



**Kitecat:** Please do come along! The people are fantastic, and even the shyest will be welcomed with open arms. Nobody will be left alone I promise! Everyone can be just as shy or brave as they like everyone will be taken as they are. I'm not one of the shy myself and I still was a bit scared to go, but the warmth I experienced and was welcomed made all my hesitations go away.

**Sebastyne:** Tell us more about Heli's bachelorette party (scheduled for the night of the meet up). How are you invited even though Heli must know the photos will end up publicised through you?

**Kitecat:** Heli doesn't know about her party of course. They are going to go look for a wedding dress in Seinäjoki with Suvi and possibly her cousin. The party will be a complete surprise for her. Hopefully a lot of dollettes will take part and Heli gets to meet more new friends.

**Sebastyne:** Heli was one of the Big Barbie - house mates, so it must mean you displayed them in an honest light as you're still welcome to Heli's and Leo's house, like their house warming party. How did you make friends?

**Kitecat:** To start with, Heli was nothing to me but a pretty High School Musical doll. In Big Barbie, she got a personality that was scarily real! Heli is my first doll-friend. When she first joined the house, she was very critical of herself, like I am of myself. There is a lot of commonalities in our personalities, and everything came by an accident, like for the other housemates as well. It feels like the dolls were actually talking to me (scary!!!). Heli and Leo are very emphatic, and Suvi has gotten a lot more depth through her friendship with Heli. At the same time as they've gotten more depth, they have also become more demanding. I might be looking at some doll clothes at a super market and think "oh Heli would like that one." EEK!

**Sebastyne:** Isn't it amazing when that happens? I am the same way with my Alex, I see something Alex would want, and what Alex wants Alex gets. It gets even crazier when people start buying gifts for your dolls because they think your dolls would like them! :D

**Sebastyne:** Thank you KiteCat for the interview and for joining our news team without putting up a fight! I love your gossip tremendously, and making the layout for them is my favourite part of making this eZine!

# Nerd-Barbie

If you've been following Twitter this month, you haven't been able to avoid Barbie. The nerds are ecstatic, and that's no wonder either. The voting campaign launched on Twitter carried results and Barbie has chosen a career reserved for brainiacs: computer engineering.

It is crazy what a massive response the doll has gotten. The Barbie is hoped to inspire girls to select computing careers as professions when they grow up—because Barbie has. Certainly, as we are talking about intellectuals here, realistic doubt has been raised. The bloggers don't think the doll has such a massive effect on girls that they would leave traditional girly careers to join classes with anti-social awkward teen age boys with a bad personal hygiene. I happen to agree—I didn't become an astronaut any more than a super model, even though those occupations were presented in the dolls of our childhood plays.

It has to be noted though, that the nerd Barbie represents a lot of parents of these kids, be it the mom or the dad. It cannot go without effecting the child's self-esteem and pride of their parent regardless their future choice of career.

One thing is for certain—Mattel made the best move ever with this doll. The News Anchor released together with the Computer Engineer has been cruelly over shadowed by the gorgeous nerd, and she's generally mentioned in some side sentence together with our engineer. Even Mattel couldn't have bought this publicity, as most texts come from bloggers and twitterers.

By the way, the binary code on Barbie's shirt repeats the word "Barbie" over and over. Could she possibly be any cuter?! To me this doll is an absolute must have as soon as she is available, and she'll be put on an honorary position on my computer table.

- Sebastyne

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*From the Board in Aurora's story:*

**Faline:** "Is he still alive? Because if he's not, I'm not sure if I want him anymore."

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