

KINGDOM OF EARTH **ACT ONE**

MYRTLE: Lot, baby, I think we ought to turn right around and drive back.

LOT: No. We're home. We're not gonna leave here. Chicken's just tryin' to scare us. Why don't you leave, Chicken, if you're scared of the flood?

CHICKEN: I ain't about to leave here. You know we got this agreement. Have you forgotten about the agreement we signed between us?

LOT: That was before I got married. Now I am.

CHICKEN [*to Myrtle*]: Are you his nurse?

MYRTLE: Why, no, I'm Mrs. Lot Ravenstock and have been Mrs. Lot Ravenstock since yesterday mawnin'.

CHICKEN: I know of invalid men to marry their nurses, or anyhow live with 'em like they was married.

MYRTLE: We're married, and I wasn't a nurse. Y'know I don't think I ever seen so little resemblance between two brothers.

CHICKEN: We're *half* brothers.

LOT: Chicken's much darker complected. Don't you notice?

CHICKEN: I work out in the fields and Lot just lays in bed.

LOT [*to Chicken*]:—I'd like some hot coffee, now.

CHICKEN: Coffee's in the kitchen. [*He turns to the kitchen.*]

MYRTLE: Git up, Lot. Come along.

LOT: How does he impress you?

MYRTLE: I wouldn't call that man a pleasant surprise.

LOT: Don't let him scare you.