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Using this tantalizing kernel of prophecy as well as poetic fancy, many postclassical writers have imaginatively created a hypothetical future for Odysseus.

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