

# Duetto buffo di due gatti

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## One-shot

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*I don't own them. It's all JK Rowling's. I'm just borrowing them for the moment.*

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"I am not going to be dressed in that!" Severus hissed. "I don't care if it's Halloween. I. Will. Not. Wear. That. Ridiculous. Costume."

Lucius sighed heavily. "Well, how else are we going to be convincing in our duet, Severus?" he asked. "This piece requires the visuals in order for it to be effective."

Severus growled at Lucius. "I couldn't care less," he said in a deathly quiet voice. "It's bad enough you want us to sing that infernal song."

Lucius looked hurt. "It's not an 'infernal song,' Severus!" he complained. "If performed well, it's a good comedic piece. The more we ham it up, the better."

Severus sighed and blew a few strands of hair from his face. "Very well," he murmured. "But this will be the last time I ever do anything that came out of that infernal Rossini's quill."

Lucius rolled his eyes. "It's *attributed* to him, Severus. I don't know if he actually wrote the piece." He checked his cape and his headpiece. "All is in order. We should be going, Severus. And don't worry. This will be fun."

Severus grunted. "Honestly, Dark Revels would be more fun than this."

"Now you're talking rot, my friend," Lucius said with an edge to his voice. "You never liked them."

"Precisely," Severus hissed.

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Two men dressed as cats glided onto the stage. One of the cats was as white as snow, the other as black as night. They looked towards the pianist and nodded their heads. After the first few chords were played, the dark cat opened his mouth and sang the first phrase, which consisted of the word, "Miaow." The audience started to laugh when they realised the voice of the black cat belonged to none other than the infamous Hogwarts Potions master, Severus Snape.

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