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ERRATUM

DIAN

Page 230, line 4, *for* 'Mass,' *read* 'mass.'

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## PERSONS

MARK, King of Cornwall.

TRISTAN, his nephew.

JOVELIN, Duke of Arundel.

KAHEDIN, his son.

THE BISHOP OF THAMES,

MARJODO, Seneschal at Tintagel.

MELOT OF AQUITAINE, a Dwarf and Astrologer.

KURVENAL, servant to Tristan.

THE CHIEF HUNTSMAN OF KING MARK,

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ISEULT, Queen of Ireland.

ISEULT, her daughter, Queen of Cornwall.

ISEULT OF THE WHITE HANDS, daughter of Jovelin.

BRANGAENA, kinswoman and friend of Iseult of Cornwall.

*Sons of Rual, priests, subjects of King Mark and of Duke  
Jovelin, grooms, huntsmen, little maidens.*

SCENES : *At Dublin, on the sea at Tintagel and Caerleon, in  
Cornish Forest, in Parmenie and at Arundel.*

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## PROLOGUE

*A laboratory in the royal palace at Dublin. It is so dusk that the various objects are only seen as shades of deeper darkness.*

QUEEN ISEULI *looms beside an alembic in the foreground.*

BRANGAENA *kneels further back adjusting flax on a spindle.*

QUEEN. Where art thou ?

BRANGAENA. Here.

QUEEN. The Love-Charm is combined !  
It waits to live.

BRANGAENA. Before the incantation,  
Tell me for whom I gathered on the hills  
The maddening colt's-foot that the mares and  
stallions

Wrench from the dust to feed their rushing flames ;  
For whom, on the sea-shore, sea-holly's root ?

QUEEN. My child, who, loses all, shall lose not love,  
Or she will walk the earth of men a shade ;