

BLIND COWBOY

I don't want more money. What sorta asshole takes money for rescuin' a kid.

FORTH

'Kid'? What do you mean 'kid'?

BLIND COWBOY

A kid. Eight years old, mebbe nine? I see him. His spirit's powerful radiant. I can see why that witch covets him so. She ain't givin' him up easy so I hope you're ready for a helluva dustup -

The Cowboy turns to Forth but he is gone.

INT. SHAM'S TENT - DUSK

Sham is making war preparations when the tent flap flies open. Forth marches to Sham, grabs her and kisses her. She squirms away but he's strong. The kiss gets more torrid - SHE PUNCHES HIM in the face. He tumbles to the dirt.

SHAM

Stop.

He runs at her, she KUNG FU kicks him. He holds his ribs, groaning. He runs at her again. BAM! She clobbers him into a table. He rolls over, moaning.

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START

SHAM (CONT'D)

What are you trying to do?

HE GROANS as he gets to his knees...

FORTH

Eight years old, huh? Eight?

Sham stiffens: found out. Forth stands with pain.

FORTH (CONT'D)

The leader of the allies? Commanding them from inside a prison? Is dating an Amazon twenty years his senior? Eight years old? Quite the over-achiever is this kid. Who is he?

Her eyes plead with him... she shakes her head...

SHAM

Please don't, Forth. You have to trust me -

FORTH

You're spoken for by an eight year old kid?

SHAM

Yes.

FORTH

My band is gone, my friends, gone. I've nearly died on two different planets, I've come all the way out here to fight a million killer robots and it's all because I'm in love with you.

It's a bullet straight to Sham's heart.

FORTH (CONT'D)

I know it sounds crazy after knowing you just one day, but it's the truth.

Her resolve starts to crack, she tries to walk out but he grabs her.

FORTH (CONT'D)

So if you're going to throw me over for some kid... then you owe me an explanation. What, is it an arranged marriage? Are you a space princess or some shit?

She resists. He shakes her til tears start to gather...

FORTH (CONT'D)

I can't do this without you so you tell me. Tell me or I walk.

Her mouth trembles, it's the worst thing he could say...

SHAM

No... Forth... you can't....

FORTH

The truth. Tell me! Who is he?

... she blurts it out finally -

SHAM

HE'S YOU.

Tears rush down her face.

SHAM (CONT'D)

He's you, Forth. The Boy King is you.

(MORE)

SHAM (CONT'D)

(beat)

He's your soul.

Forth is paralyzed by the statement. He backs away, thinking it another lie -

SHAM (CONT'D)

Don't go. Listen to me...

(beat)

You can't remember your childhood because you're not whole. It's because when time first reset... it split your soul from your body. There are two of you now. The man with no childhood and your soul. An unaging boy, locked in time.

Forth struggles to process it all.

SHAM (CONT'D)

You have to fight the Queen to set things right. She's making an example of you. It's the way it always goes.

(beat)

But for time to be healed, to become whole again... so do you.

FORTH

If time's still resetting... That means I must have lost before. Right?

SHAM

I've watched you die more times than I can count.

(beat)

But I've also watched you live. With me. I remember the years we had together. I remember how we fought. How we loved.

Sham is awash with tears now, but her face remains composed.

SHAM (CONT'D)

... I tried this time. I tried so
hard not to...

(love you)

END
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Forth's anger is gone, replaced now by strength and calm.

Forth does the only thing he can do. He pulls her into his arms and KISSES her, deep and slow. And soon, they are devouring each other with a heat ten thousand years old...