

MEETING OF TV YOUTH PROGRAMME EXPERTS

(Ponta Delgada, 12 to 15 November 2005)

“SEEKING OLDER LADY” Yle /Children’s programmes FST (Swedish programming) FINLAND

10:00:00 – 10:00:08 Ebu logo
10:00:08 - Program start

AT THE RAILWAY-STATION – MORNING 1

Elmo (9) is standing alone beside a train. He is dressed in Hip-Hop clothes and has a big bag in his hand. He takes a few hesitating steps, looking searchingly around.

Grandpa (65) stands a bit further away, equally looking searchingly around. He is dressed in old-fashioned trousers and a worn out jacket.

Elmo sees grandpa. His face lights up

ELMO:
GRANDPA!!!

He drops his bag and starts running towards grandpa at the top of his speed

Grandpas face lights up and he spread his arms

Elmo throws himself in grandpa's arms. Grandpa swirls him around.

IN THE PARK – MORNING 1

Elmo and grandpa are walking happily through a small park with two benches and a flowerpot.

The park is surrounded by tall grey houses and Elmo and grandpa goes in to one of them.

IN THE HALLWAY– MORNING 1

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Elmo and grandpa are unpacking Elmo's things in the hallway.

There is a picture of grandma on the wall. Behind the glass is her obituary. Underneath stands a chair with a knitted shawl hanging on it.

Elmo puts some t-shirts on the upper shelves in grandpa's closet.

Grandpa picks a pair of hip-hop shorts from Elmo's bag. He examines them curiously.

Elmo turns to get the jeans and grandpa hands them over. This is the last garment.

Grandpa sees that the shawl has fallen down when Elmo has placed his bag on the chair. He puts it back in place, gives the photo a look and a light touch and goes to the kitchen.

Elmo follows the procedure, with a slightly worried look. He turns to put the jeans away and runs a hand through the hopelessly old-fashioned row of grandpa's worn out blazers, shirts and cardigans.

10:01:25-

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Grandad's been alone for far too long!

10:01:29 Title 1 "Seeking older lady" ("Tant sökes")

Elmo hears running water and cupboard doors opening and closing from the kitchen. He can also hear grandpa singing. Elmo runs to the table in the living room. The table is littered with newspapers.

10:01:34 Title 2 Manus & regi...

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Elmo hurriedly sorts through the papers, picks one, takes it to a basket on the dining table.

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ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

But where could he find someone?

He takes a sketchbook and crayons and puts everything in the basket.

He takes the basket to the kitchen.

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IN THE KITCHEN – MORNING 1

Grandpa is folding paper around some sandwiches. He is still singing. There is a bottle of juice on the sink.

10:01:43

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

He never goes anywhere.

The kitchen looks bare and old-fashioned. The lace curtains in the window have turned almost grey with age and there is a flowerpot with a dry flower on the dining table.

Elmo and Grandpa put the sandwiches and juice in the basket and are ready to go.

IN THE PARK – DAY 1

Grandpa kicks the ball and Elmo catches it.

10:01:57

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Except to the park.

He dribbles his way past grandpa and kicks a goal under the bench. They both cheer!

Elmo then starts to bounce the ball teasingly and Grandpa tries to take it from him. They are both laughing.

Grandpa sits on the bench. Elmo tries to kick the ball under the bench, but grandpa stops it. Elmo makes a second try and Grandpa loses concentration when he hears a lady's voice. He looks keenly towards the middle of the park.

As Elmo looks in that direction he sees three ladies coming.

They all carry easels and bags.

10:02:15

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Three older ladies!

One lady is dressed in wide colourful blouses and a pink hat and she carries a large red suitcase.

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The second lady has a grey jacket and skirt and carries a black bag.

The third lady has a knitted, peach coloured cardigan and a long skirt and her bag is of sackcloth.

The first lady puts her easel and stool in the middle of the park. She gives the other two foldable chairs to sit on. She then places a doll on her suitcase and the second lady settles down beside her.

The third lady finds a spot a bit away from the others. She takes a little flower-arrangement from her bag and places it on a pedestal.

Grandpa gets up and takes the ball.

10:02:24

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:
Come along, Grandad!

Grandpa dribbles towards the ladies, trying to show off.

10:02:28

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:
Take your pick!

Grandpa looks at the ladies and misses the ball. He makes a fool of himself, not noticing he is dribbling without the ball. Elmo is looking.

10:02:37

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:
What are you doing!?

Grandpa walks away from the ladies, who are busy with their artwork, and returns to where Elmo is.

Elmo and grandpa are sitting in foldable chairs beside the bench. Grandpa has the newspaper in front of him. He isn't reading, he is casting glances at the ladies over the edge of the paper all the time. Elmo has his sketchbook.

10:02:42

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:
Perhaps I should help him
choose...

He looks at the lady in grey.

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10:02:46

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Oh no! The gray old lady!

He then looks at the lady in the knitted top.

10:02:52

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Well... A kind old lady.

Last of all he looks at the colourful lady.

10:02:58

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Hmm..interesting! A pink old lady.

Elmo draws a half circle in his sketchbook and gives it to Grandpa. Grandpa starts drawing, casting glances at the ladies. He makes the half circle into a woman's face surrounded by red hair and a big hat.

Elmo looks from the drawing to lady Red.

10:03:40

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

The pink old lady...

10:03:42

Perhaps he's right!

Elmo looks wonderingly at Lady Red and starts to dream.

DREAM

Elmo can see lady Red putting the finishing touch to grandpa's dull kitchen. She has grandma's shawl around her neck. There are new colourful curtains, a matching tablecloth on the table and lady Red is hanging a colourful painting on the wall, humming pleasantly to her self.

Grandpa is still pretending to read his paper. Without taking his eyes from the ladies he reaches for the sandwich-pack and shoves it in Elmo's face.

Elmo sniffs suspiciously at a sandwich. It looks smeary and artless with a slab of butter and a greyish sausage-slice. He makes a face and looks at lady Red.

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DREAM

Elmo sees lady Red putting the finishing touch to a set of deliciously and artfully decorated sandwiches. They have big rolls of ham, a chunk of cheese, meatballs, lettuce and tomatoes.

Elmo wakes up from his dream

10:04:10

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Yes, she's the one we'll pick!

He gets up resolutely, takes grandpas paper, drags him to his feet and pushes him in the ladies direction.

10:04:19

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Just be yourself, Grandad.

Grandpa starts to walk back and forth on every side of the ladies, but gets nothing said or any contact made.

Elmo is gesturing and nodding encouragingly.

The ladies continue their art-lesson without paying grandpa any notion.

Grandpa is heading back for the bench.

Elmo is annoyed.

10:04:54

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Well, that didn't go too well!

Grandpa shrugs his shoulders.

When Elmo stares at grandpa he suddenly become aware of the hole in Grandpas jacket, the broken button on his vest and the general greyness of his appearance.

DREAM

Elmo sees lady Red, opening her suitcase and taking out a beautiful colourful summer-dress, humming happily. She walks into grandpa's closet to put in her dress, but as she sees the grey row of his clothes she looks horrified. She stops humming, throws off grandpa's shawl and hurriedly stuffs her dress back in the suitcase and runs away.

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ELMO'S VOICE OVER:
Grandad needs a make over!

Elmo quickly gets up and takes grandpa by the hand.

10:05:22
ELMO'S VOICE OVER:
Lucky for him he's got me. Elmo
the style wizard.

Grandpa looks a bit bewildered but follows Elmo and they hurriedly
leave.

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IN A SHOPPING-STREET – DAY 1

Elmo and grandpa stop in front of a fashion shop with black leather and steel in the window. Grandpa looks doubtfully from the window to Elmo, but Elmo drags him to the door, before he can protest.

When they open it there comes blasting rock music at such a volume that grandpa almost keels over. Elmo quickly shoves him in.

Grandpa comes rushing back before Elmo has time to follow him.

10:05:33

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Okay, okay. Maybe that wasn't the right place.

Elmo now points at a common department store. He takes grandpa by the hand and drags him off.

A baffled sales person comes out of the leather shop to see what it was all about, but shrugs his shoulders and goes back inside.

IN THE DEPARTMENT-STORE - DAY 1

Elmo and grandpa stand on the escalators in the department store, looking searchingly around. Elmo drags Grandpa onward.

10:05:42

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

You just trust me, Grandad!

Grandpa and Elmo are looking at each other and them selves in a mirror, laughing. They have ladies hats on.

Elmo and grandpa look at themselves in the mirror with a second hat.

Elmo and grandpa look at themselves in the mirror with a third hat.

Grandpa's head is peeping out of a fitting-room.

Elmo comes hurrying with his arms full of clothes and hand them to grandpa.

Grandpa emerges from the fitting-room in leather pants and jacket. He places himself in front of a big mirror, trying to look tuff. They both laugh.

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Grandpa, dressed in basket ball-shorts does a funny run in front of the mirror. They both laugh.

Grandpa stands in front of the mirror in hip-hop shorts and a T-shirt.

Elmo corrects Grandpa's shorts and then holds up his thumb in a "good"-gesture.

Elmo and grandpa come to the cosmetic department. Grandpa stops when he sees a chair and sits down.

Elmo puts an after-shave bottle under grandpa's nose. He sniffs at it and then shakes his head.

Elmo puts a second bottle under grandpa's nose. He sniffs and sneezes.

Elmo puts a third bottle under grandpa's nose. He sniffs, gives Elmo the bottle and Elmo sniffs.

Grandpa and Elmo exchange looks. They hold up their thumbs in a "good"-gesture.

IN THE PARK – DAY 1

Elmo and grandpa walk past the park. They both carry shoppingbags. They meet the ladies on their way home.

IN THE HALLWAY – MORNING 2

Grandpa sits on a little stool in front of the mirror, with a bath-towel draped over his shoulders. Elmo stands behind him squeezing gel out of a tube and massages it in grandpa's hair.

Elmo is combing Grandpa's hair, trying to hide the balding area in the middle

Elmo puts the finishing touch to Grandpa's hairdo.

10:07:18

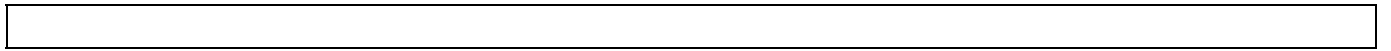
ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Not bad!

Elmo puts up his thumb.

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IN THE PARK – DAY 2

Elmo and grandpa walks toward the park, the ladies are coming and they meet again.

Grandpa is dressed in the hip hop-outfit from the department store. He has his grey cardigan on top. They stop behind some trees at the edge of the park.

Elmo takes out the after shave bottle and splashes after shave on grandpa.

A bye passer stops to sneeze.

All the ladies are busy painting behind their easels.

Elmo pushes grandpa on his way.

10:07:45

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Now Grandad, just be confident.

Elmo hides in the shrubbery.

Grandpa walks a bit and then he looks back at Elmo.

Elmo ushers him on and tries to encourage by gesturing and nodding.

Grandpa moves on a bit, stops beside the ladies, but then sets off passing them.

Elmo gestures vigorously.

A bye passer comes along and sees Elmo waving and peeping behind the trees. She looks suspiciously at Elmo.

Elmo stops dead when he notices he is being watched. He turn his back to grandpa and the ladies and looks casually around.

Grandpa draws a deep breath, looking at lady Red. He sets off straight for her.

All three ladies are painting intently.

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When grandpa gets closer, Lady Red sniffs the air and starts sneezing violently.

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ELMO'S VOICE OVER:
Gosh!

Elmo startled turns to look.

10:08:25
ELMO'S VOICE OVER:
A bit too much aftershave.

Grandpa stops to stare at lady Red.

Lady Kind stares at lady Red.

Lady Grey rummages around in her bag, takes out a handkerchief and offers it to lady Red, who takes it and blows her nose and dab at her eyes.

Grandpa starts moving and the sneezing subsides as he goes further away.

Grandpa stops and looks at Elmo.

Elmo gestures that he should wash himself.

10:08:31
ELMO'S VOICE OVER:
Wipe it off!

Grandpa hurries indoor.

Elmo is annoyed. He gives the ball a sharp kick. Accidentally it flies towards lady Red.

Elmo stares frightened that she will be hit.

Lady red skilfully kicks the ball back.

Elmo misses the ball in his surprise.

Lady Red motions that she wants the ball again.

Hesitantly Elmo kicks it to her and skilfully she sends it back.

They continue to kick the ball back and forth.

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Lady Kind calls Lady Red and she returns to her work.

Elmo sees Grandpa coming back with newly washed face and hair, a towel hanging on his shoulders.

10:08:58

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Football...

Just start playing then!

Elmo eagerly thrusts the soccer-ball at grandpa and points towards the ladies.

Grandpa looks unbelievably at Elmo and the ladies in turn.

Elmo takes the ball and put it on the ground in front of grandpa, impatiently trying to convince him to kick it.

Grandpa looks at it, doubtfully shaking his head. He sees that one of his shoelaces is loose, and stoops to tie it.

Elmo sees lady Red heading back to her little stool

10:09:11

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

I can help you.

Elmo shoots the ball straight at Lady Red

The ball hits the lady right in her hindquarters as she stoops over her bag. She takes a dive.

Elmo quickly dives into the bushes behind grandpa. He stares aghast as Lady Red gets out of the bushes on her side.

10:09:22

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Whoops!

Grandpa straightens himself after tying his shoe laces. He gives Lady Red a bewildered smile.

She sends back a hard and angry shot that hits grandpa in the groin.

10:09:39

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Oh dear!

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Lady Grey helps her straighten out and Lady Kind is looking at them, hiding a smile behind her hand.

Grandpa looks around for Elmo. He notices that lady Kind is smiling at him and smiles back.

Elmo looks from Grandpa to Lady Kind

10:09:53

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

The kind old lady?

Elmo slowly emerges from the shrubbery, when Grandpa calls him. He looks sullen.

Grandpa starts lecturing him.

Elmo and grandpa are sitting on the bench. Grandpa is reading and Elmo is drawing.

Grandpa looks up from his paper in the ladies direction.

The ladies are having coffee and Lady Knit is handing around home made buns to the others.

Grandpa looks longingly at lady Knit with her buns.

Elmo looks to see what Grandpa is looking at and sees Lady Kind bite in to a bun. Elmo closes his eyes.

DREAM

Elmo can see Lady Knit taking out newly baked buns from the oven. She has grandmothers shawl on her shoulders. Grandpa is standing beside her. They hum a duet.

Elmo smiles and tries to sniff the fresh buns, with closed eyes.

10:10:40

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

It will probably be better with the kind old lady.

DREAM

Grandpa's kitchen-table is laid out for coffee. Lady Knit is preparing a basket for the buns when she sees the dead flower on the table. She leaves the basket to inspect the flower. She is shaking her head very disapprovingly, takes off the shawl and leaves.

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Elmo sighs and gets up.

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ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Older ladies can be quite sensitive about flowers.

He starts kicking his ball aimlessly. He is thinking hard. The ball bumps against a pot with garden flowers.

Elmo hurriedly looks around to see if the coast is clear.

The ladies are concentrated on their work and grandpa on his paper.

Elmo quickly picks the flowers and goes over to lady Kind. She looks surprised but pleased when he delivers the bouquet, pointing at grandpa.

Grandpa is concentrating on his paper.

Lady Kind sets off to thank grandpa.

Elmo looks like very pleased.

A gardener emerges from the bushes beside the flowerpot.

Elmo quickly runs to hide in the bushes.

Lady Knit has stopped at the flowerpot. As she examines it, the angry gardener walks up to rebuke her.

Lady Kind angrily shoves the flowers on the gardener and points at Grandpa.

Elmo sees the guard head for grandpa, who is engrossed in his paper. The guard shoves the flowers at grandpa and starts to rebuke him.

Elmo looks aghast, intently following the situation from a distance. He can see the guard is angry and that grandpa is looking for him. Elmo ducks as grandpa sees him and angrily calls for him.

Elmo is on his knees, planting new flowers in the pot. He is very sullen.

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Grandpa and the guard are silently standing behind him, supervising his work.

The guard leaves. Grandpa is about to tell Elmo off properly.

He casts a glance towards the ladies and stop in mid sentence.

Elmo looks to see why Grandpa fell silent

He sees Lady Red and Grandpa smiling at each other.

10:12:16

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Something is happening at last!

10:12:22

We are almost there!

Elmo and grandpa are sitting in their chairs. The ball is on the ground beside them. Grandpa is back at his paper.

Elmo is intently drawing a big red heart with an arrow through it, in his sketchbook.

He carefully rips off the paper with the heart, folds it up and puts it in his pocket. He takes the ball and pretends to dribble aimlessly.

Grandpa is doing crossword puzzles.

All three ladies are deep in conversation at Lady Kind's easel. E sees his chance. Hastily he sneaks up and puts the heart on lady Red's easel. He backs off looking at the ladies to see if they have noticed anything.

The ladies are still talking between them.

Elmo doesn't notice Lady Grey's bag on the ground. He trips over it upsetting lady Red's easel.

When the easel falls, the heart falls in Lady Grey's bag.

10:13:01

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Oh no! Not the grey old lady!

Elmo makes a desperate attempt at retrieving it throwing himself over the bag.

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DREAM

In a flash he sees grandpa's closet full of grey garments. Lady Grey and grandpa are nervously trying to sort out which garment belongs to whom.

Grandpa, alerted by the noises, comes running. He tries to help Elmo get up.

Grandpa is looking from one to the other.

Lady Red picks up her painting. It has a bunch of dried leaves stuck to it.

10:13:20

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

Gosh! The painting!

At the same time Elmo sees Lady Grey starting to examine her bag.

10:13:23

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

No! Not the letter!

Elmo looks almost desperate. He starts jumping on one leg shouting: "AU AU!!!"

Every one turns to stare at Elmo.

Lady Grey immediately puts down her bag, pulls up a stool and tries to make Elmo sit down.

Elmo hops quickly away and in his hurry, he changes legs. He pauses in the bushes, to have a peep before he goes in.

Grandpa and the ladies are talking and gesturing. Then Grandpa angrily sets off to follow him.

Lady Grey has Elmo's paper in her hand.

10:13:40

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

I give up! Granddad will have to find his older ladies himself!

Elmo is sitting behind lady Grey's easel. He is eating a home made bun. Lady Red is standing beside him.

Elmo has begun turning the smudged painting into a work of art. He looks up at the lady and smiles.

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Suddenly Elmo hears singing from his right side. He turns to look

Grandpa sits on the bench, in his old-fashioned clothes with lady Grey beside him. They are having coffee and buns, chatting happily.

10:13:56

ELMO'S VOICE OVER:

The gray old lady might not be too bad after all!

10:14:01

Perhaps I should take her clothes shopping though...

Elmo suddenly hears giggling and talking from his left side. He looks.

He sees two girls his age approaching. They both have easels, stools and bags with them.

Lady Red goes to greet the girls and she helps them settle down to paint.

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