

## THE DARK TOWER

# THE DRAWING OF THE THREE

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**ODETTA HOLMES WAS BORN IN MISSISSIPPI IN 1938 TO DAN AND SARAH WALKER HOLMES. THE HOLMES FAMILY WAS WELL TO DO, THANKS TO DOCTOR DAN HOLMES' SUCCESSFUL DENTAL PRACTICE. ODETTA LED A HAPPY CHILDHOOD—THAT IS, UNTIL THE FATEFUL EVENTS OF MARCH 1944.**

**ON A JOURNEY TO AUNT BLUE'S WEDDING, THE HOLMES FAMILY WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF WHITE SUPREMACISTS LED BY A MYSTERIOUS MAN CALLED WALTER. WALTER TRIED TO KIDNAP THE YOUNG ODETTA AND SPOKE OF SOMETHING CALLED THE KA. THANKFULLY, ODETTA AND HER FAMILY WERE SAVED BY THE LEAGUE OF THE GILEADITES, LED BY BERT ALBUENO. BUT WALTER CALLED HIM BY A DIFFERENT NAME: CUTHBERT ALLGOOD.**

**ON HER TRIP BACK HOME FROM THE WEDDING, HOWEVER, ODETTA FOUND HERSELF IN DANGER AGAIN. A SERIAL KILLER NAMED JACK MORT DROPPED A BRICK FROM A WINDOW IN A TALL BUILDING AND HIT ODETTA ON THE HEAD, SENDING HER INTO A DEEP COMA.**

**WHILE ODETTA WAS UNCONSCIOUS IN THE HOSPITAL, SHE RECEIVED A VISIT FROM NONE OTHER THAN WALTER—THE SAME WALTER THAT TRIED TO KIDNAP HER ONLY WEEKS BEFORE. HE SPRINKLED A MAGICAL DUST ON ODETTA'S EYES WHILE SHE SLEPT—A DUST HE SAID WOULD GIVE HER NIGHTMARES ABOUT A MAN NAMED ROLAND.**

**THE NEXT DAY, THE HOLMES FAMILY DISCOVERED THAT THEIR DAUGHTER HAD WOKEN UP—BUT SOMETHING WAS VERY WRONG...**

**SHE WAS NOT ODETTA ANYMORE.**

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I can't even begin to imagine what my parents and the medical staff thought had happened to me. Maybe they thought I was possessed.

In a way, I suppose I was. Odetta Holmes, the girl I was, was gone. Instead there was a screaming harpy in my body, my mind... and her name was...

Detta! My name's Detta! Stop sticking an "O" in there! That's not me!



Hold her arm steady.

I...I don't understand--!



Get that pig sticker outta me! Get it out! Stick it up your own--



--aaaaaaaaaas...



Mommy...?




Oh, thank God...thank God...







**BLAAAAAM**



Someone...  
shot it?  
Who--



**BLAM**  
**BLAM**  
**BLAM**



A...a  
cowboy?



No. He's  
a really bad  
man.



And if we  
don't get the  
hell outta here,  
he'll shoot us,  
too.