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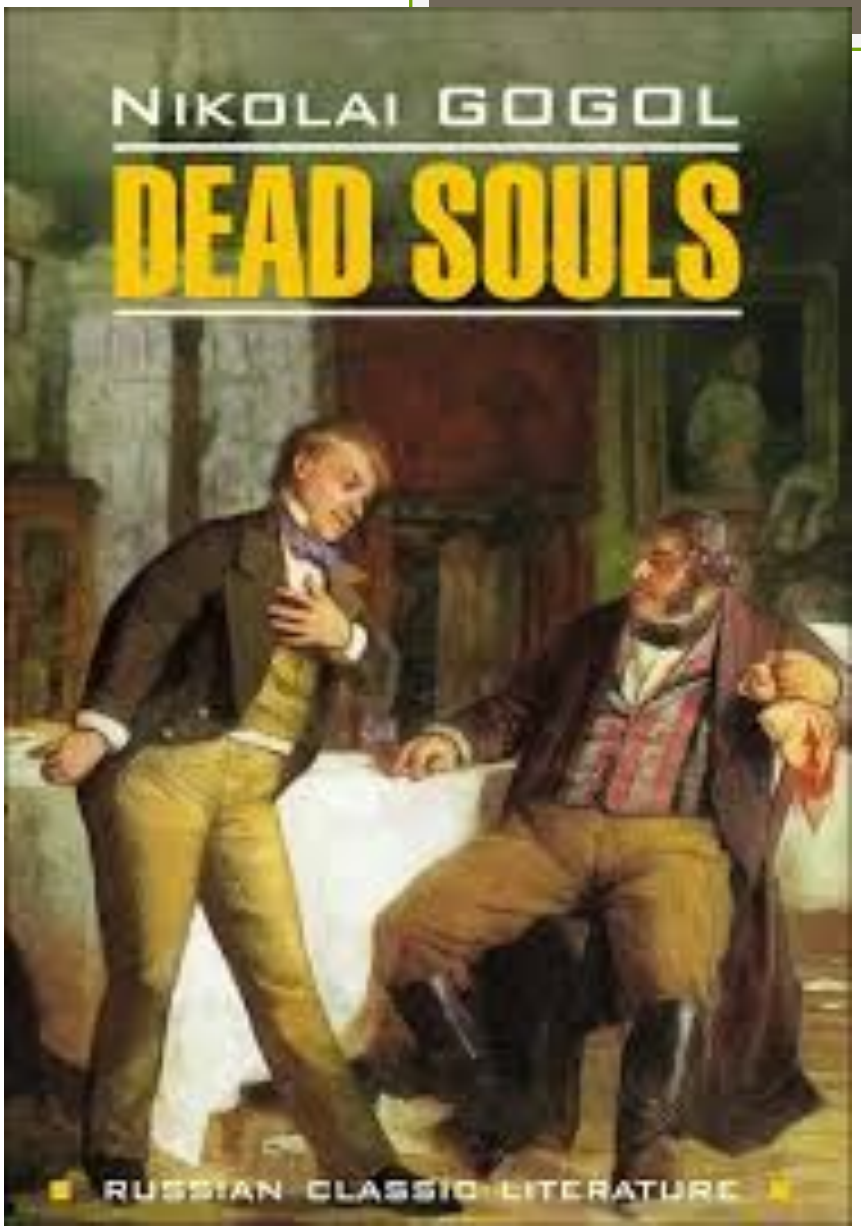
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Once a seal was lying on a rock, sunbathing.

Suddenly, she thought to herself: “Life is so boring! All I do is lie around and swim. If only I could do something more interesting! If I joined a circus, life would be far more exciting.”

And so she joined a circus.

After a couple of years, the seal became a famous acrobat and was soon very rich.

A few years later, dressed in her fine clothes and expensive shoes, the seal went back home to her rock to visit her old friends.

She showed the other seals all the new tricks she had learnt in the circus and then asked them to show her something they could do.

They dived into the water and swam beautifully.

When the acrobatic seal tried to follow them she realized she had forgotten how to swim, and her clothes were so heavy that she would have drowned, if the seals hadn’t rushed to her rescue.