



(non)Fictional Character Bio

Ioana was born in Iași, Romania, on a day her mother could remember, the 5th of May 1988. Ioana comes from a long line of humans who had an unfortunate combination of characteristics: curiosity, common sense, and critical thinking.

Growing up, in Ioana's case, this combination was mostly unfortunate for her teachers and class mates. Ioana loved to learn, anything and everything, and hated uninspiring teachers and bullies.

At age 11 she was enticed into child labour by her mother, who had just started a company organising medical events. There, Ioana learned how to wear a skirt, solve very varied problems, and the fact that physicians are not beyond petty theft.

At age 14 Ioana was dissecting her first onion when she had the realisation she wishes to do something in life sciences. Her mentor was a 1.5 m redhead with a penchant for Marlyn Manson. "I don't like the drugs" was playing in the background. At age 16-17 Ioana translated live a speech about tuberculosis. The universe was talking to her without her knowledge.

Ioana decided on medical school in her hometown with the initial intent of becoming either a forensic doctor or a pediatrician. The first option fell because she realised she might not want the local mafia to threaten her family and the second option fell because she realised she could not handle (other) children's families. In the end, a combination of good mentors and a curiosity for everything led Ioana to train in internal medicine. She eventually found her second home in the Lung Hospital and, within it, an affinity for tuberculosis. There was something about a disease directly and indirectly bullying the people it affects which spoke to Ioana's lifelong ethos.

Ioana has always been lucky with mentors -and in general with attracting interesting, kind, lovely people- and with fortunate events. So when her most important mentor met his brother from another mother, it created the perfect circumstance for Ioana to leave her home country and do research in the Netherlands.

Ioana's curiosity has led her to do many different things - to the point where it is now increasingly difficult to describe the full range of skills and abilities on a CV.

Philosophically speaking, Ioana is very good at organising people and things. She likes finding ways that different people with different personalities, backgrounds, and skill sets can work together, make each other shine, and improve an existing status quo. She has also at least dabbled in so many things that she can have a good overview of a situation and her mind automatically goes to imagining ways processes can be improved upon. Ioana has always held the belief that if people understood "more things better" they would end up making kinder choices so she also loves being a part of knowledge transfer.

Practically speaking, Ioana has done graphics design, photography, web design, SEO, copywriting, translating, writing, and editing in English and Romanian, event organising, been part of several boards of her peers, designed pub quizzes, treasure hunts, (co) owned an escape room and team building small company, performed all manner of research activities, presented at various conferences, taught various things from physiology to public speaking, became project manager and now is employed in a graduate school, and, somewhere along the way, became a board certified internal medicine physician. In her spare time, she plays video games and board games, travels, plays various sports, does stand up comedy, and consumes culture, from music to books to museums and art installations with a firm tendency towards fantastical storytelling.

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