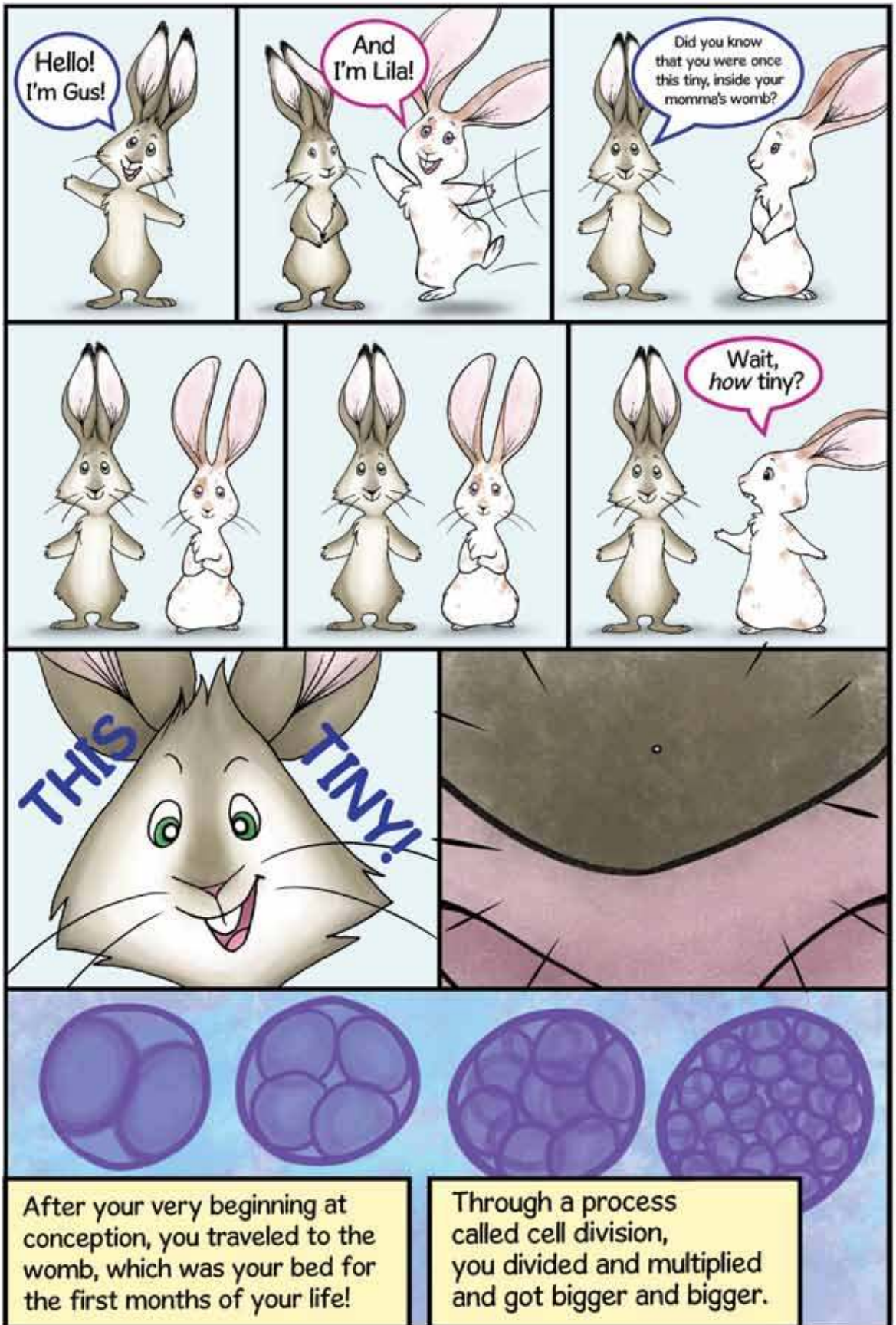


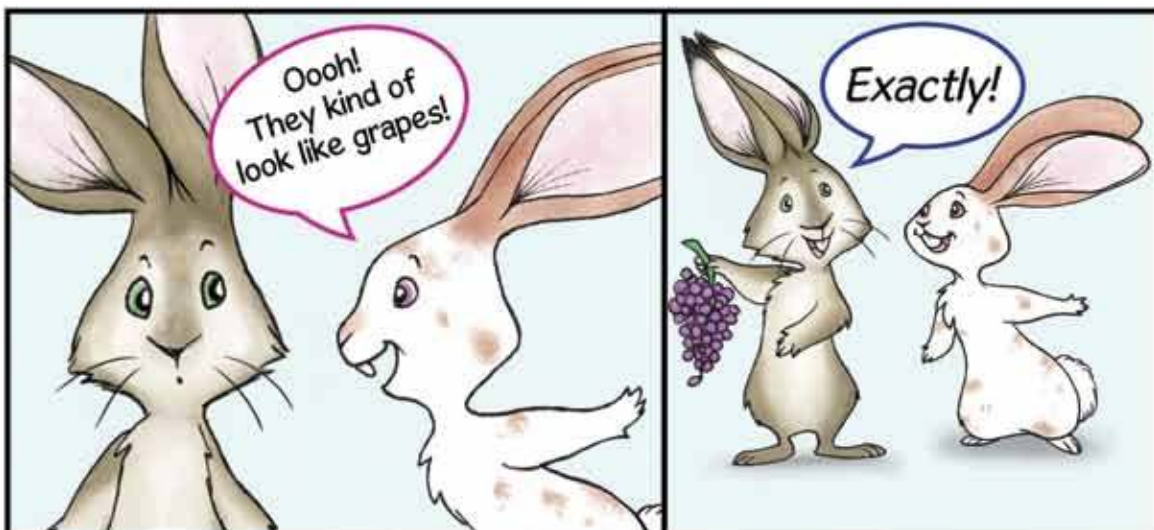
LIFE BEGINS

An amazing adventure



with
Gus and Lila





**Munch, munch*
Mmmm...*

*HEY!
I want some!*

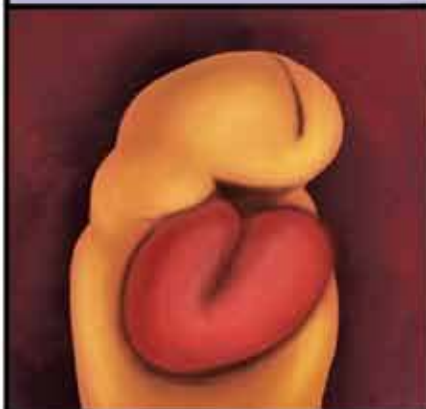
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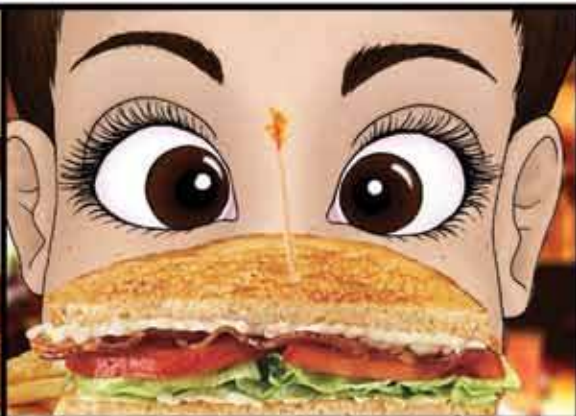
At 18 days things have changed dramatically. The red area below is the heart in its earliest stages. At this point, it has just started to contract. In a few days, it will be beating regularly.

At 30 days we can see the eyes, nose and mouth developing.

We now see the end of the embryonic stage. The baby's features are more defined and the embryo is now called a fetus, which means, "little one" in Latin.



It's important for the mama to eat plenty of good food to keep her and the baby healthy.



*But watch out!
Mamas can get very hungry!*

CHOMP!

Speaking of hungry, where are the grapes?

...

I ate them.

WHAT?!?!
I only had two!

PLEASE remember to share next time!

Now I'm going to starve!

Hey look! I found one more!

Thank You!

Now, back to the story!

By week 7, the embryo is growing rapidly.

THE HEART

The heart has been beating for a few weeks, providing blood to the body.

THE HANDS

The hands are still developing, with fingers beginning to appear.

THE EYES

The eyes have taken shape and the eyelids begin to emerge.

VERTEBRAL COLUMN

The vertebral column gives the body stability and contains nerve fibers.

By week 10 there have been many changes.

UMBILICAL CORD

This is the connection between the mom and the baby, where nutrients are given.

THE BRAIN

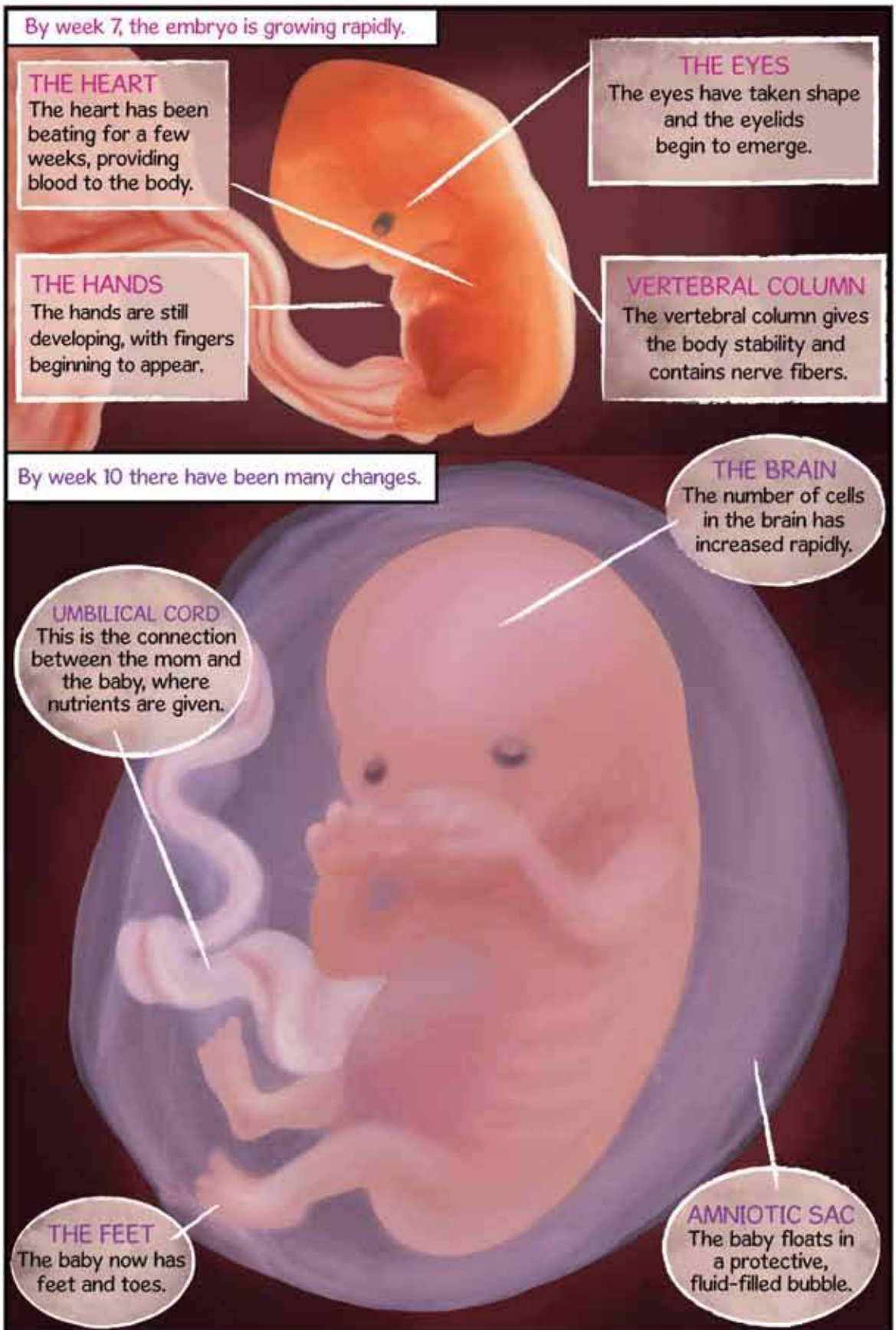
The number of cells in the brain has increased rapidly.

THE FEET

The baby now has feet and toes.

AMNIOTIC SAC

The baby floats in a protective, fluid-filled bubble.

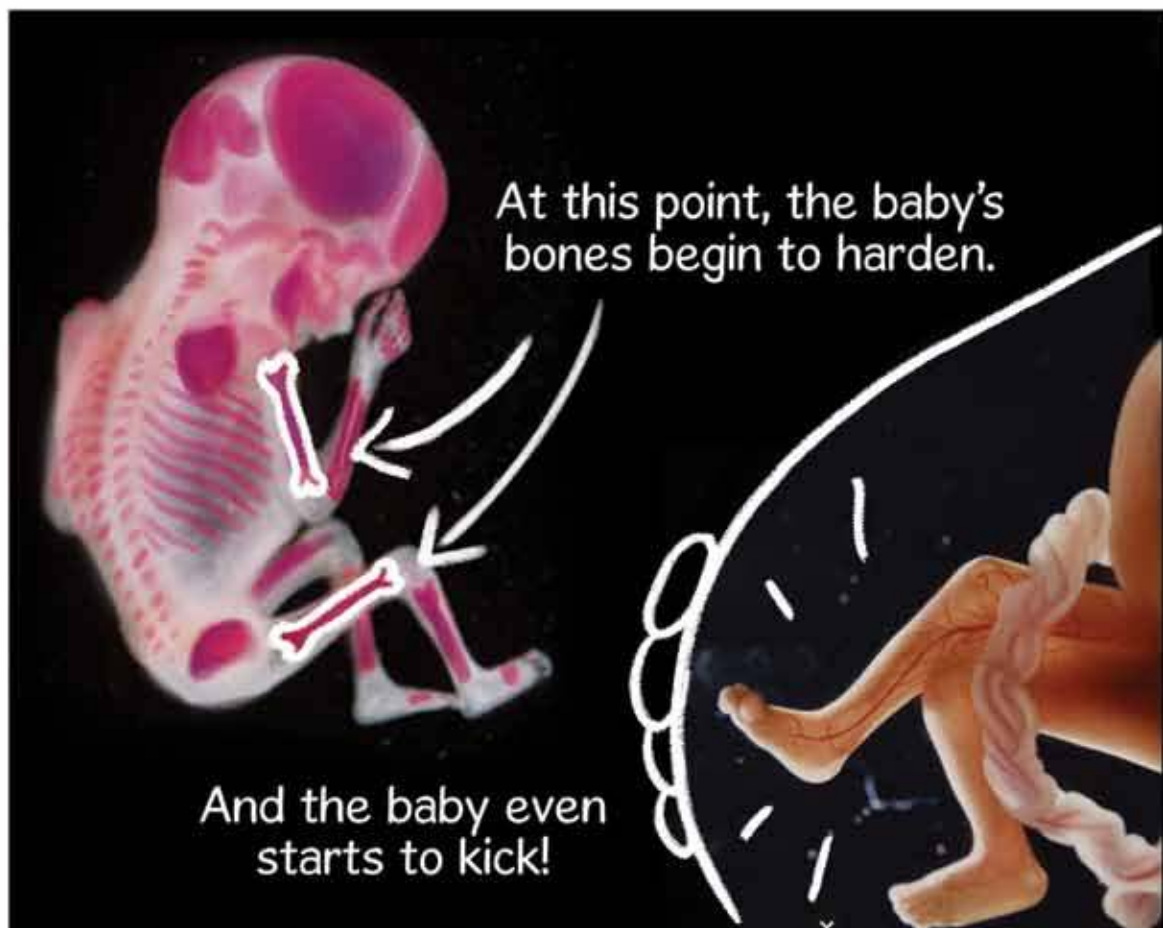


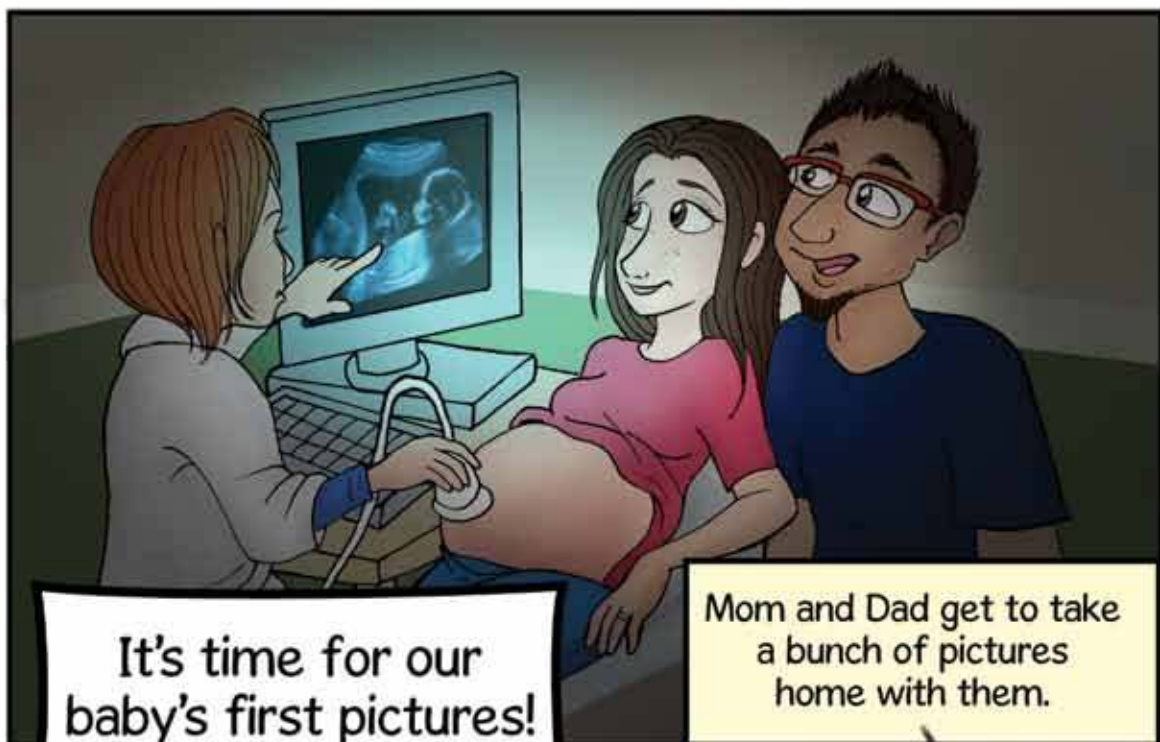




thump, thump, thump, thump, thump







It's time for our baby's first pictures!

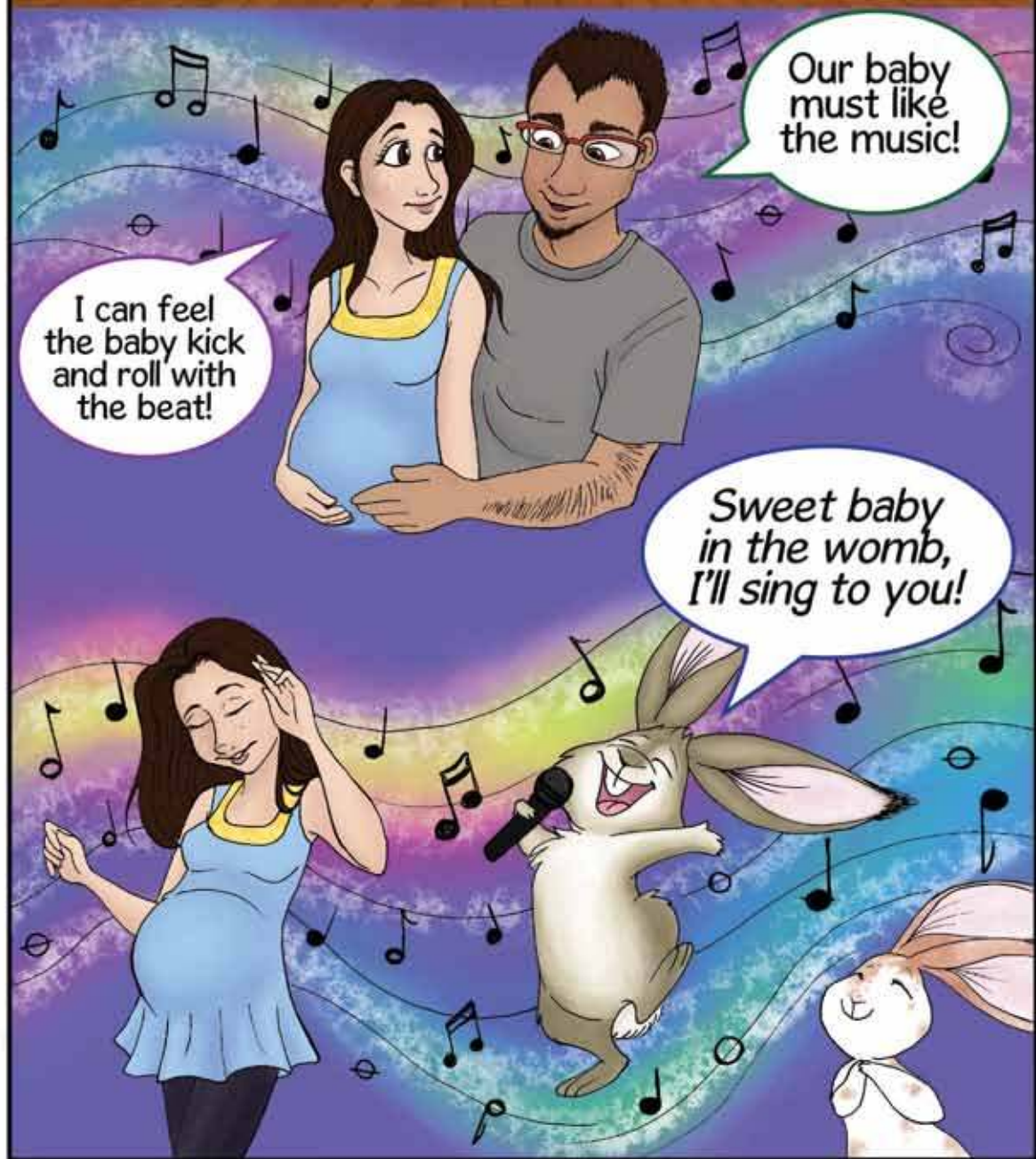
Mom and Dad get to take a bunch of pictures home with them.



Here Honey, look at this one!

Look!
There's our baby's head —
and tiny hands!





Inside the womb, the baby begins to flex its newly developed muscles.

Latissimus Dorsi

Triceps

Hamstrings

Deltoids

You wanna see *real* muscle, Lila?

Uh...

TA-DA!

Hey!

HA! I *knew* it was just an inflatable!

Let's take a look at the baby at 26 weeks.

At this point,
the brain is
rapidly developing.

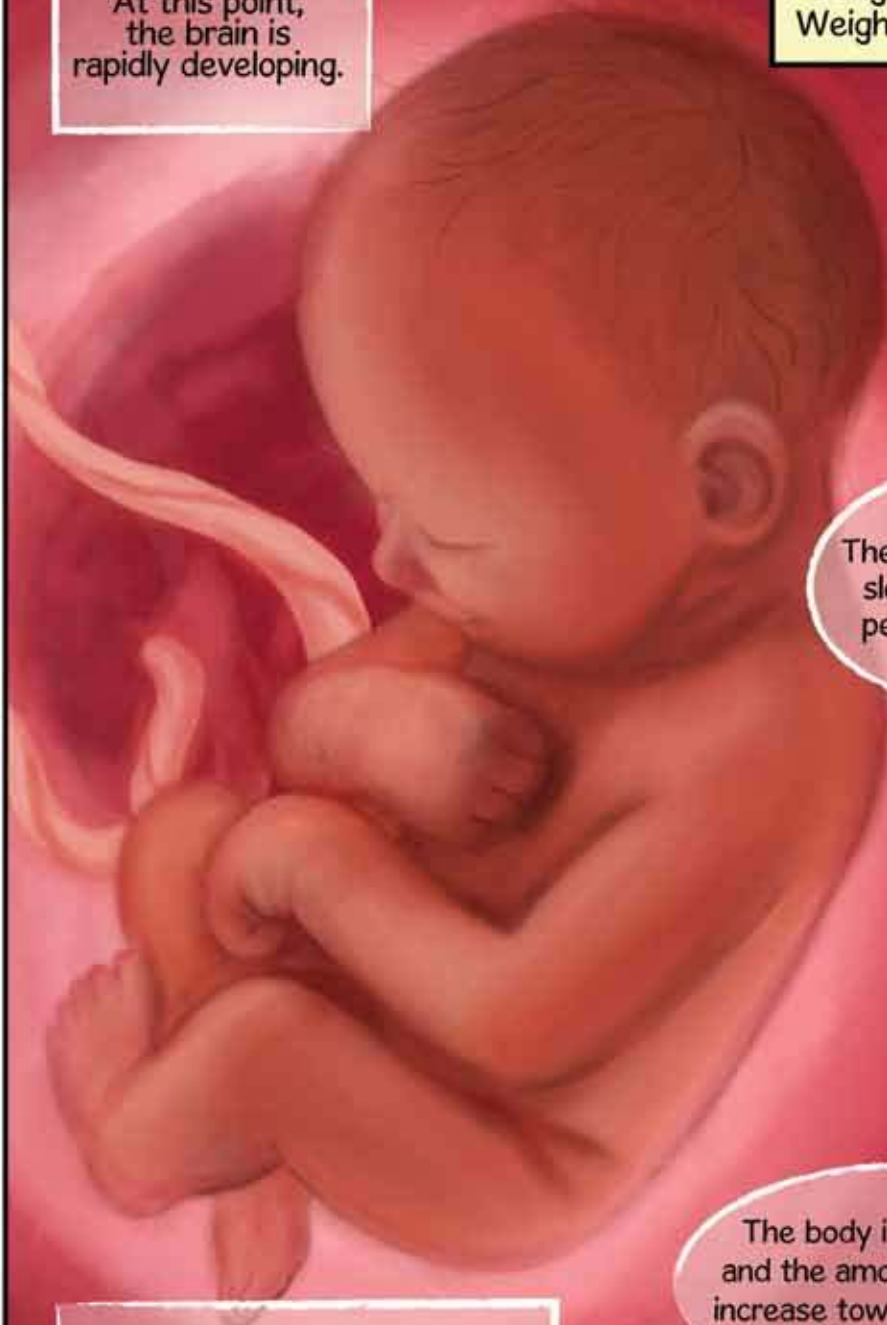
SIZE:

Length: 12-13 inches
Weight: 1.8-2.2 pounds

The baby starts to
sleep for longer
periods of time.

The body is underwater,
and the amount of fluid will
increase towards the end of
the pregnancy.

It's possible to see
whether the baby is a
boy or girl with an ultrasound.



The baby grows up to half a pound a week during the last month. The muscles, skin and bones continue to grow...



...right until it's time to be **BORN!!**

It's time!



I think it's time to go to the hospital!

I'll get the car!



It's a GIRL!



Now the baby and
Mama finally meet
face to face!

Life truly
is a miracle,
isn't it, Lila?

It sure is,
Gus!





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