

# RAT: MY FRIEND IS A JEW.

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Hello, i am a rat!

I Live  
in Dreezo's house.  
The family even  
pounds on the  
floor to Let me  
know they're back.

Today is special!

On 18th of November, 1925  
Vera Dreezo was born.  
So small she kind of Looks  
Like my friend's kid. Pink  
and warm. (Just Like a baby rat)

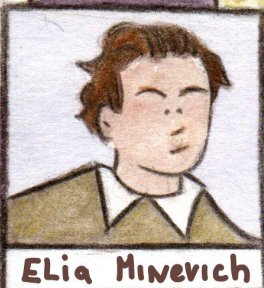


This is Vera's mom - Ghita. Our Jewish neighbors taught her how to cook, since she lost her parents at a young age.

She learned how to make gelate fish and many other dishes from different cultures.



Oh, and this is NANNY - Varia



ELIA MINERICH

Vera's father - ELia, became the commercial director of a refrigeration factory in Kyiv, 1938.

He made ice-cream! We often visited dad's stores to eat some delicious ice-cream and deserts.

I am off to work!







Dreezo family Liked going to the cinema, theaters and football matches.

Vera often went to the theaters for young spectators.



They also enjoyed reading.



Once, Vera's dad went to Caucasus and brought a recipe for kefir (fermented dairy drink) back with him. This was how production of kefir started in Kyiv. His daughter really Loved it, and so did i.





Vera's parents were friends with two jewish families. They often came by in the evenings to play cards and talk about Life.







The situation is getting tense..

What do we do???

"This is Molotov..."

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Vera woke up at dawn on June 22th 1941, to her parents talking: "This is just another training, don't worry!" Then we heard the radio.

The war started. Vera, her mom, Little sister Zoya and Aunt Lilia evacuated from Kyiv on July 21.

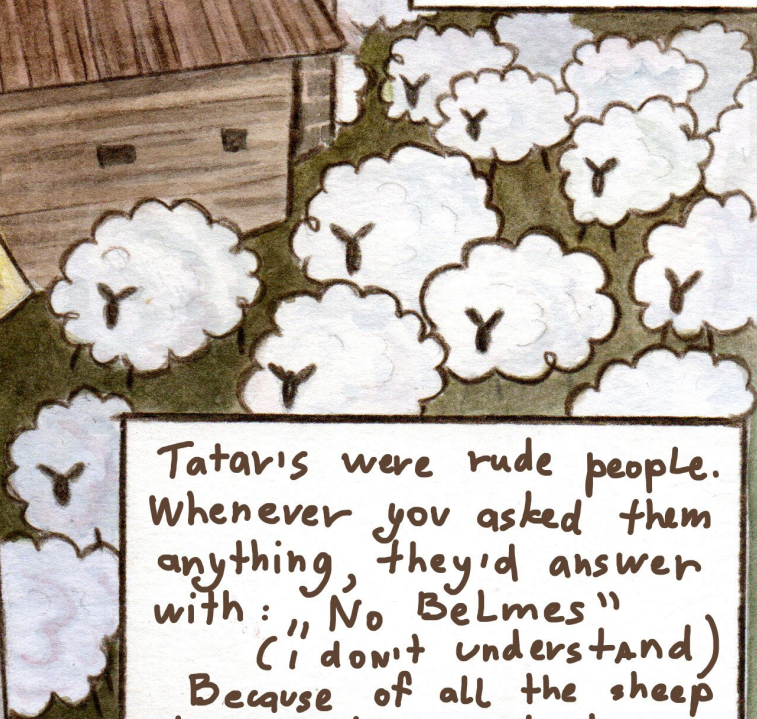
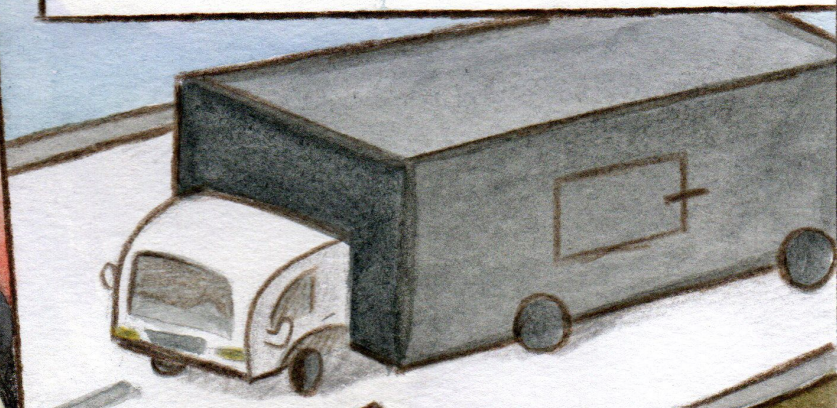
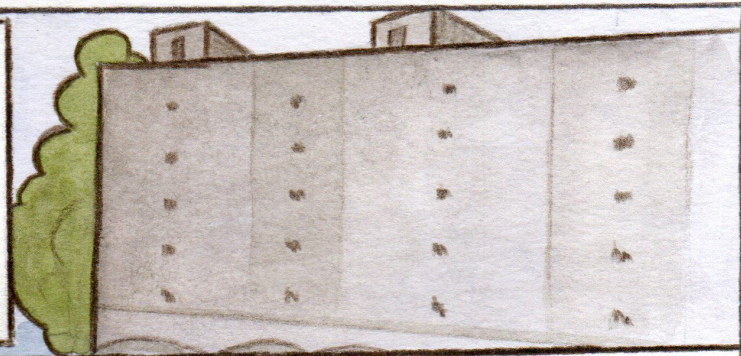


After a month - worth trip by train we arrived to the refrigeration factory barracks for employees. There were many nazi posters.

We received a notion about Vera's father's death. A bomb hit the truck he was moving in. Mother couldn't believe it.

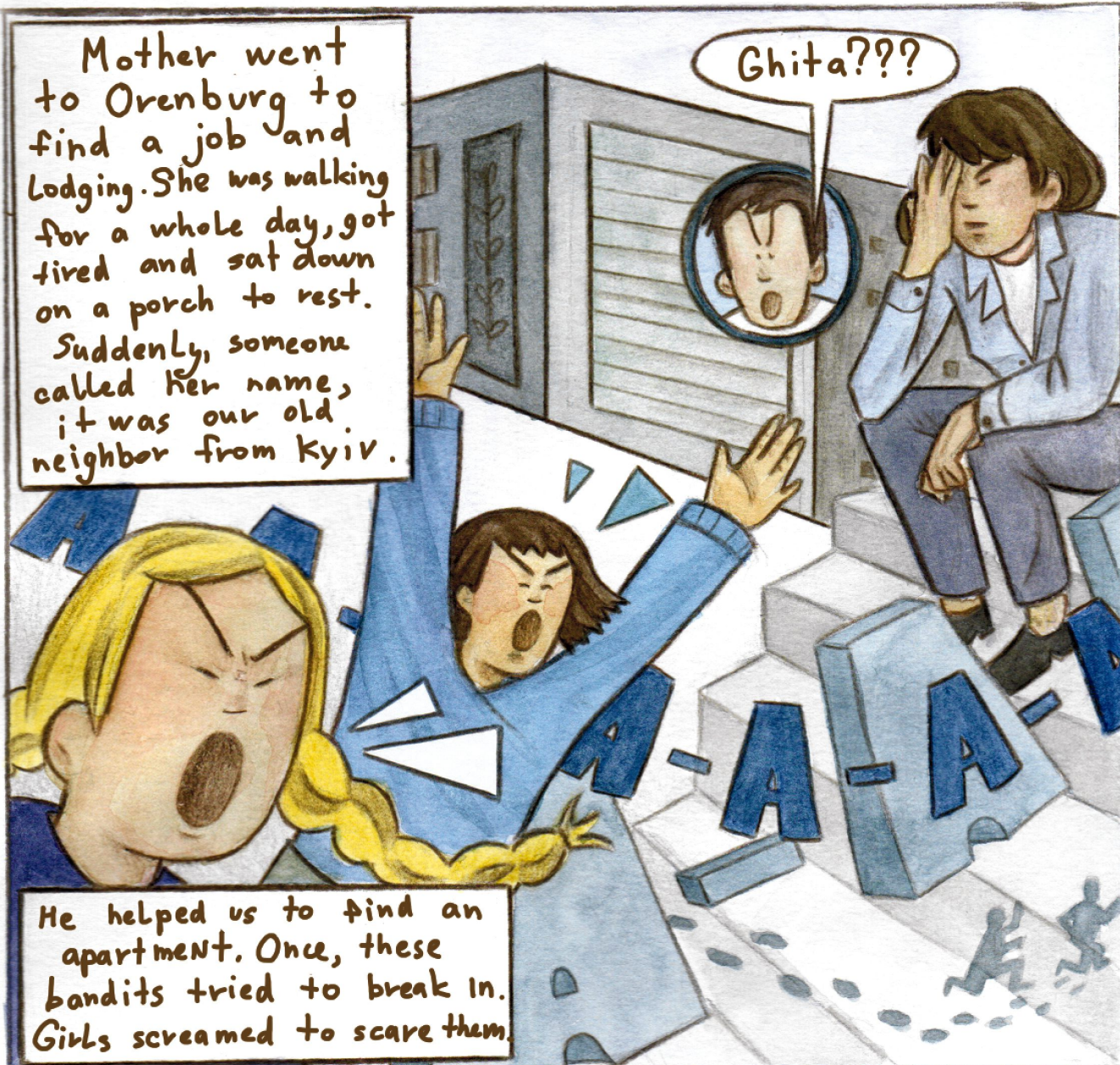
Then uncle Meyer came to visit and took us to Kaharlic village.

Tatar's were rude people. Whenever you asked them anything, they'd answer with: "No Belmes" (i don't understand) Because of all the sheep it was always dusty.

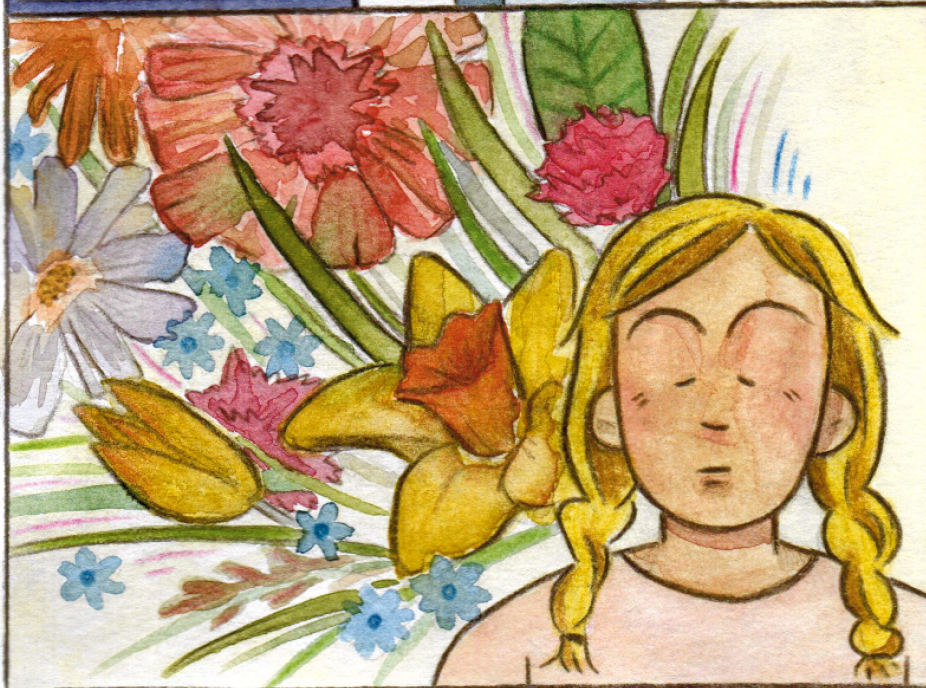




Mother went to Orenburg to find a job and lodging. She was walking for a whole day, got tired and sat down on a porch to rest. Suddenly, someone called her name, it was our old neighbor from Kyiv.



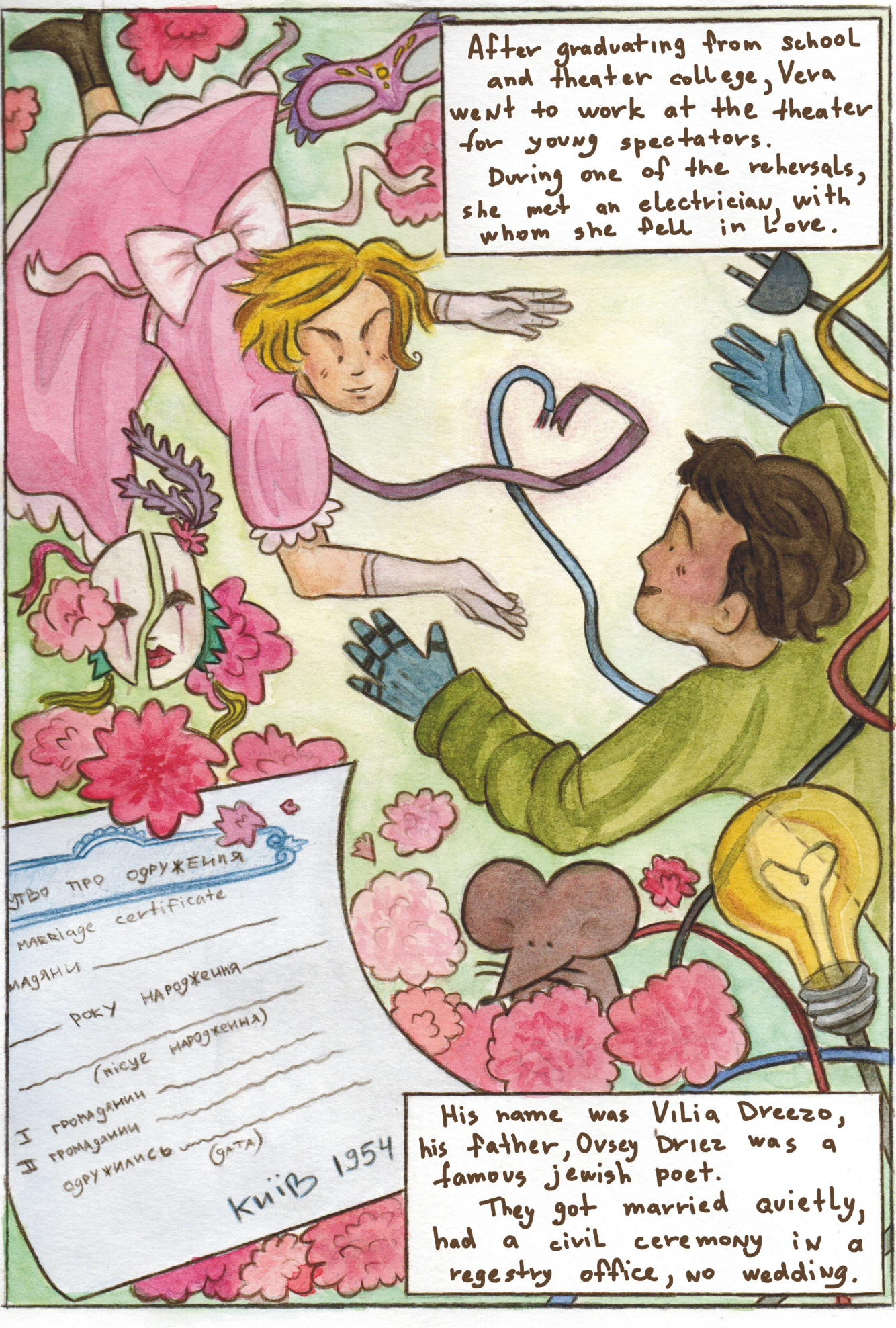
He helped us to find an apartment. Once, these bandits tried to break in. Girls screamed to scare them.



In May 1945 the war was finally over. We began to prepare for our journey home. We returned to our old flat in Kyiv.







After graduating from school and theater college, Vera went to work at the theater for young spectators.

During one of the rehearsals, she met an electrician, with whom she fell in love.

СВІДО ЦЬО ОДРУЖЕННЯ  
MARRIAGE certificate

МАДЯНИ

РОКУ НАРОДЖЕННЯ

(місце народження)

I громадянин

II громадянин

ОДРУЖИЛИСЬ (дата)

Київ 1954

His name was Vilia Dreezo, his father, Ovsey Driez was a famous jewish poet.

They got married quietly, had a civil ceremony in a registry office, no wedding.

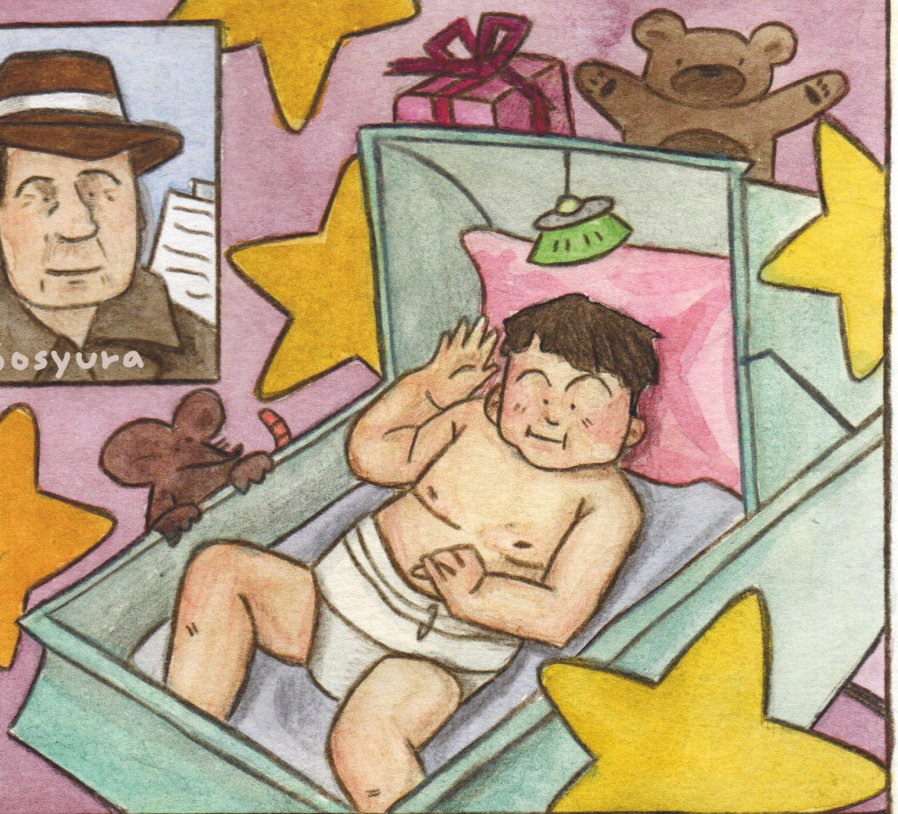


In 1956  
Vera's son  
- Alyosha  
was born.

About two  
weeks after  
the birth,  
our friends  
and neighbors  
Sosyura family  
gifted us a  
baby - carriage.

Little Alyosha  
grew up in it.

\* Volodymyr Sosyura -  
famous Ukrainian poet.



Alyosha went to russian school, and  
studied production at universety  
where he met a nice girl. They got  
married and had a daughter.



Perestroika began in 1991.  
Vera's son and his wife  
Lost their jobs.

Hesed  
Charity  
ORG.

Someone recommended  
Vera to go to Hesed  
charity organization.

People there were  
very nice and the  
atmosphere was  
welcoming. They  
helped with food  
supply and medicine.

Vera decided to  
help somehow, so she  
started giving Lectures.

Each Lectures was not just  
a job for her, but a journey  
into the world of knowledge.

She prepared carefully,  
explored every question.

Vera traveled all over the  
country, and met new people.

And in this continuous  
movement, in this desire  
she had found herself.