

THE STORY OF MY LIFE. LINGUISTICS, OR HOW I TOOK UP LANGUAGES



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"THE MORE WE WORKED, THE STRONGER THE
INTEREST BECAME. ENGLISH BOOKS, ENGLISH
CARTOONS... I SUCKED IT ALL IN LIKE A
SPONGE!"





"BIOLOGY, LITERATURE, DRAWING -
ALL THESE THINGS TOOK A PERSONAL
PLACE IN MY HEART AND SOON THEY
STARTED TO TEAR IT APART."

"ALTHOUGH MY CLASSMATES COULDN'T
UNDERSTAND MY PASSION AND KEPT
CALLING ME A WEIRDO, I STOOD MY
GROUND UNTIL A HEART DESIRE CAME
TO ME."





"UNFORTUNATELY, THE PASSION NEVER LEFT
ME, AND EVEN NOW I'M STILL SAVING THIS
LITTLE WISH TO BECOME A FAMOUS
ANIMATOR ONE DAY."

"BESIDES, AS A VERY AMBITIOUS GIRL, I
DREAMT OF WINNING AN OSCAR FOR THE
BEST ANIMATED FILM. NOW THAT'S WHERE
I'LL NEED THE LANGUAGE, I THOUGHT."





"THAT'S WHERE THE
LANGUAGES BECAME A
SHINING STAR OF HOPE FOR
ME AND GREW ME A NEW
PAIR OF WINGS TO FLY UP
TO MY GOAL."

"MY EXAMS WEREN'T AS GOOD AS THE
MOCK ONES, AND TRYING TO APPEAL THE
RESULT GAVE NOTHING ELSE BUT MORE
PAIN. MY DREAM TO GO TO ST.
PETERSBURG TO BECOME A TRANSLATOR
WAS CRUSHED TO PIECES."



Why are you here?
You're so good at
drawing!

You should have
become an artist!



“I NEVER STOPPED DRAWING, AND, OF
COURSE, IT COULDN'T STAY UNNOTICED
FOREVER. THAT'S WHEN THE QUESTIONS
SURROUNDED ME, GIVING THE GROUND FOR
DOUBTS IN MY MIND.”

"NOW, WHERE I STAND, I LOOK IN THE
FUTURE AND SEE MYSELF AS A SUCCESSFUL
INTERPRETER, WORKING FOR A BIG
COMPANY AND ENJOYING MY LIFESTYLE."

