

“The Immortal’s Companion”  
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THE IMMORTAL: male or female, ageless.

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How old am I? I don’t really know. All I know is what I’ve seen. I was born with humankind, watched them grow, and when they finally obliterated themselves, I remained. And now, here you are. Will you come to hate your neighbor as we did? Cling to power? Will you repeat our mistakes or will you be better? I suppose that’s what we’ve always done. Fail, learn, grow, just to fail again. I don’t know if you’ve understood all this, but I hope, at least, you’ve learned one thing. You are my friend. I’m dying, you see. Just in time to see the dawn of a new world. And wouldn’t it be beautiful if the first thing this new world learned was friendship? That would be something to see.