

Pageant Night

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Its pageant night in the heartland of America at the county fair. Babies and toddlers bounce around the stage during practice, throwing tantrums and kicking legs in their fluffy pink lace dresses as their mothers try to make them walk across the stage and perform. The poor little girls don't understand why they can't have fun, their mothers seemed determined to make them into little pink nightmares when they grow older. All the satin and lace in the world will never be able to dress up the emotional wounds when they are older, always weighed down by whether they will ever be beautiful enough. Its pageant night, and all the baby monsters are being born on stage.

