

SAMMY MAC

It's a Tuesday in June, and a steamy one at that. Sammy Mac fidgets and squirms on a couch that he shares with the cat. His excitement is building, almost more than he can bear. He is so dang wiggly that the cat skedaddles way over there.

You see, today is the day he's been dreaming and pondering about. His new baby sister is busy pushing her way out. Sammy Mac tries conjuring a picture in his head. "Will she look like me with brown eyes? Will her hair be the same shade of red?"

Then, as he bends down to tie his blue shoe, word comes that baby Margaret has made her debut. "She's healthy", Dad said, "and arrived without too much fuss." But Sammy Mac hears her yowling like his old cat named Gus.

Dad boasts about her chubby red cheeks and tiny button nose, but Sammy Mac thinks that doesn't sound good at all, it sounds rather gross!

Grandpa can be heard chuckling about her fuzzy bald head. "Sammy, I swear she resembles my old brother Ned!"

Grandma says, "Margaret's giant blue eyes are just like your Mom's. And such serious eyebrows like Uncle Tom's."

Surely you can imagine the picture Sammy Mac's mind is now forming. This baby is not nearly as cute as he anticipated this morning.

When his Mom says, "Margaret's mouth looks like the most perfect pink rosebud", the poor little guy drops the phone with a CLUNK and a THUD!

That night Sammy Mac flips and flops on his bed in his room. In his sleep he imagines Margaret flying by on a broom, with her rosebud shaped mouth and her bald old man head. His brain is putting together all the things that everyone said.

Early the next morning, Sammy wakes to a most welcome sight. His mom is holding what is most definitely NOT the sister he envisioned last night. "I won't have to hide Margaret from my friends after all. In fact, she's the cutest darn kid that I ever saw!"

Margaret's got her own eyes, ears, mouth, and head. She looks nothing like Gus, Uncle Tom, or old Ned. "As a matter of fact", Sammy Mac says with a grin, "it's her big brother she looks like." He's very happy that's him.