



Between me and my sister

Ella is 11 years old. She lives in a small town, Borgå in Finland, with her mum, dad and Ia, her 8 years older sister.

Ella and Ia are constantly bickering. They share the upper floor of the family house and they are also responsible for the cleaning of it. Ella is very reluctant to participate. Even though Ia handles most of the cleaning and Ella only has to do the dusting and put away her things, cleaning days always involve a lot of fighting and shouting and often ends in Ia doing everything.

Ella has a lot of friends and they often spend time at Ella's. Ia thinks Ella and her friends are far too noisy and as soon as Ella's friends leave the house the sisters are at each other again.

Ia is moving away from home next autumn. Ella hasn't thought that much about it, but she thinks she will be in a better mood after Ia is gone.

When the time comes Ella feels a new freedom coming, but there will also be drawbacks. How will Ella cope with the cleaning of the upper floor and as she doesn't like to sleep alone upstairs, what will happen at bedtime? Will Ella miss her sister in any way and will her life change much.

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