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Young April was very mature and empathetic in many ways.

The first thing that shows April's maturity and empathy is that she would take care of her little sister Cheryl more than her parents. On page 3 it says "I would feed her whatever was available then wash and dress her in clean clothes."

This shows how April would have to take care of Cheryl because her parents wouldn't wake up early enough.

April also had to deal a lot with her drunk parents and look after Cheryl at the same time. On page 2 it says "To avoid these people, I would take Cheryl into our tiny bedroom, close the door and put my box of old toys in front of the door." This shows that not only does April have to get away from the drunk people, but she also has to take Cheryl with her and look after her at the same time.

April also had to deal with going to an orphanage at a very young age where she still worried and cared for Cheryl. On page 10 it says "I tip toed in, took Cheryl's hand, and whispered for her to stay quiet."

This shows that even when she is not supposed to April still looks after Cheryl.

This is important because no kid that young should have to deal with all of that and basically be a parent to a sibling.

