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Extra reflections

Echoes of time: pearls beyond the veil

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In a space suspended between then and now, memories hang like gleaming pearls on tau-threads of time. But with the creeping shadows of dementia, these tangled threads fray; and pearls dim, creating perceptual voids in the realities of the world. Characters once vividly present in the mind drift, their identities becoming hazy. Fragmented pieces of the past merge with the present as the lines of recollection blur. Each moment's memory becomes a tale, a falling raindrop—fragmented and dimensionless. Some are lost to memory's abyss; some seep deep into earth's embrace, metamorphosing into ancient relics and hidden treasures. Some ascend to become constellations that never existed before.

A poet ponders his sunset reflection on the misty, antique amber window, where raindrops and glass bubbles merge, glistening like pearls in the fading sun. The rain of memories trickles down the windowpane, some pulsating and glinting with light, others dim and silently roll away. Warm, rainy memories of distant days radiate warmth but merge into a fog of confusion as they puddle on the sill. Some raindrops intermingle, creating realities both familiar and foreign. Others fade unseen into a void of uncertainty. As night nears, the reflection fades, but the ephemeral patter of memories continues to tap lightly on the pane, their essence lingers and resonates amidst the ebb and flow of clarity and confusion.

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