

an everyday story for children of all ages
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01. Knock at the Window

One day Nicholas and Andrea heard a knock on the window.

They opened it and looked out but there was no one there.

They were about to close the window when they looked down.

And jumped back with surprise.



02. Missan & Vovve

Smiling up at them were Missan and Vovve.

Hello they said. You called us.

Hullo said Nicholas and Andrea. Did we?

You had better come in.



03. Papparazzi

Missan and Vovve soon made themselves at home.

They loved the house and the love in the house.

But this is another story.

I will tell you all about it some day.



04. It is a She

And they made themselves very useful.

In next to no time Andrea had a baby growing in her tummy.

The first time Vovve saw it move, he told Missan.

"It's a girl," said Missan, "Say 'she', and not 'it'!"



05. Little Friend

One day many months later Andrea went away.

The next day Nicholas took Missan and Vovve to visit.

Andrea had a little friend with her.

Missan & Vovve were very happy.



06. Breakfast for Tiddley

It was hard work giving birth to a baby girl.

Andrea was tired but her cheeks glowed.

Nicholas and Andrea had named the little girl Eira.

Missan and Vovve loved to watch Eira having breakfast.



07. Meal News

And lunch.

And dinner.

And a midnight snack...or two...or three.

The food did not always stay inside her.



08. Long Conversation

Eira grew and grew.

One day when she had been out of Andrea's tummy a whole year, Nicholas spoke with Missan and Vovve.

It was a very long conversation.

But Eira slept right through.



09. Mystery Trip

In the dead of night when everyone was fast asleep, Missan and Vovve crept inside a very large handbag.

In the morning the handbag had vanished.

And Missan and Vovve were nowhere to be seen.

They had vanished too. Where had they gone?



10. Glass of Wine

They were back that afternoon. They felt they had been away a very long time.

They had missed Eira. She had missed them too.

Missan and Vovve explained everything to Nicholas. It was another very long conversation.

Nicholas needed a drink.



11. Growing

Andrea's tummy started to get big again.

Eira got bigger too...in seven directions, not just in three. And not just her tummy. She grew all over.

Then one day Mummy's tummy was small again and Eira had two more friends.

Their names were Johanna and Viktor. They were twins. Now Eira had a brother and a sister.



12. Tea on the Lawn

Now there were lots of people around the house.

Eira served everyone afternoon tea.

Everyone needs back-up Missan and Vovve explained.

But that is another story.



