

Scary Baby Dolls!

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Ryan hated his sister's doll collection. For him they were like a warning to keep out of his sister's room. No worries there! He had no desire to go see those things.

They seemed to come in all shapes, sizes, and colors. He didn't mind dress-up dolls, because they were small, but the baby dolls really got him. They had big, plastic or porcelain faces, and the scariest eyes. Some blinked at you or giggled. There was even one that drank from a bottle and went to the bathroom. That was weird and creepy, but the eyes! Oh, man, the eyes!



The eyes on the biggest, oldest doll, which used to belong to mom, were made of glass. They had sparkly blue crystal set in the eyes, which looked very real. The eyelashes were long, black, and curly, and they batted up and down if you tipped the doll. It made him want to run away every time his sister played with it.

"Why are baby dolls so creepy?" He wondered aloud.

"Baby dolls are not creepy!" His little sister cried out, overhearing him.

"Are too!"

"Are not!" She made her little hands into fists.

"Sure are!" He thought he was winning this contest of wills.

His sister made a face at him. "At least they're not gross and creepy like your pet snake or your bug collection."

"Mr. Slithers is not gross." How could anyone think his snake was gross?

"He eats crickets and mice. He smells funny and looks evil."

"Bah. He's just an animal."

"He's a scary animal with creepy eyes." His sister said with a shudder.

Ryan laughed. That was almost what he thought about her dolls. Maybe they weren't so different after all. He had things she found disturbing, but she had things he didn't like, either. Boys liked their things, and girls theirs; it kind of made sense in a way.

"Okay, then let's make a deal. I'll keep my crawlies out of your way, if you keep your dollies out of my way!"

"Deal!" His sister slapped his hand with hers and ran off, probably to have a tea party or something scary to boys, but at least she'd do it in her own room.

He smiled and went about his business.



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 - B. His sister hits him with them.
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3. Why do Ryan and his sister argue?
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 - B. Ryan said her dolls are creepy.
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