

Charles Yu

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If I could be half the person my dog is, I'd be twice the human I am.

~Charles Yu

You want to tell a story? Grow a heart. Grow two. Now, with the second heart, smash the first one into bits.

~Charles Yu

I don't know how, or whether it is even possible to predict what the world will look like the next day. I simply have to close my eyes, and wait until tomorrow in order to find out.

~Charles Yu

At some point in your life, this statement will be true: tomorrow you will lose everything forever.

~Charles Yu

It's like all technology: either not powerful enough or too powerful. It will never do exactly what you want it to do.

~Charles Yu

Most people I know live their lives moving in a constant forward direction, the whole time looking backward.

~Charles Yu

Enjoy the elastic present, which can accommodate as little or as much as you want to put in there. Stretch it out, live inside of it.

~Charles Yu

I was headed for an entire life spent alone, pitying myself for not being more, ignoring all those people who actually ask me to be more, because they see it in me.

~Charles Yu

Desire is suffering. A simple equation, and a nice catchphrase. But

flipped around, it is more troubling: suffering is desire.

~Charles Yu

Maybe we spend most of our decades being someone else, avoiding ourselves, maybe a man is only himself, his true self, for a few days in his entire life.

~Charles Yu

You can just sit in here, impervious and invisible. So invisible you might even forget yourself.

~Charles Yu

Time is a machine: it will convert your pain into experience... It will force you to move on and you will not have a choice in the matter.

~Charles Yu

Life is, to some extent, an extended dialogue with your future self about how exactly you are going to let yourself down over the coming years.

~Charles Yu

All anyone is to anyone is a series of days.

~Charles Yu

You can only go to places that you will let yourself go.

~Charles Yu

How do you convince someone to change, to stop being afraid of himself? How do you convince yourself not to be so scared all the time?

~Charles Yu

There is a sense in which I am pretty sure this makes no sense. I don't know where this is going. I don't know how it ends.

~Charles Yu

You haven't experienced awkwardness until you've seen a three-million-dollar piece of software cry.

~Charles Yu

Within a science fictional space, memory and regret are, when taken together, the set of necessary and sufficient elements required to produce a time machine.

~Charles Yu

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