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Synopsis

The problem is, Aleksander, 12 years old, tells us, that he has been bullied at school for many years, because of his smallness – in third, fourth and fifth grades. Now he is in sixth grade and the bullying has stopped altogether.

But now the family is going to move from Helsinki to a house in the countryside because the kennel that the mother has needs more space.

The school which Aleksander is going to attend is much bigger than the one he is going to now.

When Aleksander goes to his last day at the old school his class is having a farewell party and everybody wishes him good luck.

The first day at the new school everything seems quite normal and nice, and nobody knows what goes on inside Aleksander.

Everything is going to turn out all right, he promises himself. Everything will be fine if I'm just myself.

So, this is what he sets out to do on his first day – just be himself.

To his big surprise at least one of his problems is solved in a surprising way – he is not the only small guy in the whole of the universe...

And on top of that the teacher has a special program – a very simple and unassuming one – for avoiding bullying.

And of course – if you arrive to a new school followed by a TV-team it is certainly very unlikely that you will be bullied.

So we followed Aleksander over a period of 6 months to make sure that there was no bullying.

And there wasn't.