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When a new family bought his house, Mac liked them. He let them stay.

There were four people in the family:

a mum,

a dad,

a friendly boy called Donald

and a shy, wee girl called Catriona.





“Good,” thought Mac. “Maybe Catriona will be my friend. I have always wanted a special friend.”



Catriona thought Mac was wonderful. She picked him up and hugged him so tightly Mac could hardly breathe.

“Put him down, darling,” said Mum. “He’s real, not a toy.”

“I know,” said Catriona, and she carried Mac to her bedroom.



Mac sat on Catriona's bed and she showed him all her toys.

"This is my favourite doll, Big Baby. I have a bear, a crocodile and ten koalas too. But none of them is as good as you. You're *real*."

Mac looked interested.

"And this is a pram for Big Baby. You can use it if you like."