

# N.K. Jemisin

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There is no greater warrior than a mother protecting her child.

~N.K. Jemisin

If the first words out of your mouth are to cry 'political correctness!', ... chances are very, very high that you are in fact part of the problem.

~N.K. Jemisin

We can never be gods, after all--but we can become something less than human with frightening ease.

~N.K. Jemisin

Any woman can face the world alone, but why should we have to?

~N.K. Jemisin

I am not as I once was. They have done this to me, broken me open and torn out my heart. I do not know who I am anymore. I must try to remember.

~N.K. Jemisin

You're very lucky... Friends are precious, powerful things - hard to earn, harder still to keep. You should thank this one for taking a chance on you.

~N.K. Jemisin

Once upon a time there was a Once upon a time there was a Once upon a time there was a Stop this. It's undignified.

~N.K. Jemisin

But perhaps that was just the way of power: no such thing as too much.

~N.K. Jemisin

There is nothing foolish about hope.

~N.K. Jemisin

Love betrayed has an entirely different sound from hatred outright.

~N.K. Jemisin

There's truth even in tainted knowledge, if one reads carefully.

~N.K. Jemisin

If the gods do decide to wipe us out, is it such a bad thing? Maybe we've earned a little annihilation.

~N.K. Jemisin

But love like that doesn't just disappear, does it? No matter how powerful the hate, there is always a little love left, underneath. Yes. Horrible, isn't it?

~N.K. Jemisin

You are Insignificant. One of millions, neither special nor unique. I did not ask for this ignominy, and I resent the comparison. Fine. I don't you like you, either.

~N.K. Jemisin

Immortality gets very, very boring. You'd be surprised at how interesting the small mundanities of life can seem after a few millennia.

~N.K. Jemisin

Fortunately, where reason failed, blind panic served well enough.

~N.K. Jemisin

Funny thing, employment. If you keep doing it, you keep getting paid.

~N.K. Jemisin

Determination could easily become obsession.

~N.K. Jemisin

And in that sliver of time, I felt the power around me coalesce,

malice-hard and sharp as crystal. That this analogy occurred to me should have been a warning.

~N.K. Jemisin

They live forever. But many of them are even more lonely and miserable than we are. Why do you think they bother with us? We teach them life's value.

~N.K. Jemisin

Rising from the dead? Glowing at sunrise? What did that make him, the god of cheerful mornings and macabre surprises?

~N.K. Jemisin

The shadows of Ina-Karekh are the place where nightmares dwell, but not their source. Never forget: the shadowlands are not elsewhere. We create them. They are within.

~N.K. Jemisin

You are what your creators and experiences have made you, like every other being in this universe. Accept that and be done; I tire of your whining.

~N.K. Jemisin

We worship Him not because He is the best of our gods, but because He is, or was, the greatest killer among them.

~N.K. Jemisin

It is important to appreciate beauty, even when it is evil.

~N.K. Jemisin

But when I got angry, my nerves sought an outlet, and my mouth didn't always guard the gates.

~N.K. Jemisin

...and when I lift my head to scream out my fury, a million stars turn black and die. No one can see them, but they are my tears.

~N.K. Jemisin

There is no logic to grief.

~N.K. Jemisin

Loneliness is a darkness of the soul

~N.K. Jemisin

The priest's lesson: beware the Nightlord, for his pleasure is a mortal's doom. My grandmother's lesson: beware love, especially with the wrong man.

~N.K. Jemisin

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