



Don't Wake the Baby!

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Ever since Ma came back with the baby, Zu and Zi have not been happy. They are not allowed to make noise when the baby is sleeping. But the baby is ALWAYS sleeping!



They are not allowed to run in the house.



They are not allowed to chat
at snack time.



They are not allowed to scream, no matter what.



But the toughest rule is this one. When the baby is asleep, Zu and Zi must whisper.



If they want to laugh, they
can only giggle softly.



But one day, the story they are reading is so funny that they can't help laughing. Zu and Zi crack up. Oh no! The baby is sleeping.



The baby wakes up crying.
Ma is angry. She yells at
them to go play outside.



Zu is sulky. She doesn't like being yelled at. Zi comforts her. He says that it will be more fun to play outside. They can be as loud as they want!



After playing football for a while, Zu and Zi are happy again. Zi kicks the ball.
GOAL!



The ball flies across the garden. BANG! Oh no! The baby is awake! What will happen now?

The baby wails.





The baby is so loud that his crying breaks the milk bottle. It cracks the pot. It cracks the window!



The baby is so loud that his crying lifts the roof off!



Their brother won't stop crying. Zu and Zi rush inside. Where is Ma?



Zu holds the baby and sings.
But the baby keeps crying.



Zi dances. He does tricks.
But the baby keeps crying!



What makes a baby stop crying? Soon, Zi and Zu are crying, too. That's when Ma gets home.



Ma picks up the baby. She comforts him. She sings a lullaby. The baby stops crying.



Now Zu and Zi understand.
It's impossible for babies
to be quiet. So it's better
to just not make noise.
Sshhhhhh!





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