

WHO ARE **THE** IRREPRESSIBLE! UNSTOPPABLE!
VIGILANT?

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DOOMED NEVER TO DIE, HE WANDERED THE EARTH FOR CENTURIES ON END!



ADAM ETERNO

A MAN TRAPPED BY A TERRIBLE DESTINY... A VICTIM OF HIS OWN, INCREDIBLE POWER! OUR STORY BEGINS IN AN ALCHEMIST'S HOVEL, SOMEWHERE IN 16TH CENTURY ENGLAND, AS A SHRILL, EXULTANT CRY RANG THROUGH THE FLICKERING SHADOWS!



THE POTION IS READY, ADAM! SOON WE WILL KNOW IF I HAVE DISCOVERED THE ELIXIR OF LIFE - THE SECRET OF ETERNAL YOUTH!

BY THE POWERS...!



DRINK, MASTER! I CANNOT WAIT TO SEE IF THE POTION WORKS...

NO! THE CHEMICALS NEED TIME TO BLEND, AND SIMMER!



BUT ADAM ETERNO COULD NOT WAIT! THAT NIGHT, AS HIS MASTER SLEPT...

WHY SHOULD THE DREAM OF ALL MEN BE WASTED ON THAT FRAGILE BAG OF BONES? I SHALL QUAFF THE ELIXIR, IN RETURN FOR MY YEARS OF SLAVISH DEVOTION!



BUT EVEN AS HE Poured THE STRANGE, GREENISH LIQUID DOWN HIS THROAT...

AAH! SO YOU BETRAY ME! A CURSE UPON YOU, ADAM...!



I VOW, BY THE SEVEN ROBES OF RANAS, THAT THE POTION WILL GIVE YOU A SECOND GIFT... THE GIFT OF EVERLASTING LIFE! YOU ARE DOOMED TO WANDER THE WORLD THROUGH THE LABYRINTHS OF TIME...!

PAH! SUCH GIBBERISH CANNOT FRIGHTEN ME...!



ONLY ONE THING WILL RESTORE YOU TO YOUR NORMAL SELF... A MORTAL BLOW... DELIVERED WITH A WEAPON OF SOLID GOLD!

HIS FRAIL BODY QUIVERING WITH RAGE, THE DOCTOR TOTTERED FOR A SECOND AT THE HEAD OF THE PRECARIOUS STAIRWAY, THEN...



DOCTOR... NO... NO!

AS HIS FATAL FALL ENDED ON THE STONE FLOOR OF THE CHAMBER, A FLAMING BRAZIER TOPPLED OVER...



I...I... DIDN'T MEAN!!

WITHIN SECONDS, THE LABORATORY WAS A MASS OF FLAMES...



W-WAKE UP... WE'VE G-GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE...!

THE FIRE HAD ATTRACTED A CROWD OUTSIDE THE COTTAGE—



AAAAAHHH!

THE HOVEL HAS COLLAPSED... THE ALCHEMIST AND HIS ASSISTANT ARE DOOMED!

NO LIVING THING COULD SURVIVE SUCH AN INFERNO!

THEN TO THE UTTER AMAZEMENT OF THE VILLAGERS...



I-I TRIED TO SAVE HIM...!

LOOK... IT CAN'T BE! SOMETHING STIRS IN THE BURNING WRECKAGE!

A WILD, INCREDULOUS CRY RANG THROUGH THE NIGHT!



THE DOCTOR HAS PERISHED... BUT I STILL LIVE! THE FLAMES HAVE NOT EVEN SCORCHED ME... THE CURSE HAS COME TRUE!



I CANNOT DIE, AND I CAN NEVER GROW OLD! I, ADAM ETERNO, AM INVINCIBLE... HAH, HAH, HEEEEEE!

HE IS BEWITCHED—A VICTIM OF THE ALCHEMIST'S SORCERY!

FLEE! FLEE...!



RUN, YE FOOLS... BUT WHAT DO I CARE? I SHALL GO TO ANOTHER PLACE... MAKE NEW FRIENDS! MY INVINCIBLE POWER WILL BRING ME FAME, AND RESPECT!

BUT, AS TIME PASSED, ADAM ETERNO BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND THE TERRIBLE MEANING OF THE ALCHEMIST'S CURSE ...

ETERNO HAS LIVED AMONGST US FOR SIXTY YEARS ... YET HE ALWAYS LOOKS THE SAME!

HE IS AS STRONG, AND YOUTHFUL NOW AS HE WAS IN MY BOYHOOD!

FEAR AND SUSPICION FOLLOWED HIM WHEREVER HE JOURNEYED ...

BEGONE FROM OUR COMMUNITY! YOU ARE NOT OF THIS WORLD!

HE DEFILES THE LAWS OF NATURE!

IN DESPERATION, HE JOINED THE ARMY. AT THE AGE OF 263, HE FOUGHT IN THE NAPOLEONIC WARS!

ADVANCE! DRIVE BACK THE FRENCHIES, MY LADS!

BUT EVEN THE HARDENED FIGHTING MEN WERE UNNERVED BY ADAM ETERNO'S AMAZING GIFT ...

LOOK ... HE IS STILL GOING ON! YET THE SHELL STRUCK HIM SQUARELY ON THE CHEST!

ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER, IN THE FIRST GREAT WAR, HE STRODE LIKE A DEATH-DEFYING SHADOW ACROSS THE FIELDS OF FLANDERS ...

WHAT KIND OF MAN IS THIS?

ACH, HIMMEL! WE HAVE EMPTIED OUR GUN AT HIM ... BUT HE DOES NOT FALL!

TO FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE, HE WAS A CREATURE TO BE FEARED ...

WHY DOST THOU STARE AT ME? I SAVED YOUR LIVES! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? I WIPE OUT THE MACHINE-GUN!

HE ... HE AIN'T HUMAN! HE CAN'T BE..!

REJECTED EVEN BY THE ARMIES OF THE WORLD, ADAM ETERNO WANDERED ON, AND ON ... A BITTER, LONELY OUTCAST, SEARCHING ONLY FOR ONE THING ...

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OLD MAN, HAVEN'T I SUFFERED ENOUGH? LET ME RETURN TO MY OTHER SELF! WHERE IS THE WEAPON OF GOLD THAT WILL RELEASE ME FROM MY TORMENT?

BUT SUCH A WEAPON ALWAYS ELUDED HIM! UNTIL, ONE DAY, IN THE YEAR 1970, WHEN ADAM ETERNO WAS 421 YEARS OLD!

THIEVES ... STOP THEM! THEY'VE JUST ROBBED OUR VAN OF A CONSIGNMENT OF GOLD BULLION!

MOVE! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE..!

ENCOUNTER ADAM ETERNO

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