## Schrödinger's Cat: Really short stories

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## Abstract

Even shorter than you probably think. Limited by the uncertainty principle and author's intellectual powers. Especially the latter.

- 1. Full names of two physics figures: Wilhelm Carl Werner Otto Fritz Franz Wien, Max Albert Niels Louis Werner Erwin Katz aka Schrödinger's Cat.
- 2. If Nietzsche were a physicist: "If God is dead, who gives a damn if Schrödinger's Cat is dead or alive? Are you all nuts!?"
- 3. Schrödinger's Cat to God: "I am confused. I never know if I am dead or alive. Is it normal or do I drink too much?"
- 4. Maxwell's Demon to Schrödinger's Cat: "So, that's what you do for a living? Being dead half the time? Awesome."
- 5. Dying Schrödinger's Cat in Terminator: Dead or Alive: "I'll be baack!"
- 6. Schrödinger's Cat to a Janus particle: "You mean like being dead on one side and alive on the other? No, I don't think I can do this. But that'd be cool!"
- 7. One slit to another in the double slit experiment: "Did you just let Schrödinger's Cat in? I told you he was a problem. Last time I did so, he played dead for like an hour and I had to call the cops."
- 8. Schrödinger's Cat watches a dog chase a cat: "Soo classical! So stupid."
- 9. Count Dracula runs into Schrödinger's Cat: "Cus? Oh, I am sorry. I have mistaken you for some other undead. He looks just like you. Except for the tail, but nobody's perfect."
- 10. A Nobel Prize question even a kid can understand: What do you get when you cross a spherical cow with Schrödinger's Cat?
- 11. Schrödinger's Cat to himself while reading Phys. Rev. D: "Schmanthropic principle. What a load of presumptuous baloney! Had cats not domesticated humans there would not have been any science."
- 12. A rat in a quantum hardware store: "I'd like two large energy barriers, please. And what was that poison that Schrödinger was using on his cat?"

- 13. Schrödinger's Cat pleads not guilty: "No, Your Honor, I did not steal these sausages. I befriended them after they had tunneled out of the store."
- 14. Schrödinger's Cat testifies as a witness: "The defendant, Everett, tried to split the Universe causing a serious disturbance in the hood. Chickens, sausages, and other meat were falling from the sky! Vegans were terrified that it was the rapture and they were going to hell."
- 15. Schrödinger's Cat collides with Hugh Everett III: "Seriously, Hugh, did you forget to split the Universe? You, of all people?"
- 16. Schrödinger's Cat to the Cheshire Cat: "Wipe off that silly grin, soldier. This is the army."
- 17. One rat to another: "Schrödinger's Cat? No, never met the beast. But from what I have heard, if you stand still, he will just tunnel through you."
- 18. Schrödinger's Cat in a grocery store: "A gallon of milk, please. From free-range, non-spherical cows. Dead or alive."
- 19. The Moon in a letter to Schrödinger's Cat around 1935: "I hope you are alive. If so, please look at me as often as possible or else I may cease to exist. No, I am not crazy. It's the latest science. If you can believe it, but I am not taking any chances."
- 20. Schrödinger's Cat reading *Hamlet*: "That must be wrong. It should be 'to be and not to be.""
- 21. Depressed Schrödinger's Cat discusses his suicide thoughts with Everett: "There must be at least one universe out there in which I am totally dead forever, no?"
- 22. Schrödinger's Cat watches YouTube videos about himself: "I hate this animated crap. When will Brad Pitt finally get to star me? Clooney is already too old and too fat for that. He might be good as Schrödinger, though. With a brain transplant or two ... "
- 23. Schrödinger's Cat to Hugh Everett III: "Sometimes I feel like my tail is in one universe, my head in another, and the rest of my body is missing. I gather I split the universe too much or too little. How do I get it just right?"
- 24. Schrödinger's Cat watching two Brownian particles: "You are doing a hell of a job, Brownies!"
- 25. Schrödinger's Cat meets ħ: "What's with this bar? Aren't you too tiny to be wearing it? And why does it look so classical? Shouldn't it be more wavy?"

- 26. Schrödinger's Cat discusses math with Hugh Everett III: "Hugh, when you add one brown mouse to one grey mouse, what exactly do you get? I tried to figure this out on my own, but got so entangled that my tail still hurts."
- 27. Schrödinger's Cat sees a brand new Geiger counter next to his box: "I should probably tell this nice fellow that his predecessor did not survive this experiment."
- 28. Schrödinger's Cat studies the Riemann hypothesis: "Wow, that explains why the smallest nonzero spin is one half. And why all electrons are entangled. It's because of the imaginary part of their spins. I am a frigging genius. I demand a new box!"
- 29. Schrödinger's Cat sees an h with two bars: "Not again! I must really quit drinking."
- 30. Schrödinger's Cat watches an h being chased by three bars : "Things down here are getting way too classical for my taste..."
- 31. Schrödinger's Cat confesses his procrastination problem to a Geiger counter: "I was supposed to be dead half an hour ago already. When Schrödinger is back, he'll kill me!"
- 32. Schrödinger's Cat to  $\hbar$ : "Yo, h, have you thought about changing your style? With that bar, you look like you've been nailed to a cross or something. Some may see it as a cultural appropriation and, trust me, those social justice warriors can be pretty nasty. Why don't you try something less drastic. Anything, really. Like a hat..."
- 33. Angry Schrödinger's Cat to Santa: "How many times do I have to tell you to leave your frigging gifts on my porch if you ever happen to find me dead?"
- 34. Schrödinger's Cat to a Geiger counter: "I guess neutrons have some problem with me. I don't know what's the matter, but whenever I talk to them, after 15 minutes or so, they just split."
- 35. Schrödinger's Cat watches a dog howl at the Moon: "Science education in this country has so totally gone to the dogs and yet they are still too stupid to make good use of it."
- 36. Schrödinger's Cat to Santa: "I demand that you start paying Rudolf, your slave reindeer, an honest living wage or else you will be dealing with me at my deadliest, you stingy old fart!"

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