

## Beyond Skin

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On july 29th at 5:29 am  
The gadget turned the pre-dawned sky as bright as the sun  
As the first atomic mushroom cloud rose above the horizon.

We knew the world would not be the same...  
A few people laughed, a few people cried, most people were silent.  
I remembered the lines from the hindu scripture, the bhagavad gita  
Vishnu was trying to persuade the prince that he should do his duty  
And to impress him takes on his multi-armed form and says,  
"now I am become death, the destroyer of worlds."  
I suppose we all thought that, one way or another.

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