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Your heart will be broken, you cry. Ah, well,
I should love you so much the more.

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CEDRIC THE WISE.

In that town of our dear land of England, in the which I was born and grew up to manhood, the folk were wont to tell many tales of the good King Alfred. Albeit those who dwell at the same time as that good king had had sons and daughters, and these in their turn had children, and these again yet other children, and so well till the years be many that I betwixt our time and his, yet does the renown of King Alfred last among us, and is spoken of even now. He it was who fought the wicked Danes and beat them, driving them all out of our country to their own, save only those whom he slew so that they could work no more; and this, indeed, is the only sure way to forefend against a Dane doing ill for they are of a truth bad men and given to all manner of knavery and sin.

Now my father has often told me how that when King Alfred had driven out the Danes and beat them, driving them all out of our country to their own, save only those whom he slew so that they could work no more; and this, indeed, is the only sure way to forefend against a Dane doing ill for they are of a truth bad men and given to all manner of knavery and sin.

In Reading was his dwelling, and over the men of that borough he sat in the doomsman's chair every day in the church yard, setting right that which was crooked and uplifting the small against the great, the feeble folk against the strong. Now the talk of his righteousness spread, as when a stone drops in a mere the ripples it spread out, and there is now a great and that to the king's ears came the name of Doomsman Cedric, the son of Hend.

And the king said unto himself, "Perchance these be but fond fictions which are told to me, and yet I have seen the truth in them; but strange it is that a man should be not only so righteous but so wise that none make plain touching any of the dooms he gives forth, and he so powerful over the thing that he doeth, he habited himself like unto a simple knight at arms, and rode forth from London, taking the high road to Reading to see for himself what manner of man this Cedric might be. Dittion he passed and Windsor also, and wherever he tarried for the night as folk ate their supper he heard them talk as they quaffed their ale or mead of Cedric the Doomsman and the wonder of his wisdom and his righteousness, until the king began to grow hot within him at the endless babble, as it seemed to him, concerning the worthiness of this one man.

So he rode on until he came to Staines, and as he was about to pass over the bridge he saw, lying in the dust at the wayside, a beggar, habited in rags, and begging alms from the passers by.

"Help me, oh, stranger!" said the beggar.

"With all my heart," answered the king, and took from his pouch three pennies, which he gave to the beggar.

"Help me, oh, stranger!" quoth once more the beggar.

"Thou art a greedy varlet!" said the king; "what more dost thou want?"

"I am old and weak," answered the beggar; "will thou not set me behind thee on the horse and carry me to Reading town?"

"With all my heart!" replied once more the king, and straightway set him forth as he was upon his horse, and in that wise rode over the bridge and along the high road into the town of Reading. As they went down the High street the king said to the beggar, "Where wilt thou that I set thee down?"

"Thou art a saucy varlet," quoth the king; "and it will be using thee unkindly were I to pitch thee off my horse into the gutter there by the side of us."

"Hast thou the face to call it thy horse?" quoth the beggarman. "Thou shameless thing! thou knowest well the horse belongs to me."

"Thy horse!" shouted the king.

"Ay mine," said the beggar.

"We will see about that," said the king.

"We truly will," said the beggar, and with that he made a loud outcry, calling aloud: "Thief! thief!" so that they who passed by stopped and wondering at the noise, asked who might be the thief, and in that way the beggar became a foreigner to them all, had been wronged.

He says the silver is his. I say it is mine. Yet do I make oath that to me and not to him does it belong."

Then said the king: "Nay, but this man lies. He came to my house as he says, but that is all the truth there is in his tale. When he had taken his meat he asked me whether I had silver to give to him in place of gold coin. 'Ay,' quoth I, and laid out on my fleshing block a handful of silver coins, which, when he saw, he caught up with his hand, and so was making off when I clutched him by the wrist and hailed him before thee, our doomsman. To this will I make oath and a seal, while I am on upright man and the rightful owner of the silver."

And when the doomsman asked it of them, each of the twain, the fleshier and the miller, stuck to his tale, nor altered it a jot. Then quoth the doomsman, "Leave ye the silver with me and come again on the morrow." And they went their own ways.

Then came forward the king and the beggar, and the king said: "I was riding toward this town, and when I came to the bridge of Staines I saw this man seated by the roadside, and when he asked me to lift him on my horse, I, seeing that he was old and feeble, said yes with good heart and carried him into this town of yours, in the which he was no sooner come than he claimed my horse to my own face, saying that it was his and no mine. This is the word of one who tries to be a righteous man in the truth, oh, doomsman."

"I was riding toward the town on this horse when I met this young man who, saying he was high dead from hard going, asked me to help him on his way. With a good heart I did so, putting him before me on the horse; but when we were going toward the High street he claimed of me my horse, and when I would not give it up he had me hailed before thee. This on the word of an old and righteous man is the truth, oh, doomsman?"

"I leave thee the horse," here with me and come again on the morrow."

So the king and the beggar went their own ways, and on the morrow were in the church yard, as were the others also, to hear the doomsman Cedric would give.

The scrivener and the hedger were called, "Take thy wife, scrivener," said Cedric, "and let the ears be cut from off the hedger."

The hedger lost his ears and the scrivener gained his wife, and yet some said their lots were equal.

Then were called the fleshier and the miller.

"Take thy silver, miller," said Cedric, "and let the right hand be cut from off the fleshier."

So the miller got his silver and the fleshier lost his hand.

Then were called the king and the beggar were called.

"Come with me," said Cedric to the king, and he took him to a stable hard by where were a score of horses. "Pick out thine own horse," said Cedric to the king, and he did so.

"Now," said Cedric, "come both of you to him: 'Pick out thine own horse from among a score of horses,' and the beggar, whose eyes were keen and whose arts were nimble, picked out the king's horse and said: "Now," said Cedric, "come both of you to the doomsman's seat," and when they were gathered there once more Cedric said to the king:

"Take thy horse and let the old man be hanged."

And the king marvelled at the wisdom of the doomsman, and said to him:

"Now I know that all I have heard is true. Thou art as full of wisdom and art as egg of meat. Know then that I am King Alfred," and when Cedric had bowed his knee before him the king said:

"Tell me, I pray thee, how thou gavest such right judgment for I have heard that thou dealt as righteously with the scrivener and the miller as with me."

"All three were but small matters, oh, king," said Cedric, "but this was the manner in which I settled them. Then I sawest how that I kept all night the three things afoot which was a bickering."

"I did," said the king.

"Well," said Cedric, "in the morning I turned back to the town and said, 'Smooth me down a skin, for I need a write,' and she took a skin and rubbed it after the fashion of a scrivener's helper, and then I knew that she belonged to the scrivener and not to the hedger, for how would a hedger's wife know aught of writing or of making ready skins whereon to write?"

"The silver," said Cedric, "I put in a pot of water and left it over night. In the morning there floated on the top of the water a fine white dust. Then I knew it belonged to the miller, whose hands and arms were covered with ground wheat, and not to the fleshier, whose hands were greasy with his meats. Had it been his, oil and not dust would have been on the water's top."

"The very well," said the king. "And my horse!"

"Truly therein I had pains to find the truth. For though of course thou knowest thy beast among the score, and doubtless would have known him amid an hundred, yet when I called the beggar in so did he, too, and I was puzzled."

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