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*Consider Nick's experience and this conversation from the film.*

Nick: If the world's only going to see a fox as shifty and untrustworthy, there's no point in trying to be anything else.

Judy: Nick, you are so much more than that.

*In your opinion, is it possible to break free from negative stereotypes that society places upon us? If so, how? If not, why not?*

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After watching the film, Judy's experience struck a chord with me. She felt depressed and wanted to give up due to the pressure of stereotypes on her and also the constant barriers holding her back. However, through the difficulties she encountered and the process of how she herself got rid of the negative stereotypes that society places upon her, I consider the line: "This is Zootopia, where anyone can be anything" be possible for anyone to do anything they want in our culture or society.

Some may argue that stereotypes have always existed and deeply inscribed in most peoples' minds, so to eliminate those unfair or negative stereotypes seems absolutely impossible. However, with the advancement of technology, we are bombarded with plenty of information every day. It's inevitable that we receive new ideas and change how we think. Take homosexuality for example. Decades ago most people couldn't accept the idea of romantic attraction, sexual attraction, or sexual behavior between members of the same sex or gender. Anyone who expressed his or her ideas about homosexuality would be thought of as being mentally ill or going crazy. Due to the stereotype of romantic attraction or behavior happening only between different sexes or genders, people with different inclinations were afraid of voicing their opinions out loud. However, nowadays there are more and more people taking this issue seriously, and take action to do some changes to make it possible to break free from negative stereotypes that the society places upon homosexuals. It is important that we voice our opinion and communicate rationally. Only when we pluck up the courage and have perseverance can we break those stereotypes.

No matter what kinds of stereotypes, we should hold a positive attitude toward it and take action to prove the stereotype wrong. When there is clear evidence, people will start to change their thoughts and the stereotype will start to collapse. To sum up, action and perseverance play a vital role in breaking stereotypes.