

I Am Not My Skin

PROVOCATEUR

Your first and last names

Your question

"Tell us about yourself." is a common question in a job interview. Many people share simple things, such as hobbies. Why does Yona share very personal details of his life with the strangers of the interview committee?



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FIREBRAND

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Yona's faith in religion is "elusive." Why?



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INSTIGATOR

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What does Yona mean when he says,
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ignored, something extraordinary about
being ordinary"?



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