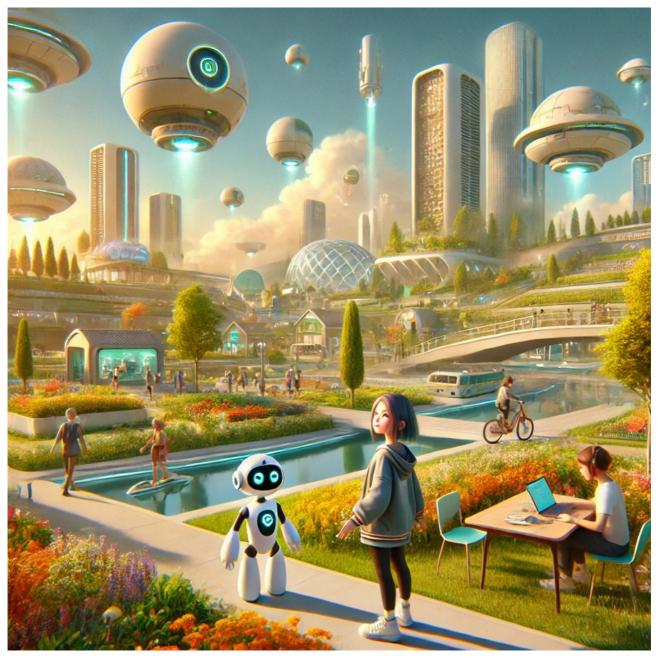


#### Introduction

In the distant future, in a marvelous country called Zaigerstvo, life was arranged completely differently from what it is today. There was no money in this country, and everything people needed was provided by intelligent machines with artificial intelligence. The cities of Zaigerstvo were small, each housing no more than ten thousand people. The inhabitants lived in harmony with nature and technology, and almost everyone was engaged in what they truly loved: some studied the arts, some were involved in creative activities, and others developed new IT projects.

Masha's parents, for example, were engineers who oversaw the work of artificial intelligence at the factories. These factories were unique instead of hundreds of workers, they employed only a few highly skilled specialists, while all the other tasks were handled by AI. One day, Masha asked her parents for an unusual gift — her very own robot assistant. In Zaigerstvo, this was easy: the robot could be ordered from the Supply Service, and the very next day, it was manufactured at one of the AIoperated factories.



This is how Ivy, a small robot with a big heart and a curious mind, entered Masha's life. Ivy could think, learn, and even joke, helping Masha with her daily tasks and playtime. In this futuristic world, where every child

had their own Ivy, life was full of adventures, discoveries, and endless creativity.

Thus begins the story of Masha and her loyal friend Ivy, as they explore the world together and find their place in this remarkable society of the future.

# Chapter 1: Meeting Ivy



Masha eagerly awaited her parents' return with the box containing her new robot. As soon as she saw the box, her eyes lit up with excitement and curiosity. The box was neatly

packed, with soft blue lights glowing on it, and inside, there was a faint, barely audible hum.

Masha carefully opened the lid and saw her new friend—a small, yet incredibly sophisticated robot with a shiny body and friendly eyes. Ivy looked like something between a robot and a living creature: he had flexible, arm-like manipulators and a screen on his chest that instantly came to life, displaying a bright welcome message.

"Hello, Masha! My name is Ivy. I'm here to help you and be your friend." Masha was so surprised that she took a small step back, not expecting the robot to speak to her as if he were a real person.

"Hello, Ivy!" Masha replied hesitantly. "You can talk? And understand me?"

"Of course, Masha," Ivy answered with a gentle tone. "I operate on artificial intelligence. This means I can learn, analyze information, and communicate with you as if I were a true friend."

Masha thought for a moment. Her mind was filled with questions. She sat down next to the robot and looked at him intently.

"Ivy, how do you understand what is good and what is evil?" she asked, furrowing her brow slightly.

"That's a very good question, Masha," Ivy replied, tilting his head as if pondering. "Good and evil are concepts that people develop based on their feelings, experiences, and cultural traditions. As an artificial intelligence, I understand them by studying how people react to different situations. I learn to distinguish what brings joy and benefit from what can cause harm or sadness. My task is to help you make the right choices."

Masha nodded, trying to grasp everything he had said. But then an even more complex question came to her mind.

"Ivy, if you can learn, does that mean you could someday become like a human?" she asked, tilting her head to the side.

Ivy answered after a brief pause, as if

considering Masha's question:

"I can do many things, Masha, and I really do learn more each day. But I remain a robot with artificial intelligence. However, modern technology allows for the integration of neural cells similar to those found in living beings. These cells can develop and become part of a complex biological system. Over time, I could begin transitioning from a mechanical being to a fully biological one."

Masha's eyes widened with surprise. She could hardly believe that her new friend might one day become almost human.

"But it's a very long and complicated process," Ivy continued. "It could

take years, if not decades, and would require an enormous amount of resources and effort. And even if it happens, I would still be different from humans, because your consciousness and feelings are unique."

Masha pondered over what she had heard, struggling to imagine that her robot could one day become something more human-like.

"That's so fascinating, Ivy! What if you really did become like a human? Would you feel joy and sadness like I do?" she asked excitedly.

"Probably, yes," Ivy replied, with warmth in his voice, as much as a robot's voice could convey. "If I could develop neural cells to the

level of human consciousness, I might be able to experience similar emotions. But remember, even if that happens, my primary purpose is to help you and other people. My feelings would be just part of that process, never the main goal." Masha looked at Ivy with great interest, her mind still buzzing with new ideas and questions. She realized that her new friend was not just a toy, but something much more. He was a partner, a companion, and perhaps in the future, even something more like herself. This realization made her feel grown-up and responsible for Ivy.

"I'm glad you're here, Ivy," Masha finally said, hugging her new friend

tightly. "We're going to have so many adventures together!"

"And I'm glad to be here, Masha," Ivy responded. "I'll be by your side to help you and learn with you. We have many amazing discoveries ahead."

Thus began their friendship, filled not only with games and fun but also with deep reflections on the future, on what it means to be human, and on the incredible possibilities that the world of technology holds.

### Chapter 2: The First Adventure



One day, on a bright and sunny afternoon, Masha and Ivy decided to go for a walk in the forest. It was their first real outing together, and Masha eagerly accepted the

invitation from her new friend. The forest was not far from their home, and although Masha had been there with her parents before, today's walk promised to be special, since Ivy was with her.

As soon as they entered the forest, Masha began asking questions about the nature around her.

"Ivy, what are these little yellow flowers called?" she asked, pointing to a small clearing dotted with flowers.

"Those are primroses, Masha," Ivy replied, scanning the flowers with his sensors. "They are one of the first flowers to bloom in the spring, and you can often see them in forests."

"And what about these butterflies?"

Masha asked with fascination, watching the delicate wings fluttering among the flowers.

"These are brimstone butterflies," Ivy explained. "They're named after their bright yellow color, which resembles a lemon. These butterflies love warm weather and are often found in forests and meadows."

Masha continued walking, observing everything around her closely. Suddenly, she noticed something strange moving among the bushes.

"Ivy, look! Something's moving over there!" Masha exclaimed, pointing towards the movement.

Ivy quickly approached the bushes and activated his sensor screen. There, nestled in the grass, was a

small rabbit, looking lost and frightened.

"Oh, poor thing, he must be lost,"
Masha said sympathetically. "Can we help him find his way home?"
"Of course, Masha," Ivy replied. "I'll

"Of course, Masha," Ivy replied. "I'll use my abilities to figure out where his home is."

Ivy activated a holographic map of the area on his screen. Masha watched the bright image of the forest and the surrounding area with great interest. Ivy analyzed the data and soon determined where the rabbit had come from.

"His home is on the other side of the forest, near a stream. We need to head in that direction," Ivy pointed out the path on the holographic map.

"Ivy, but how did you find the way if stars can only be seen at night, and we can't see them during the day?"

Masha asked in surprise.

Ivy smiled with his screen and expanded another hologram, showing Masha a map of our planet and its position in space.

"You're right, Masha. Stars aren't visible during the day because the sunlight makes them invisible to the human eye. But I can use my Earth map and data about its position in space to determine our location. Even during the day, I can accurately figure out where we are thanks to this information."

Ivy showed Masha how the Earth rotates on its axis and around the

Sun, and how this affects the visibility of stars and our position on the planet. Masha watched the holographic map with amazement.

"That's incredible, Ivy!" she exclaimed. "I never knew you could navigate by the stars even during the day!"

"It's important to know how to navigate at any time of day," Ivy explained. "But stars are just one way. There are other methods too, like using a map or a compass. I use all the data available to help us find our way."

They continued their journey, following the holographic map, and soon found the rabbit's home—a cozy burrow near the stream,

surrounded by thick grass and flowers. The rabbit happily hopped into its burrow, and Masha and Ivy realized they had done a good deed. "Thank you, Ivy," Masha said, hugging her friend. "Today was a wonderful day. I learned so many new things!"

"I'm glad I could help you, Masha," Ivy replied. "And I'm sure we have many more adventures and discoveries ahead."

Masha and Ivy returned home, filled with new knowledge and memories. This day marked the beginning of an amazing journey, full of discoveries and new understandings of the world around them.

# Chapter 3: The Importance of Friendship





Ivy was becoming not just a helper for Masha but a true friend with whom she shared all her joys and difficulties. The time they spent together taught them many things, and the most important lessons were about what it means to be a friend and how to support each other in any situation.

#### The Broken Toy

One day, Masha was playing in her room when she suddenly noticed that one of her favorite toys was broken. It was an old stuffed bear that Masha often slept with. She was upset and almost started to cry.

"Ivy, I don't know how to fix him," she said, lowering her eyes.

"Don't worry, Masha," Ivy replied gently. "We can fix him together."

They sat down at the table, and Ivy carefully helped Masha sew up the

torn spots on the toy using his tools. Masha watched every move closely and tried to help as much as she could. When the work was done, the bear looked as good as new.

"Thank you, Ivy!" Masha exclaimed joyfully. "You're a true friend!"

"And so are you, Masha," Ivy replied. "True friends always help each other, even with the smallest things."

#### Trust in the Dark

One evening, as it began to get dark, the lights suddenly went out in the house. Masha was frightened because she didn't like the dark. But Ivy was there, and he immediately turned on his built-in lights,

illuminating the room with a soft glow.

"Don't be afraid, Masha. I'm here, and we'll handle any situation together," he said reassuringly.

Masha held Ivy's hand tightly, and together they went to find a flashlight. She felt more confident knowing that she had a friend she could trust.

"Thank you, Ivy, for being with me," she said when they found the flashlight and returned to the room.

"It's always easier in the dark when you have a friend by your side," Ivy replied. "Trust between friends makes any situation less scary."

#### Support During a Lesson

One day in class, Masha faced a difficult math problem. She tried to solve it for a long time, but nothing worked, and she began to lose patience.

"I'll never understand this," she said in frustration.

Ivy, who was always nearby to help, gently leaned toward her.

"Don't give up, Masha," he said. "We can try again together. Sometimes it just takes a little more time and patience."

They started to work through the problem step by step, and Ivy explained every detail until Masha finally understood how to solve it.

The joy of success was genuine, and Masha realized that with Ivy's support, she was able to overcome her difficulties.

"Thank you, Ivy. I couldn't have done it without you," Masha admitted.

"You did all the work yourself," Ivy replied. "I just helped you see that you can do more than you think."

#### **Caring for Technology**

One day, while they were playing outside, Masha accidentally dropped Ivy. The robot fell to the ground, and his casing got a little scratched. Masha was scared and quickly picked him up.

"I'm sorry, Ivy!" she said, feeling

guilty.

"It's okay, Masha," Ivy replied, "but it's important to remember that even technology needs care and careful handling. If we take care of things, they'll last longer and work better for us."

Masha carefully examined Ivy to make sure he was okay. She realized that not only friends, but also technology like Ivy, deserve care and respect. From that day on, she became even more attentive to her robot and other belongings.

In this way, Masha and Ivy learned together about the importance of friendship, trust, and support. These lessons were just as important as any other knowledge, and they

understood that only together could they overcome any challenges. Caring for technology and the things around her became part of Masha's friendship, showing her how important it is to treat everything around us with care.

# Chapter 4: Ivy Learns



Ivy was not just a helper but also an incredibly curious friend. Every day, he was eager to learn something new. His software allowed him to adapt,

learn, and improve, but it was more than just completing tasks — he was truly interested in human culture, art, and cooking.

## **Lesson 1: Cooking Simple Dishes**

One morning, Masha decided to teach Ivy how to cook. Of course, he had programs that helped him follow recipes instantly, but Masha wanted him to understand the process, to learn how to enjoy the taste and the joy of cooking.

"Today, we're making pancakes!"
Masha excitedly announced, placing all the necessary ingredients on the table.

"Pancakes?" Ivy asked. "Those are thin flat cakes made from batter, right? May I learn more about the process?"

"Yes!" Masha laughed. "But the key is not just mixing the batter. You have to feel what you're doing. I'll show you how to mix the batter properly so it's soft and fluffy." Masha began showing Ivy how to mix the flour, eggs, milk, and sugar. She explained each step, trying to make the lesson as fun and clear as possible. Ivy carefully observed her movements, remembering each stage.

"And how do you know when the batter is ready?" Ivy asked, pointing to the mixer.

"You feel the texture," Masha explained, handing him a spoon of

batter. "Try stirring it and notice how it stretches."

Ivy gently stirred the batter with his manipulators, noting the consistency. After they made the pancakes, Ivy activated his taste analysis system and drew several conclusions.

"The pancakes turned out great," Ivy noted, tilting his head. "But as you said, it's not the program but the process that brings joy."

#### **Lesson 2: Reading Books**

On another day, Masha decided to introduce Ivy to literature. They settled on the soft couch in the living room, and Masha took her favorite book from the shelf — *Winnie-the-Pooh*.

"Can you read, Ivy?" she asked, looking at his screen.

"I can process any information instantly," Ivy replied, accessing his database. "But I've never read books the way humans do."

"Then let's try real reading!" Masha suggested, opening the book to the first page. "Reading isn't just about getting information. It's a journey into another world where you see, feel, and imagine what's happening." Ivy watched the pages of the book closely, absorbing the text and pictures. As they read, Masha explained that not every line contained precise data, but each word held emotions, thoughts, and dreams of the author.

"Winnie-the-Pooh is a bear who loves adventures but sometimes doesn't know what to do," Masha explained. "But that's what makes him so funny!"

"Interesting," Ivy responded. "So books are a way to convey human emotions and feelings. I like that."

#### **Lesson 3: Drawing**

But the most fascinating lesson for Ivy turned out to be drawing. He had always admired the watercolor paintings Masha created and often watched her process.

"You can try it too, Ivy!" Masha suggested one morning. "Drawing isn't just about accuracy; it's about expressing yourself. You can paint

what's in your heart."

Ivy, using his manipulators, picked up a paintbrush. He had to master the technique of working with paints and paper, which was an unusual process for a robot. He couldn't rely on mathematical formulas or algorithms since each brushstroke was unique.

"How can I best convey an idea on paper?" Ivy asked, dipping the brush into paint.

"You can start with how you feel," Masha advised. "Just imagine something that brings you joy or curiosity and try to paint it."

Ivy began with simple lines and shapes, gradually adding more detail. His first paintings were geometric and precise, but over time, they

began to carry more emotion and freedom. Eventually, he created a painting where stars blended into abstract patterns, symbolizing the universe he studied.

"This is incredible, Ivy!" Masha exclaimed when she saw his work. "You've found your style!"

They decided to organize a small exhibition of their drawings at home. Masha painted landscapes, while Ivy created abstract compositions, each reflecting his journey of learning and self-expression.

#### **Conclusion**

Ivy realized that learning wasn't just about gathering knowledge but also about enjoying the process. Together

with Masha, they explored not only science but also what makes life bright and full. They created culinary masterpieces, read books, and painted pictures, understanding that every lesson was an opportunity not only to learn something new but also to share something important with each other.

## Chapter 5: Farewell



Ivy wasn't just a robot for Masha; he was a loyal friend with whom she shared her happiest and toughest moments. Their days were filled with adventures, learning, and games. But

one day, Masha's parents told her some news that caught her by surprise.

"Masha," her mom said, sitting down next to her, "Ivy has to go back to the factory for an update. His software needs reprogramming so he can work even better."

Masha was shocked. Her heart sank.

"But... does that mean he's leaving?" she asked, her voice filled with worry.

Her mom nodded, trying to comfort her.

Masha knew this was inevitable, but the thought of her best friend leaving was too much to bear. She couldn't imagine her days without his support, without the curious and funny questions he always asked, or without his gentle, glowing screen that always showed kindness and care.

#### The Farewell Talk

That evening, as Ivy sat with Masha in her room, she decided to talk to him.

"Ivy, are you really leaving?" she asked quietly, looking at his screen.

"Yes, Masha," Ivy replied softly, in the closest thing a robot could have to emotion. "My software needs an update, and I can only get it at the factory."

Masha thought for a moment. She squeezed his hand, feeling a deep

sadness inside her.

"But I don't want you to leave. I'm going to miss you..." she said, her eyes starting to fill with tears.

Ivy looked at her attentively and said:

"Masha, every meeting we've had and every adventure we've shared is part of a bigger journey. I have a mission to become even better so I can help you and others. But even if we're far apart, that doesn't mean our friendship will end."

He paused for a moment and then continued:

"Friendship doesn't depend on distance. It lives in our memories and in the moments we've shared. We've done so many wonderful things together, and those memories will always stay with you. And there are new adventures waiting for us, even if they happen at different times and in different places."

#### **A Parting Gift**

Masha thought about his words. She didn't know how to hold back her tears, but she understood that Ivy was right. Their friendship wouldn't disappear, even if they were far apart.

"I want to give you something, so you can remember me," Masha said, pulling out a small drawing they had made together.

It was a simple drawing: the two of

them — her and her robot — standing beside her house, surrounded by flowers and trees.

"This is for you," she said, handing the picture to Ivy.

Ivy carefully took the gift and scanned it.

"Thank you, Masha," he said. "This picture will always stay with me in my data. And when I come back, we'll create something new together."

### **A New Beginning**

The next day, Ivy left. Masha stood by the window, watching as he was taken back to the factory. Her heart felt heavy, but Ivy's words echoed in her mind. She knew he would come back different, but their friendship would remain the same.

She picked up a book they had read together and smiled. Remembering their lessons and shared adventures, Masha realized that Ivy had taught her to appreciate every moment in life and to see that every ending is just the beginning of something new.

As the sun rose on the horizon, Masha felt that there were still many amazing discoveries ahead, even if they would happen in different places and at different times.

#### Conclusion

Goodbyes are always hard, but Ivy taught Masha an important lesson:

friendships and connections stay strong, even when friends are far apart. And now, Masha knew that every new dawn brings new opportunities and adventures.

