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That is why we do this.

Where are you from originally?

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I am from Turkey and I grew up in Istanbul. Until high school I was there. Then I moved to Switzerland to do my Bachelor's and Master's. .

Why did you choose Switzerland?

It is especially because, first of all, I studied in a German high school so I speak German. To go to a university, I did a German high school degree. I wanted to go to a place where they studied in German, either Germany, Switzerland, or Austria.

Are you fully bilingual?

Yes.

Why did you choose a German school when you were in Turkey?

The German school is one of the good ones in Turkey.

Was it your choice or your parent's?

It was both. There were also some American, Italian, and French schools, but the American and the German ones were one of the best in Istanbul. You can learn English anyhow.

Did that brought you to Zürich?

Yes, and it's also because the university is good.

How do you find life in Zürich?

I think it is very nice in Switzerland. Zürich especially is such a nice city.

It is very different from Istanbul.

Yes, it is. People are also very different, but I like it.

Do you miss home?

I do, of course. My parents are there. I miss my parents and my friends.

Is Zürich your new home?

Yes, I would say. I'm building now a new home for myself.

When did you first develop an interest in science? Was it when you were a little girl or did it come over time?

In school, I was always good at math. I was enjoying math and also physics. In natural sciences, I was always good. That's why when I was choosing something to study, I thought that maybe I should study something where I could use math. That's why I chose engineering. Then later I studied electrical engineering.

Did you ever receive any remarks about being a girl that studied math?

Not about math, but about why I studied engineering.

Was that later in your studies?

Exactly - When I started studying, people would say it's weird that I study

