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A Proposal for Alexandria's Ark - a Science Fiction Novel

2280AD; A surprise Terran assault decimates the independent colonies around Saturn which twenty-two-year-old Alexandria Semko calls home. But it turns out her memories of the event were not real but a simulation, based on actual events, created to provide her a childhood. In reality she awakes in 2881 on an interstellar ark arriving in a new solar system with the fate of the ark and free humanity in her hands. Perhaps she and her fellow young colonists could start a new life in peace. But then came another surprise – they were not alone – and the challenge of colonizing a new star system was just the beginning.

My science fiction novel, ALEXANDRIA'S ARK, is a hard science fiction epic for general readers depicting the arrival of an interstellar seed ship arriving in the Trisol star system. Due to the centuries long journey the crew aboard were no more than embryos for most of the voyage born in-vitro and raised using the technology of "conditioning"; a technology the colonists of Saturn feared as a form of brainwashing. Alexandria and her crew must adapt to the changing environment and gain in friendship, understanding, and resolve to not only colonize strange and alien worlds to survive but also to escape capture by a Terran fleet sent to recover them. This novel depicts the crew's initial arrival in the Trisol system, and their battle to escape a carefully planned trap by hostile forces on a mission to recover them by any means necessary.

The manuscript is 80,000 words and is available upon your request. Attached is a synopsis and sample chapters. Unlike the usual science fiction fare Alexandria's Ark is written with a firm emphasis on scientific accuracy with no faster than light travel, aliens, magic replicators, transporters or fantasy elements. I have instead aimed to populate the novel with exciting science-based concepts, conflict, and wonderfully harsh environments. Given demand the novel provides for follow up novels which would continue to chronicle the colonization and battle for the Trisol star system.

Themes explored within the novel include questioning what it means to be human, our purpose in life, our drive for independence and exploration, how we are products of generations before us for better and worse, and how technology can impact the coming-of-age of future generations.

I am a Professional Engineer holding degrees in Management, Mechanical Engineering and Chemical Engineering. I am also a father of three wonderful children and husband to a wonderful wife. I am an avid reader of science-fiction, military-political techno thrillers, and historical military adventure novels. A goal in writing this novel is to achieve a certification from the Atomic Rockets website to verify the authenticity of the extrapolated science behind the plot of the novel.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration,

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