



Clementine and the New Baby



A story for Theo and Clementine



For Clementine and Theo – the big bunny and
the little one, at the very beginning of
everything.

– The Bennett family



Before the new baby, there was you.

In this home full of love, Clementine was the very first — the first to be waited for, the first to be welcomed, the first to make this house a family.

Clementine knew every corner. The warm spot by the window. The sound of the right car in the driveway. The exact moment someone needed a friend.

This was your home first, Clementine. It still is.



Every day, you and your family have a rhythm all your own. Clementine's favorite thing in the world is doing happy little binky hops across the living-room rug after breakfast.

And Bennett love her for it – even the way you thump one back foot to let everyone know it is dinnertime.

When the day winds down, Clementine settles in the soft hay corner beneath the window, where it is warm and safe and exactly where she belongs.



For a while, something in the house was changing. New smells, new sounds, a small room made ready.

And then, one day, the new baby arrived. Theo came home to the family – and to Clementine, who had been waiting all along.



So here is something important for Clementine to know. When the new baby comes, Clementine will not be any less loved. Not for one single moment.

Clementine is going to be a big sibling – the best big bunny. The one who was here first. The one who knows the home best. The gentle, patient one Theo is already learning to love right back.

You are not being replaced, Clementine. You are being promoted.



Now there is a small new person, and a rabbit who loves her. Theo reaches for Clementine's soft fur. Clementine keeps gentle watch nearby. Some of the very first happy things Theo will ever know are already Clementine.

Here is the most important thing of all. When a family grows, the love grows with it. There is not a smaller piece of love for Clementine now – there is more love in the whole house than there has ever been, and Clementine is right in the middle of it.

Love does not divide. It multiplies.



So don't worry, Clementine.
You are the first. You are the big bunny.
You are loved today, Clementine — you
and Theo both — and you will be loved for
every day that comes after.
There's room for everyone, Clementine.
There always was.

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A place to remember the day our family grew

The day we told Clementine about the baby:

How Clementine reacted the first time:

Clementine and the baby's first quiet moment
together: -----

One thing we never want to forget: -----

