

him, and begged him a-gain and again, with tears in her eyes, that he would spare them.

(1) At last the King turned and looked at her as she knelt before him. For a little while he did not speak.

(2) Then all at once he said, "Ah, Dame, I would that you had been in some other place just now. But I can-not say 'No' to you. So I give these men to you, to do with them as you will."

(3) Then the Queen had the