

# A GREAT MACHINE

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*“The universe is simply a great machine which never came into being and never will end.”*

-- Nikola Tesla

## **Background**

*A Great Machine* is a game for zero players. Up to ten people can be involved in the game, but there are no players. The act of playing a game implies control over the outcome, but in *A Great Machine*, the outcome has already been decided. You do not play *A Great Machine*, you are part of *A Great Machine*.

## **Setup**

Each person involved reads the following 5 statements, which were written in collaboration with a recurrent neural network. They can be read them silently, they can be lectured to the other participants, they can be whispered conspiratorially to passersby. The actions of the participants do not matter as much as saying the words in order.

## **Statements**

- Dinosaurs are the best thing ever and I love you so much and it's amazing how much I love you and your voice.
- Ghosts are the only thing that can be found here. But the other side is the best way to get it back and then we can see what the other side of it might be.
- Parasites of your heart are the only man you can be. The best part of your life was that I had a great way to go and then we can see the way you are.
- Stardust is a great way to make sure you are not working. On the other hand when you have a little more time and time to work with your own little things you can see into the future of your life
- I don't understand.

## **Conclusion**

Everyone should read the statements at least twice. Repeat until the words lose all meaning, or new meaning is imposed upon them. Neither will matter; the words remain the same. *A Great Machine* continues, even when those involved have stopped participating.