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Unit 1

SUPERFUDGE

by Judy Blume

CHAPTER 1

Mom's (Not So Wonderful) News

My life was okay until my mom shared her so-called

wonderful news that changed everything. "Peter, we're

going to have a baby," she said.

I choked on the carrot I was eating. Dad slapped

my back to get the carrot out of my throat. When I

could, I yelled, "Not another Fudge! How could you do

this to me?" I already had a little brother named Fudge.

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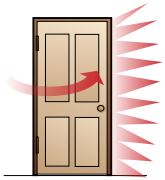
He was four years old and really annoying.



I ran past Fudge to my room and slammed the

door behind me.

Peter's mom was having another baby.

Peter was upset.

Dad tried talking to me through the door. I told

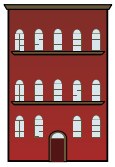
him to go away. I put my comb and my toothbrush in

my backpack. I was going to run away. When Mom saw

my backpack, she asked where I was going. I said I was

running away to my friend Jimmy's house. Mom said it

would be crowded there. Jimmy and his dad lived in an



apartment with only one bedroom. I said I was going

to Grandma's house then. But Mom said Grandma was

not home. She was in Boston for the week. Mom

said to eat dinner while I decided where I was

going to run away to.

Peter's mom was having another baby.

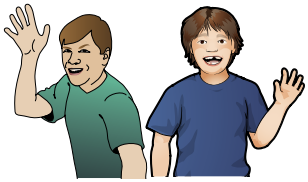
Peter was upset.

Fudge wanted to see the new baby. But Mom said

he couldn't see the baby right now. He had to wait

until the baby was born. After hearing Fudge whine

all through dinner, I knew another baby was a big



mistake. I picked up my bag and said goodbye. Fudge

wanted to go with me. He clung to my legs. He wouldn't

let go. Then he started to cry. Dad ignored Fudge. He

said maybe the new baby would be different. I decided

not to run away. Five months later, on February 26th,

my baby sister was born. Mom called her "Tootsie." She

slept for only two hours at a time. She cried a lot. Her

crying woke me up at night. She also woke up my dog,

Turtle. When Turtle heard Tootsie crying, he'd howl, too.

Peter's mom was having another baby.

Peter was upset.