

Residents "Devotion?"

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Shortly after I first met them, something that I said
upset them and
perhaps we should have parted then. I was saying how
important that they
were and what a fortune could be made if they would
let me try. But I did
not understand why they took in and had to stand by
those who were so
worthless to them both. Then they got extremely angry,
shouting that the
seedy gang behind them may not have much value in
my eyes...but they were
people and were needing what we give and if you see
them like you see some
roaches on the floor, then the sad one must be you who
sees himself as too
good to do something for the weak or ones with warts.
You disdain and
criticize someone who has been compromised but
really have no values of
your own, so maybe you should leave and find some,
steal or beg or maybe
buy some from a smiling banker or a store. At first I
was too shocked to
believe they would suggest that I should leave, and
what was even worse
was that I saw that they preferred their gutter rutting
friends above my
smugly strutting. And I admit it stunned and humbled
me. So I begged and
then beseeched them, "Let me stay and you could
teach some sense into this
tired old mind of mine." And of course we reconciled
with hugging arms and
tugging smiles that left me more secure, but still in
doubt. I truly loved
and felt devotion for them both, but I was broken up
and feeling powerless
inside. I must become important to them, intertwined
with roots into them,
or else I'd lose my false and newfound pride.

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