

Birth of Dum Dum Dodo™

Here I was ... feeling trapped and doomed inside a pitch black, oval shaped prison, crying for my mommy and daddy to help me. I was just born and I wanted so much to live and find out what was on the other side of these walls. But I couldn't get out. I wanted to fill my lungs with the breath of life, but the reality was ... I was dying. Yet I wanted to die as a proud warrior not as a birdbrain wimp. Having given it my all, but my strength was gone. Gasping for one last breath, I came crashing down on my face.

My beak hit against the bottom wall and, instantly, I felt a whisper of fresh air coming through a tiny pinhole that my beak had made. I didn't realize my beak was so hard! This gave me the strength and courage to hit the wall harder until there was an opening wide enough to squeeze through.

Finally free of my prison, I thanked God for the beak on my face. Suddenly, it dawned on me what a stupid dope I'd been. I had this hard beak but I was too dumb to know how to use it. Only by chance did I break through. Looking back on that experience, I realized the awful truth ... I was a DUMB DODO BIRD ... and only by accident (or was it destiny) I was to live.

Born into a cold, dark and mysterious new world, I found myself all alone, hungry and desperate for answers. What do I do next? Where do I go? After days of sulking, a heavenly blissful state came over me and an angelic-like voice spoke.

“My son, don't be afraid of the voices that you hear in your head. It's me, your mother.”

And another voice said, “And I am your father. We are here to help you, to tell you who you are.”

This can't be true, I thought to myself. Am I going crazy?

“No you're not – your father and I are here to give you some answers. We haven't much time so please listen very carefully. You've been blessed and chosen for a great mission,” the angelic-like voice said.

“We have implanted the DODO CREED in your head and given you some basic DODOISMS which will guide you throughout your journey.

“We chose the name Dum Dum for you before we died. This name will continue to remind you to be proud of your goofball stupidity.

“The people on planet Earth are in grave danger. They may not know it, but humans are close to extinction. You may be their last and only hope. They'll reject you and abuse you, but you mustn't get disillusioned.

“Follow the DODO CREED and memorize your DODOISMS. They will save you in times of your greatest fears and perils.

“Make them laugh and you will save them all!”

Her voice was becoming fainter and fainter as she said, “We love you my son, but that’s all the energy we have for now. We have to go back to that Dodo Sanctuary in the Sky. Be strong Dum Dum, for you are the last remaining Dodo in the Universe. You hold all our destinies in your heart.”

Bliss overcame me. Birds and animals gathered all around me and looked up with amazement. I was someone. I was no longer a nameless Dodo Bird with nowhere to go and nothing to do. Now, I had a name – Dum Dum Dodo – with a mission in life. I couldn’t wait to listen to the Dodo Creed in my head, be inspired by the Dodoisms, and fulfill my mission. I was on fire ... I was ready. Nothing and no one could stop me now.

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