

A Ghost Story

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About 60 years ago two men in the Barcul district had a quarrel over the fencing of some land. One of the men died before they became friendly. At night when the other man would go to the rick for turf he would always see the figure of the dead man standing there. Neither of them used speak, but this night he made up his mind that the next time he would see him he would ask him if he could help him in any way. One night the other members of the family were visiting, and the man was fixing the fire in the kitchen. When he raised his head he saw his neighbour the dead man sitting there. The man said he was very cold and tired and that he could not get to Heaven until he got the other man's forgiveness. He also said that two very bad things were, cursing and talking bad of your neighbour. The man forgave him and the figure at once vanished, and was never seen again.

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