

Some Other Life

Posted originally on the [Ad Astra :: Star Trek Fanfiction Archive](http://www.adastrafanfic.com/works/869) at <http://www.adastrafanfic.com/works/869>.

Rating:	General Audiences
Archive Warning:	No Archive Warnings Apply
Category:	M/M
Fandom:	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine
Relationship:	Julian Bashir/Miles O'Brien
Character:	Julian Bashir , Miles O'Brien
Additional Tags:	POV Second Person , Angst , Drabble , Future Tense
Language:	English
Stats:	Published: 2023-08-26 Words: 100 Chapters: 1/1

Some Other Life

by [nostalgia](#)

Summary

This is the way your world will end.

Notes

See the end of the work for [notes](#)

This is the way your world will end:

Miles will pull away when you kiss him. He will say, gently and inevitably, "I'm married."

You'll be expecting this of course, and will have your answer ready: "But if you weren't--"

He'll cut you off with a sensible response: "There's no point asking whether things would be different in some other life when you have to live in this one anyway."

You, being an idiot, will press on. "But if it weren't for Keiko, would it be me?"

Miles won't look you in the eye when he breaks your heart. "No."

End Notes

The Author's Notes That Are Longer Than The Story Itself Was: Sorry about the angst overload, this was mostly inspired by that bit in Afterimage where Dax says literally the worst thing she could have said. (You know the bit, right?) This angsty interlude didn't feel like it could be an entire story but then I remembered that drabbles exist and are A Valid Artform. Hooray!

Please [drop by the archive and comment](#) to let the author know if you enjoyed their work!