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THE EDGE OF THE MOOR

(MARY enters, skipping and singing a section of "It's a Maze" on "la". DICKON appears from behind a topiary.)

DICKON

Hello there, Mary.

MARY

Who are you?

DICKON

I'm Martha's brother, Dickon. I hope I didn't fright thee.

MARY

But what are you doing here?

DICKON

I did fright thee. I'm sorry.

MARY

But why haven't I seen you before?

DICKON

A body has to move gentle and speak low when wild things is about.

MARY

You mean you're here all the time?

DICKON

Well, if somethin' is sick I take a look at it, sure I do. And find the ponies that wander off and the eggs that roll out of the nests, but look here. Me mother's sent you a penny's worth of seeds for your garden.

(A ROBIN whistles "tell her what kind.")

DICKON

There's columbine and poppies by the handful.

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MARY

I don't have a garden.

DICKON

But don't you want one? One of your own, I mean.

(MARY isn't sure she wants to talk to him, but his spell is beginning to work on her.)

DICKON

Come and look at your seeds, why don't you? Well, if you don't want 'em, I'll...

*(He pours the seeds in her hand.)
(The ROBIN is heard again: "Take the seed, girl...")*

MARY

I want to go in that garden. Where the robin lives.

DICKON

I wasn't sure you'd seen him.

MARY

Seen him? He's done nothing but chirp at me ever since I got here.

(The ROBIN whistles: "You're a saucy lass.")

DICKON

But, you have to understand, he's makin' his nest. And he can't afford to have you interferin' if you're not friendly.

(The ROBIN whistles again: "So are you friendly?")

MARY

How do you know that?

DICKON

Because we were just talkin' about you, how do you think?

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MARY

He was talking too, or just you?

DICKON

What he thinks, is that you're lookin' for a nest yourself, only it looks to him like your nest would have to be pretty big.

MARY

Have you ever been in there?

DICKON

It's not mine to go into, Mary. But it might be yours, I can't say. He's been keepin' it safe for somebody, that much I know.

MARY

He has?

DICKON

Same way as the ivy grown up to hide the door. But maybe the robin is waitin' to hear why you want to go in there, exactly. Bein' as he's got the safest nestin' spot in all England, he's wise to be wary.

MARY

Can you tell him I'm friendly?

DICKON

I could, but what if you wanted to tell him something else and I wasn't here? Be much quicker if you learned to talk to him yourself.

MARY

But what could I say that he would understand?

DICKON

Well I wouldn't mention that you were an egg-eater, if you know what I mean. But are you interested in flyin' perhaps? Or bugs?

MARY

I'm afraid not.

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DICKON

Well, then just tell him about yourself, and I'll translate into Yorkshire for you
'til you get the way of it.