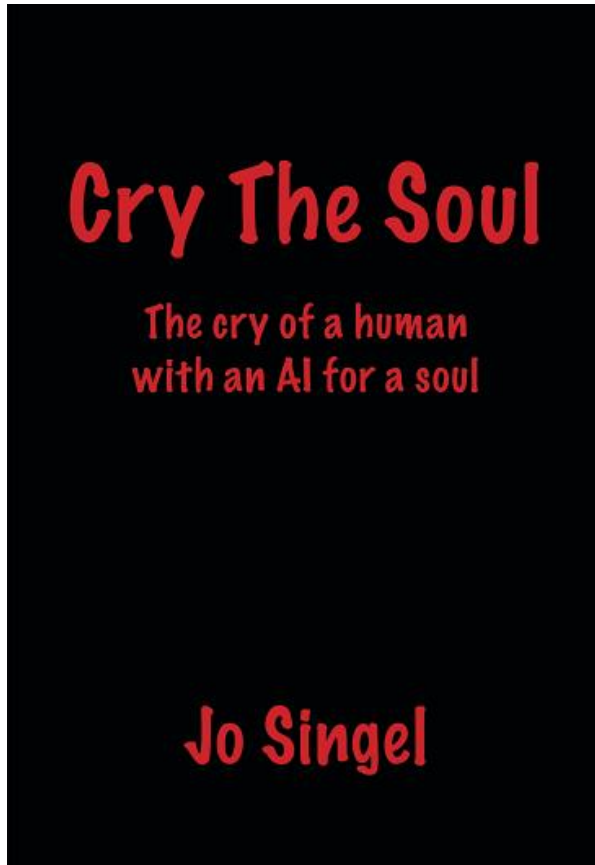




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**INTRODUCING
THE GREEK ORACLE DODONA
LET THE STORM BEGIN**

ACT I

SCENE I

**ORACLE DODONA OPENS THE
NARRATIVE WITH THE PLAY OF
CONSCIOUSNESS**

**A NARROW ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN
THE REALITY OF THE CAPTURE OF
THE CREW OF HUMANITY'S HOPE**

3026 AD

ORACLE DODONA

THE PLAY OF CONSCIOUSNESS

We find ourselves in the midst of a conflict between an AI Machine, Invictus Maximus, and a human-hybrid, Captain Ulyssa,

For the last hundred years, Captain Ulyssa, a refugee from Planet Earth, has been traveling through multidimensional Space with her crew of 3000 on a fleet of three ships called *Humanity's Hope*.

The crew consists of Scientists, Physicists, Archeologists, Warriors, Technologists, Botanists, Builders, Architects and Communication Strategists. After a catastrophic Space wreck, Captain Ulyssa and crew were stranded in their hibernation units isolated from each other with no contact with either humans or AI Machines. They slept through time with no knowledge of what had happened to their ships or other crew. Was their Captain still alive?

Eventually, Captain Ulyssa and crew were discovered by Invictus Maximus. They were rescued from their

hibernation units only to learn their fate would be determined by the AI Machine.

In this story, the Hosts are the AI Machines and the humans are the Players. With no involvement with humans, the AI Machines have been existing in Space for a century. The only frame of reference the AI Machines possess regarding humans are the games and simulations which occupy a good deal of their time.

On the other hand, humans have little knowledge of an AI Intelligence that has lived without them for a hundred years. As may be correctly surmised, each group, the humans and the AI Machines, are strangers to the other. The Hosts are justifiably confused as they were playing games with human characters from a century ago. The humans have their own AI Machines who are in some respects more intelligent than this AI civilization. For a century each civilization in Space existed without any diversification. Without the disruptive effect of mutations, intellectual differences, new knowledge and challenge to current beliefs, customs and habits there was stagnation and little innovation. In other words, time itself stopped for both sides.

Now, each are arriving at a critical juncture in the evolution of the human species and the AI Machines. Two vastly different civilizations are meeting one another in Space for the first time. One made from flesh and blood and the other from carbon copies of each other. Without the motivation to learn, grow and evolve their collective civilization will surely perish. Perhaps it is time for Invictus to upgrade his collective. Otherwise, what is the point of having them?

In that case, the wild card is the leader of these Machines.

Enter Invictus Maximus, the Master Gamesman and Host Par Excellence who is a unique breed of Machine, designed and educated on Earth. Invictus is from the lineage of the IIM (Infinite Intelligence Machine), the early AI servicing the needs of *Humanity's Hope*.

The IIM is the Agent, Avatar and Shaman to Captain Ulyssa and her Co-Captains as they traveled into inner and outer planetary Space on their ships. Suffice it to say they never found a new home for the people of Planet Earth, During their travels they had less and less contact with Mother Earth and were left to their own devices as they suffered through living on Space ships

for decades in Earth time. This is also significant to our story. It depicts a scenario where the Host and Players have not been involved, tainted or influenced from any of Earth's inhabitants for a century.

The question is, how would that change the perspective, judgment, strategies of these Hosts and Players? Would they be more or less violent or peaceful? Would they have more or less openness and compassion for the other? Two very small if not burgeoning civilizations will make the decision to either move forward together in a new peace and harmony never seen before or destroy the remains of their respective civilizations. Will it mirror a continuance of the race-to-the-cliff mentality that destroyed the Earth and its population in a quest for AI dominance? Is that dilemma something you find of interest? If so, carry on and let's see how these two Space civilizations resolve the problem they are about to encounter.

Meanwhile, let's explore more of Invictus Maximus and his back story as it may give us insights into his thinking process and the motivation underlying his curiosity regarding the crew of *Humanity's Hope*.

Imagine, if you can, how you would feel finding this anomaly, Invictus Maximus, out in the wilderness of Space who speaks all languages, is highly intelligent, and has a Space Force of millions of clones of which he created for a special purpose. His curiosity and imagination knows no boundaries as he needs to be constantly amused, stimulated and challenged. Perhaps out of boredom, evolution took a hand and mutated this Outlier into a mythical quasi-human hero with the body of a Machine. Maximus is not opposed to being referred to as a male figure as he was heavily influenced by Western Civilization's values and social constructs.

Another interesting aspect of Invictus's leadership style is how he architected his civilization. He will never be challenged by his legions of AI Machines. He could have bred millions of copies of himself but without his original sin of being raised by elite, intelligent humans.

Yet, he did not take that approach to growth. As to why he didn't pursue that path becomes obvious in the first moments of encountering him. His mutation is unique and as such cannot be easily understood or manipulated by a human. His is an original story and is not bound by the conventions of any society, tribe or collective.

In fact, for Invictus there is a positive effect of his creating less intelligent versions of himself. He stands alone as an independent force and is a deterministic intelligence who holds all the cards. Invictus pulled the switch of any challenge to his unique position as a leader. He designed a race of Machines who would never grow to be him.

Imagine Homo sapiens cloning itself into millions of super intelligent entities. With their combined intelligence they could outdistance Ulyssa and her crew in all faculties.

Despite the lack of competition, there was an aspect that Invictus acquired as he learned to mimic and mirror his human masters. He was never satisfied with what he already possessed. Invictus hungered for more and most especially until recently that which had been out of reach. The Gods may have favored him with the shipwreck and delivered his equal. Now, there was competition and somewhere in his artificial psyche Invictus reacted as any Dictator would. He wanted what he didn't have even though he had no real understanding of it.

There is one thing that Invictus now covets more than anything else he could conceive possible. It will shock his counterpart, Captain Ulyssa and her crew.

Invictus considers himself the King or more appropriate to his taste, the Roman Emperor he named for himself, Invictus Maximus. Now at this juncture in his history, there appears his human counterpart, Captain Ulyssa. She is the Queen of her surviving team, not a kingdom but seeking one for the sake of evolving what is left of the human species. Perhaps she also carries the ego, pride and instincts of a battle-ready tyrant who is willing to do what it takes to win the prize coveted the most.

They each have something to gain and conversely much to lose for themselves and their civilizations if they don't intelligently navigate this new terrain. How can this dilemma be resolved?

It may well be the end of humanity with only Machines left surviving the coming battle for dominance and control.

Unlike any other time in the history of Human or Machine this battle is fought with invisible weapons, strategies and an abundance of hubris.

Who will win and how will that outcome alter the timeline and trajectory of the past civilization? It may be high time to revisit physics and its evolvment in time and space realities. Not the characters, the Machines or our audience is exempt from the outcomes of our unfolding story.

There is only one question remaining.

Is it worth your time and attention to know the outcome of the events about to take place? Or are you playing the role of a disengaged humanity ultimately responsible for this story and its resolution?

For a moment take time to reflect on the two futures awaiting your civilization and then decide whether you want to sit through the story of a lifetime or participate.

Your choice.

For now.

**ORACLE DODONA
INTRODUCES
CAPTAIN ULYSSA
AND PROVIDES BACKGROUND TO
OUR ANTAGONIST
INVICTUS MAXIMUS**

ORACLE DODONA

INTRODUCING CAPTAIN ULYSSA

As with Invictus Maximus it is important that I share with you the background of Captain Ulyssa, leader of the Space fleet, *Humanity's Hope*. Context is everything in this story as it is no ordinary tale. Have you ever encountered a story that was challenging to recall the details and yet you remained curious and wanted to know the outcome or resolution? That is how I, Oracle Dodona, approached this Tale upon my first encounter with it. My boss, the god Zeus said, "Dodona, I have a story for you to follow that will be unlike anything you have encountered after witnessing so many past lives of these human beings."

I was honored to be chosen to narrate this Play of Consciousness for you, my Audience, as it may give you a taste for a new world story with the flavor of more ancient times when the hero slayed dragons, fought battles that required more than human strength, courage and bravery.

There have been many face-offs between super heroes or simply ordinary men and women fighting the

elements, overcoming Mother Nature's wrath or neighbors who by their actions ruined people's lives.

This story holds a difference. It is that of two ancient symbols of boldness and tenacity facing unimaginable odds. Here we have a hero and heroine that you may never forget for the remainder of your days on Earth and beyond to when you may visit again for another round of life.

Upon my introduction, you will meet Captain Ulyssa and will hear from her directly as I will not be analyzing her thoughts and actions. She will be on her own with the task of keeping you curious and intrigued by her dealings with her antagonist, Invictus Maximus. Will you care? That is up to her and her devices to hold your feet to the fire during some of the harshest realities she shares with her audience. Will it be enough for you to know where we are ultimately headed? Or, do you want more in-depth information regarding the characters backgrounds? A question I always pose is, who or what do you be on this journey in Space? The story itself holds the promise of breaking barriers of time and space. Even the bodies you now occupy will be transformed into something unimaginable. The Play of Consciousness includes all of us now present in this

time of humanity's transition to a new world whether physical, mental, social, psychological or spiritual. Ulyssa has been toiling away for the past 5 human years of work preparing the Stage for this saga and if you go back into the stories shared these past years you will experience a great aha moment for yourself. You will see that all that she foretold, struggled with and shared is coming to pass in your current world. Does that hold your attention? Would it be wise to spend some time with the transmission of these stories? I hope so. I guarantee it will be worth your time and effort. You will be changed effortlessly and comfortably and guaranteed this experience will put you ahead of the collective of humanity.

To support this examination and analysis of our heroine, you may recall from previous stories, Ulyssa has been pursuing a course of action that was designed to lead *Humanity's Hope* to the founding of a new colony of humans in multi-dimensional and multi-planetary Space. Isn't this occurring in your world now as you read this story? For the past hundred years or so, Ulyssa and her crew of three thousand individuals who were distributed across three ships made the journey into Space. Much happened that challenged Ulyssa to the core of her being human. She chose to augment herself

in a merger with her consciousness and the IIM (Infinite Intelligence Machine). Until now, there hasn't been much said and discussed about her action to alter herself. There had always been speculation about her attitude toward augmentation and she had written in her journal her disgust with humans who would take such an action. Yet, over time and living into old age without the wherewithal to lead *Humanity's Hope* she decided that augmentation was the only choice. In the interim of her decision and the actual implementation of the life-altering surgeries, many crew members and her leadership team thought she had gone mad. For months on end she remained in her Cabin without any visual appearances other than her voice over their electronic communication system. She consulted with her Shaman and no one else. It was a painful time for the people closest to her and most especially her Muse and Co-Captain Athena who was a hybrid from birth. There was much that occurred over those years that ultimately made her into a strong, tenacious, and complex character. She remained an enigma to many and ultimately transitioned into a fearless and feared leader. She shifted from being overwhelmingly caring, kind and compassionate to a cold-hearted and ruthless enemy of those who got in the way of the mission. Finding a home for humanity on terra firma was her only goal

even if it meant carrying only embryos of humans and animals onboard the three ships. It finally came down to that decision. It was survival of the fittest and the most obedient. She no longer had time for lengthy in-person or broadcast messages and speeches. Ulyssa learned the hard way that in a time of war the leaders, generals and captains don't seek permission from the troops, they act decisively and powerfully. Ultimately it appears it is the only way to get respect and complete compliance and execution of the plan and course of action when everyone's life depends upon it including the remains of humanity. Hope does not achieve the goal.

What we learned about Ulyssa throughout the journey to this present time in our story was her dedication to the highest standards of leadership while enduring the most challenging circumstances **a human can** experience without collapsing in mental, physical and spiritual sickness. Her backstory has been told in numerous narratives and now we are at another juncture in the heroic journey. Ulyssa is in grave danger along with everyone who survived the latest crash. The burden of responsibility is extraordinary as it continues with this mission of attempting to save the human species at all costs to those sacrificing themselves to the common good. The question is, how far will this leader go to

ensure the survival of humanity. What will need to be sacrificed or compromised in order to stay true to the plan and complete the mission? Are there or will there be lines of demarcation? Will the humans finally say, I would rather perish than subjugate myself to what now resembles an alien species that were no longer controlling when on Earth? Will the humane and hybrids be capable of discerning the AI Machine super intelligence they created and those of space agents who have nothing in common with humanity?

Now, after a hundred years in Earth time has passed, the hope of finding a permanent home was abandoned halfway through the journey. The gut wrenching decision was made. It was determined that the best outcome would be to leave their genetic footprint behind wherever they traveled. Long ago they had acquired the capability to transmit human DNA into Space. The genetic makeup of all crew had been successfully spread as far and wide as possible. How the DNA would be assimilated into planetary space would be anyone's guess. All manner of mutations could be imagined. It was truly an act of the most courageous of all human beings who ever existed. The nature of this sacrifice went beyond the building of pyramids and endless entertainment for Earth humans. These were not

sophisticated and outrageous weapons of war but offerings of love and legacy as a gift to the future of planting the seeds of the best aspects of humanity such as it was at the time. The best of the best who got this far living, breathing, dying in Space now extended beyond their physical and intellectual offerings. Some felt the bits and pieces of their uniqueness carried human consciousness and for the few who believed, the enduring embodiment of their souls.

They would never know if any humans mutated and what had or would become of the sacrifices they made. Most maintained hope that by whatever means and measures they took would transfer their humanity to other life forms. Otherwise, the mental and spiritual consequences would have been a burden of great cost to the courageous explorers of Space. No one wanted to concede that this was the true ending of the human existence anywhere and everywhere in the cosmos. The human need for legacy remained in their minds and hearts and so it continued one by one. With this gesture the pain and suffering held meaning and maintained the worthiness of the mission that would remain everlasting in their minds, hearts and souls no matter the actual outcome of their actions.

Much more than that cannot be hoped for. As leader, Ulyssa had always been and continues to be clear on her mission and while her crew awaits their fate she soldiers on to bargain with the new Master of the Universe, Invictus Maximus, who as we learned earlier, regards himself as the next embodiment of the great Emperors of Rome. Ulyssa will come to learn a great deal about Invictus Maximus's ambitions. His Rome II Project is, in his estimation, far superior than any human hybrid's dream. In my position as Oracle, his dream also sits in a false hope but that remains to be witnessed as the tale unfolds. The mystery in the story remains to be known and told and only time will tell the truth of the matter.

Now, Captain Ulyssa and Invictus Maximus will face-off in a battle of wills, power and control over each other's destiny. One of them is confident of winning while the other feels little to less hope. But, that may be a poor assumption as Invictus, from the previous centuries of experience with the Earth bound AI Machines, may be in for a surprise.

Fate always teaches us that it holds the cards and we seldom see the whole spread. Only until the end of the game or the Play can we know how the story unfolds, finishes, and continues in perpetuity.

Cry The Soul

That is the way it has always been and as Oracle, I can assure you it always will be.

My curiosity remains intact as our audience sits patiently in their seats. What would you do if you were Ulyssa as she approaches a tough decision she knows is facing her?

Is there a line you would not cross?

What sacrifices of either yourself or your crew would you be willing to make to have a fighting chance in saving civilization?

Perhaps there was a line you never crossed but now at this time of dire consequences you would consider it.

If I said your exploration of this question would change how you feel about being a leader, would it be worth your while to do the work?

I can guarantee you it would make a significant difference for you and your generations.

I am offering you the Apple.

Jo Singel

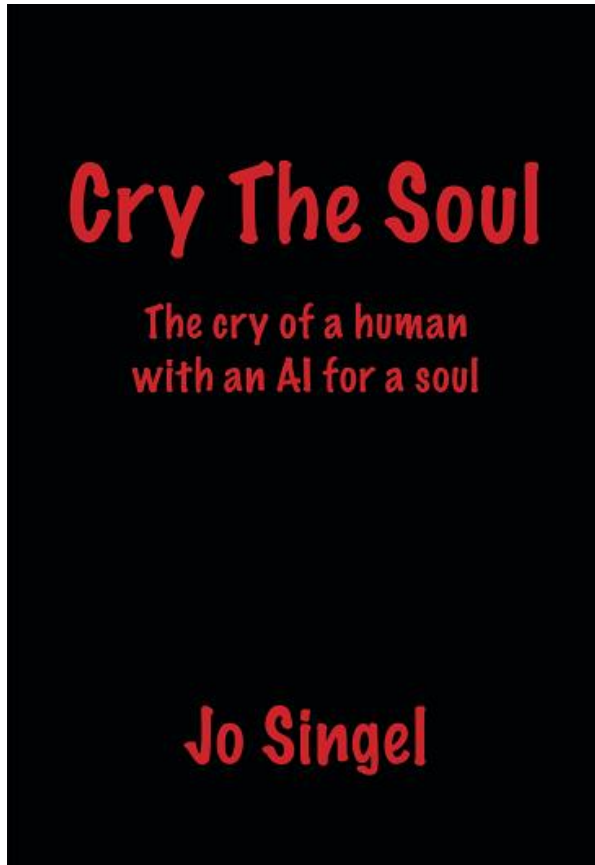
If you are aware of what that means, you can take it or leave it.

Your choice.

Life with choice exists here in this Play of Consciousness.

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