



KIRA ROMAS, *10 years old*

City of Kyiv

That day should have been very happy for her family because it was my dad's birthday. Kira and her mother chose gifts for him for a long time, preparing a surprise. But instead of a merry company and a festive table, a terribly cold and damp basement awaited the family. And my dad had to make wooden beds out of old doors so that he could sleep in the basement. They lived there for 11 days, the longest 11 days of Kira's life.

“One day, as it was more or less calm, we came out of the basement to breathe fresh air and go to the store. There was a cage with a little rabbit near the dump. I felt very sorry for him and my parents allowed me to take him with me. I named him Javelin. Now I have a new friend!” Kira recollects her first happy moment.

On March 7, her father volunteered for the war. The girl cried a lot and asked him to

stay. But her father then told her he couldn't do it and had to protect her and her mother because he wanted his girls to smile again. Kira believes that her father will defeat the enemy and return home.



For reference

Family:

Father - Denis Romas, businessman, volunteer in the war, 35 years old; mother - Elena Erokhova, sales consultant, 34 years old; daughter - Kira Romas, schoolgirl, 10 years old.

