

"Why doesn't Tommy ever talk to me, Daddy?"



THERE IT IS. The question you've been dreading for two-and-a-half years. You knew it had to come, but you didn't expect it to club you quite so hard.

What can you tell a two-and-a-half-year-old baby? That her brother can't talk because he has cerebral palsy? No, she wouldn't understand. Think, man, think . . .

and you think of that night in the hospital waiting room when the doctor jared you out of the chair you'd been trying to stay awake in . . . how he asked you to come into a room down the hall to tell you that your first child was a boy, but that something was wrong . . . "We can't explain why these things happen," he had said . . .

you think of the time you woke up to hear your wife sobbing in the night after Tommy had had his first convulsion . . .

and of all the specialists you've been to . . . the tedious hours of massage and exercise . . . how Tommy

had cried when he was fitted for his brace . . .

. . . You remember the mixed pleasure and pain you felt when Tommy's little sister, this baby who's tugging at your sleeve right now, took her first steps . . . for Tommy hadn't taken a step yet . . .

and now it suddenly occurs to this little girl's mind that her big brother has never talked to her . . . and she wants to know why . . .

You pick her up and sit her on your lap.

"Tommy hasn't learned to talk yet, darling," you say, "he's been sick. But he will, some day soon. I *know* he will."

And her smile tells you everything's going to be all right.

Cases like Tommy's—more common than you might think—can be cured. Your contribution to the United Foundation will help pay for the specialized medical help and costly equipment cerebral palsy victims need so desperately. Give now—give generously—give with your heart!

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