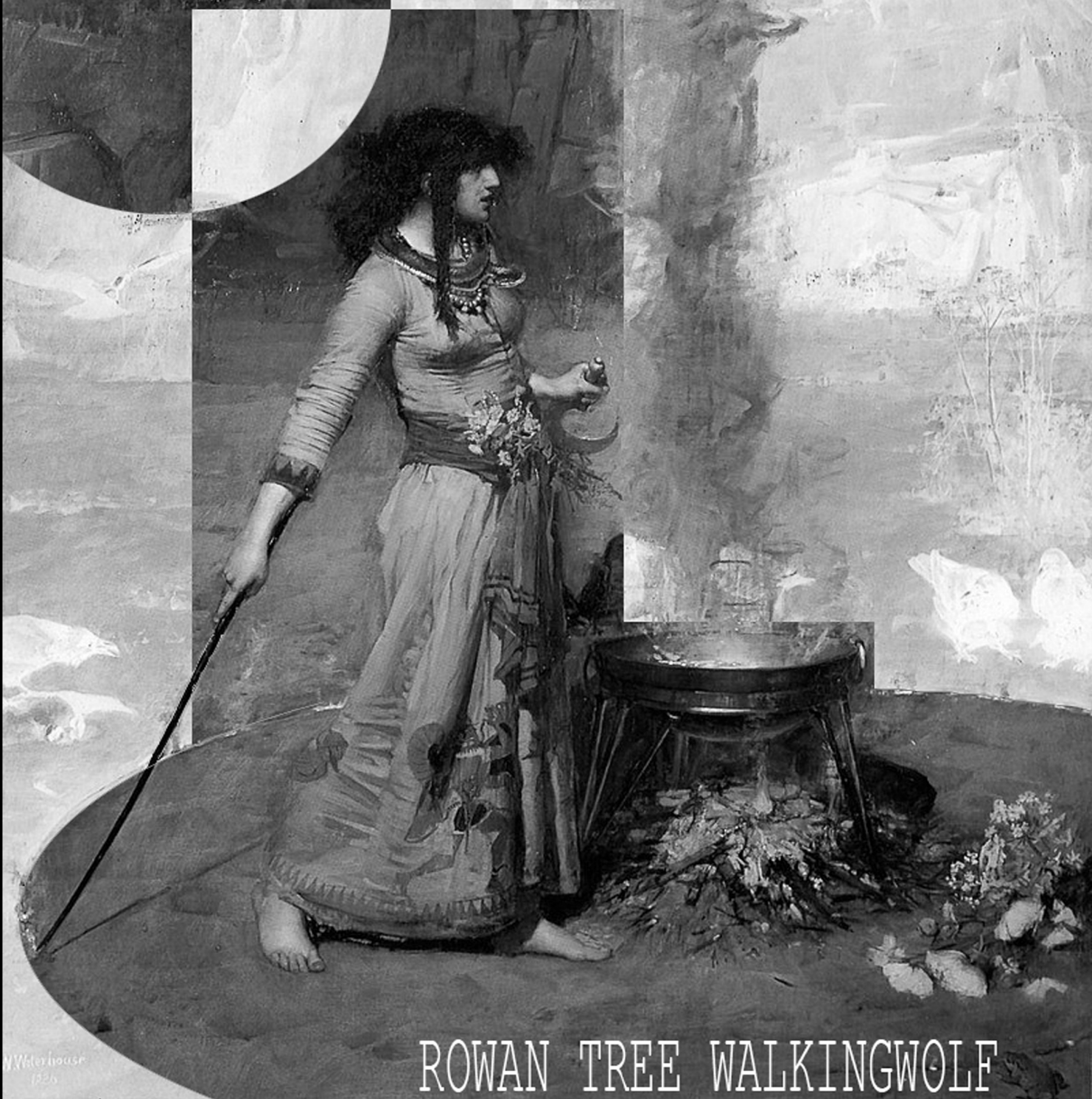


INDWILLOQ

A GREEN ANARCHIST CREATION MYTH AND FABLE



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*For my Mother,
for giving me a childhood rich in stories*

And for those who keep the tradition of storytelling alive

Not so very far away, not so very long ago, a world was born. The young world awakened, drew in its first breath, and yawned for a thousand upon a thousand years. The Everything who gave life to the planet leaned in close and whispered in the incomprehensibly slow speech of the Cosmos. The Everything said, "We shall call you Indwiloq, though you shall be called by many names in your long life." The infant world mimicked, "Indwiloq," and stretched long and hard as the Everything went spinning on.

Much time passed, and the young world spun for many thousands of millennia thinking and growing and developing and changing. The planet studied all the things the Cosmos has to teach, and pondered these things, and added its own voice and thoughts to the Chorus of All Life.

After thinking and growing and developing and changing for a short eternity, the time came when Indwiloq reached adulthood. With this new maturity, Indwiloq felt prepared to become a Creator, a Lifegiver. Just as the Everything had given it Life, Indwiloq felt compelled to pass on the great Gift and Mystery that is Existence.

And so it was that the now-grown planet Indwiloq lost itself in a waking dream, a quest of imagining. In this half-waking half-sleeping state, the excited world conjured up every plant and animal, every insect and fungus, every bacteria and virus whom its body could support. It dreamt entire ecosystems and biomes and their inhabitants, and it dreamed changes in itself to help nurture all this new life into being.

As new lifeforms awoke and arose and took to living, Indwiloq whispered a great many secrets of the Cosmos- the knowledge and wisdom of the Everything- into the minds and hearts of its children. They all listened to their Mother-Father, and contemplated these secrets, and began to learn and grow and develop and change themselves.

For countless generations, all was harmonious with the children of Indwiloq. They internalized the wisdom passed down from their Father-Mother, and got on with living. Every being knew its niche, knew how to

thrive in its environment, knew how to interact with all of the other beautiful lifeforms. They knew how to communicate- some with movements, some with thoughts, some with songs, and some with words. They knew how to take a little but not too much, and they knew how to give back. They knew how to live, how to pass on the gift and mystery of life to their own offspring, and how to die when it was time to die.

All was as it was meant to be for a great many years. The youngest child of Indwiloq was called Human. Human was a magnificent but stubborn beast who walked upright and talked in many beautiful tongues. Being the youngest and least experienced Life, Human had a great deal of growing up to do. As with all young children, there came a time when Human reached adolescence, and Human began to rebel against its Parent.

Human had long lived a wise childhood, cared for and taught by a loving Mother-Father. But then Human threw a horrible tantrum, and began to learn Selfishness. Human whined and cried and tossed about, and demanded to its Father-Mother Indwiloq that it was different and better than all the other lifeforms who were its brothers and sisters and spirit cousins. This caused a tremulous fleeing of all the creatures Human had so long lived with and loved, and a great Distrust began.

Deer sprang off. Elephant thundered away in frustration. Eagle flew where no Human could reach it. Fish descended far beneath the surface. Bee and Wasp swarmed high into the trees and built adobe fortresses to protect themselves from the outburst. Bear- who was very old and knowledgeable- groaned in annoyance and crawled into the deepest, darkest cave for a long sit. Crocodile grinned smugly and swam far away. Giraffe hung low its regal neck and trotted off with the rest. Spider hid under a leaf. Ant retreated into its subterranean village. Bat covered its ears and rocked back and forth upside down. Even the invisible lifeforms scurried elsewhere, and the plants, who could not move very fast at all, trembled in fear.

For some time all Life on Indwiloq ran away from Human and left it to its fit. The parent planet tried comforting its upset child with kind words of

encouragement and gentle embraces, with all the skills and wisdom of paternal-maternal nurturing, but Human would have none of it.

Human said, "I am better!"

And, "I am different!"

And, "I know better than any of you!"

And the most hurtful, "I don't need you!"

Indwiloq cried for several hundred ages, feeling the pain that only a rejected parent can feel. Through damp, swollen eyes, the earth Indwiloq watched as its wayward child, Human, strayed far from the path of wisdom.

Thus it was that the world was beset by the Dark Age of Humanity. Human spread, always at an increasing rate. Men and Women began living in every part of the world, and began lashing out at and hurting their Parent. Once, for as long as anyone can remember, Indwiloq had nursed Human with the fruits and tools that its body could spare. Human also took from its brother and sister animals and plants, but made sure to give back just as much. Now, Men and Women were not content with what Indwiloq gave freely, and they began to delve into their Mother-Father and take from inside its body. And they began to mutilate the surface of their Parent for their own ends. And they took and took and took from their spirit cousins, but refused to give anything back.

So it was in the Age of Selfishness and Ignorance.

Woman and Man began to make new tools and new technologies, unlike those they had used for as long as they had lived. They tapped the arteries of Indwiloq for the metal that was its blood. From this metal they forged hammers, plows, sickles and scythes, swords, spears, halberds, axes, shields, and armors. They chopped off huge swaths of Indwiloq's fur, the ancient forests that sustained thousands of lifeforms. Where they once lived off of the forest and sometimes used horticulture in tandem with the forest, Man and Woman now replaced the forests with farmland and pastures. Human ate and expanded, and cared not for giving to others. Indwiloq and all Life

on this earth opposed Human's new way of living, and said as much. But their protests fell on deaf ears.

Now Human said to its parent, "My way of living is the Only Way! Everything else is Wrong!"

And, "There is only One Way to do everything! All other ways are Wrong!" And continued, "Everything is one way or the other, everything is Black and White! There is no middle ground!"

And Human finished by saying, "You oppose me, but my way is the only way! So, you are wrong! You are my enemy!"

Indwiloq was heartbroken and scared. Human now meant to destroy its parent, and Men and Women began destroying one another en masse. Many tribes saw its way of living as the right way, the only way, and saw to eliminating everyone who lived differently. Many Women and Men also started thinking in terms of this versus that, black and white. They began to think in terms of opposites instead of compliments.

This ushered in the Age of Selfishness and Ignorance and Oppression.

In this age, Man saw Woman as his opposite, and began to hate and subordinate and enslave her. Man saw that anything that was his opposite was "womanly" and "weak," and thus he began to think of Indwiloq as only "mother." Man forgot that his Parent was male and female and both and neither, and forgot that it is manly to comfort and nurture. Instead, he began to think his role was to rule and to punish, to discipline and adjudicate, to conquer and destroy. He began to think of his Manhood as a weapon, and he began to use his Manhood as a weapon, taking from Woman what he wanted without asking and without giving back.

Some Men came to be known by many new names: King, Emperor, Law, Scripture, God, Priest, Morality, Torture, Army, Battle, Warfare, Conquest, Sacrifice, Duty, Progress, Nation, State, Government, Economy, Money, Wealth.

As Man became all of these things, Woman changed too. Brutalized and objectified by Man, Woman began to hate herself and to hate her body. Surrounded by bullies with no shortness of unkind words, Woman began to believe the lie that she was weaker and less intelligent than Man, and began to think of herself as a rightful slave. She began to think of her Womanhood as her reason for being, and she began to to give and give and give without asking anything in return.

Some Women came to be called new names: Servitude, Slave, Object, Hysteria, Foolishness, Weakness, Inferiority, Idiocy, Fragility.

The Father-Mother Indwiloq thought Human certainly couldn't stray farther than this, but Indwiloq was wrong. Human was determined to to distance itself as much as possible from its Parent. Human continued growing and expanding, conquering and repressing, debating, bickering, fighting, raping and destroying for centuries upon centuries. Eventually, there was nowhere left for human to go, no space left for human to grow in.

So it was that Human entered the Age of Global Selfishness and Ignorance and Oppression.

In this age, Human was so far removed from its Parent that Human had almost forgotten about Indwiloq completely. Bound and determined to continuing reproducing and expanding and conquering, Human gave up on looking outward and began looking upward. In this age, Man and Woman began constructing enormous towers, sharp metal obelisks that pierced the skies of Indwiloq. Man and Woman worked and lived in these buildings, and closed off their surroundings with streets and walls and agents of control.

In this age, Human also expanded its efforts in digging up the metal bloods of its Parent, in cutting down its mother-father's forest hairs, in creating farm and pastureland where none was before. Human also consumed its plant and animal brothers and sisters with fierce rapacity, and Human never gave anything back anymore, so that few of its Brothers and Sisters remained.

The arrogance of Man and Woman in this era was unfounded and unsurpassed. In this time, Human began to think that its knowledge and wisdom were far greater than the knowledge and wisdom of Indwiloq, far greater even than the knowledge and wisdom of The Everything, The Spirit-of-All-Life. With this arrogance and foolishness, Man and Woman created and built endless amounts of useless junk, believing this flotsam and jetsam to make their lives easier. With the industry needed to make such junk, Human also spewed forth poisons, toxins, and wastes that harmed all Life it contacted.

And so, in this Age, Indwiloq was not only bereaved and depressed at the betrayal of its child Human, but this Parent-Planet was also sick and injured from being poisoned and attacked by that same wayward child. In inaudible and imperceptible tears and lamentations, the planet Indwiloq took ill and slowly began dying. Along with their mother-father, all living creatures on the planet, including Human itself, began to die too. All of this because of the actions of a foolish child.

As Indwiloq rotted away and suffered its sadness and sickness, Human went on destroying and conquering and expanding. Not all Humans took this path, but most did. At this point in the Age of Global Selfishness and Ignorance and Oppression, little is known of what happened to change the ways of Human. Most of Human's plant and animal brothers and sisters had retreated or been forcibly beaten away and killed so that few remained to witness the actions of Human.

It is certain, though, that Human did change in this age. Perhaps Human took too much, never giving anything back, and eventually had nothing left to take. Perhaps Human destroyed too much, and the dying Indwiloq and its menagerie of children- Human's brothers and sisters- could no longer support Human's actions. Perhaps Man and Woman finally developed a tool that killed most of themselves. Perhaps Human tossed out too much garbage and too many poisons, and the environment that Human depended on could no longer give Human what it needed.

Or, maybe things happened differently. Perhaps Human willingly changed its ways. Perhaps Human tore down the Power and Oppression, the Nations and Rulers, the Churches and Priests. Perhaps Human stopped expanding and building and conquering. Perhaps Human began to remember how things used to be, and decided to live a better life.

Ultimately, it is likely that all of these things happened, as Human is a multifarious and unpredictable creature. Whatever the case, Human eventually began to remember and regard its Parent. In time, Human apologized for its foolishness, its arrogance and greed, its harmful and violent behaviors. Human apologized to Indwiloq and Human apologized to all of its brothers and sisters.

Human apologized to Deer, who sprang back by Human's side. Human said sorry to Elephant, who trumpeted at the return of its sibling. Human called to the Eagle, apologizing deeply, and Eagle flew back from its retreat. Human apologized to Bee and Wasp, to Bear, to Crocodile, to Giraffe, to Spider, and to all the other animals and plants in existence. Then Human took a long time to say a heartfelt and teary apology to all of its brothers and sisters who no longer inhabited the earth Indwiloq because of Human actions.

Finally, Human had many conversations with its Father-Mother, Indwiloq. Human apologized many times, and learned once again to listen to the knowledge and wisdom of its Parent. Human slowly but steadfastly undid all of the damage it had caused over the years, and began to remember how to live as it had lived before. Human embraced its Parent and embraced its Brothers and Sisters.

Man once again became Man, and was no longer King, Emperor, Law, Scripture, God, Priest, Morality, Torture, Army, Battle, Warfare, Conquest, Sacrifice, Duty, Progress, Nation, State, Government, Economy, Money, Wealth.

Woman once again became Woman, and was no longer Servitude, Slave, Object, Hysteria, Foolishness, Weakness, Inferiority, Idiocy, Fragility.

Man and Woman once again became one, and no longer saw themselves as Man and Woman, but simply as Human. And Human again became one with its Parent and Brothers and Sisters.

Indwiloq cried still, but the tears of joy rather than sadness. The Parent Planet breathed a sigh of relief that spanned a thousand years, and a feeling of warmth and tender happiness radiated outward from its core. Indwiloq welcomed home its contrary child and beamed at the return of Human.

In time, the planet Indwiloq recovered, and Human learned to never again stray from the path of knowledge and wisdom. Human vowed to never forget its mistakes, and made sure to tell the story of its foolishness and arrogance and destructiveness so that every future generation of Human and Non-human would remember how not to live. Human also created new, beautiful songs to glorify its Parent and Lifegiver. All the generations of Human learned these songs to remember where they came from and to where they would return.

In time, even planets must die, but this time was far, far off for the planet Indwiloq. For the rest of its days, as long as its life-cycle continued, Indwiloq, who is the Father-Mother of all life we know, lived in harmony and happiness with all its children, even the ornery child called Human.

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