

Laini Taylor

Quotes

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Stars got tangled in her hair whenever she played in the sky.

~Laini Taylor

Light coursed through Karou and darkness chased it-burning through her, chilling her, shimmer and shadow, ice and fire, blood and starlight, rushing, roaring, filling her.

~Laini Taylor

She moved like a poem and smiled like a sphinx.

~Laini Taylor

Once upon a time, an angel and a devil fell in love. It did not end well.

~Laini Taylor

Like a magpie, I am a scavenger of shiny things: fairy tales, dead languages, weird folk beliefs, fascinating religions, and more.

~Laini Taylor

A man once said, 'All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence; then success is sure.' Mark Twain, you know. He had a fine mustache. Men of wisdom so often do.

~Laini Taylor

Hope can be a powerful force. Maybe there's no actual magic in it, but when you know what you hope for most and hold it like a light within you, you can make things happen, almost like magic.

~Laini Taylor

Where am I and doing what? You might well ask. Freaky chick, you say? You can't imagine. I am priestess of a sandcastle in a land of dust and starlight.

~Laini Taylor

She knocked and waited, because when the door was opened from

within, it had the potential to lead someplace quite different.

~Laini Taylor

I want to build spires in their minds and dance shadows through like marionettes, chased by whispers and hints of the unspeakable.

~Laini Taylor

I am one of billions. I am stardust gathered fleetingly into form. I will be ungathered. The stardust will go on to be other things someday and I will be free.

~Laini Taylor

Are you saying you don't love me?" Hazael asked Liraz. "Because I love you. I think." He paused in contemplation. "Oh. No. Never mind. That's fear.

~Laini Taylor

Once upon a time, an angel and a devil held a wishbone between them. And its snap split the world in two.

~Laini Taylor

Your soul sings to mine. My soul is yours, and it always will be, in any world. No matter what happens. I need you to remember that I love you.

~Laini Taylor

Bitter, bitter, this desolation of angels.

~Laini Taylor

Have you ever asked yourself, do monsters make war, or does war make monsters?

~Laini Taylor

It's all a quilt of fairy tales with a patch here and there of truth.

~Laini Taylor

I know it's not easy for you, living this life, but try to remember, always try to remember, you're not the only one with troubles.

~Laini Taylor

Peace is more than the absence of war. Peace is accord. Harmony.

~Laini Taylor

Hey! My body may be small, but my soul is large. It's why I wear platforms. So I can reach the top of my soul.

~Laini Taylor

Wishes are false. Hope is true. Hope makes its own magic.

~Laini Taylor

It's not stalking if you don't follow them home, right?

~Laini Taylor

Her courage was a guise. She wondered if courage always was, or if there were those who truly felt no fear.

~Laini Taylor

...wingsâ€™-vast shimmering wings, their reach so great they swept the walls on either side of the alley, each feather like the wind-tugged lick of a candle flame.

~Laini Taylor

Creamy and leggy, with long azure hair and the eyes of a silent-movie star, she moved like a poem and smiled like a sphinx.

~Laini Taylor

There is the past, and there is the future. The present is never more than the single second dividing one from the other. We live poised on

that second as it's hurtling forward-toward what?

~Laini Taylor

...something was starting to take shape, out of magic and will. Smoke and bone.

~Laini Taylor

The main thing I've learned is that we all have to learn to work with - and appreciate - the brain we've been given, and not waste time wishing things were easier.

~Laini Taylor

Your heart is not wrong. Your heart is your strength. You don't have to be ashamed.

~Laini Taylor

Did you know that mako shark fetuses eat each other in the womb?... Its true. Only cannibal fetuses survive to be born. Can you imagine if people were like that?

~Laini Taylor

Once upon a time, the sky knew the weight of angel armies on the move, and the wind blew infernal with the fire of their wings.

~Laini Taylor

If it's not chocolate, it's not breakfast.

~Laini Taylor

... and holy hell the chocolate is so intense and pure it should be named an element and given a spot on the periodic table. It would be Ch, which isn't even taken.

~Laini Taylor

If only it were that easy to let go of hate. Just relax your face.

~Laini Taylor

And just so you know, the invaders are always the bad guys. Always.

~Laini Taylor

As long as you're alive, there's always a chance things will get better.

~Laini Taylor

Madrigal sniffed herself. "I'm almost sure I don't smell." "Maybe not, but between shining cleanliness and not smelling, there is a vast gray area.

~Laini Taylor

It seemed she was in a cathedralâ€”if, that is, the earth itself were to dream a cathedral into being over thousands of years of water weeping through stone.

~Laini Taylor

The truth, she found, felt smooth, like a skipping stone in the palm of your hand.

~Laini Taylor

So here we are, talking about Roman unicycles and alien sandwiches and my sister's Italian misfortunes, while hanging in between us is: MY EPIC FAILURE TO CARPE. What's wrong with me?

~Laini Taylor

It is a condition of monsters that they do not perceive themselves as such. The dragon, you know, hunkered in the village devouring maidens, heard the townsfolk cry 'Monster!' and looked behind him.

~Laini Taylor

Don't I deserve to finally be free of you?

~Laini Taylor

Jael returned the lazy smile. "You're not my type." "Well, you're not anybody's type," said Hazael. "No, wait. I take it back. My sword says she'd like to know you better.

~Laini Taylor

Nothing made you feel so useless as another person's grief.

~Laini Taylor

Once upon a time, a girl lived in a sandcastle, making monsters to send through a hole in the sky.

~Laini Taylor

It was funny, she thought, but her smile turned wistful because she had nobody to tell.

~Laini Taylor

I will give them nightmares to haunt their dreams long after I'm gone.

~Laini Taylor

Beauty,' Brimstone had scoffed once. "Humans are fools for it. As helpless as moths who hurl themselves at fire.

~Laini Taylor

Long life is a burden, when it's spent in misery.

~Laini Taylor

What are we fighting for? What are we killing for? What do you see when you look into the future?

~Laini Taylor

I miss sunrise even more. The green scent of dawn in the forest? The color blushing back into the world, different every day.

~Laini Taylor

These soldiers had done what they had done, and been done unto in return. This was how it went. In the cycle of slaughter, reprisal begat reprisal, forever.

~Laini Taylor

We are the beginning ... We always have been. This time, let it be more than a beginning.

~Laini Taylor

If he does he's a fool," said Hazael. "The message is clear. Please enjoy this lovely fruit while contemplating all the ways we might kill you in your sleep.

~Laini Taylor

A pause came between them, and it was so full of Akiva that Karou imagined she could smell him.

~Laini Taylor

How could you tell if your instincts were just hope in disguise, and if your hope was really desperation parading as possibility?

~Laini Taylor

What a lovely display of personhood. He's like a good book cover that grabs your gaze. Read me. I'm fun but smart. You won't be able to put me down.

~Laini Taylor

Alas. I am not an option.

~Laini Taylor

Oh, gross. Your stomach is full of butterfly barf!

~Laini Taylor

I am stardust gathered fleetingly into form.

~Laini Taylor

She tasted of fairytales

~Laini Taylor

You almost hold up your piece of paper and say, 'The girl I like just gave me a treasure map to herself.' But you don't. You just don't.

~Laini Taylor

...the air seeming to gather around her like held breath. As if this whole place were a story about her.

~Laini Taylor

She was a girl and she was a queen and back in the mists she was a woman who had seized the moon from the sky and drunk its light so that she would never die. And she never had.

~Laini Taylor

Life doesn't need magic to be magical. (But a little bit sure doesn't hurt.)

~Laini Taylor

The audacity to love. Do you know what a gift that is?

~Laini Taylor

But he is pretty. God, I hope he's not an asshole. Do you think there's any chance he's both non-orifice and single? I mean, seriously. What are the chances?

~Laini Taylor

It's easy to get published once you have written a really good book and the hard part, 99 percent of what you need to worry about, is really finishing it.

~Laini Taylor

And there's no better way to thaw a face, as it turns out, than with another face.

~Laini Taylor

You have only to begin, Lir. Mercy breeds mercy as slaughter breeds slaughter. We can't expect the world to be better than we make it.

~Laini Taylor

Creatures with no dreams of their own can do naught but destroy the dreams of others.

~Laini Taylor

Mercy, she had discovered, made mad alchemy: a drop of it could dilute a lake of hate.

~Laini Taylor

What does true even mean when it comes to a face? Only souls are true, and when you spill them to the air they melt away.

~Laini Taylor

To a new generation of butterflies, hopefully less stupid than last. Maybe they were burgeoning even now in fat little cocoons. Or maybe not.

~Laini Taylor

"That is your legend?" Akiva asked, incredulous. Madrigal had told him the story of the sun and Ellai while they flew. "That seraphim are the blood of a rapist sun?"

~Laini Taylor

Love makes a person do strange things.

~Laini Taylor

The worst moment of one's life could be seared into the memory,

brighter than any joy.

~Laini Taylor

Because hope comes from in you, and wishes are just magic.

~Laini Taylor

Thank you to the world for being a wild and inspiring place, full of odd creatures, strange people, and mysterious cities. I hope by and by to know you better.

~Laini Taylor

It was as if she had emitted a pulse of radiation that reached him even where he stood, and it bathed him and it burned him.

~Laini Taylor

Humanity, perhaps, that quality of benevolence that humans have, without irony, named after themselves.

~Laini Taylor

She stabbed him in the armpit, deep, and he dropped his sword. And died. So that's what it feels like, she thought as her boldness gave away to trembling. It feels awful.

~Laini Taylor

It didn't escape Karou's notice that he found subtle ways of touching her.

~Laini Taylor

I think with world building, it's important to create a sense of culture even if it is just a fantasy, and the best way to do that is to look at a real human culture and see what makes it cohesive.

~Laini Taylor

Stop squandering yourself, child. Wait for love.

~Laini Taylor

It's not like there's a law against flying." "Yes there is. The law of gravity.

~Laini Taylor

Like mold on books, grow myths on history.

~Laini Taylor

I've always imagined that one day the path of your life would unroll at your feet and carry you away from us. As it should, as it must. But I am glad that day is not today.

~Laini Taylor

When I turned to writing fantasy, and writing for young people, it was joyous. It was like discovering an underground lake of ideas that went on forever.

~Laini Taylor

Cats and ghosts both partook of the saucers of milk and that was okay. They consumed different parts of it: the cats its substance, the ghosts its essence, and none went to waste.

~Laini Taylor

And I've found that since you can't electrify yourself like a fence, the next best thing is to have murderer's eyes.

~Laini Taylor

Kizzy wanted it all so bad her soul leaned half out of her body hungry after it, and that was what drove the goblins wild, her soul hanging out there like an untucked shirt.

~Laini Taylor

The thing is, you throw brains and souls into an animal and stir, you

don't really know what you're going to get.

~Laini Taylor

Boredom is a terrible affliction of the soulless.

~Laini Taylor

Infinities are not for casual exploration. You could fall and keep falling. You could get lost.

~Laini Taylor

Once upon a time, an angel lay dying in the mist. And a devil knelt over him and smiled.

~Laini Taylor

When it turned out that he could, Karou dropped to her knees to genuflect. "Gods of math and physics," she intoned, "I accept your gift of this clever fair-haired boy

~Laini Taylor

There are other ways of showing someone you love them, such as fetching them out of Hell.

~Laini Taylor

For the way loneliness is worse when you return to it after a reprieve—like the soul's version of putting on a wet bathing suit, clammy and miserable.

~Laini Taylor

Once upon a time, there were two moons, who were sisters. Nitid was the goddess of tears and life, and the sky was hers. No one worshipped Ellai but secret lovers.

~Laini Taylor

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