) I ran for half a  
(me mew me Meeeeeooow meow M mew m meoow-meow-mew) M mew mew meow m

day, and if I'd seen a camel, I should have been running still."  
mew, mew me M'm meow m meoow, M meooooow meow meow meeeeoow meow."

Nearly all our horses for the English cavalry are brought to

Meeoow mew mew meooow mew mew Meeooow meeeoow mew meeeoow me

India from Australia, and are broken in by the troopers  
Meoow meow Meoooooow, mew mew meeeoow me me mew meeeeoow

themselves.  
meeoooooow.

"True enough," said Billy. "Stop shaking, youngster. The  
"Meow meooow," meow Meoow. "Meow meeeoow, meeeooooow. Mew

first time they put the full harness with all its chains on my  
meoow meow meow mew mew meow meeeoow meow mew mew meeoow me me

back I stood on my forelegs and kicked every bit of it off. I  
meow M meoow me me meeeeoow mew meeeow meoow mew me me mew. M

hadn't learned the real science of kicking then, but the battery  
meow'm meooooow mew meow meeeoow me meeeoow meow, mew mew meeeoow

said they had never seen anything like it."  
meow meow mew meeoow meow meeeooooow meow me."

"But this wasn't harness or anything that jingled," said the  
"Mew meow meow'm meooooow me meeeooooow meow meooooow," meow mew

young mule. "You know I don't mind that now, Billy. It was  
meoow meow. "Mew meow M mew'm meow meow mew, Meoow. Me mew

Things like trees, and they fell up and down the lines and  
Meeeoow meow meeoow, mew meow meow me mew meow mew meeoow mew

bubbled; and my head-rope broke, and I couldn't find my driver,  
meeeeoow; mew me meow-meow meoow, mew M meeoow'm meow me meoow,

and I couldn't find you, Billy, so I ran off with--with these  
mew M meeoow'm meow mew, Meoow, me M mew mew meow--meow meeoow

gentlemen."  
meeeooooow."

"H'm!" said Billy. "As soon as I heard the camels were loose  
"M'm!" meow Meoow. "Me meow me M meoow mew meooooow meow meoow

I came away on my own account. When a battery--a screw-gun mule  
M meow meow me me mew meeeeoow. Meow m meeeeoow--m meoow-mew meow

calls gun-bullocks gentlemen, he must be very badly shaken up.

meeow mew-meeooooow meeeooooow, me meow me meow meeow meeeow me.

Who are you fellows on the ground there?"

Mew mew mew meeeow me mew meooow meow?"

The gun bullocks rolled their cuds, and answered both

Mew mew meooooow meooow meow meow, mew meeeow meow

together: "The seventh yoke of the first gun of the Big Gun

meooooow: "Mew meooow meow me mew meeow mew me mew Mew Mew

Battery. We were asleep when the camels came, but when we were

Meeooow. Me meow meooow meow mew meooow meow, mew meow me meow

trampled on we got up and walked away. It is better to lie quiet

meooooow me me mew me mew meeeow meow. Me me meooow me mew meow

in the mud than to be disturbed on good bedding. We told your

me mew mew meow me me meooooow me meow meeeow. Me meow meow

friend here that there was nothing to be afraid of, but he knew so

meooow meow meow meow mew meeeow me me meeeow me, mew me meow me

much that he thought otherwise. Wah!"

meow meow me meeeow meeeooooow. Mew!"

They went on chewing.

Meow meow me meeeow.

"That comes of being afraid," said Billy. "You get laughed at

"Meow meow me meow meeeow," meow Meow. "Mew mew meeeow me

by gun-bullocks. I hope you like it, young un."

me mew-meeeeow. M meow mew meow me, meow me."

The young mule's teeth snapped, and I heard him say something

Mew meow meow'm meow meeeow, mew M meow mew mew meeeooooow

about not being afraid of any beefy old bullock in the world. But

meow mew meow meeeow me mew meow mew meeeow me mew meow. Mew

the bullocks only clicked their horns together and went on

mew meeeow meow meooow meow meow meeeow mew meow me

chewing.

meeeeow.

"Now, don't be angry after you've been afraid. That's the  
"Mew, mew'm me meow meow mew'me meow meooow. Meow'm mew

worst kind of cowardice," said the troop-horse. "Anybody can be  
meow meow me meeeeeeeow," mew mew meow-meow. "Meeeeow mew me

forgiven for being scared in the night, I think, if they see  
meeeeoow mew meow meeoow me mew meow, M meow, me meow mew

things they don't understand. We've broken out of our pickets,  
meeoow mew mew'm meeeeeeeow. Me'me meooow mew me mew meeeew,

again and again, four hundred and fifty of us, just because a new  
meow mew meow, meow meeeoow mew meow me me, meow meooow m mew

recruit got to telling tales of whip snakes at home in Australia  
meeeew mew me meeoow meow me meow meooow me meow me Meeeeeoow

till we were scared to death of the loose ends of our head-ropes."  
meow me meow meooow me meow me mew meow meow me mew meow-meow."

"That's all very well in camp," said Billy. "I'm not above  
"Meow'm mew meow meow me meow," mew Meow. "M'm mew meow

stampeding myself, for the fun of the thing, when I haven't been  
meeeeeeoow meeeow, mew mew mew me mew meow, meow M meow'm mew

out for a day or two. But what do you do on active service?"  
mew mew m mew me mew. Mew meow me mew me me meooow meooow?"

"Oh, that's quite another set of new shoes," said the troop  
"Me, meow'm meow meooow mew me mew meow," meow mew meow

horse. "Dick Cunliffe's on my back then, and drives his knees  
meow. "Meow Meeeoow'm me me meow meow, mew meeeow mew meow

into me, and all I have to do is to watch where I am putting my  
meow me, mew mew M meow me me me meow meow M me meooow me

feet, and to keep my hind legs well under me, and be bridle-wise."  
meow, mew me meow me meow meow meow meow me, mew me meeeow-meow."

"What's bridle-wise?" said the young mule.

"Meow'm meeeow-meow?" meow mew meow meow.

"By the Blue Gums of the Back Blocks," snorted the  
"Me mew Meow Meow me mew Meow Meeow," meooooow mew

troop-horse, "do you mean to say that you aren't taught to be  
meeow-meeow, "me mew meow me mew meow mew meow'm meooooow me me

bridle-wise in your business? How can you do anything, unless you  
meeeow-meow me meow meeeooooow? Mew mew mew me meooooow, meooooow mew

can spin round at once when the rein is pressed on your neck? It  
mew meow meooooow me meow meow mew meow me meooooow me meow meow? Me

means life or death to your man, and of course that's life and  
meow meow me meow me meow mew, mew me meeeow meow'm meow mew

death to you. Get round with your hind legs under you the instant  
meeow me mew. Mew meow meow meow meow meow meow mew mew meooooow

you feel the rein on your neck. If you haven't room to swing  
mew meow mew meow me meow meow. Me mew meooooow'm meow me meow

round, rear up a little and come round on your hind legs. That's  
meeow, meow me m meooooow mew meow meooooow me meow meow meow. Meow'm

being bridle-wise."  
meow meeeow-meow."

"We aren't taught that way," said Billy the mule stiffly.  
"Me meow'm meeeow meow mew," meow Meeow mew meow meeeow.

"We're taught to obey the man at our head: step off when he says  
"Me'me meooooow me meow mew mew me mew meow: meow mew meow me meow

so, and step in when he says so. I suppose it comes to the same  
me, mew meow me meow me meow me. M meooooow me meow me mew meow

thing. Now, with all this fine fancy business and rearing, which  
meeow. Mew, meow mew meow meow meooooow meeeooooow mew meeeow, meow

must be very bad for your hocks, what do you do?"  
meow me meow mew mew meow meooooow, meow me mew me?"

"That depends," said the troop-horse. "Generally I have to go  
"Meow meeeow," meow mew meooooow-meeow. "Meeooooow M meow me me

in among a lot of yelling, hairy men with knives--long shiny

me meow m mew me meeeow, meow mew meow meeeow--meow meow

knives, worse than the farrier's knives--and I have to take care  
meeeow, meow meow mew meeeow'm meeeow--mew M meow me meow meow

that Dick's boot is just touching the next man's boot without  
meow Meow'm meow me meow meeeow mew meow mew'm meow meeeow

crushing it. I can see Dick's lance to the right of my right eye,  
meeeow me. M mew mew Meow'm meow me mew meow me me meow mew,

and I know I'm safe. I shouldn't care to be the man or horse that  
mew M meow M'm meow. M meeeow'm meow me me mew mew me meow meow

stood up to Dick and me when we're in a hurry."  
meow me me Meow mew me meow me'me me m meow."

"Don't the knives hurt?" said the young mule.  
"Mew'm mew meeeow meow?" meow mew meow meow.

"Well, I got one cut across the chest once, but that wasn't  
"Meow, M mew mew mew meeeow mew meow meow, mew meow meow'm

Dick's fault--"  
Meow'm meow--"

"A lot I should have cared whose fault it was, if it hurt!"  
"M mew M meeeow meow meow meow meow me mew, me me meow!"

said the young mule.  
meow mew meow meow.

"You must," said the troop horse. "If you don't trust your  
"Mew meow," meow mew meow meow. "Me mew mew'm meow meow

man, you may as well run away at once. That's what some of our  
mew, mew mew me meow mew meow me meow. Meow'm meow meow me mew

horses do, and I don't blame them. As I was saying, it wasn't  
meeeow me, mew M mew'm meow meow. Me M mew meeeow, me meow'm

Dick's fault. The man was lying on the ground, and I stretched  
Meow'm meow. Mew mew mew meow me mew meeeow, mew M meeeow

myself not to tread on him, and he slashed up at me. Next time I

meeoow mew me meoow me mew, mew me meooooow me me me. Meow meow M

have to go over a man lying down I shall step on him--hard."  
meow me me meow m mew meeow meow M meoow meow me mew--meow."

"H'm!" said Billy. "It sounds very foolish. Knives are dirty  
"M'm!" meow Meow. "Me meooooow meow meeeoow. Meeow mew meeow

things at any time. The proper thing to do is to climb up a  
meeeow me mew meow. Mew meeoow meeow me me me me meoow me m

mountain with a well-balanced saddle, hang on by all four feet and  
meeeooooow meow m meow-meoooooow meooow, meow me me mew meow meow mew

your ears too, and creep and crawl and wriggle along, till you  
meow meow mew, mew meeow mew meoow mew meeeow meow, meow mew

come out hundreds of feet above anyone else on a ledge where  
meow mew meeeooooow me meow meoow meooow meow me m meoow meow

there's just room enough for your hoofs. Then you stand still and  
meeow'm meow meow meeeow mew meow meoow. Meow mew meeow meeow mew

keep quiet--never ask a man to hold your head, young un--keep  
meow meoow--meoow mew m mew me meow meow meow, meoow me--meow

quiet while the guns are being put together, and then you watch  
meeow meeow mew meow mew meoow mew meeeeoow, mew meow mew meeow

the little poppy shells drop down into the tree-tops ever so far  
mew meeoow meeow meooow meow meow meow mew meow-meow meow me mew

below."  
meeow."

"Don't you ever trip?" said the troop-horse.  
"Mew'm mew meow meow?" meow mew meeow-meow.

"They say that when a mule trips you can split a hen's ear,"  
"Meow mew meow meow m meow meeow mew mew meeow m mew'm mew,"

said Billy. "Now and again perhaps a badly packed saddle will  
meow Meow. "Mew mew meeow meooooow m meoow meeeow meeeow meow

upset a mule, but it's very seldom. I wish I could show you our  
meoow m meow, mew me'm meow meeoow. M meow M meeow meow mew mew

business. It's beautiful. Why, it took me three years to find



meeeeeeow. Me'm meeeeeooow. Mew, me meow me meoow meeow me meow

out what the men were driving at. The science of the thing is  
mew meow mew mew meow meooooow me. Mew meooooow me mew meoow me

never to show up against the sky line, because, if you do, you may  
meeow me meow me meooooow mew mew meow, meooooow, me mew me, mew mew

get fired at. Remember that, young un. Always keep hidden as  
mew meoow me. Meooooow meow, meoow me. Meooooow meow meeow me

much as possible, even if you have to go a mile out of your way.  
meow me meooooow, meow me mew meow me me m meow mew me meow mew.

I lead the battery when it comes to that sort of climbing."  
M meow mew meooooow meow me meeow me meow meow me meeeooow."

"Fired at without the chance of running into the people who  
"Meeow me meeeeeow mew meeow me meooooow meow mew meeeow mew

are firing!" said the troop-horse, thinking hard. "I couldn't  
mew meeeow!" meow mew meeow-meoow, meooooow meow. "M meooow'm

stand that. I should want to charge--with Dick."  
meoow meow. M meeow meow me meeow--meow Meow."

"Oh, no, you wouldn't. You know that as soon as the guns are  
"Me, me, mew meeow'm. Mew meow meow me meow me mew meow mew

in position they'll do all the charging. That's scientific and  
me meeeeeow meow'me me mew mew meeeeoow. Meow'm meeeeeeoow mew

neat. But knives--pah!"  
meow. Mew meeow--mew!"

The baggage-camel had been bobbing his head to and fro for  
Mew meeeoow-meeow mew meow meeeoow mew meow me mew mew mew

some time past, anxious to get a word in edgewise. Then I heard  
meow meow meow, meeeoow me mew m meow me meooooow. Meow M meeow

him say, as he cleared his throat, nervously:  
mew mew, me me meeoow mew meoow, meeeeeow:

"I--I--I have fought a little, but not in that climbing

"M--M--M meow meooow m meeeow, mew mew me meow meooooow

way or that running way."  
mew me meow meooooow mew."

"No. Now you mention it," said Billy, "you don't look as  
"Me. Mew mew meooooow me," meow Meeow, "mew mew'm meow me

though you were made for climbing or running--much. Well, how  
meooow mew meow meow mew meeeeeow me meeeow--meow. Meow, mew

was it, old Hay-bales?"  
mew me, mew Mew-meow?"

"The proper way," said the camel. "We all sat down--"  
"Mew meooow mew," meow mew meow. "Me mew mew meow--"

"Oh, my crupper and breastplate!" said the troop-horse under  
"Me, me meeeow mew meeeeeooooow!" meow mew meeow-meeow meeow

his breath. "Sat down!"  
mew meooow. "Mew meow!"

"We sat down--a hundred of us," the camel went on, "in a big  
"Me mew meow--m meeeow me me," mew meow meow me, "me m mew

square, and the men piled our packs and saddles, outside the  
meeeow, mew mew mew meeow mew meow mew meeeow, meeeow mew

square, and they fired over our backs, the men did, on all sides  
meeoow, mew meow meeow meow mew meow, mew mew mew, me mew meow

of the square."  
me mew meeoow."

"What sort of men? Any men that came along?" said the  
"Meow meow me mew? Mew mew meow meow meow?" meow mew

troop-horse. "They teach us in riding school to lie down and let  
meeow-meeow. "Meow meow me me meeeow meeeow me mew meow mew mew

our masters fire across us, but Dick Cunliffe is the only man I'd

mew meooooow meow meooooow me, mew Meow Meeooooow me mew meow mew M'm

trust to do that. It tickles my girths, and, besides, I can't see  
meow me me meow. Me meooooow me meooooow, mew, meooooow, M mew'm mew

with my head on the ground."  
meow me meow me mew meeoow."

"What does it matter who fires across you?" said the camel.  
"Meow meow me meeoow mew meeoow meeeow mew?" meow mew meeoow.

"There are plenty of men and plenty of other camels close by, and  
"Meow mew meeoow me mew mew meeoow me meoow meeoow meow me, mew

a great many clouds of smoke. I am not frightened then. I sit  
m meow meow meooooow me meoow. M me mew meeeeeeoow meow. M mew

still and wait."  
meeoow mew meow."

"And yet," said Billy, "you dream bad dreams and upset the  
"Mew mew," meow Meeow, "mew meeoow mew meeeow mew meeoow mew

camp at night. Well, well! Before I'd lie down, not to speak of  
meow me meeoow. Meow, meow! Meeeoow M'm mew meow, mew me meeoow me

sitting down, and let a man fire across me, my heels and his head  
meooooow meow, mew mew m mew meow meeoow me, me meeoow mew mew meow

would have something to say to each other. Did you ever hear  
meeoow meow meeeeeeoow me mew me meow meoow. Mew mew meow meow

anything so awful as that?"  
meeeeeeoow me meoow me meow?"

There was a long silence, and then one of the gun bullocks  
Meoow mew m meow meeoow, mew meow mew me mew mew meeeeeeoow

lifted up his big head and said, "This is very foolish indeed.  
meeeow me mew mew meow mew meow, "Meow me meow meeeeoow meeeow.

There is only one way of fighting."  
Meoow me meow mew mew me meeeeeeoow."

"Oh, go on," said Billy. "Please don't mind me. I suppose

"Me, me me," meow Meow. "Meeow mew'm meow me. M meeoow

you fellows fight standing on your tails?"  
mew meeoow meow meeeow me meow meow?"

"Only one way," said the two together. (They must have been  
"Meow mew mew," meow mew mew meeeow. (Meow meow meow meow

twins.) "This is that way. To put all twenty yoke of us to the  
meeow.) "Meow me meow mew. Me mew mew meeoow meow me me me mew

big gun as soon as Two Tails trumpets." ("Two Tails" is camp  
mew mew me meow me Mew Meeow meeeow." ("Mew Meeow" me meow

slang for the elephant.)  
meow mew mew meeeow.)

"What does Two Tails trumpet for?" said the young mule.  
"Meow meow Mew Meeow meeeow mew?" meow mew meow meow.

"To show that he is not going any nearer to the smoke on the  
"Me meow meow me me mew meow mew meeoow me mew meow me mew

other side. Two Tails is a great coward. Then we tug the big gun  
meow meow. Mew Meow me m meow meeoow. Meow me mew mew mew mew

all together--Heya--Hullah! Heeyah! Hullah! We do not climb  
mew meooooow--Meow--Meeow! Meooow! Meooow! Me me mew meow

like cats nor run like calves. We go across the level plain,  
meow meow mew mew meow meeeow. Me me meeoow mew meow meow,

twenty yoke of us, till we are unyoked again, and we graze while  
meeeow meow me me, meow me mew meeeow meow, mew me meow meow

the big guns talk across the plain to some town with mud walls,  
mew mew meow meow meeeow mew meow me meow meow meow mew meow,

and pieces of the wall fall out, and the dust goes up as though  
mew meeoow me mew meow meow mew, mew mew meow meow me me meeoow

many cattle were coming home."  
meow meeeow meow meeoow meow."

"Oh! And you choose that time for grazing?" said the young

"Me! Mew mew meeeow meow meow mew meeoow?" meow mew meow

mule.

meow.

"That time or any other. Eating is always good. We eat till  
"Meow meow me mew meow. Meeow me meeeow meow. Me mew meow

we are yoked up again and tug the gun back to where Two Tails is  
me mew meow me meow mew mew mew mew meow me meow Mew Meeow me

waiting for it. Sometimes there are big guns in the city that  
meeeeow mew me. Meeooooow meow mew mew meow me mew meow meow

speak back, and some of us are killed, and then there is all the  
meow meow, mew meow me me mew meoow, mew meow meow me mew mew

more grazing for those that are left. This is Fate. None the  
meow meeeow mew meow meow mew meow. Meow me Meow. Meow mew

less, Two Tails is a great coward. That is the proper way to  
meow, Mew Meeow me m meow meoow. Meow me mew meoow mew me

fight. We are brothers from Hapur. Our father was a sacred bull  
meow. Me mew meeeoow meow Meeow. Mew meeoow mew m meeoow meow

of Shiva. We have spoken."  
me Meow. Me meow meeoow."

"Well, I've certainly learned something tonight," said the  
"Meow, M'me meeeeoow meeeow meeeooooow meeeow," meow mew

troop-horse. "Do you gentlemen of the screw-gun battery feel  
meow-meeow. "Me mew meeeooooow me mew meow-mew meeeow meow

inclined to eat when you are being fired at with big guns, and Two  
meooooow me mew meow mew mew meow meow me meow mew meow, mew Mew

Tails is behind you?"  
Meow me meeoow mew?"

"About as much as we feel inclined to sit down and let men  
"Meeow me meow me me meow meeeeoow me mew meow mew mew mew

sprawl all over us, or run into people with knives. I never heard  
meeeow mew meow me, me mew meow meeeow meow meeoow. M meow meow

such stuff. A mountain ledge, a well-balanced load, a driver you

meow meow. M meeoow meow, m meow-meeeeeow meow, m meeeow mew

can trust to let you pick your own way, and I'm your mule. But--  
mew meow me mew mew meow meow mew mew, mew M'm meow meow. Mew--

the other things--no!" said Billy, with a stamp of his foot.  
mew meow meeeow--me!" meow Meow, meow m meow me mew meow.

"Of course," said the troop horse, "everyone is not made in  
"Me meeeow," meow mew meow meow, "meooooow me mew meow me

the same way, and I can quite see that your family, on your  
mew meow mew, mew M mew meow mew meow meow meow, me meow

father's side, would fail to understand a great many things."  
meeow'm meow, meow meow me meeeeeeeow m meow meow meeeow."

"Never you mind my family on my father's side," said Billy  
"Meow mew meow me meow me me meeeow'm meow," meow Meow

angrily, for every mule hates to be reminded that his father was a  
meeeow, mew meow meow meow me me meooooow meow mew meeeow mew m

donkey. "My father was a Southern gentleman, and he could pull  
meow. "Me meow mew m Meeeeeow meooooow, mew me meow meow

down and bite and kick into rags every horse he came across.  
meow mew meow mew meow meow meow meow meow meow me meow meeeow.

Remember that, you big brown Brumby!"  
Meeeoow meow, mew mew meow Meeeeow!"

Brumby means wild horse without any breeding. Imagine the  
Meow meow meow meow meow meow mew meooooow. Meeeoow mew

feelings of Sunol if a car-horse called her a "skate," and you can  
meooooow me Meow me m mew-meeow meeeow mew m "meeow," mew mew mew

imagine how the Australian horse felt. I saw the white of his eye  
meooooow mew mew Meeeeeooooow meow meow. M mew mew meow me mew mew

glitter in the dark.  
meeeow me mew meow.

"See here, you son of an imported Malaga jackass," he said

"Mew meow, mew mew me me meeeeeeow Meooow meeoow," me meow

between his teeth, "I'd have you know that I'm related on my meeoow mew meow, "M'm meow mew meow meow M'm meoooow me me

mother's side to Carbine, winner of the Melbourne Cup, and where I meooow'm meow me Meeeoow, meooow me mew Meeeeeooow Mew, mew meow M

come from we aren't accustomed to being ridden over roughshod by meow meow me meow'm meeeeeeeeow me meoow meeoow meow meeoowooow me

any parrot-mouthed, pig-headed mule in a pop-gun pea-shooter mew meeoow-meeeoow, mew-meooow meow me m mew-mew mew-meoooow

battery. Are you ready?" meeeeoow. Mew mew meow?"

"On your hind legs!" squealed Billy. They both reared up "Me meow meow meow!" meeeeoow Meoow. Meow meow meeeow me

facing each other, and I was expecting a furious fight, when a meeeow meow meeoow, mew M mew meeeeoow m meeeeoow meeoow, meow m

gurgly, rumble voice, called out of the darkness to the right-- meooow, meooow meoow, meeeow mew me mew meeeeoow me mew meoow--

"Children, what are you fighting about there? Be quiet." "Meeoooow, meow mew mew meeeeoow meoow meoow? Me meoow."

Both beasts dropped down with a snort of disgust, for neither Meow meeeow meeeeoow meow meow m meoow me meoooow, mew meoooow

horse nor mule can bear to listen to an elephant's voice. meoow mew meow mew meow me meooow me me meeeeoow'm meeoow.

"It's Two Tails!" said the troop-horse. "I can't stand him. "Me'm Mew Meeow!" meow mew meoow-meoow. "M mew'm meoow mew.

A tail at each end isn't fair!" M meow me meow mew mew'm meow!"

"My feelings exactly," said Billy, crowding into the "Me meeoowoo meeeeoow," meow Meoow, meeoowoo meow mew

troop-horse for company. "We're very alike in some things."

meeow-meow mew meeeow. "Me'me meow meow me meow meeeow."

"I suppose we've inherited them from our mothers," said the  
"M meooooow me'me meeeooooow meow meow mew meeeow," meow mew

troop horse. "It's not worth quarreling about. Hi! Two Tails,  
meeow meow. "Me'm mew meow meeeeeooooow meow. Me! Mew Meeow,

are you tied up?"  
mew mew meow me?"

"Yes," said Two Tails, with a laugh all up his trunk. "I'm  
"Mew," meow Mew Meow, meow m meow mew me mew meow. "M'm

picketed for the night. I've heard what you fellows have been  
meeeeoow mew mew meow. M'me meow meow mew meeeoow meow meow

saying. But don't be afraid. I'm not coming over."  
meeoow. Mew mew'm me meeeow. M'm mew meeoow meow."

The bullocks and the camel said, half aloud, "Afraid of Two  
Mew meeeooooow mew mew meow meow, meow meow, "Meeow me Mew

Tails--what nonsense!" And the bullocks went on, "We are sorry  
Meeow--meow meooooow!" Mew mew meeeeoow meow me, "Me mew meow

that you heard, but it is true. Two Tails, why are you afraid of  
meow mew meow, mew me me meow. Mew Meeow, mew mew mew meeoow me

the guns when they fire?"  
mew meow meow meow meow?"

"Well," said Two Tails, rubbing one hind leg against the  
"Meow," meow Mew Meeow, meooooow mew meow mew meooooow mew

other, exactly like a little boy saying a poem, "I don't quite  
meeow, meeeoow meow m meeoow mew meooow m meow, "M mew'm meow

know whether you'd understand."  
meow meeeow mew'm meeeeeeoow."

"We don't, but we have to pull the guns," said the bullocks.



"Me mew'm, mew me meow me meow mew meow," meow mew meeeooooow.

"I know it, and I know you are a good deal braver than you  
"M meow me, mew M meow mew mew m meow meow meeeow meow mew

think you are. But it's different with me. My battery captain  
meeow mew mew. Mew me'm meeeeeeoow meow me. Me meeeeoow meeeeoow

called me a Pachydermatous Anachronism the other day."  
meeeow me m Meeeeeeeeeoow Meeooooooooow mew meoow mew."

"That's another way of fighting, I suppose?" said Billy, who  
"Meow'm meeeeoow mew me meeeeoow, M meooooow?" meow Meeow, mew

was recovering his spirits.  
mew meooooooooow mew meeeeoow.

"You don't know what that means, of course, but I do. It  
"Mew mew'm meow meow meow meoow, me meeeow, mew M me. Me

means betwixt and between, and that is just where I am. I can see  
meeow meeeeoow mew meeeeoow, mew meow me meow meeoow M me. M mew mew

inside my head what will happen when a shell bursts, and you  
meooooow me meow meow meow meeeeoow meow m meoooo meeeow, mew mew

bullocks can't."  
meeeeoow mew'm."

"I can," said the troop-horse. "At least a little bit. I try  
"M mew," meow mew meoow-meeow. "Me meeoow m meeoow mew. M mew

not to think about it."  
mew me meeoow meoow me."

"I can see more than you, and I do think about it. I know  
"M mew mew meow meow mew, mew M me meoow meoow me. M meow

there's a great deal of me to take care of, and I know that nobody  
meeow'm m meoow meow me me me meow meow me, mew M meow meow meeeow

knows how to cure me when I'm sick. All they can do is to stop my

meow mew me meow me meow M'm meow. Mew meow mew me me me meow me

driver's pay till I get well, and I can't trust my driver."  
meeow'm mew meow M mew meow, mew M mew'm meeow me meeow."

"Ah!" said the troop horse. "That explains it. I can trust  
"Me!" meow mew meeow meeow. "Meow meeeoow me. M mew meeow

Dick."  
Meow."

"You could put a whole regiment of Dicks on my back without  
"Mew meow mew m meeow meeeoow me Meeow me me meow meeeow

making me feel any better. I know just enough to be  
meeow me meow mew meeow. M meow meow meeeow me me

uncomfortable, and not enough to go on in spite of it."  
meeeeoow, mew mew meeow me me me me meow me me."

"We do not understand," said the bullocks.  
"Me me mew meeoow, meow mew meeeoow.

"I know you don't. I'm not talking to you. You don't know  
"M meow mew mew'm. M'm mew meeeoow me mew. Mew mew'm meow

what blood is."  
meow meeow me."

"We do," said the bullocks. "It is red stuff that soaks into  
"Me me," meow mew meeeoow. "Me me mew meow meow meow meow

the ground and smells."  
mew meeeow mew meeow."

The troop-horse gave a kick and a bound and a snort.  
Mew meow-meow meow m meow mew m meow mew m meow.

"Don't talk of it," he said. "I can smell it now, just

"Mew'm meow me me," me meow. "M mew meeow me mew, meow

thinking of it. It makes me want to run--when I haven't Dick on  
meeooooow me me. Me meow me meow me mew--meow M meeow'm Meow me

my back."  
me meow."

"But it is not here," said the camel and the bullocks. "Why  
"Mew me me mew meow," meow mew meeow mew mew meeeeoow. "Mew

are you so stupid?"  
mew mew me meeeow?"

"It's vile stuff," said Billy. "I don't want to run, but I  
"Me'm meow meeow," meow Meow. "M mew'm meow me mew, mew M

don't want to talk about it."  
mew'm meow me meow meow me."

"There you are!" said Two Tails, waving his tail to explain.  
"Meow mew mew!" meow Mew Meeow, meeeow mew meow me meooooow.

"Surely. Yes, we have been here all night," said the  
"Meooooow. Mew, me meow meow meow mew meeow," meow mew

bullocks.  
meeooooow.

Two Tails stamped his foot till the iron ring on it jingled.  
Mew Meow meooooow mew meow meow mew meow meow me me meeeeoow.

"Oh, I'm not talking to you. You can't see inside your heads."  
"Me, M'm mew meeeeoow me mew. Mew mew'm mew meeoow meow meeow."

"No. We see out of our four eyes," said the bullocks. "We  
"Me. Me mew mew me mew meow meow," meow mew meooooow. "Me

see straight in front of us."

mew meeeooow me meow me me."

"If I could do that and nothing else, you wouldn't be needed  
"Me M meow me meow mew meeeooow meow, mew meeeow'm me meooow

to pull the big guns at all. If I was like my captain--he can  
me meow mew mew meow me mew. Me M mew meow me meooooow--me mew

see things inside his head before the firing begins, and he shakes  
mew meooow meeeow mew meow meeeow mew meeeow meeeow, mew me meeeow

all over, but he knows too much to run away--if I was like him I  
mew meow, mew me meeeow mew meow me mew meow--me M mew meow mew M

could pull the guns. But if I were as wise as all that I should  
meow meow mew meow. Mew me M meow me meow me mew meow M meooow

never be here. I should be a king in the forest, as I used to be,  
meow me meow. M meooow me m meow me mew meeeow, me M meow me me,

sleeping half the day and bathing when I liked. I haven't had a  
meeeooow meow mew mew mew meeeooow meow M meeeow. M meeeow'm mew m

good bath for a month."  
meow meow mew m meeeow."

"That's all very fine," said Billy. "But giving a thing a  
"Meow'm mew meow meow," meow Meeow. "Mew meeeow m meooow m

long name doesn't make it any better."  
meow meow meeeow'm meow me mew meeeow."

"H'sh!" said the troop horse. "I think I understand what Two  
"M'me!" meow mew meooow meow. "M meeeow M meeeeeeeooow meow Mew

Tails means."  
Meow meow."

"You'll understand better in a minute," said Two Tails  
"Mew'me meeeooooow meeeow me m meooow," meow Mew Meeow

angrily. "Now you just explain to me why you don't like this!"  
meooooow. "Mew mew meow meooooow me me mew mew mew'm meow meow!"

He began trumpeting furiously at the top of his trumpet.

Me meow meeeooooow meeeeeeow me mew mew me mew meeeow.

"Stop that!" said Billy and the troop horse together, and I  
"Meow meow!" meow Meeow mew mew meow meow meooooow, mew M

could hear them stamp and shiver. An elephant's trumpeting is  
meow meow meow meow mew meooow. Me meeeeeeow'm meeeooooow me

always nasty, especially on a dark night.  
meooow meow, meooooooow me m meow meow.

"I shan't stop," said Two Tails. "Won't you explain that,  
"M meow'm meow," meow Mew Meeow. "Mew'm mew meeeow meow,

please? Hhrrmph! Rrrt! Rrrmph! Rrrhha!" Then he stopped  
meooow? Meeooow! Meow! Meeooow! Meeow!" Meow me meooow

suddenly, and I heard a little whimper in the dark, and knew that  
meeeeeeow, mew M meow m meooow meooooow me mew meow, mew meow meow

Vixen had found me at last. She knew as well as I did that if  
Meow mew meow me me meow. Mew meow me meow me M mew meow me

there is one thing in the world the elephant is more afraid of  
meow me mew meow me mew meow mew meeeooooow me meow meooow me

than another it is a little barking dog. So she stopped to bully  
meow meeeow me me m meooow meeeow mew. Me mew meeeow me meow

Two Tails in his pickets, and yapped round his big feet. Two  
Mew Meow me mew meeeow, mew meeeow meow mew mew meow. Mew

Tails shuffled and squeaked. "Go away, little dog!" he said.  
Meeow meeeeoow mew meeeeoow. "Me meow, meooow mew!" me meow.

"Don't snuff at my ankles, or I'll kick at you. Good little dog  
"Mew'm meow me me meooow, me M'me meow me mew. Meow meooow mew

--nice little doggie, then! Go home, you yelping little beast!  
--meow meooow meeeow, meow! Me meow, mew meeeooooow meeeow meow!

Oh, why doesn't someone take her away? She'll bite me in a  
Me, mew meow'm meooooow meow mew meow? Mew'me meow me me m

minute."  
meeeow."

"Seems to me," said Billy to the troop horse, "that our friend

"Meeow me me," meow Meow me mew meow meeow, "meow mew meeeow

Two Tails is afraid of most things. Now, if I had a full meal for  
Mew Meow me meeeow me meow meeeow. Mew, me M mew m meow meow mew

every dog I've kicked across the parade-ground I should be as fat  
meeow mew M'me meeeow meeeow mew meoooow-meeoow M meoooow me me mew

as Two Tails nearly."  
me Mew Meow meoooow."

I whistled, and Vixen ran up to me, muddy all over, and licked  
M meeeooow, mew Meow mew me me me, meeow mew meow, mew meeeow

my nose, and told me a long tale about hunting for me all through  
me meow, mew meow me m meow meow meeow meeeow mew me mew meeeow

the camp. I never let her know that I understood beast talk, or  
mew meow. M meeow mew mew meow meow M meeoowooow meeow meow, me

she would have taken all sorts of liberties. So I buttoned her  
mew meow meow meow mew meow me meeoowooow. Me M meeoowooow mew

into the breast of my overcoat, and Two Tails shuffled and stamped  
meow mew meoooow me me meeeow, mew Mew Meow meeeow mew meoooow

and growled to himself.  
mew meeeow me meoooow.

"Extraordinary! Most extraordinary!" he said. "It runs in  
"Meooooooooow! Meow meeeeoowooow!" me meow. "Me meow me

our family. Now, where has that nasty little beast gone to?"  
mew meeeow. Mew, meow mew meow meeow meeoow meeow meow me?"

I heard him feeling about with his trunk.  
M meow mew meoooow meow meow mew meow.

"We all seem to be affected in various ways," he went on,  
"Me mew meow me me meeeow me meeeow meow," me meow me,

blowing his nose. "Now, you gentlemen were alarmed, I believe,  
meeeow mew meow. "Mew, mew meeeeoow meow meoooow, M meeeow,

when I trumpeted."

meow M meeeooooow."

"Not alarmed, exactly," said the troop-horse, "but it made me  
"Mew meooooow, meeeow," meow mew meeow-meeow, "mew me meow me

feel as though I had hornets where my saddle ought to be. Don't  
meow me meeeow M mew meooooow meeow me meeeow meeow me me. Mew'm

begin again."  
meeow meow."

"I'm frightened of a little dog, and the camel here is  
"M'm meeeooooow me m meeeow mew, mew mew meoow meow me

frightened by bad dreams in the night."  
meeeeeeeow me mew meeeow me mew meeow."

"It is very lucky for us that we haven't all got to fight in  
"Me me meow meeow mew me meow me meeow'm mew mew me meeow me

the same way," said the troop-horse.  
mew meow mew," meow mew meeow-meeow.

"What I want to know," said the young mule, who had been quiet  
"Meow M meow me meow," meow mew meoow meow, mew mew meow meoow

for a long time--"what I want to know is, why we have to fight  
mew m meow meow--"meow M meow me meow me, mew me meow me meeow

at all."  
me mew."

"Because we're told to," said the troop-horse, with a snort of  
"Meooooow me'me meow me," meow mew meoow-meeow, meow m meoow me

contempt.  
meeeooooow.

"Orders," said Billy the mule, and his teeth snapped.

"Meeow," meow Meeow mew meow, mew mew meow meooooow.

"Hukm hai!" (It is an order!), said the camel with a gurgle,  
"Meow mew!" (Me me me meow!), meow mew meow meow m meeeow,

and Two Tails and the bullocks repeated, "Hukm hai!"  
mew Mew Meeow mew mew meooooow meooooow, "Meow mew!"

"Yes, but who gives the orders?" said the recruit-mule.  
"Mew, mew mew meow mew meow?" meow mew meeeow-meow.

"The man who walks at your head--Or sits on your back--Or  
"Mew mew mew meow me meow meow--Me meow me meow meow--Me

holds the nose rope--Or twists your tail," said Billy and the  
meow mew meow meow--Me meow meow meow," meow Meeow mew mew

troop-horse and the camel and the bullocks one after the other.  
meow-meow mew mew meow mew mew meooooow mew meow mew meow.

"But who gives them the orders?"  
"Mew mew meow meow mew meow?"

"Now you want to know too much, young un," said Billy, "and  
"Mew mew meow me meow mew meow, meow me," meow Meeow, "mew

that is one way of getting kicked. All you have to do is to obey  
meow me mew mew me meow meow. Mew mew meow me me me meow

the man at your head and ask no questions."  
mew mew me meow meow mew mew me meeeeeeow."

"He's quite right," said Two Tails. "I can't always obey,  
"Me'm meow meow," meow Mew Meeow. "M mew'm meow meow,

because I'm betwixt and between. But Billy's right. Obey the man  
meow M'm meow mew meow. Mew Meeow'm meow. Meow mew mew

next to you who gives the order, or you'll stop all the battery,



meow me mew mew meoow mew meoow, me mew'me meow mew mew meeoow,

besides getting a thrashing."

meooooow meeeoow m meeeooooow."

The gun-bullocks got up to go. "Morning is coming," they  
Mew mew-meeeeeow mew me me me. "Meooooow me meeoow," meow

said. "We will go back to our lines. It is true that we only see  
meow. "Me meow me meow me mew meow. Me me meow meow me meow mew

out of our eyes, and we are not very clever. But still, we are  
mew me mew meow, mew me mew mew meow meeoow. Mew meow, me mew

the only people to-night who have not been afraid. Good-night,  
mew meow meoow me-meeow mew meow mew meow meoow. Meow-meow,

you brave people."

mew meow meoow."

Nobody answered, and the troop-horse said, to change the  
Meoow meeeoow, mew mew meeoow-meeow meow, me meeeow mew

conversation, "Where's that little dog? A dog means a man  
meeeeeeeooooow, "Meeow'm meow meeoow mew? M mew meeoow m mew

somewhere about."

meoooooow meeoow."

"Here I am," yapped Vixen, "under the gun tail with my man.

"Meow M me," meeoow Meeow, "meoow mew mew meow meow me mew.

You big, blundering beast of a camel you, you upset our tent. My  
Mew mew, meeeooooow meeoow me m meoow mew, mew meeoow mew meow. Me

man's very angry."

mew'm meow meeoow."

"Phew!" said the bullocks. "He must be white!"

"Meow!" meow mew meooooow. "Me meow me meoow!"

"Of course he is," said Vixen. "Do you suppose I'm looked

"Me meooow me me," meow Meeow. "Me mew meeeeeow M'm meeeow

after by a black bullock-driver?"  
meow me m meow meeeoow-meeoow?"

"Huah! Ouach! Ugh!" said the bullocks. "Let us get away  
"Meow! Meeow! Mew!" meow mew meeeeeeow. "Mew me mew meow

quickly."  
meeeoow."

They plunged forward in the mud, and managed somehow to run  
Meow meeeoow meooooow me mew mew, mew meooooow meeeoow me mew

their yoke on the pole of an ammunition wagon, where it jammed.  
meeow meow me mew meow me me meeeeeeeeow meeeow, meoow me meeeow.

"Now you have done it," said Billy calmly. "Don't struggle.  
"Mew mew meow meow me," meow Meeow meeeoow. "Mew'm meeeeoow.

You're hung up till daylight. What on earth's the matter?"  
Mew'me meow me meow meooooow. Meow me meoow'm mew meeeow?"

The bullocks went off into the long hissing snorts that Indian  
Mew meooooow meow mew meow mew meow meooooow meeeow meow Meeeeow

cattle give, and pushed and crowded and slued and stamped and  
meeeow meow, mew meeeow mew meooooow mew meeeow mew meeeoow mew

slipped and nearly fell down in the mud, grunting savagely.  
meeeoow mew meeeow meow meow me mew mew, meeeeoow meeeeeeow.

"You'll break your necks in a minute," said the troop-horse.  
"Mew'me meoow meow meoow me m meeoow," meow mew meeeow-meeow.

"What's the matter with white men? I live with 'em."  
"Meow'm mew meooooow meow meeeow mew? M meow meow 'me."

"They--eat--us! Pull!" said the near bullock. The yoke

"Meow--mew--me! Meow!" meow mew meow meeeow. Mew meow

snapped with a twang, and they lumbered off together.  
meeoow meow m meow, mew meow meeeow mew meeeow.

I never knew before what made Indian cattle so scared of  
M meow meow meeoow meow meow Meeow meeoow me meoow me

Englishmen. We eat beef--a thing that no cattle-driver touches  
Meeooooow. Me mew meow--m meoow meow me meeeow-meeow meeoow

--and of course the cattle do not like it.  
--mew me meeeow mew meeoow me mew meow me.

"May I be flogged with my own pad-chains! Who'd have thought  
"Mew M me meeeow meow me mew mew-meeow! Mew'm meow meoooo

of two big lumps like those losing their heads?" said Billy.  
me mew mew meoow meow meeoow meeoow meow?" meow Meow.

"Never mind. I'm going to look at this man. Most of the  
"Meoow meow. M'm meoow me meow me meow mew. Meow me mew

white men, I know, have things in their pockets," said the  
meoow mew, M meow, meow meeeow me meoow meooooow," meow mew

troop-horse.  
meeow-meeow.

"I'll leave you, then. I can't say I'm over-fond of 'em  
"M'me meoow mew, meow. M mew'm mew M'm meow-meow me 'me

myself. Besides, white men who haven't a place to sleep in are  
meeeow. Meeeoow, meoow mew mew meoow'm m meoow me meoow me mew

more than likely to be thieves, and I've a good deal of Government  
meow meow meeeow me me meeeow, mew M'me m meow meow me Meeooooow

property on my back. Come along, young un, and we'll go back to  
meeeow me me meow. Meow meoow, meow me, mew me'me me meow me

our lines. Good-night, Australia! See you on parade to-morrow, I  
mew meow. Meow-meeow, Meeeoow! Mew mew me meeoow me-meeow, M

suppose. Good-night, old Hay-bale!--try to control your

meeeeow. Meow-meeow, mew Mew-meow!--mew me meooooow meow

feelings, won't you? Good-night, Two Tails! If you pass us on  
meooooow, mew'm mew? Meow-meeow, Mew Meeow! Me mew meow me me

the ground tomorrow, don't trumpet. It spoils our formation."  
mew meeeow meooooow, mew'm meeoow. Me meeoow mew meeeeeeeow."

Billy the Mule stumped off with the swaggering limp of an old  
Meeow mew Meow meeeow mew meow mew meooooooooow meow me me mew

campaigner, as the troop-horse's head came nuzzling into my  
meeeooooow, me mew meow-meeow'm meow meow meeeeeow meow me

breast, and I gave him biscuits, while Vixen, who is a most  
meoow, mew M meow mew meeeoow, meeow Meoow, mew me m meow

conceited little dog, told him fibs about the scores of horses  
meooooow meoow mew, meow mew meow meoow mew meeeow me meoow

that she and I kept.  
meow mew mew M meow.

"I'm coming to the parade to-morrow in my dog-cart," she said.  
"M'm meoow me mew meeoow me-meooow me me mew-meow," mew meow.

"Where will you be?"  
"Meoow meow mew me?"

"On the left hand of the second squadron. I set the time for  
"Me mew meow meow me mew meeoow meeeoow. M mew mew meow mew

all my troop, little lady," he said politely. "Now I must go back  
mew me meoow, meeeow meow," me meow meooooow. "Mew M meow me meow

to Dick. My tail's all muddy, and he'll have two hours' hard work  
me Meow. Me meow'm mew meeoow, mew me'me meow mew meoow' meow meow

dressng me for parade."  
meooooow me mew meeeow."

The big parade of all the thirty thousand men was held that  
Mew mew meoow me mew mew meoow meooooow mew mew meow meow

afternoon, and Vixen and I had a good place close to the Viceroy

meooooooooow, mew Meow mew M mew m meow meow meow me mew Meooooow

and the Amir of Afghanistan, with high, big black hat of astrakhan  
mew mew Meow me Meeeeeeeeow, meow meow, mew meow mew me meeeeeoow

wool and the great diamond star in the center. The first part of  
meow mew mew meow meooooow meow me mew meeeow. Mew meow meow me

the review was all sunshine, and the regiments went by in wave  
mew meeoow mew mew meooooow, mew mew meeeeeooooow meow me me meow

upon wave of legs all moving together, and guns all in a line,  
meow meow me meow mew meeeow meeeeeoow, mew meow mew me m meow,

till our eyes grew dizzy. Then the cavalry came up, to the  
meow mew meow meow meow. Meow mew meeoow meow me, me mew

beautiful cavalry canter of "Bonnie Dundee," and Vixen cocked her  
meeeeeooooow meeeow meeeow me "Meeow Meeow," mew Meow meeeow mew

ear where she sat on the dog-cart. The second squadron of the  
mew meow mew mew me mew mew-meow. Mew meooooow meeeeeow me mew

Lancers shot by, and there was the troop-horse, with his tail like  
Meeeeow meow me, mew meow mew mew meow-meow, meow mew meow meow

spun silk, his head pulled into his breast, one ear forward and  
meow meow, mew meow meeeow meow mew meeeow, mew mew meeeow mew

one back, setting the time for all his squadron, his legs going as  
mew meow, meeeow mew meow mew mew mew meooooow, mew meow meow me

smoothly as waltz music. Then the big guns came by, and I saw Two  
meeeeeoow me meow meow. Meow mew mew meow meow me, mew M mew Mew

Tails and two other elephants harnessed in line to a forty-pounder  
Meow mew mew meow meeeeeooooow meooooooow me meow me m meow-meooooow

siege gun, while twenty yoke of oxen walked behind. The seventh  
meow mew, meow meooooow meow me meow meooooow meooooow. Mew meeoow

pair had a new yoke, and they looked rather stiff and tired. Last  
meow mew m mew meow, mew meow meooooow meooooow meow mew meow. Meow

came the screw guns, and Billy the mule carried himself as though  
meow mew meow meow, mew Meow mew meow meeoow meeeow me meeeow

he commanded all the troops, and his harness was oiled and  
me meooooooow mew mew meeeow, mew mew meooooow mew meow mew

polished till it winked. I gave a cheer all by myself for Billy  
meooooooow meow me meooooow. M meow m meow mew me meeoow mew Meow

the mule, but he never looked right or left.  
mew meow, mew me meow meooooow meow me meow.

The rain began to fall again, and for a while it was too misty

Mew meow meoow me meow meoow, mew mew m meoow me mew mew meow

to see what the troops were doing. They had made a big half  
me mew meow mew meoow meow meoow. Meow mew meow m mew meow

circle across the plain, and were spreading out into a line. That  
meoow meoow mew meow, mew meow meooooow mew meow m meow. Meow

line grew and grew and grew till it was three-quarters of a mile  
meow meow mew meow mew meow meow me mew meow-meeooooow me m meow

long from wing to wing--one solid wall of men, horses, and guns.  
meow meow meow me meow--mew meow meow me mew, meoow, mew meow.

Then it came on straight toward the Viceroy and the Amir, and as  
Meow me meow me meeeoow meoow mew Meeeoow mew mew Meow, mew me

it got nearer the ground began to shake, like the deck of a  
me mew meoow mew meoow meow me meow, meow mew meow me m

steamer when the engines are going fast.  
meooooow meow mew meeeoow mew meow meow.

Unless you have been there you cannot imagine what a  
Meeeoow mew meow meow meow mew meeeow meeeoow meow m

frightening effect this steady come-down of troops has on the  
meeeeeeoow meoow meow meoow meow-meow me meeeow mew me mew

spectators, even when they know it is only a review. I looked at  
meoooooow, meow meow meow meow me me meow m meoow. M meoow me

the Amir. Up till then he had not shown the shadow of a sign of  
mew Meow. Me meow meow me mew mew meoow mew meeeow me m meow me

astonishment or anything else. But now his eyes began to get  
meeeeeeoow me meeoow meow. Mew mew mew meow meow me mew

bigger and bigger, and he picked up the reins on his horse's neck  
meoow mew meeeow, mew me meeeow me mew meow me mew meow'm meow

and looked behind him. For a minute it seemed as though he were  
mew meeoow meeoow mew. Mew m meeoow me meoow me meeoow me meow

going to draw his sword and slash his way out through the English  
meow me meow mew meow mew meow mew mew mew meooooow mew Meooooow

men and women in the carriages at the back. Then the advance  
mew mew meow me mew meeeooooow me mew meow. Meow mew meeoow

stopped dead, the ground stood still, the whole line saluted, and  
meooooow meow, mew meeoow meow meow, mew meow meow meeoow, mew

thirty bands began to play all together. That was the end of the

meeoow meoow meeow me meow mew meooooow. Meow mew mew mew me mew

review, and the regiments went off to their camps in the rain, and  
meeow, mew mew meeeeeow meow mew me meoow meoow me mew meow, mew

an infantry band struck up with--  
me meeeeoow meow meeeow me meow--

The animals went in two by two,  
Mew meeeoow meow me mew me mew,

Hurrah!  
Meeow!

The animals went in two by two,  
Mew meooooow meow me mew me mew,

The elephant and the battery mul',  
Mew meooooow mew mew meeeoow mew',

and they all got into the Ark  
mew meow mew mew meow mew Mew

For to get out of the rain!  
Mew me mew mew me mew meow!

Then I heard an old grizzled, long-haired Central Asian chief,  
Meow M meoow me mew meeeeoow, meow-meeoow Meeeoow Meoow meoow,

who had come down with the Amir, asking questions of a native  
mew mew meow meow meow mew Meow, meeeow meeeeoow me m meeeow

officer.  
meeeoow.

"Now," said he, "in what manner was this wonderful thing  
"Mew," meow me, "me meow meooooow mew meow meeeeoow meow

done?"  
meow?"

And the officer answered, "An order was given, and they

Mew mew meeoow meeeoow, "Me meow mew meow, mew meow

obeyed."

meeoow."

"But are the beasts as wise as the men?" said the chief.

"Mew mew mew meeoow me meow me mew mew?" meow mew meow.

"They obey, as the men do. Mule, horse, elephant, or bullock,

"Meow meow, me mew mew me. Meow, meow, meeeoow, me meeoow,

he obeys his driver, and the driver his sergeant, and the sergeant  
me meow mew meeoow, mew mew meeoow mew meooooow, mew mew meeoow

his lieutenant, and the lieutenant his captain, and the captain  
mew meeoow, mew mew meeoow mew meeoow, mew mew meeoow

his major, and the major his colonel, and the colonel his  
mew meow, mew mew meow mew meeoow, mew mew meeoow mew

brigadier commanding three regiments, and the brigadier the  
meeoow meeoow meow meeoow, mew mew meeoow mew

general, who obeys the Viceroy, who is the servant of the Empress.  
meeoow, mew meow mew Meeoow, mew me mew meeoow me mew Meeoow.

Thus it is done."

Meow me me meow."

"Would it were so in Afghanistan!" said the chief, "for there

"Meow me meow me me Meooooow!" meow mew meow, "mew meow

we obey only our own wills."

me meow meow mew mew meow."

"And for that reason," said the native officer, twirling his

"Mew mew meow meeoow," meow mew meeoow meeoow, meooooow mew

mustache, "your Amir whom you do not obey must come here and take  
meooooow, "meow Meow meow mew me mew meow meow meow mew meow

orders from our Viceroy."

meeoow meow mew Meooooow."

Parade Song of the Camp Animals



Meeow Meow me mew Meow Meeow

ELEPHANTS OF THE GUN TEAMS  
MEEEEOOOW ME MEW MEW MEEOW

We lent to Alexander the strength of Hercules,  
Me meow me Meeeeeow mew meeeeow me Meeooooow,

The wisdom of our foreheads, the cunning of our knees;  
Mew meoooo me mew meeeeow, mew meoooo me mew meow;

We bowed our necks to service: they ne'er were loosed again,--  
Me meow mew meow me meeeow: meow me'me meow meeoow meow,--

Make way there--way for the ten-foot teams  
Meow mew meeoow--mew mew mew mew-meow meeoow

Of the Forty-Pounder train!  
Me mew Meoow-Meeooooow meeoow!

GUN BULLOCKS  
MEW MEEEEOOOW

Those heroes in their harnesses avoid a cannon-ball,  
Meoow meeeow me meoow meoooooow meoow m meoooo-meow,

And what they know of powder upsets them one and all;  
Mew meow meow meow me meeoow meoooo meow mew mew mew;

Then we come into action and tug the guns again--  
Meow me meow meow meoooo mew mew mew meow meeoow--

Make way there--way for the twenty yoke  
Meow mew meeoow--mew mew mew meoooo meow

Of the Forty-Pounder train!  
Me mew Meoow-Meeooooow meeoow!

CAVALRY HORSES  
MEEEEOW MEEOW

By the brand on my shoulder, the finest of tunes

Me mew meoow me me meooooow, mew meeoow me meeow

Is played by the Lancers, Hussars, and Dragoons,  
Me meeoow me mew Meooooow, Meooooow, mew Meeeeeow,

And it's sweeter than "Stables" or "Water" to me--  
Mew me'm meeoow meow "Meooooow" me "Meeow" me me--

The Cavalry Canter of "Bonnie Dundee"!  
Mew Meeoow Meeow me "Meeow Meeow"!

Then feed us and break us and handle and groom,  
Meow meow me mew meoow me mew meeoow mew meeow,

And give us good riders and plenty of room,  
Mew meow me meow meeeow mew meoow me meow,

And launch us in column of squadron and see  
Mew meeeow me me meoow me meeeeeeow mew mew

The way of the war-horse to "Bonnie Dundee"!  
Mew mew me mew mew-meeow me "Meeow Meeow"!

#### SCREW-GUN MULES MEOOW-MEW MEOOW

As me and my companions were scrambling up a hill,  
Me me mew me meeoowooooow meow meeeeeeooooow me m meow,

The path was lost in rolling stones, but we went forward still;  
Mew meow mew meow me meeeeoow meooooow, mew me meow meeoow meow;

For we can wriggle and climb, my lads, and turn up everywhere,  
Mew me mew meeoow mew meow, me meow, mew meow me meeoowooooow,

Oh, it's our delight on a mountain height, with a leg or two to  
Me, me'm mew meeeeoow me m meeeeoow meeoow, meow m mew me mew me

spare!  
meow!

Good luck to every sergeant, then, that lets us pick our road;

Meow meow me meoow meeeooow, meow, meow meow me meow mew meow;

Bad luck to all the driver-men that cannot pack a load:  
Mew meow me mew mew meeoow-mew meow meooow meow m meow:

For we can wriggle and climb, my lads, and turn up everywhere,  
Mew me mew meooow mew meoow, me meow, mew meow me meeeeeeeow,

Oh, it's our delight on a mountain height, with a leg or two to  
Me, me'm mew meeeooow me m meeeeeow meooow, meow m mew me mew me

spare!  
meeow!

# COMMISSARIAT CAMELS MEEEEEOOOOOW MEOOOW

We haven't a camelty tune of our own  
Me meeow'm m meeeooow meow me mew mew

To help us trollop along,  
Me meow me meeeooow meoow,

But every neck is a hair trombone  
Mew meoow meow me m meow meeeeoow

(Rtt-ta-ta-ta! is a hair trombone!)  
(Mew-me-me-me! me m meow meeeooow!)

And this our marching-song:  
Mew meow mew meeeeeow-meow:

Can't! Don't! Shan't! Won't!  
Mew'm! Mew'm! Meow'm! Mew'm!

Pass it along the line!  
Meow me meeow mew meow!

Somebody's pack has slid from his back,  
Meeeoow'm meow mew meow meow mew meow,

Wish it were only mine!  
Meow me meow meow meow!

Somebody's load has tipped off in the road--  
Meeeoow'm meow mew meeeow mew me mew meow--

Cheer for a halt and a row!  
Meoow mew m meow mew m mew!

Urrr! Yarrh! Grr! Arrh!

Meow! Meow! Mew! Meow!

Somebody's catching it now!  
Meeeeeow'm meeoow me mew!

ALL THE BEASTS TOGETHER  
MEW MEW MEEOW MEEEEEOW

Children of the Camp are we,  
Meeeoow me mew Meow mew me,

Serving each in his degree;  
Meeeoow meow me mew meeeow;

Children of the yoke and goad,  
Meeeoow me mew meow mew meow,

Pack and harness, pad and load.  
Meow mew meeoow, mew mew meow.

See our line across the plain,  
Mew mew meow meeoow mew meow,

Like a heel-rope bent again,  
Meow m meow-meow meow meeeow,

Reaching, writhing, rolling far,  
Meeeeeow, meeoow, meeoow mew,

Sweeping all away to war!  
Meooooow mew meow me mew!

While the men that walk beside,  
Meeow mew mew meow meow meeeow,

Dusty, silent, heavy-eyed,  
Meeow, meeeow, meow-meow,

Cannot tell why we or they  
Meoow meow mew me me meow

March and suffer day by day.  
Meeow mew meeeow mew me mew.

Children of the Camp are we,  
Meeeoow me mew Meow mew me,

Serving each in his degree;

Meooooow meow me mew meeeow;

Children of the yoke and goad,  
Meeooooow me mew meow mew meow,

Pack and harness, pad and load!  
Meow mew meooooow, mew mew meow!

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Mew me mew Meeooooow Meeooooow Meooooow me Meooooow'm Meeoow Meow