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At a certain age, you are supposed to know what you want to aspire to do for the rest of your life. You are expected to have everything laid out, planned, and ready. There are some, unlike myself, who know exactly what their life will be like 60 years from now; but I am not one of those determined people. I am a wander-caster.

I am aware that when encountering any relatives or old friends, the dreaded questions will inevitably come up. The questions that have been coming up throughout my life and that I have spent countless hours pondering over. The questions I can't answer. The questions everyone expects me to know. Questions like: "So where do you want to go to college?" and "What are you going to major in?" and, of course, "What do you want to do with your life?" And inside of my mind I can't give a rejoinder to any of these. I can't picture my future a mere week from now, let alone beyond high school and in the "real world." It never alarmed me previously, because these inquisitive people would say, "Oh it's okay; you have time." But, I didn't know the time would wander away from me and vanish in haste. It is almost my senior year and I am still undecided. I am still wandering around without an aim in my life. I am still imprisoned in my own, unknown abyss.

Wander-casters are people who are still searching, wandering about looking for something that they can develop a passion for and have a desire to spend the rest of their careers and lives concentrating on. They are people looking for something to cast their lines and strive for. They are confused, anxious, undecided, insecure, doubtful, and indecisive. They are people who have so much pressure consuming them from all sides that they feel trapped in this decision. They feel ashamed. It seems everyone else has

everything figured out and they're a lost bird flying alone in the sky, attempting to find their way back and have a place in this vast world. Wander-casters don't have to be a certain age. You can be 80 years old and still struggling to fathom what you want and who you are. Wander-casters sometimes aren't people you would expect. They usually try to hide this part of them with a self assured and confident demeanor. But do not let them deceive you; they are lost on the inside, fighting and thinking and guessing, pressured to make a decision as soon as possible. But occasionally, a wander-caster knows what they want. They know what they want and are too afraid to take the risk and follow their dreams. So they ended up stuck with their other confused peers, just drifting through the wind.

Wander-casters are not hopeless. They are not lazy, or apathetic, or impassive. They can be ambitious, hard working people that want to achieve the most they can in their life. Compared to those who are assured in their future, wander casters are not less responsible, prolific, or intelligent. They are just people who need support and encouragement to find their passion, and purpose in life. But, with hope, myself and other wander-casters will eventually find their way...