

Aleksander moves
Ebu-DOKU ALEKSANDER, 12 YRS FINLAND
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English translation

10:00:10

For many years I was teased and mobbed because I am so small....

00:16

... and now I have to move to another school

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100%

I don't want to be teased ever again because it is so dull and so unnecessary

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ALEKSANDER MOVES

00:44

I have have lived here for many years and gone to the same school all my life

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We have to move because we have a kennel and the dogs need more space

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I came to Finland when I was 2 years old together with my big sister Ida and my mother Tina.

01:04

Here is my mother, my grandfather, my big sister Ida and I

01:10

My father lives in Norway. I see him almost every vacation

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My mother is married to Patrick who also has two children, but they don't live with us

01:22

100%

I don't want to move, because sixth grade has been such an good year, we haven't teased and troubled each others. Now if the new school is worse and they do a lot of bullying I really don't care to move.

02:01

Today I am going to my school in Helsinki for the last time

02:09

Here is my daycare center where I went when I was little

02:12

On the wall: Day care center Flower Field

02:22

and across the street is my school

02:30

We in the sixth grade have a separate little house in the school yard

02:42

I am the shortest in my class, shorter than the shortest girl

02:54

100 %

When I got to sixth grade everything just suddenly changed. Nobody teased anybody anymore – well, sometimes there is some very minor problem, but nothing serious - and now we can play

football and have fun and we can play football with the third and fourth and fifth graders all together because they are all right now

03:24

In third, fourth and fifth grade I was bullied and teased because I am so little.

03:39

100%

It was really terrible.

The only one I could talk to was mother at home

03:47

But suddenly, in sixth grade, the mobbing stopped altogether.

Now I am friends with everyone in my class

04:05

Since this is my last day everybody has brought sweets and stuff and we are going to have a party... and a quiz.

04:27

Linus: What's the name of the biggest passenger airplane in the world?

04:55

Teacher: And so we wish Aleksander a real good holiday.

05:00

We are all going on skiing holiday and straight after the holiday I will go to my new school

05:49

And my new school and my new home is far out in the countryside

05:54

This is our new house

05:57

Here the dogs have as much space as they want

06:19

The house is fine, I have got a lot of new things....

06:24

100% This is the highest it can be

06:33

But we live far from the school and no one of my class mates live close by

07:10

Now I am scared....

07:14

But everything is going to turn out right....

07:18

...If I am just myself.....

07:22

...I think....

07:49

Teacher: Good morning Aleksander. Welcome. To Mother: Hello. Johan. To Aleksander: Here is your class room

08:21

Teacher: All rise

08:31

Teacher: Aleksander

08:34

Teacher: Good morning

Class: Good morning

Teacher: Welcome to the last part of Spring term. Sit down

08:38

In this school one is supposed to stand up when the teacher comes.
I didn't know that

08:44

Teacher 100%: Oral performance in mother language is about
talking.....

09:05

A: Immilä B: Immilä

09:07

and then we start to get acquainted...

09:16

A: and your favourite is gymnastics?

09:19

and all the others introduce themselves to me

09:22

Anna N and Ida

09:30

Tony, Emil and Valter. I am not the shortest of the class anymore!

09:35

Benjamin: This is Alexander Immilä. He likes gymnastics.

09:38

and I am introduced to them by Benjamin and I am going to
introduce Topi

09:46

Anna E, Stina and Janina

10:07

These people are very silent during class

10:15

Teacher: This is a road that leads to Evitskog

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Teacher: You take the third, Aleksander?

Aleksander: Okay. This is a country where you can go slalom skiing... much...

Teacher: Good

10:37

They look kind of kind

10:42

Johan said that everybody in the class had consented to some rules and that if I agreed on the rules I should write my signature on the document.

10:57

Teacher: That's it!

10:58

The rules are

- No whispering in small groups, somebody will always be left out then
- No sending of messages, either on paper or by sms during school
- Everybody is responsible for keeping up the class spirit

11:25

Teacher: Who was your teacher

Aleksander: Christoffer

T: What else?

A: Christoffer Lundqvist

T: Was he older or younger than I? This is important!

A: Eh? I don't know!

T: How old was he then?

A: 29 – 30

T: 29 – 30 and you´re not sure whether he is older or younger than I? (class giggles) Really? You get good points there, you get good points...

A: Okay. You´re about 40.

T: Good. I turn 45 soon.

11:50

They laugh but they laugh in a nice way

11:53

100 % Tony: Aleksander is quite nice, yes, talked a lot when you think that this was his first day.

12:02

100% Janina: I don´t know... well... kind...like

12:09

100 % Benjamin: Yes, it was quite easy to get along with Aleksander, he is a nice boy och sort of... kind... and quiet... and sort of... nice

12:22

Tony: At least I wouldn´t talk very much if it were my very first day in a new school

13:20

THREE MONTHS LATER...

13:26

Here in the new house there is lots of space for the dogs, and all that, and then in the summertime one can play badminton or run in the forest and there is space for the jumping mat and you can do all kinds of things

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SIX MONTHS LATER...

14:12

100 % Aleksander: Now I am in secondary school and my class is very funny and nothing that I was scared of ever happened...