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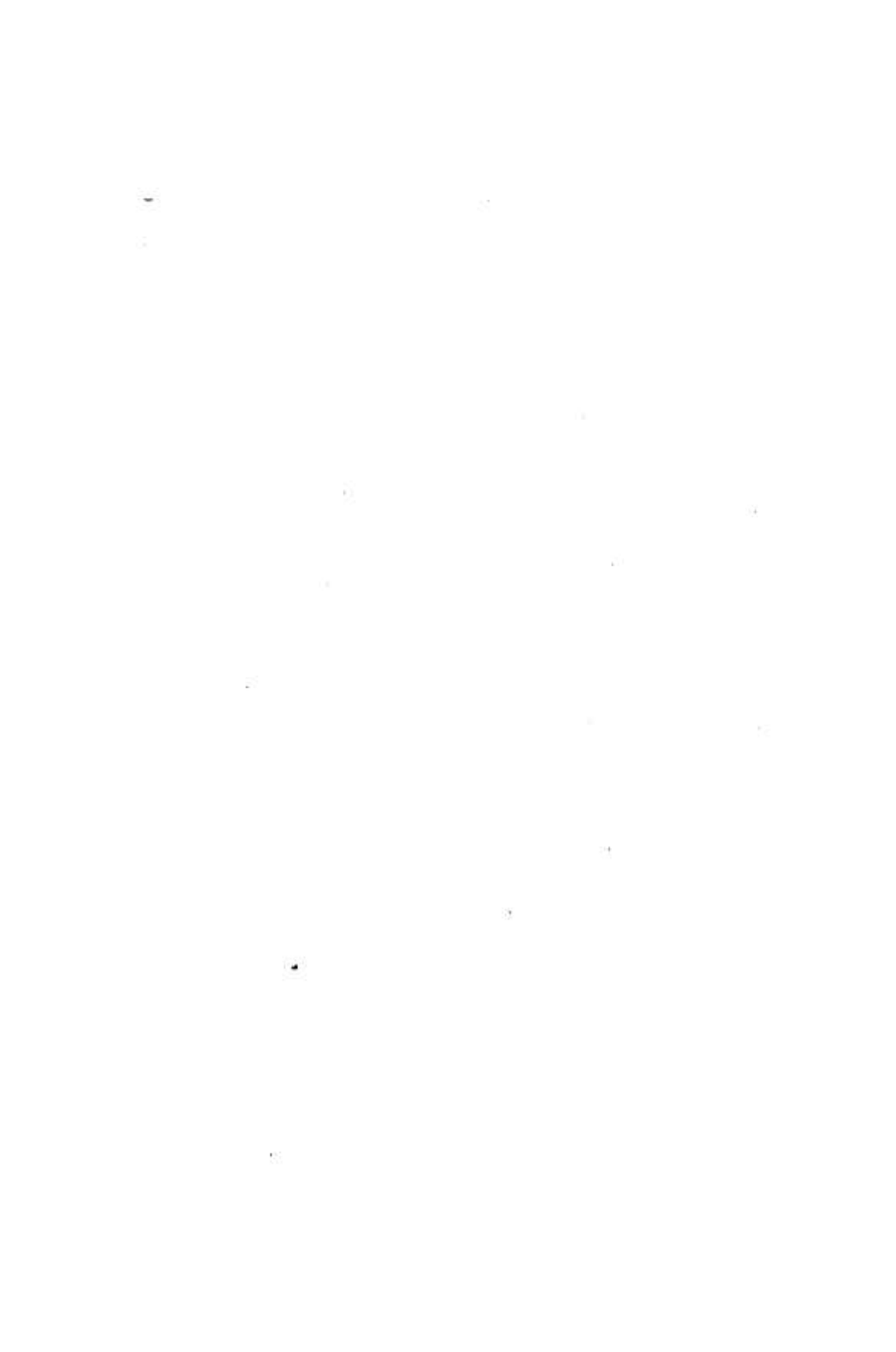
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BOOK I.



EDWIN OF DEIRA.

BOOK I.

WITH hasty rein from off the bloody field
Prince Edwin with a score of followers fled
Toward King Redwald's border—thither drawn
By hope, which was twin-brother to despair—
The grey King Redwald, though to him unknown,
Long time his father's friend, who ruled a land
In peace beyond the vapour-burdened hills.
But Ethelbert upon the fiers swooped
Like peregrine on pigeons, striking down
And scattering. Edwin 'scaped, but 'scaped as one
Wet-fetlocked from the Morecambe tide, that brings