The Thirst

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BOOK DETAILS

Genre	Fantasy
Tropes	post-apocalyptic fantasy, fallen friend turned villain, gods' agents, horror transformation
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Length	304

LOGLINE

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