

I SAID...I MEANT

Brenda and Maria are yelling at each other...

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BRENDA: “...but I asked Jeremy to watch her while I was out.”

MARIA: “I don’t even know why I trusted you to watch her anyway!”

BRENDA: “Fine! Take care of your own baby sister!”

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They meant...

BRENDA: “I went to the store because I had to buy milk for Shante.”
I was worried because there wasn’t any milk in the house for the baby.

MARIA: “I can’t believe you did that! You’re so stupid, leaving my baby sister by herself!”
It’s so dangerous to leave a baby alone! I’m terrified that something could have happened to her!

BRENDA: “...but I asked Jeremy to watch her while I was out.”
I’m stupid? What kind of sister takes care of her baby sister but doesn’t have milk in the house?

MARIA: “I don’t even know why I trusted you to watch her anyway!”
I had doubts about leaving Shante with her anyway. I remember the time she let her cry in the crib. I never said anything, but I was really annoyed.

BRENDA: “Fine! Take care of your own baby sister!”
And I was only doing her a favor! Forget it. I’ll never help her out again.