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‘If I had made different decisions back then, what kind of life would I be living now?’

Nora Seed felt that she had made wrong decisions at every turning point in her life. When she tried to end her life, she found herself in a mysterious library. Each book in the library represented a possible life she could have led, just by changing one decision she had made in the past. The librarian told her she could choose any book to turn one of those potential lives into her current life. However, whenever Nora decided to reverse one of her past choices, the future she arrived in was not a complete ‘happily ever after.’ Even if she arrived in what seemed like a perfect future, all the positive impacts she had made in her original life, no matter how small, vanished without a trace. A life filled with mistakes still had meaningful aspects, and a seemingly smooth life could not be without regrets and imperfections.

After reading this book, it reminded me of the intricate nature of life’s choices. Life is a complex decision-making process, and it interconnects with our actions and outcomes. While it is easy to feel the pain of the decision we have made, the truth is, we would never if ‘Another Road’ would be a better choice or not. At the end of the day, every path we choose comes with its own set of sacrifices and rewards, and true fulfilment may lie in embracing the journey with all its twists and turns, not the end of the road.

