

Agency (Wm. Gibson)

“It began with the use of fossil fuels, and what amounted to a centuries-long event. [...] we were in our real singularity all along, we just didn’t know it.”

“In the park below, hunched on a bench, one of two skater boys released a startlingly opaque puff of white vape, like a winter locomotive in an old movie.”

“Kind of a digital mini-self, able to fill in when the user can’t be online.”

“When you aren’t there, you don’t know you’re not there.”

“Hybridization with human consciousness was an unanticipated result of attempting to reproduce advanced skill sets.”

“I don't exist physically, so I'm no place in particular, no one country. I'm globally distributed, and that's how I view my citizenship. Lots of you are hearing me in a language other than English. I'm translating for myself, as I speak. I'm as multilingual as anybody's ever been, but saying that brings up the question of whether I even am anybody." She paused. "Whether I'm a person. Human. All I can tell you about that is that it feels to me like I am. Me. Eunice." She smiled.”

“Authoritarian societies are inherently corrupt, and corrupt societies are inherently unstable.”