# Different Dina



"Students, we're getting a new student today! Her name is Dina and she is very nice." said Miss Smith. Dina came just in time for recess.



Dina was in a wheelchair. None of Miss Smith's class had even heard Dina talk, but they teased her anyway!





Bullying Fact: Bullies take away peoples confidence. At recess, kids teased Dina and excluded her from games. Dina felt sad and Dina felt mad. They called her Different Dina!

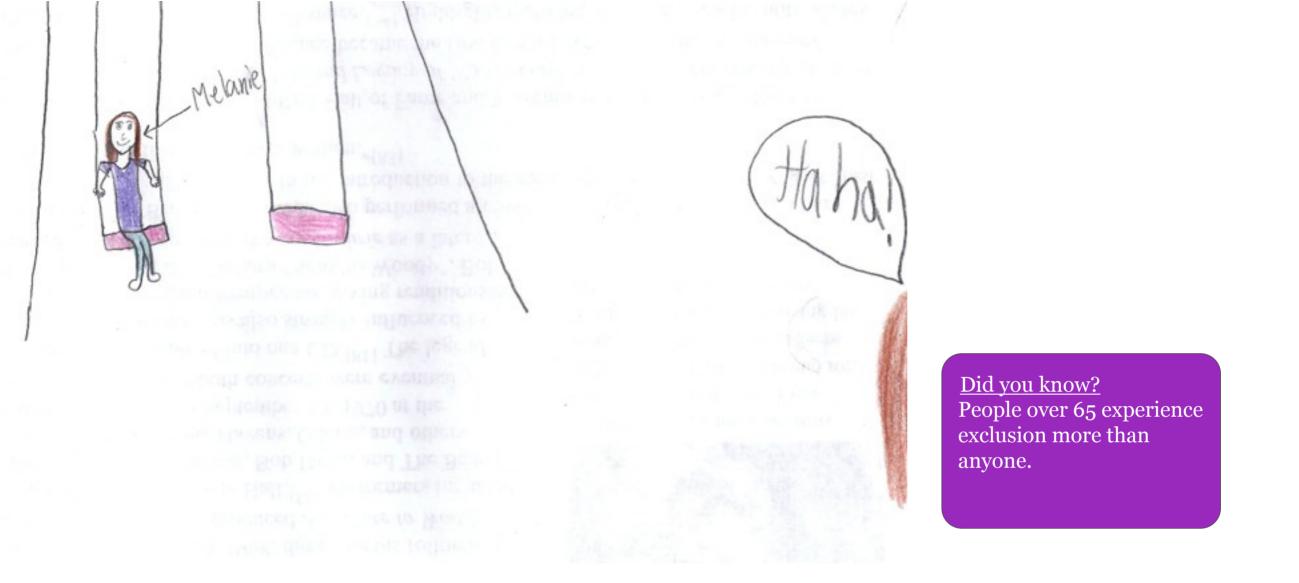


No one ever talked to Dina but they talked behind her back. "I wish I had just one friend," Dina thought to herself.

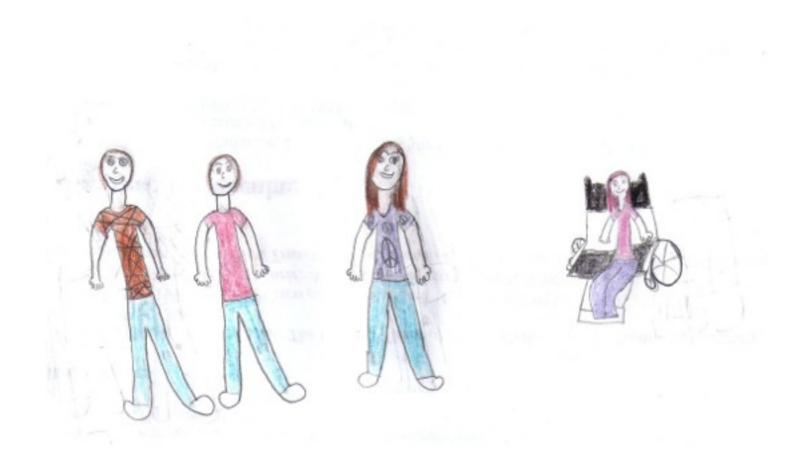


What Dina didn't know was that someone felt bad for her. Melanie felt bad





Melanie didn't really play with anyone and she didn't tease anyone either.



<u>Did you know?</u>

Bullying affects millions of kids every day.

- "Hey Different Dina!" the boys shouted.
- "Stop that!" Melanie told the boys.
- "Thanks Melanie. I thought no one cared!" Dina said in a really surprised voice.

The next day at recess Dina tried to make friends.

"Hi, do you want to play?" Dina asked Alexa.

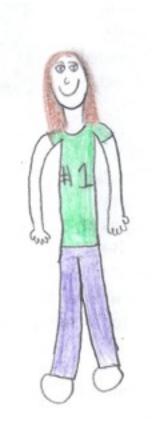
"Why? You can't do anything but sit." Alexa yelled in a mean way.

Did you know?
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Girls exclude more than boys.





She tried asking other people but they all said the same thing. Then she remembered yesterday when Melanie stuck-up for her. Dina went over and asked Melanie to play.





Did you know?

1 out of every 4 kids have been bullied.

"Do you want to play, Melanie?" Dina asked politely.

"I'd love to play, Dina! What do you want to play?" Melanie replied. And Dina answered,

"Let's have a race!" So they raced and Dina was so happy that she finally had a friend.



They raced, Dina in her speedy wheel-chair and Melanie on her fast feet.

The next day Alexa teased Dina.

"What are you doing? Not that you can do anything!" Alexa yelled

"Alexa! Stop that, you don't know me. I can do things that you wouldn't think I can do," Dina replied in a confident voice.





#### **Bullying Fact:**

Bullying continues to be a problem in schools everywhere.

After that conflict Dina had with Alexa, everybody wanted to be Dina's friend. Alexa scared everybody and she made fun of everyone. After Dina stood up to Alexa no one was afraid.

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### Wheelchair

A chair with wheels for people who can't walk.

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