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LEGENDARY HUNTER

Down in the wild woods where roads there are none Hedgemond the Hedgehog is out to have fun With three hundred spikes across his round back Hedgemond the Hunter commences attack Wolf and ram praise him, and even the bear Knows of brave Hedgemond, a hunter so rare The wolf steps aside, the hawk stands in awe The great patterned snake lets him go before Lord of his world and fearsome defender About him they tell stories of splendour.

FOX'S LETTER

One sunny day, so the story is told Hedgemond was given a letter so bold Sweet words were delivered straight from the sack Of postman rabbit, in uniform black

The address was short, the letters so neat 'For Hedgemond hunter at 3, Meadow street' The letter it said in words very kind *I dream about you and keep you in mind*

Here at my home in the quarry so near I write with goose quill to colleague so dear Come over for lunch, oh don't be tardy snubbing my invite would be foolhardy

With stew a-cooking and whiskers all greased I'm waiting for you to share in my feast To end I send you my warmest embrace Now over to you dear rabbit will race

> Hegemond was happy, he took the invite Made himself ready for one pleasant night He smiles to himself, and thinks of the fun Looks over his spikes and sharpens each one

> > 'If on the way I run into a fight My foe will suffer a terrible fright!'



AT FOX'S HOUSE

The sun was peaking high up in the sky When fox spied dear Hedgemond walking nearby In front of the house with high walls of stone He bent himself low to salute her home

He chose his words well and doffed his great hat A gentleman all and courtly at that: 'Good day my dear fox, all compliments due With three-hundred spikes I bow down to you May goose down so soft adorn your rooms well Your kitchen a-waft with fried chicken smell! Goose wings to fan you in humid weather And pillows all stuffed with fine duck feather

May you live in peace and joy evermore May the wolf be kept away from your door And just one more phrase I would like to add I'm ready to eat with heart that is glad!' Dinner commences, nutritious and fine Dear fox and Hedgemond with contentment shine With dish after dish the table was blessed And regular toasts from the honoured guest:

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'To fox and her home, may good luck abound And to swift demise of hunter's fierce hound!' Full four hours later, the meal was all done And Hegdemond's stomach sat tight as a drum.