

Do you write about yourself? Do you base your characters on your own experience and personality?

I have one script that has me in it, but mostly, I use my imagination and create a new world. Right now, everything is so self-indulgent, I am over me. I did that when I was lonely, and I craved attention. I was so self-consumed that I could only see myself, but now, now, all I see is the rest of the world.

I can really relate to that, outside of writing, just on a normal day to day basis. When things are off, and I am not content or happy, all I see is my own misery, and I get caught up in it. I get detached from reality in a way. But when content, all I care about is others and the rest of the world, like you said.

It's such a human thing, typical reaction, yes. Right now, I am content as well, but I don't take it for granted. At any moment the rug could get pulled out from under me. As has happened so many times before. You never know what future holds, so I try to be present and live in the moment as much as I can.

Just the other day, I was driving home from a full day of work, I was so exhausted, hadn't slept in days and I wasn't doing well emotionally. All I wanted to do was crawl into my bed and do nothing and then this producer called me to tell me I needed to memorize a ten-page script for a rehearsal the next morning. I literally burst into tears after the call; it was the last thing I needed. But you know what, I got my shit together, and I did it, and it went really well. So what I am trying to say is, even when it seems impossible and you don't want to do it, just try, and trust the process; have faith in your abilities!

It's a funny combination being emotionally tired and also performing best under pressure. The downfall of it all is that once you slow down, you crash.

And I already did! But the more tired you are, the more you push yourself, the more you see what you are capable of. I also always just go back to my history and say to myself – "Julia, you've been through so much, this isn't going to fuck you up! You have, and you will preserve."

Your past, combined with your ego, is insane! If I didn't know you personally, it would be hard to believe some things that occurred are even true.

Right, the shit I've done and been through! I'm actually grateful that the press always asks the same questions and haven't yet dug out the dirt, haha. The only thing they got out of everything are my dominatrix days. And boy do they love bringing it up! It's like, who cares?! Big deal!

I can see why that interests everyone!

It's just annoying because I did that in another life, so many years have passed. That said, every girl should be a dominatrix at least once in her life. It teaches you how to be a boss! It taught me my worth. I was like, "One guy will pay 200\$ for my literal urine, and some other guy won't even answer my texts. Fuck that." I'm proud of my dominatrix past!

Do you remember when we were at home, one random afternoon, and you came in my room, so abruptly, and said, "Don't come out for like half an hour, I have a guy here who is into foot fetish, and he's coming to massage my feet! I'll let you know when he leaves," and then half an hour later, he was gone, and you were 500\$ dollars richer, and we went and got our nails done and walked to Tompkins.

Haha, sounds about right! One thing I want to highlight is that I enjoyed every minute of it. I never compromised myself and I'm really proud of that.



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