

Why do I not live
with my mummy, Daniel
Daniel Jnr or Alicia?

A story for Tia





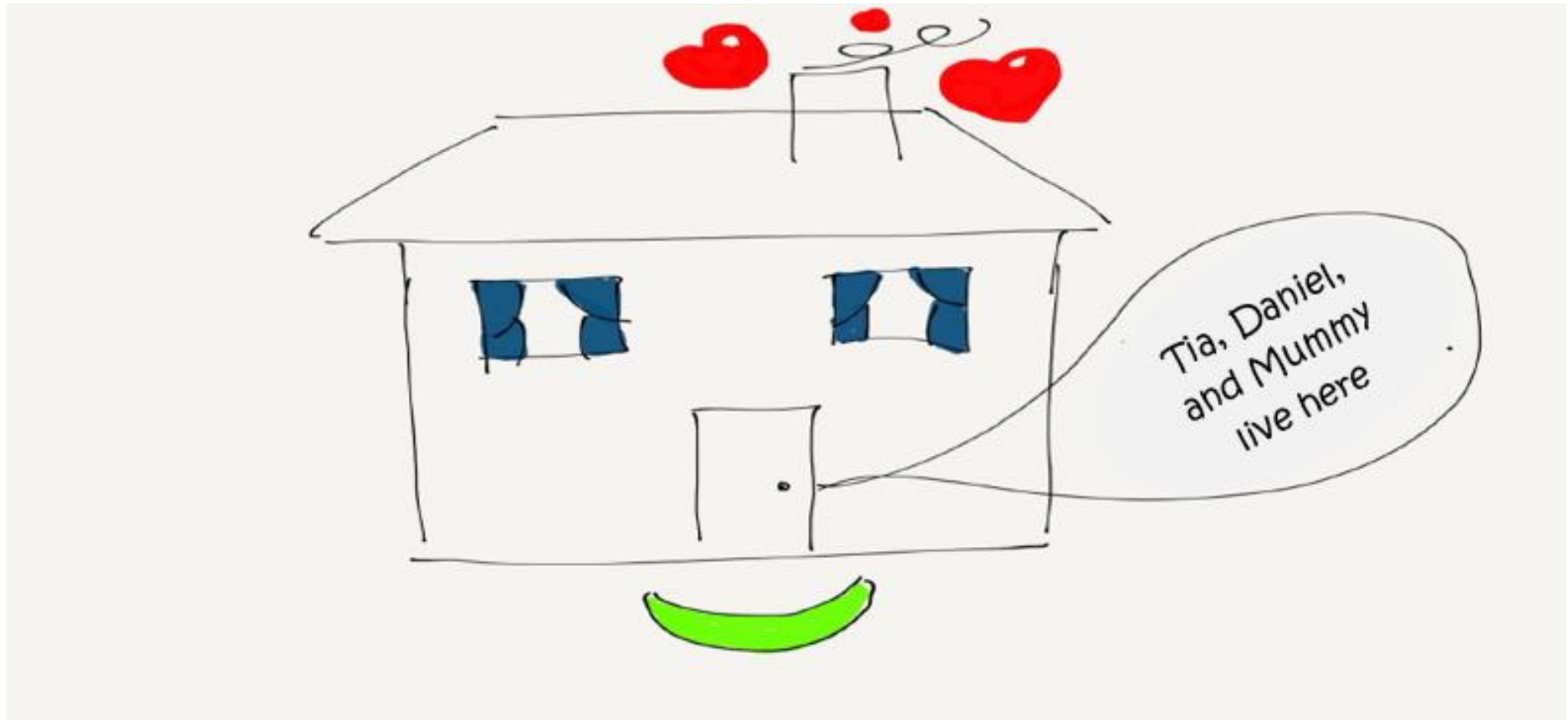
You were born on 14th December 2016 at 3.43am, weighing 8lbs 6oz. Your mummy Gillian and your daddy John were very excited to meet you when you were born. They were quite young to become parents, but they wanted to try their best to look after you.



Mummy and Daddy John sometimes argued, and this meant that some people were worried about you. Social Workers were involved for a little while to provide support to mummy, and eventually mummy decided it was better if you and her didn't live with daddy John anymore.



You and mummy lived in lots of different houses. This can make it difficult when caring for a young baby – mummy would sometimes get sad, and it was hard for her to always to look after you and be the best mummy she could be every day.



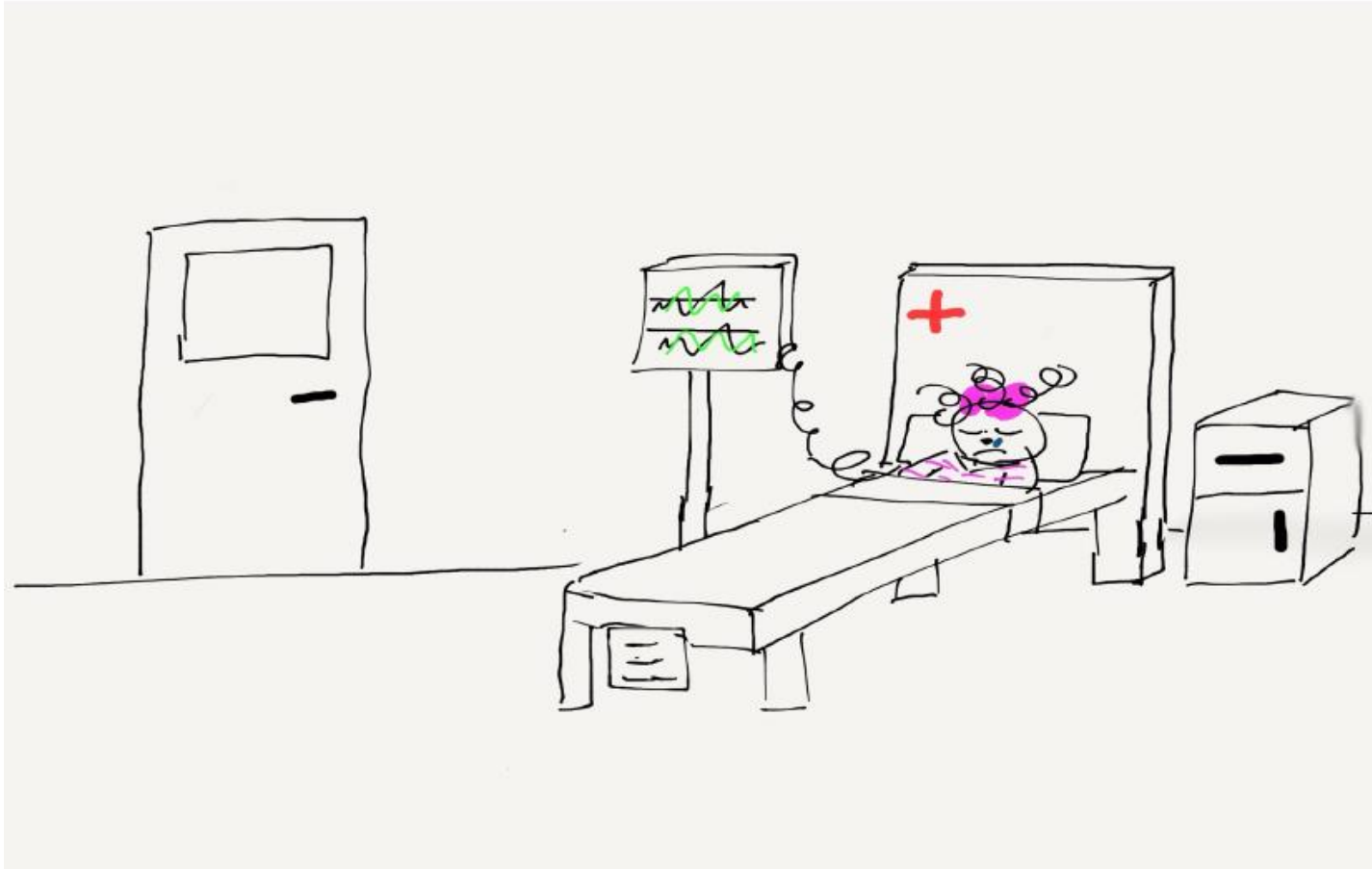
Mummy met Daniel and thought he was really nice – he was kind and loved spending time with you and mummy. They decided it would be best if you all lived together and so they got a house and you all moved in together.



You and Mummy spent lots of time together in the house while Daniel was at work. You and mummy would do fun things together like playing with your toys and going for walks. When Daniel came home from work you were always excited to see him, and he would help look after you.



On 29th September 2018 while you were being looked after by mummy and Daniel your leg got broken – everyone was worried because you were too little to have done this yourself. When you went to the hospital Doctors said that an adult must have caused the injury. We might never know what caused your leg to break, but we do know is that mummy and Daniel who were looking after you at the time, so everyone was worried that they had accidently hurt you.



You stayed in hospital for nearly 6 weeks until your leg was better. Because people were worried that mummy and Daniel had hurt you, Social Workers got involved and decided you couldn't live with mummy and Daniel anymore. Police also thought someone had hurt you and they arrested Daniel.



When you were well enough to leave the hospital, you went to live with Claire and Johnathan who are foster carers. They kept you safe and took you to see mummy every week. Because Social Workers were worried about what had happened a worker was always with you when you saw mummy – this was to keep you safe.

Daniel Junior



In 2019 mummy told Social Workers that she was having another baby. It was decided that once the baby was born, he would come and live with you at Claire and Johnathan's house to make sure he was safe too – that baby was Daniel Jnr, he was born on 16th August 2019.



You and Daniel Jnr would both see mummy every week, but Daniel Jnr also got to see big Daniel as well. This was a bit confusing for you sometimes, but you liked seeing mummy and playing with her.

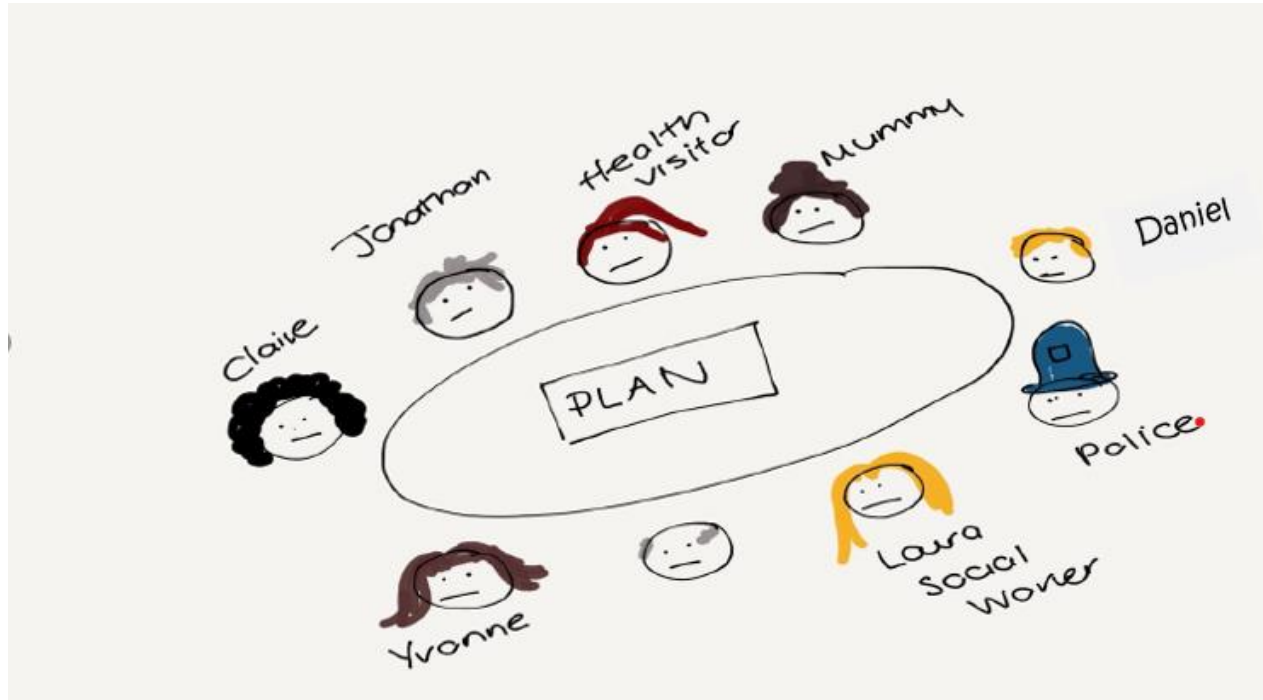


In 2021 mummy told Social Work she was having another baby – because we were still worried about who had hurt you it was agreed that the baby would not live with mummy and Daniel once it was born but go into foster care the same as you and Daniel Jnr.

Baby Alicia



On 9th March 2021 Baby Alicia was born. You were happy to be a big sister again.



Claire sometimes found it hard to look after you and understand your emotions, it was hard to share Claire with Daniel Jnr sometimes. Everyone spent lots of time talking about what we should do. It was decided that it would be better if you went to live with Jim and Sharon where you could get lots of love and attention. It was decided that your new baby sister, Alicia, would live with Claire, Johnathan, and Daniel Jnr, again to make sure she was safe, the same as you and your brother. Everyone agreed you would still see your brother and sister every week.



You are happy to live with Jim and Sharon, but we know it was confusing for you to leave Claire and Jonathan's house. It was not your fault you had to move you did nothing wrong. Claire and Jonathan wanted you to stay but they could not look after you as much as you needed. Sharon and Jim can and have looked after you very well. You even had your 5th Birthday party with them which you really enjoyed!



Once Alicia was born, Mummy and Daniel started to work with Social Work and were showing they could look after you, Daniel Jnr, and Alicia. Big Daniel went to court to talk about what happened to your leg and it was agreed they couldn't decide who had hurt your leg, just that it was either mummy or Daniel who hurt you and that they did not keep you safe enough that night. Even though we knew mummy or Daniel hurt you, we all know they didn't mean to do this and that they have always loved you. Because they were doing so well working with social work and when they saw you, Daniel and Alicia's, Social Workers decided to see if it would be safe for you all to go back and live with them.



Everyone thought Big Daniel and Mummy had grown up lots and now know how to look after you all safely, so Big Daniel started coming to see you with mummy which you liked. Daniel Jnr and Alicia started coming with them to see you. You are having some fun times with your family!