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HÚRIN AND HUOR ARE
CARRIED TO GONDOLIN

There Thorondor espied them,
and he sent two of his Eagles to
their aid; and the Eagles bore
them up and brought them
beyond the Encircling
Mountains to the secret vale
of Tumladen and the hidden city
of Gondolin, which no Man
had yet seen.

*Ch. 1, The Childhood of Túrin,
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THE WORDS OF HÚRIN
AND MORGOTH

‘Sit now there,’ said Morgoth,
‘and look out upon the lands
where evil and despair shall come
upon those whom you have
delivered to me. For you have
dared to mock me, and have
questioned the power of Melkor,
Master of the fates of Arda.
Therefore with my eyes you shall
see, and with my ears you shall
hear, and nothing shall be hidden
from you.’

*Ch. III, The Words of Húrin
and Morgoth, disc 2 track 17*





BELEG DEPARTS FROM
MENEGROTH

But as Thingol turned the hilt of Anglachel towards Beleg, Melian looked at the blade; and she said: 'There is malice in this sword.

The heart of the smith still dwells in it, and that heart was dark. It will not love the hand that it serves; neither will it abide with you long.'

'Nonetheless I will wield it while I may,' said Beleg; and thanking the king he took the sword and departed. Far across Beleriand he sought in vain for tidings of Túrin, through many perils; and that winter passed away, and the spring after.

*Ch. V, Túrin in Doriath,
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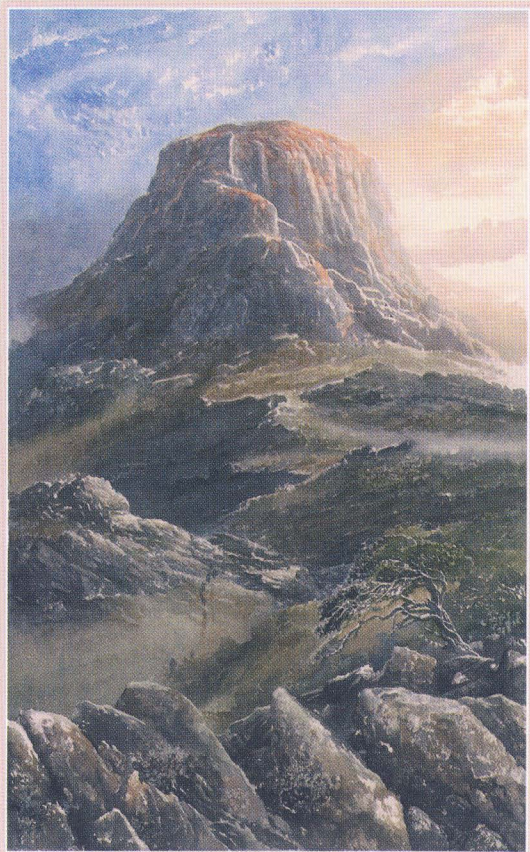
AMON RŪDH

As the afternoon was waning the outlaws drew near to the roots of the hill. They came now from the north, for so Mîm had led them, and the light of the westering sun fell upon the crown of Amon Rûdh, and the *seregon* was all in flower.

'See! There is blood on the hill-top,' said Andróg.

'Not yet,' said Túrin.

*Ch. VII, Of Mîm the Dwarf,
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THE REFORGING OF
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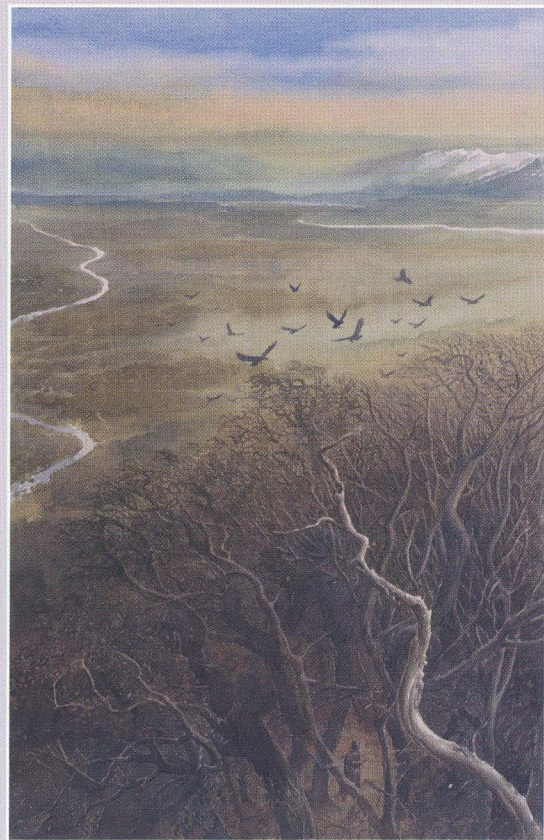
The sword Anglachel was forged anew for him by the cunning smiths of Nargothrond, and though ever black its edges shone with pale fire. Then Túrin himself became known in Nargothrond as Mormegil, the Black Sword, for the rumour of his deeds with that weapon; but he named the sword Gurthang, Iron of Death.

*Ch. X, Túrin in Nargothrond,
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THE COMING OF TÚRIN
INTO BRETHIL

But too late now Túrin sought for Finduilas, roaming the woods under the eaves of Ered Wethrin, wild and wary as a beast; and he waylaid all the roads that went north to the Pass of Sirion. Too late. For all trails had been washed away by the rains and the snows. But thus it was that Túrin passing down Teiglin came upon some of the People of Haleth from the Forest of Brethil.

*Ch. XIII, The Coming of Túrin
into Brethil, disc 6 track 13*





THE COMING OF
GLAURUNG

A day came when two men returned to Ephel Brandir in terror, for they had seen the Great Worm himself. 'In truth, lord,' they said, 'he draws now near to Teiglin, and turns not aside. He lay in the midst of a great burning, and the trees smoked about him. The stench of him is scarce to be endured.'

Ch. XVI, The Coming of Glaurung, disc 7 track 11

THE DEATH OF TÚRIN

But Túrin sped far before them, and came to Cabed-en-Aras, and stood still; and he heard the roaring of the water, and saw that all the trees near and far were withered, and their sere leaves fell mournfully, as though winter had come in the first days of summer...

Then Túrin set the hilts upon the ground, and cast himself upon the point of Gurthang, and the black blade took his life.

Ch. XVIII, The Death of Túrin, disc 8 track 13



NOTE ON THE MAP

This map is closely based on that in the published *Silmarillion*, which was itself derived from the map that my father made in the 1930s, and which he never replaced, but used for all his subsequent work. The formalised, and obviously very selective, representations of mountains, hills and forests are imitated from his style.

In this redrawing I have introduced certain differences, intended to simplify it and to make it more expressly applicable to the tale of *The Children of Húrin*. Thus it does not extend eastward to include Ossiriand and the Blue Mountains, and certain geographical features are omitted; while (with a few exceptions) only names that actually occur in the text of the tale are marked.

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