

Describe the moment you knew what you wanted to become

I think it was November 1996. My father had taken me to the movie theatres to see this movie called "Toy Story". I was 4 years old at the time and hadn't seen a film in my present lifetime yet. We sat on the second to last row from the top of the theatre. Waiting in anticipation for what was about to show on this giant screen, my face began to hurt from smiling. The lights came down and the movie was about start. That's when I saw the beam of light travel from the top of the theatre to this giant wall. I was in amazement as to what ~~I~~ my adolescent eyes were seeing. After the movie ended, my father asked me what my favorite part of the movie was. I told him ~~that~~ "I liked the whole thing. I wanna do that", in my pre-adolescent voice. I think it was in that moment, that a seed was planted in my mind. I wanted to make the things I was seeing in this otherworld. I not only wanted to create them, but also the excitement that I felt before even viewing this creation. I didn't know it then, but at that moment I wanted to become a filmmaker.

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