

NEWBORN

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INT. NURSERY - MORNING

MOM rocks a NEWBORN BABY, wrapped in a pink blanket to sleep. Reese, looking rather displeased, lets out a big, bored SIGH! Mom already knows the answer but asks anyway:

MOM

Something's bothering you. What is it?

REESE

Nothing.

(beat)

I just - I don't see what the big deal is. Nine months of complaining and all you got was that thing!?

MOM

It's not a thing. She is your baby sister and she's adorable.

REESE

No way. Look at it! It's just a fat pink blob with wrinkles everywhere.

MOM

Shhh...Not so loud. She's asleep.

REESE

She's been either asleep or crying ever since you brought her home.

Listen, I'm not a doctor, but you might wanna get her checked out or maybe send her back to the hospital. Do they have a returns department?

MOM

Babies sleep and cry. It's normal.

REESE

(talking to self)

Even though she smells like that Reese, where I can't understand the meaning.

MOM

Relax. That's normal.

REESE

Well, everyone is acting like she's some freakin' miracle.

and sleep and cry, I can do all those at once!

MOM

What are you really angry about?

REESE

First we had to cancel our trip to Orlando, then we decorated this entire room just for her and now, it's baby time, ALL THE TIME!

MOM

That's just because she's new and people like to talk about new things.

REESE

No one even cares what I do. Just a nobody now.

MOM

You'll be somebody to her. You'll be her big brother. That's a very special thing to be.

REESE

Really?

MOM

Not only are you her protector, but she's going to look up to you and want to do everything you do.

REESE

So even though everyone is paying attention to her....

MOM

She's gonna be paying attention to you.

REESE

Like an apprentice?

MOM

I guess...

REESE

Ooh, I've always wanted a protege!
Can I...make her call me *Master*?

MOM

We'll see.