

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."

