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Synopsis*

GODSPAWN SYNOPSIS

Storyteller, Warlord, Messiah...

Defying his computer-gods, a faithless clone discovers what it means to be human, through love and sacrifice.

Godspawn presents three remarkable individuals, in an epic struggle for love and the right to be human:

- **Chislon**, unnatural human clone, falls in love with Nature's Warlady and fights for her freedom against barbaric Roman legions.
- **Neariah**, Nature's Warlady, keeper of a faith that Chislon can never believe in, unbroken by continual defeat and far too distrustful to allow herself to fall in love with Chislon.
- **Azoic**, an enigmatic old man, yet inside merely an android, created by computer-gods; seeks answers to the nature of his existence, and by doing so, melts the faiths separating Chislon and Neariah.

A young girl-child (**Neariah**) finds a crazy old man (**Azoic**) wandering toward her family's oasis. **Azoic** appears quite mad, asks her if she is an angel and mumbles strange warnings.

The villagers fear he is an escaped Roman slave and so they do all they can to persuade him to leave. Yet, **Neariah** defends his right to stay and, inspired by her determination, he adopts her simple faith in humanity.

When a Roman legion massacres the village, **Neariah** flees, to grow up as a battle-hardened Warlady; the child once so angelic, long gone. Meanwhile, as **Azoic's** memory returns, he is again a soul-less android, wandering the desert as a sad Storyteller, seeking a meaning to his life.

Azoic gradually loses faith in **Neariah's** former idealism, while his computer-gods plot to terminate everyone who is natural, to make way for callous human clones more like themselves.

One such human clone (**Chislon**), falls in love with Nature's Warlady (**Neariah**). He desperately deconstructs his own mind, seeking soul-stuff as he tries to learn from **Azoic** how to be more human. He helps **Neariah** to defeat the legions, by leading her crusade; eventually sacrificing his own life to save hers.

Azoic takes **Chislon's** dead body to the computer-gods, which "re-soul" him, leaving a new version of **Chislon** who cannot feel human. **Azoic** must now reconcile two conflicting faiths, old world and new world, so the unnatural clone can feel worthy of his Natural Warlady, and the mother of his future child.

As saintly as **Azoic** becomes, he -- *it* -- remains a lost soul, the reluctant messiah of a non-human God.