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Farmyard Scene With Cat, Rooster, Hen And Mouse - French School, Early 19th Century



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 65

Height : 54

Description

An oil on canvas depicting an animal scene inside a barn. In the foreground, a rooster with vibrant plumage appears to be facing a seated cat that is attentively observing the scene, while a hen appears in the background, in the shadows. On the ground, several mice attract the feline's attention and introduce a subtle tension into this lively composition. The painter has constructed the scene like a miniature rural narrative: the vigilant rooster seems to challenge the cat, drawn to the rodents hidden in the straw. The cat's gaze, turned slightly towards the viewer, reinforces the lively and theatrical character of the whole, as if the viewer had just entered the barn and stumbled upon this animated scene. The side lighting highlights the rooster's flamboyant plumage and the cat's fur, while the dark background of the

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barn is rendered in deep brown tones that accentuate the rustic atmosphere of the composition. The way the rooster is painted, almost like a true animal portrait, recalls the tradition of farmyard scene painters from northern France and the Flemish sphere.