## Ancient, Part Iv: Zillah And The Crone

Of all my children, none so beloved my sweet Zillah, none so desired her tender skin, her blood so saccharine I was mesmerized by her enchanting eyes. But she would turn from me, she had no love to me nothing I'd provide could keep her satisfied so I took to roam the wilderness alone Amid the whispering trees, a wrinkled crone I did see. Crone: "My spell can make thee win her heart Drink of my blood then we'll start." Caine: "Her (foul) blood I drank for many nights and Zillah indeed became my wife. & quot; Crone: "The elixir hast bound thee My serving thrall thou always be.&guot; Caine: &guot; But after a Year (and a day) her grasp (on me) With a stake through the heart, I left her to the dawn."