

MIDNIGHT COMPANION

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A solo 18+ LARP about the shadows at the end of your bed and what would happen if they climbed in with you. A game to be played in bed at night, with only enough light to read the game.

Prepare

Adjust the lighting in your room to be as dark as you can get while still reading directions. Take care not to strain your eyes too much, but it helps if the darkness can play tricks on you. Spend some time in bed, focusing on your breathing and the breathing of the room around you, until you notice you aren't alone.

Answer as many of the following questions as you want to/feel comfortable answering. Try not to strain your eyes too much reading in the dark, if you can, and take breaks as needed. If you'd like, have a partner read out questions to you in the dark and answer them aloud.

Who's there?

- What does the figure look like? Are they humanoid, animal-like, ethereal, etc?
- What about their appearance stands out to you? Draws you to them?
- Does the rest of your room change when you see them? Is the air thicker or thinner? A different smell?
- How solid are they? Does their figure seem steady and fleshlike? Wispy and shakey?
- Do they see you watching them? What are they doing?
- Are they familiar to you? Have you seen them before? How many times? When?

- Do they have a face? If so, what expression are they making?

Closer

They join you in bed. What's it like?

- How close are they to you?
- Do they sit or lay with you? How are they positioned?
- Do you feel comfortable with them? Nervous?
- Are they hot? Cold?
- How do they feel against your skin?
- What do they smell like?

Together

You get to know each other more intimately than before.

- How are you vulnerable to them? Physically? Mentally? Emotionally?
- Where in your body can you feel them? Where in your mind?
- How do you explore them? With your hands? Your mouth?
- How does their body language or expression change when you touch them?
- Can you hear them? What do they sound like?
- Are you talking to them? What noises are you making?
- What do they taste like?

Remember

For a moment you close your eyes, open them again, and the shadow is gone.

- Were they real? How can you tell?
- Did they leave anything behind?
- Do you want them to come back? Why or why not?
- As you drift off to sleep, do you wish for dreams of them? Is your wish granted?