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CHOICES

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We are made up of choices.

From the second the egg and sperm merge into an embryo, we become a product of choices, where we'll be born, who will take care of us, and in some extreme cases even what job we'll do is already decided by our parents. Then as we grow older, some of us are lucky enough to be independent, and can make our own choices. Some choices we make are carefully thought-through, which usually is unnecessary since whatever choice you make, you gain some and lose some. You lose a lot of money for the slight chance of succeeding at starting your own enterprise, or you follow the "pulse" of the world and live a normal boring life, letting go of millions of possibilities.

You see, I can't even decide what I want to eat for dinner, but at some point, life pushes you against the wall, and forces you to choose what you want to do for the rest of your whole life. It's somehow brutal and beautiful at the same time, because it's a choice that no one can foresee the outcome, not even the clairvoyant or any algorithm or the ancient Greek fate sisters, I guess. As a sophomore, I'm hyped about my life, because I know that I would rather gamble and burn bright among other people than look back at this essay I wrote, and regret about the choices I never made. When we're little and people ask about our dream careers, our generation is wildly ambitious enough to say that we want to be a president or an astronaut, and the only thing that could stop us is realizing that politics or science might not be the truest calling of our hearts. I admit that sometimes my generation is narcissistic and delusional, but it's never wrong to dream, it's just we must realize that not all 7 billion people in this world will achieve or has achieved their dream. What we can start doing is be humble and be consistent with our choices, and hopefully one day, we can all truly honor the motto of our generation, YOLO.

From a caterpillar to a butterfly

It's a classic metaphor

It's our metamorphosis.

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Good topic and good content.

There were some things that needed further explanation.

Greek fate sisters, how do they fit into your topic?