FDMAT 108 - Week 4

By Three Kids in a Closet

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1 INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE - CHECKUP ROOM

Jeff and Amanda sit waiting in the checkup room, each with a twin in arm.

JEFF

(to Amanda)

The nurse left a long time ago. Does it usually take this long for the doctor to come in?

AMANDA

No, don't worry about it. The longest we've ever had to wait is probably 15 minutes.

Jessica Ann squirms fussily in Jeff's arms like a fish escaping from a boat. Amanda gently rocks Elizabeth Ann, who's asleep.

JEFF

(jokingly)

What's the chance of Jessie spitting up again before the doctor comes?

AMANDA

(wryly)

You might want an extra burp cloth.

JEFF

(more seriously)

It has been pretty consistent.

AMANDA

Yeah, I hope the doctor knows what's wrong.

Enter DOCTOR.

DOCTOR

Sorry to keep you waiting. I reviewed the nurse's report on the way. First things first, the probability of there being a serious concern is actually quite low. You say she only burps up after she eats?

Jeff and Amanda look at each other and nod. Jessica Ann squirms.

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DOCTOR (CONT'D)

That's actually normal behavior. Keep an eye on it, and we'll do some more tests next time to be sure there isn't a problem.

While you're here, I'd like to talk to you about her weight.

The doctor shows them a growth chart.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

You can see that she's in the 10th percentile for girls her age.

AMANDA

Lizzy is a bit heavier.

DOCTOR

Yeah, she appears to be in the normal range.

(pointing precisely at the chart)

Anywhere from here to here is still in the normal range. We'd like to see Jessie in that range as well. Now, on average, twins do tend to be a bit small, so it isn't a huge concern. We'll keep an eye on her growth. I'd like to do some more tests just to be certain we're not missing anything.