

Varia Chernova Writer

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PROFILE

Writer and storyteller with 8 years in theatre and film, and 2 years in the games industry, aiming to craft indelible player experiences through immersive storytelling, gripping lore, and lovable yet flawed characters that resonate long after the screen goes dark.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Lucid Papaya - Indie Game Studio** 08/2022 – 09/2023
Concept, Narrative Lead
Conceptualized, designed, and delivered the story, characters, and dialogue for an indie project, *Crimson Apple*, a fantasy mystery narrative game coming to itch.io in 2024.
Skills: Worldbuilding, Character concepts, Branching narrative, Dialogue, Questlines, Puzzles.
- Kittens in Timespace - Indie Game Studio** 08/2022 – 08/2023
Writer, Translator
Worked with the narrative lead to deliver, and later translated into Russian, cinematic dialogue, and character barks for a quirky humorous 2D platformer, *Kickback Slug: Cosmic Courier*, coming to Steam and Nintendo Switch in October 2023.
Skills: Cinematics, Dialogue, Character barks, Russian translation.
- JTA - World-class Sports PR and IR agency** 04/2021 – 02/2022
Consultant, Copywriter, Translator
Drafted, edited, and delivered speeches, event scripts, and online press releases for global sports clients as part of daily responsibilities. Developed and implemented comms, IR, and PR strategies according to client needs.
Skills: Copywriting, Creative writing, Comms, Strategy, Client-facing, Translation.
- Freelance Creative - Self-employed** 07/2018 – 02/2021
Creative Writer, Translator
Worked on various projects across the media and entertainment industries on a contract basis. Conceptualized viral social media clips for commercial clients, which included writing and translating song lyrics. Scripted, filmed, and edited music videos for indie artists. Frequently write poetry in both Russian and English.
Skills: Video concepts, Social media, Lyrics, Poetry, Translation.

SKILLS

Inky • Twine • Unity • Jira • Trello • Google Tools • Figma • Adobe Creative Cloud • Celtx

LANGUAGES

English • Russian • Spanish

COURSES

- Storytelling for The Screen, Scriptwriting** 2021
A Dramatic Improvement
- Game Writing Masterclass I, Game and Interactive Media Design** 2021
The Narrative Department

EDUCATION

- Digital Film Production BA (Hons)** 2015 – 2018
Ravensbourne University
- International Baccalaureate Diploma** 2012 – 2015
ACS Cobham International School