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# Opening extract from The Baby that Roared

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### Mr and Mrs Deer had no baby of their own to love and to cuddle and to read a story to ...

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## - but, oh! -

how they wished that they had.

#### Then one day, they found a bundle on the doorstep. The bundle had a note attached, which said . . .

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"That baby," said Mr Deer, "looks peculiar to me."

> "All babies are beautiful,"said Mrs Deer firmly.

She picked it up and cuddled it at once.

Then she popped it into the laundry basket, which was just the right size for a bed. But, no sooner had she put the baby down, than it let out a great big



"I expect it's hungry," said Mr Deer. "Babies usually are."