Failure and Temporality in the Work of Antoine Watteau

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The Slave

PEDROLINO

OR

PIERRO

(sixteenth century)

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GROS-GUILLAUME
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