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Clovis

Iris

Petit

Lily

Maw-Maw Rose

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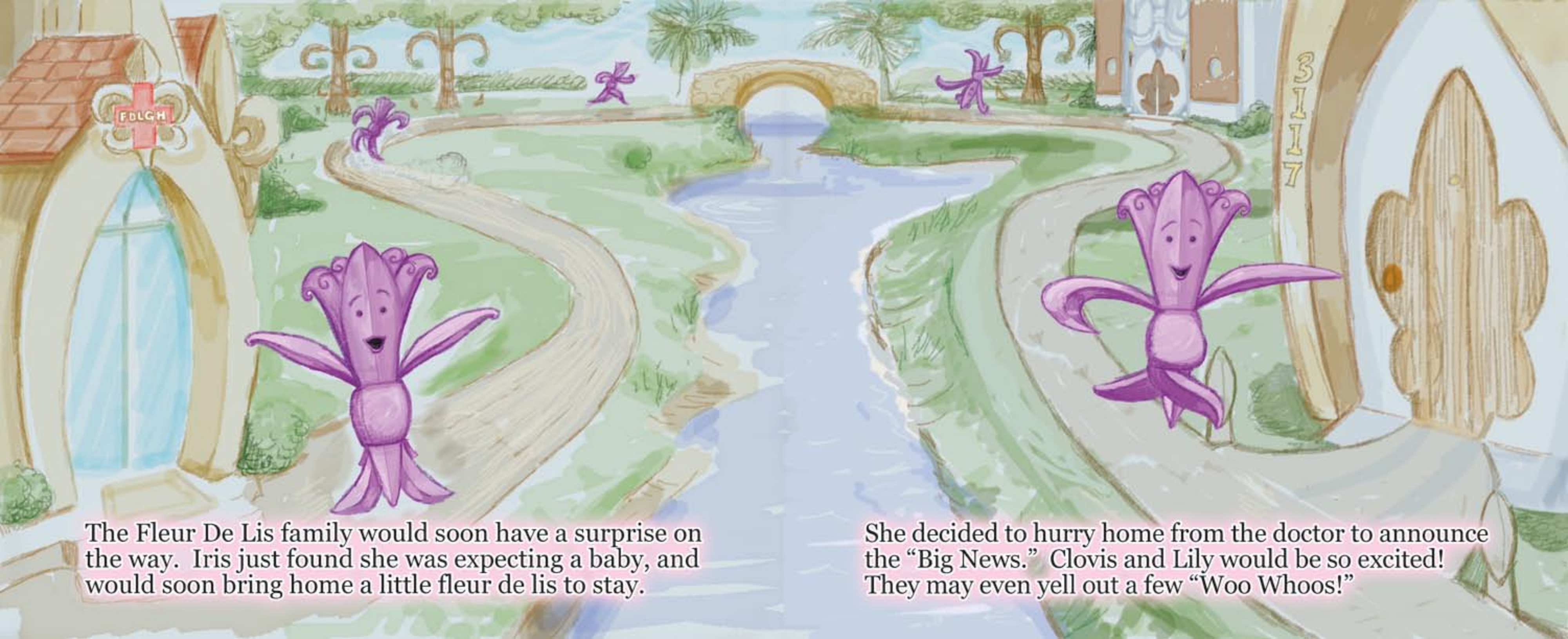
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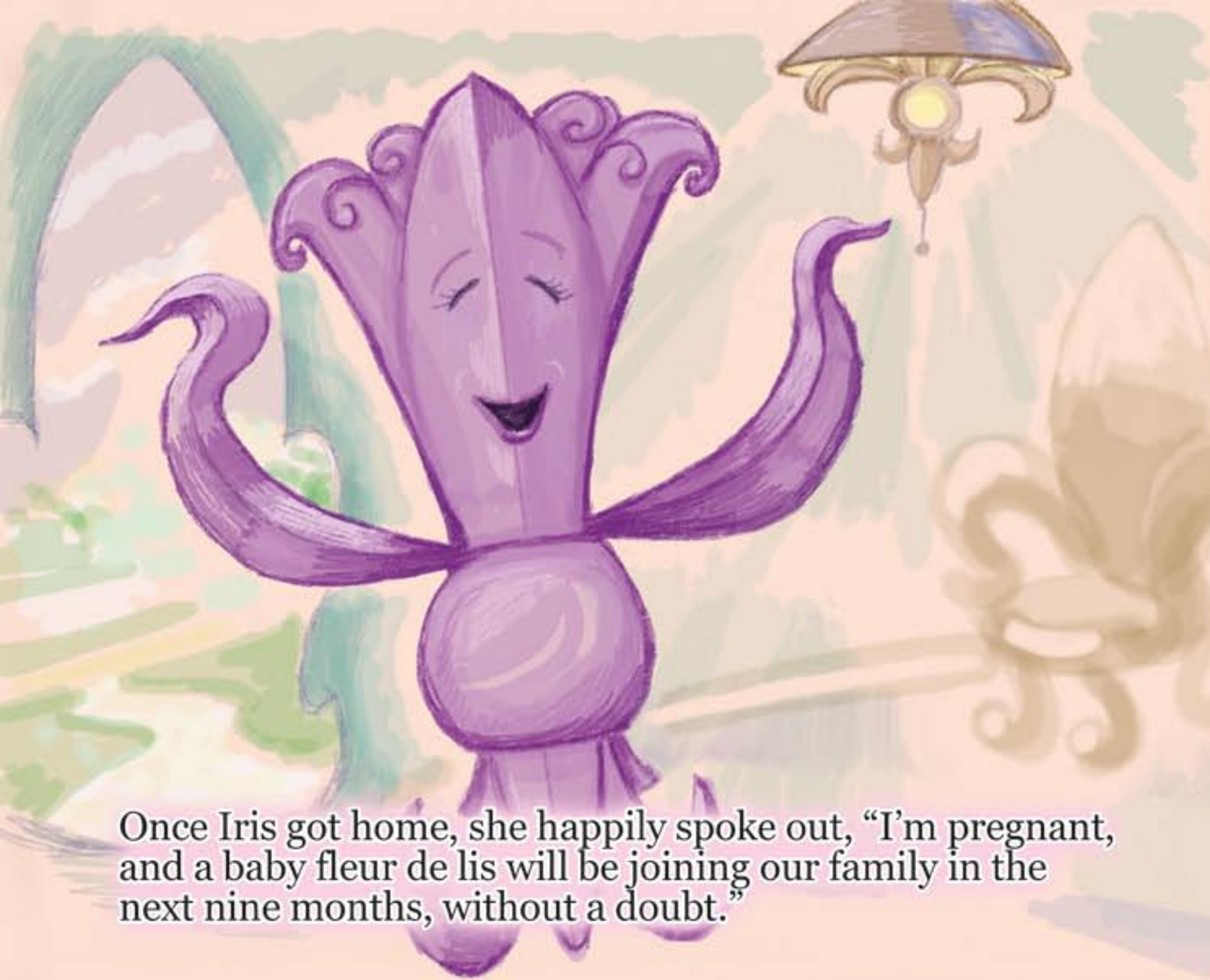
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I'm a New Orleans native, born and raised here. Schools include Christian Brothers, Jesuit High, LSU (BFA), Pratt Institute (MFA, Brooklyn, NY). After working in New Jersey as an Art Supervisor at a video game company, I moved back home in 2004 to stay. This is my 7th illustrated book to date.

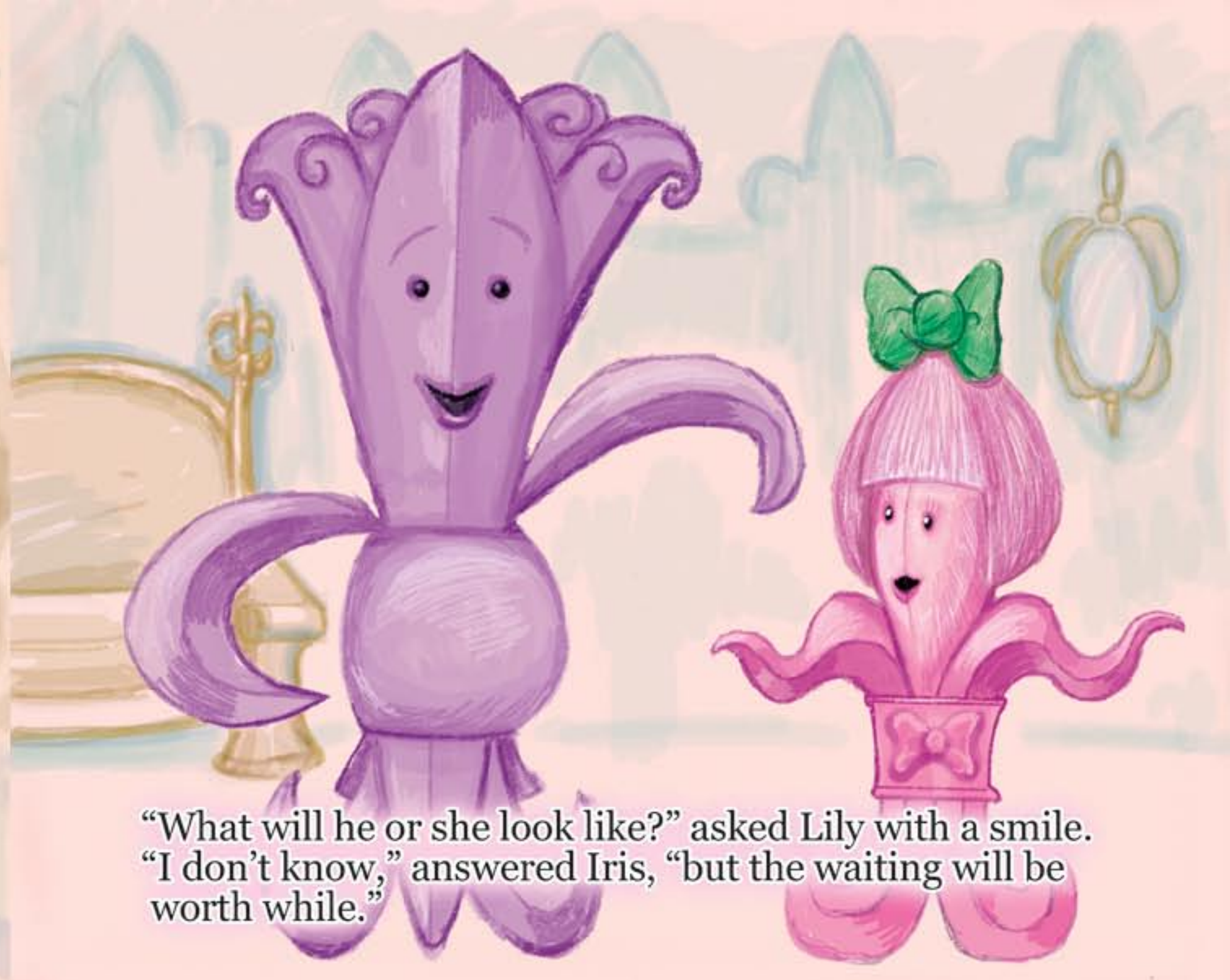


The Fleur De Lis family would soon have a surprise on the way. Iris just found she was expecting a baby, and would soon bring home a little fleur de lis to stay.

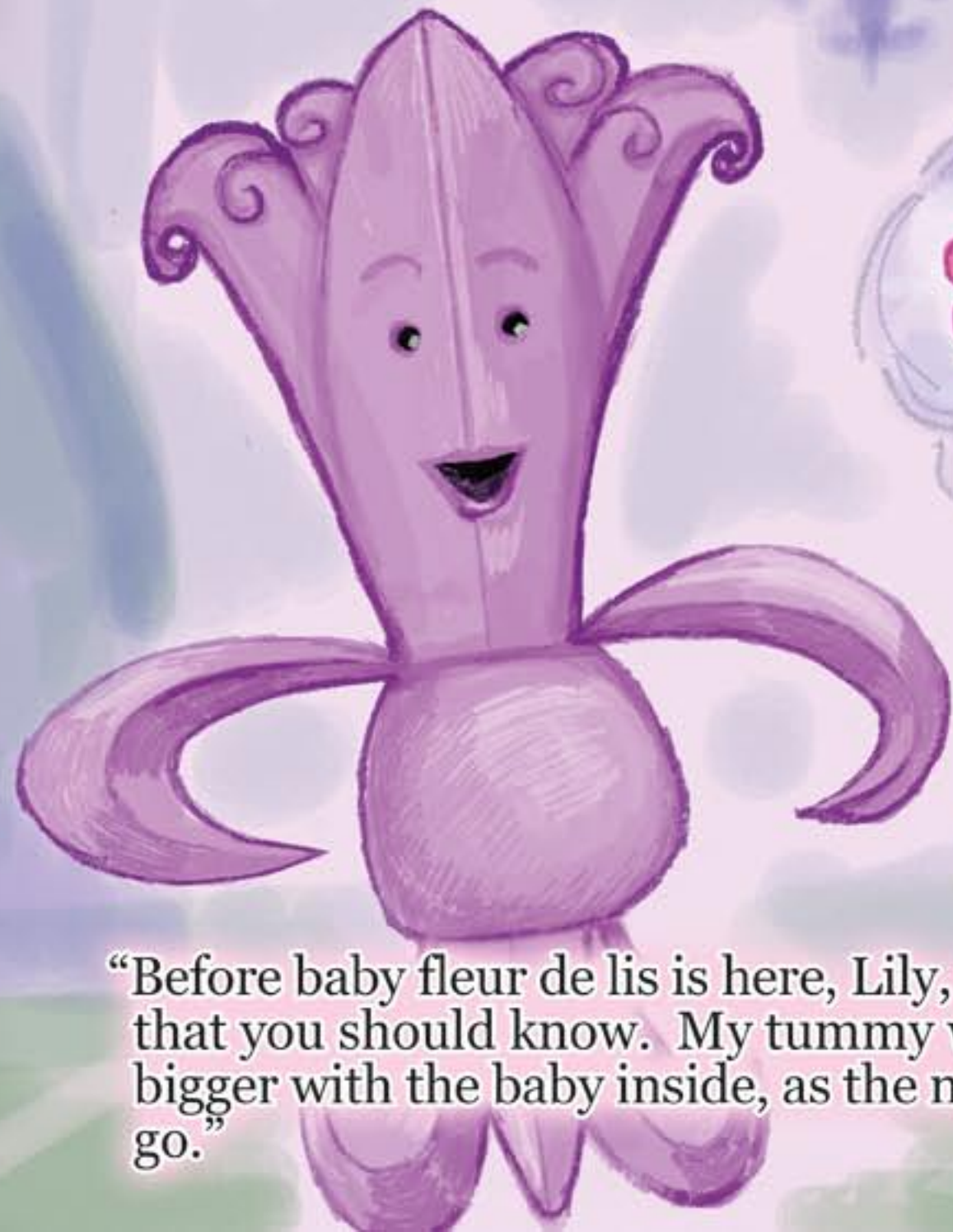
She decided to hurry home from the doctor to announce the “Big News.” Clovis and Lily would be so excited! They may even yell out a few “Woo Whoos!”



Once Iris got home, she happily spoke out, "I'm pregnant, and a baby fleur de lis will be joining our family in the next nine months, without a doubt."



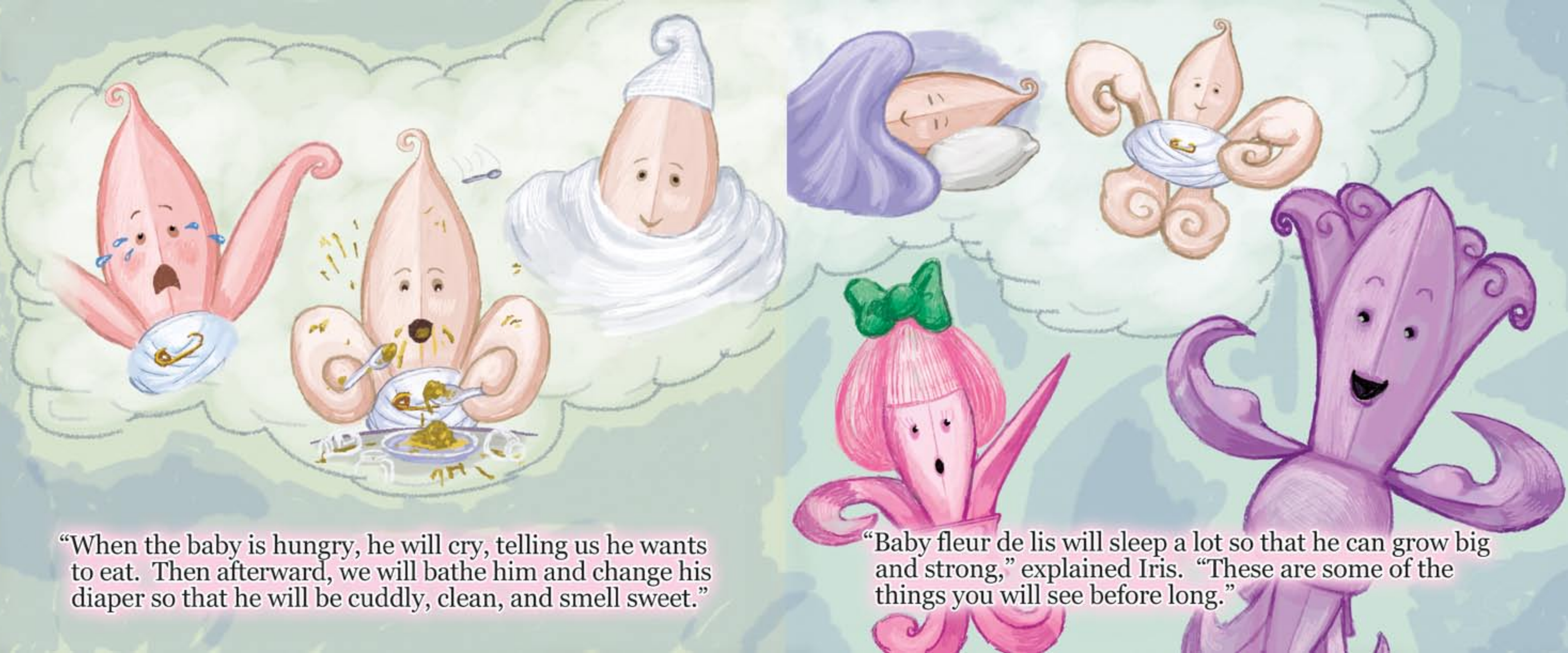
"What will he or she look like?" asked Lily with a smile. "I don't know," answered Iris, "but the waiting will be worth while."



“Before baby fleur de lis is here, Lily, there are some things that you should know. My tummy will grow bigger and bigger with the baby inside, as the nine months come and go.”



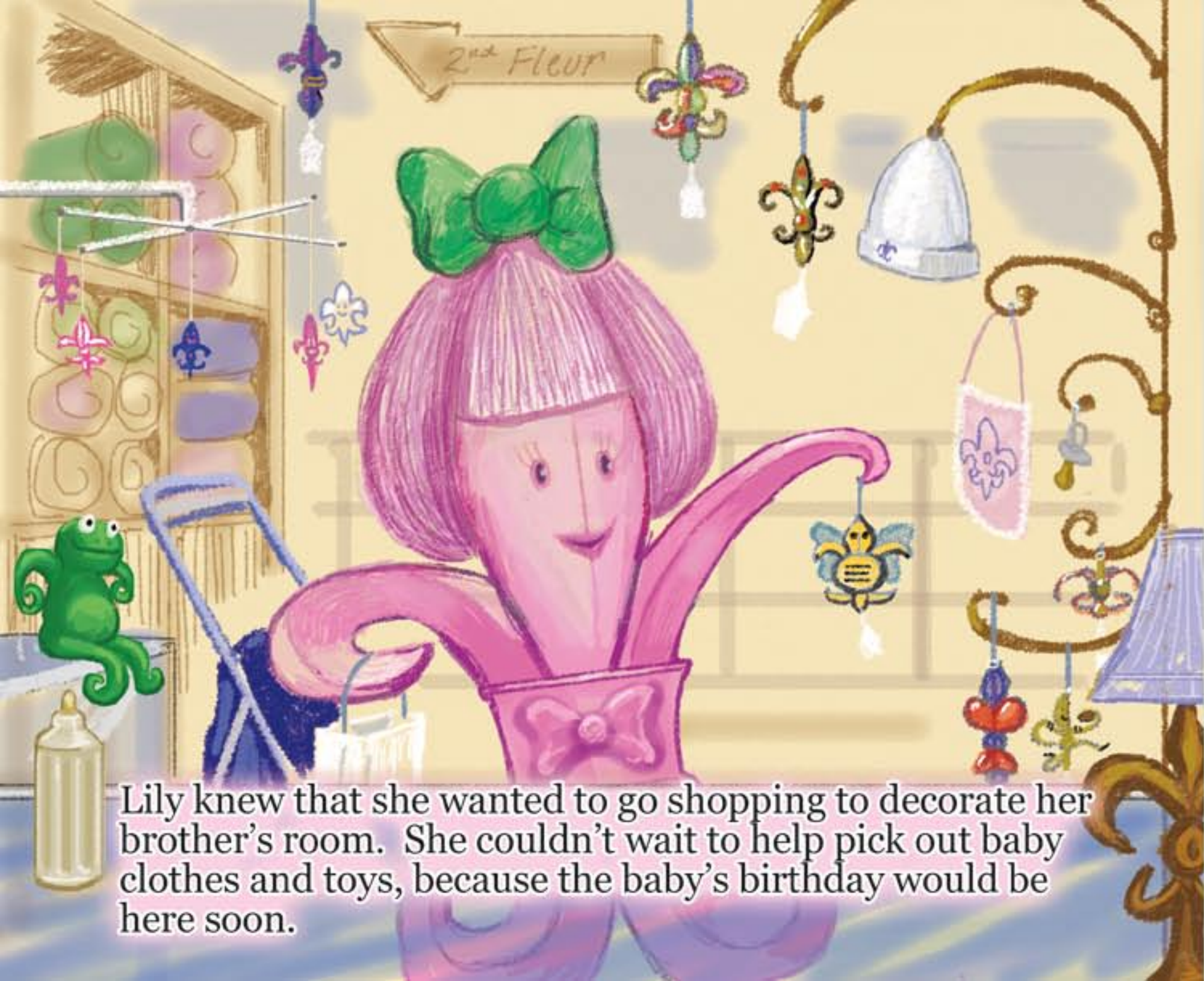
“The baby will be born in the hospital, and for a few days, that is where we’ll stay. No need to worry Lily, Maw-Maw Rose and Paw-Paw Bud will bring you to celebrate baby fleur de lis birthday.”



“When the baby is hungry, he will cry, telling us he wants to eat. Then afterward, we will bathe him and change his diaper so that he will be cuddly, clean, and smell sweet.”

“Baby fleur de lis will sleep a lot so that he can grow big and strong,” explained Iris. “These are some of the things you will see before long.”





Lily knew that she wanted to go shopping to decorate her brother's room. She couldn't wait to help pick out baby clothes and toys, because the baby's birthday would be here soon.

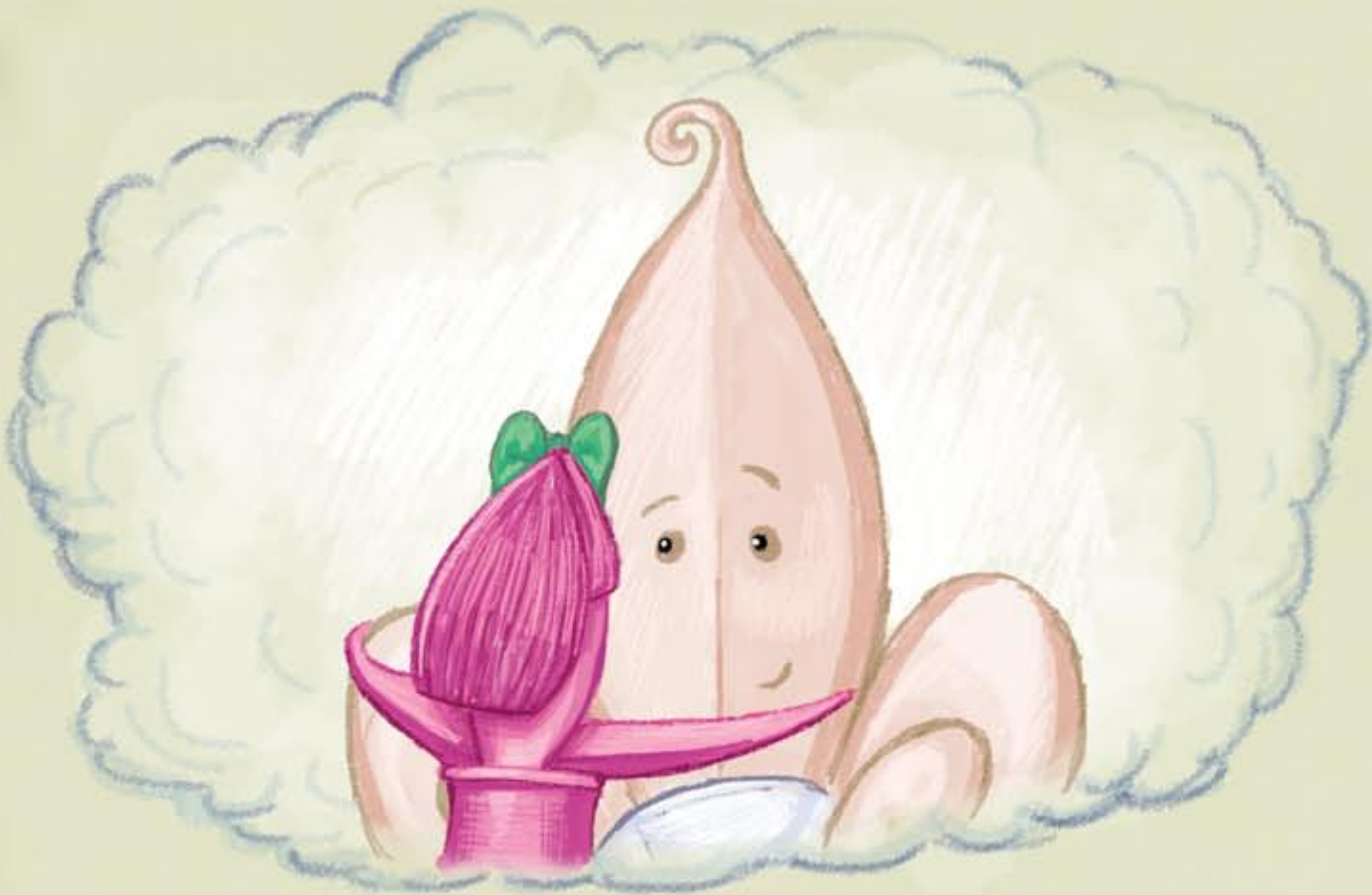


Finally, the nine months had come and gone, and Iris' belly had grown. Soon the family would be able to take their own little fleur de lis home!

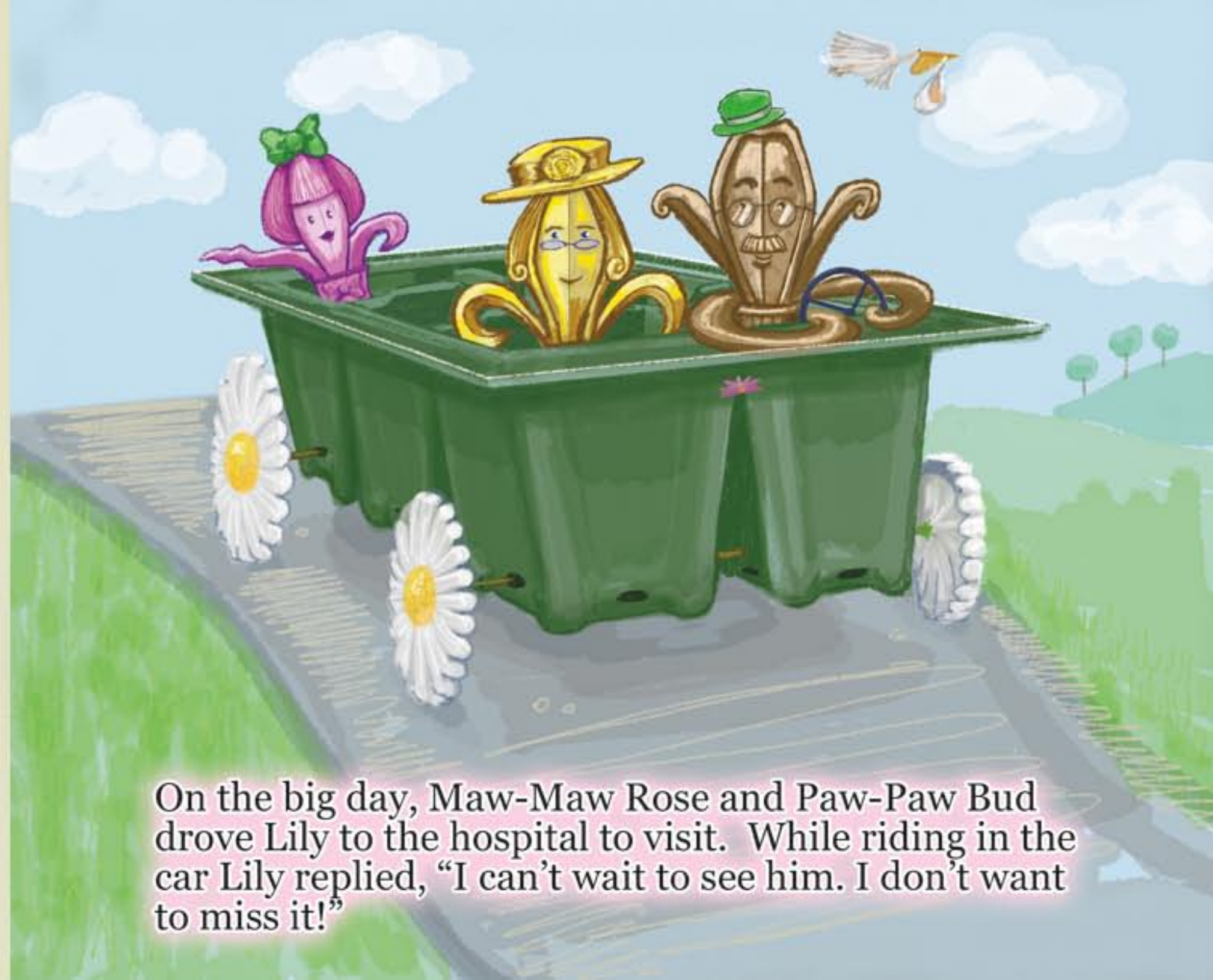


Lily asked her Daddy, Clovis a question with concern. “Daddy, did you and Mommy do all of this preparing before I was born?”

“Yes, answered Clovis. “Mommy and I were very excited about the coming of you. We took baby classes at the hospital to learn what to do. No need to worry, Lily, we did the same for you.”



Lily couldn't believe it! Today was the day. Finally, it was her baby brother she'd get to meet. She couldn't wait to hold him and put a kiss on his cheek.



On the big day, Maw-Maw Rose and Paw-Paw Bud drove Lily to the hospital to visit. While riding in the car Lily replied, "I can't wait to see him. I don't want to miss it!"



“He looks so tiny,” said Lily, as she peeked through the nursery window while standing on the tips of her toes. “I guess one day he’ll grow as big as I am, but for now he’ll just have to wear smaller clothes.”



At last, Lily got to see her Mommy while she lay resting in the hospital bed. She knew her parents would take the baby home soon, though exactly when hadn’t been said.



“What should we name him Mommy and Daddy, since he’s so tiny and so small?” questioned Lily. “He is petit,” answered Clovis. “What a great name,” replied Iris.

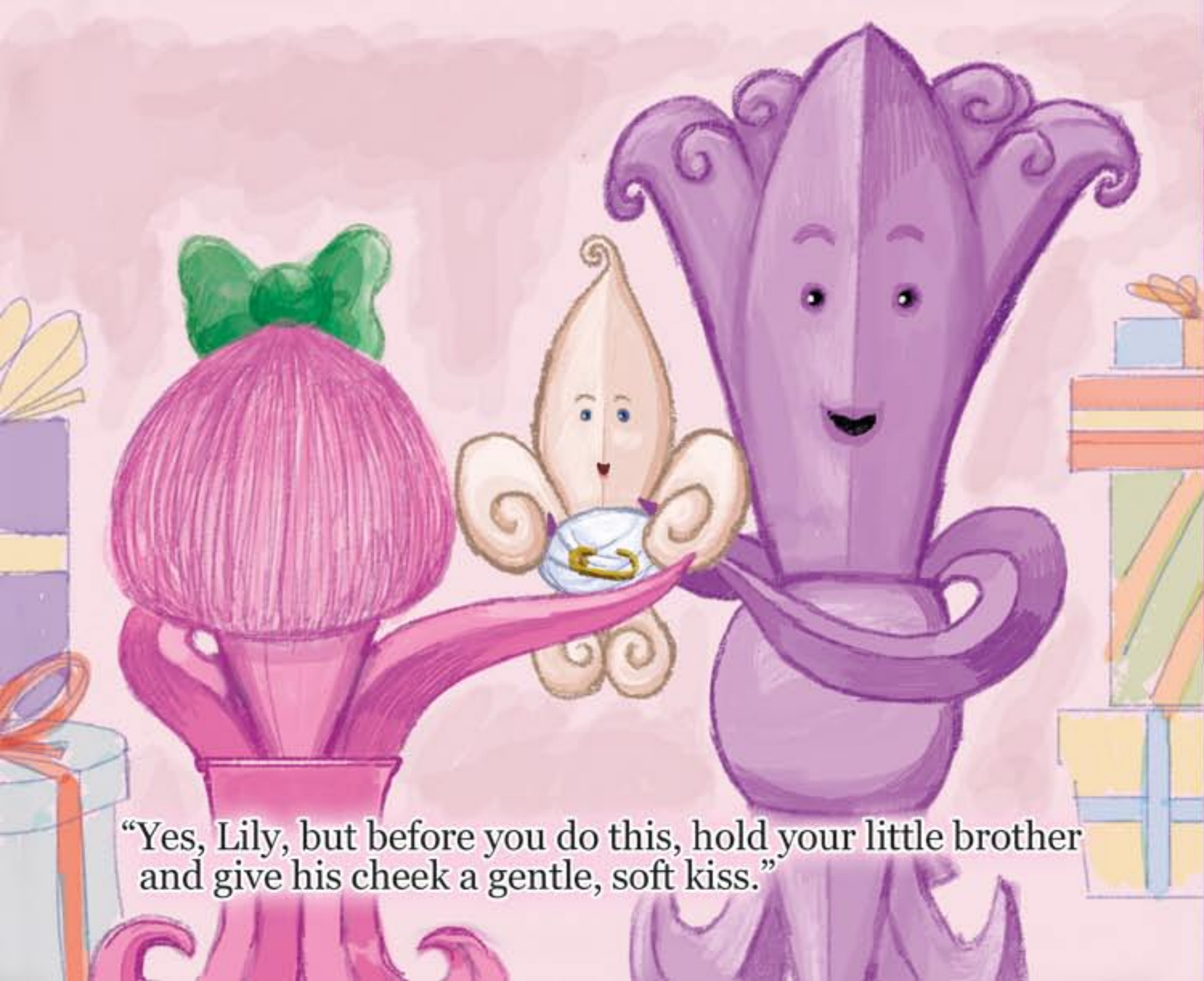


“Petit Fleur De Lis, that’s what his name should be,” Lily happily spoke out.



While Petit lay sleeping quietly in Iris' lap, Lily noticed there were many birthday gifts to unwrap.

"Mommy can I help you since Petit is too sleepy and so small? I am his big sister after all."



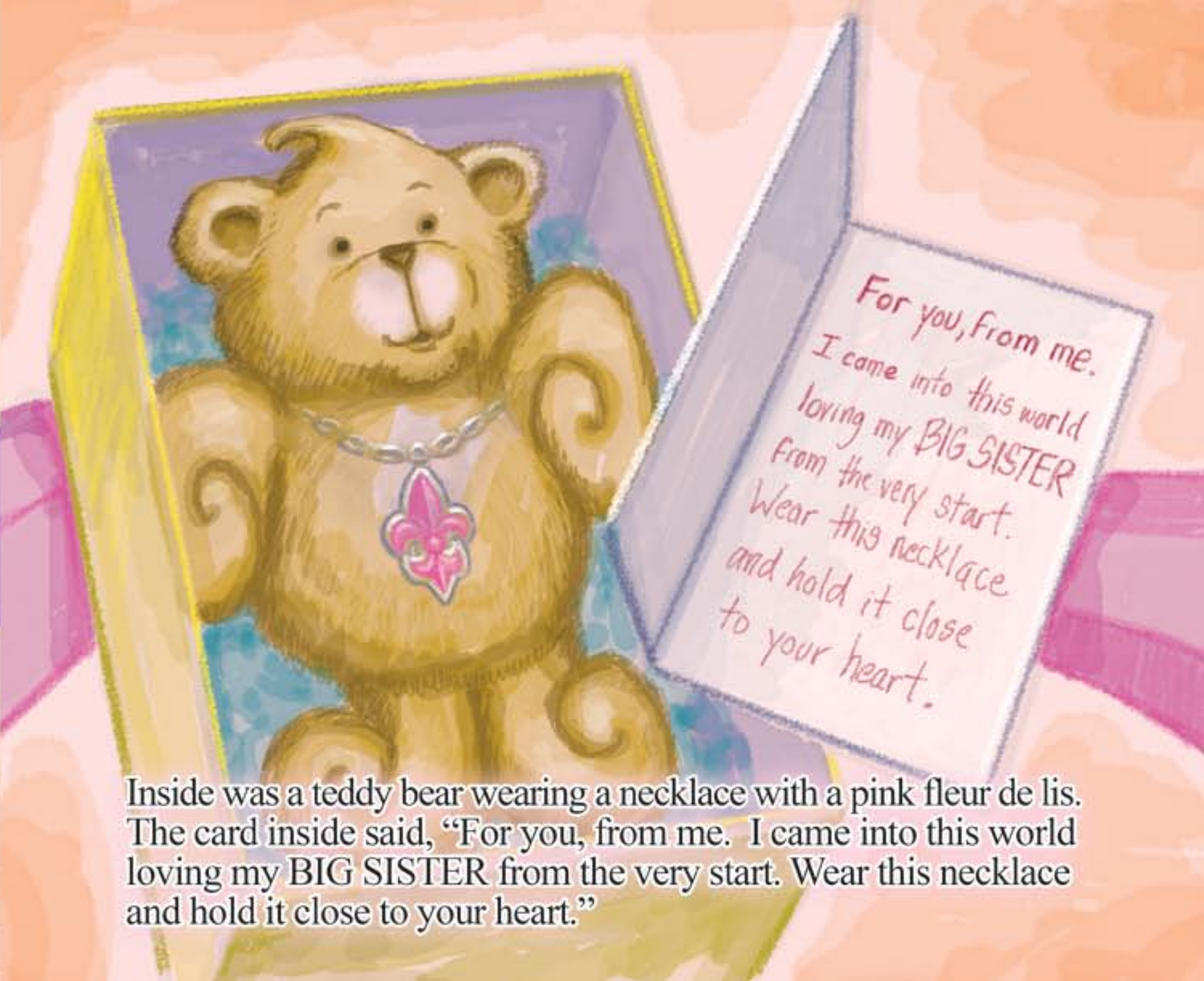
“Yes, Lily, but before you do this, hold your little brother and give his cheek a gentle, soft kiss.”



After waiting for so many months for Petit to finally arrive, Lily knew from that moment that he'd be a special part of her life.

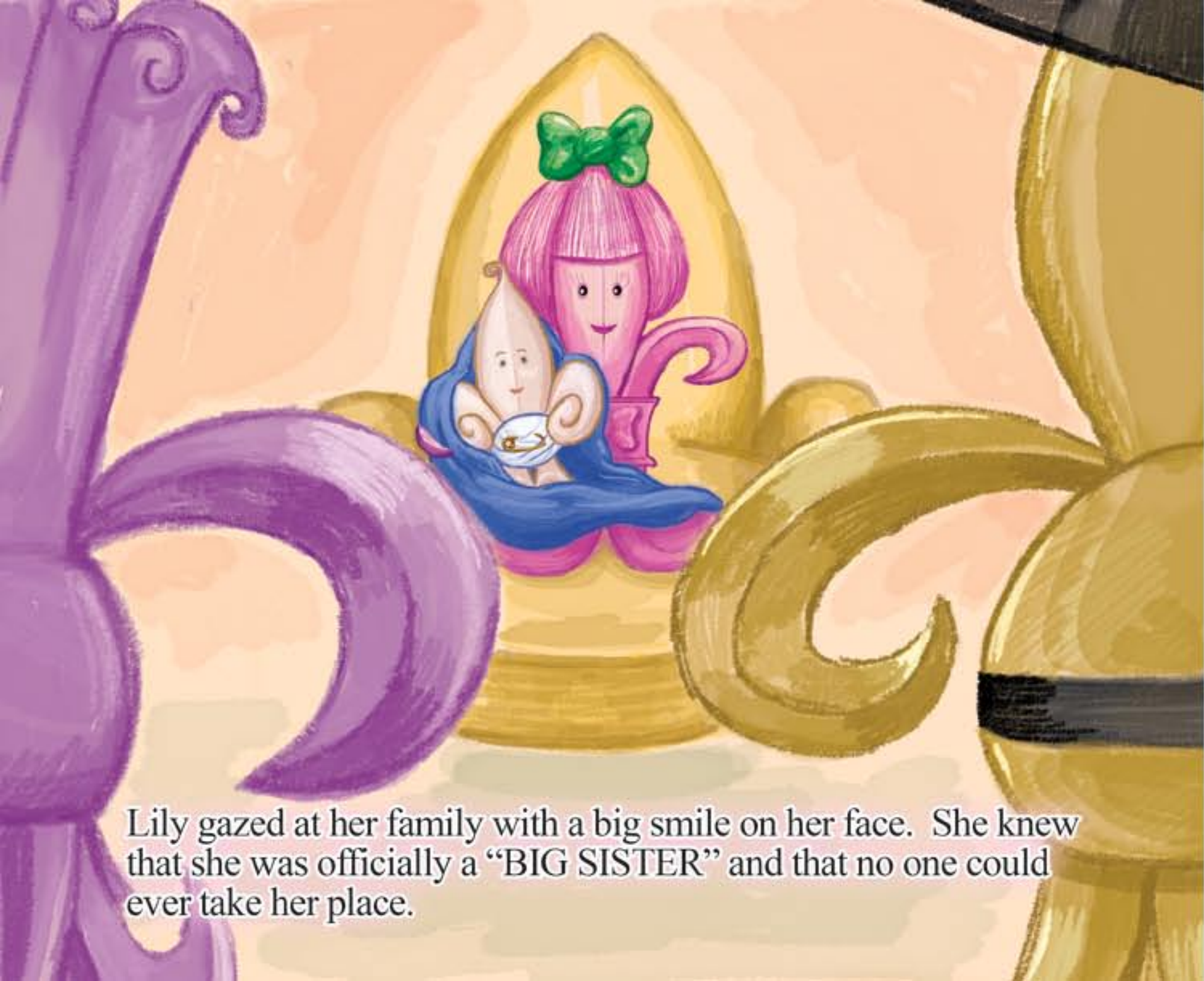


As Iris handed Lily the first gift to open, she couldn't believe her eyes. It was from her little brother, Petit. What an unexpected surprise!



Inside was a teddy bear wearing a necklace with a pink fleur de lis. The card inside said, "For you, from me. I came into this world loving my BIG SISTER from the very start. Wear this necklace and hold it close to your heart."





Lily gazed at her family with a big smile on her face. She knew that she was officially a “BIG SISTER” and that no one could ever take her place.

## “Fleur Delivery” Facts

### Fleur De Lis

In French, it means, “Flower Lily”, or “Flower of the Lily.” Signifies perfection, light and life. Represents French royalty. Was adopted and worn by many kings dating back from 493 A.D. It’s seen widely in different versions of an Iris flower. Has been a visual symbol of New Orleans and it’s recovery.

All surrounding Louisiana parishes hold the symbol close to their hearts.

In July, 2008, following Hurricane Katrina, it was officially made the symbol of the state of Louisiana.

### King Clovis

King of France in 493 A.D. He put a flower in his helmet just before his victory at the Battle of Vouille’, which lead him to choose the Fleur De Lis and consistently use it as his royal symbol.

### Flower “Bud”

From which a flower or flowers develop. What you see first, before a flower grows.

### Rose

Type of flower: woody perennial. Colors range from white, yellows, pinks and reds. Pronounced rose’ (ro-say) in French

### Petit

French adjective meaning “small” or “little”

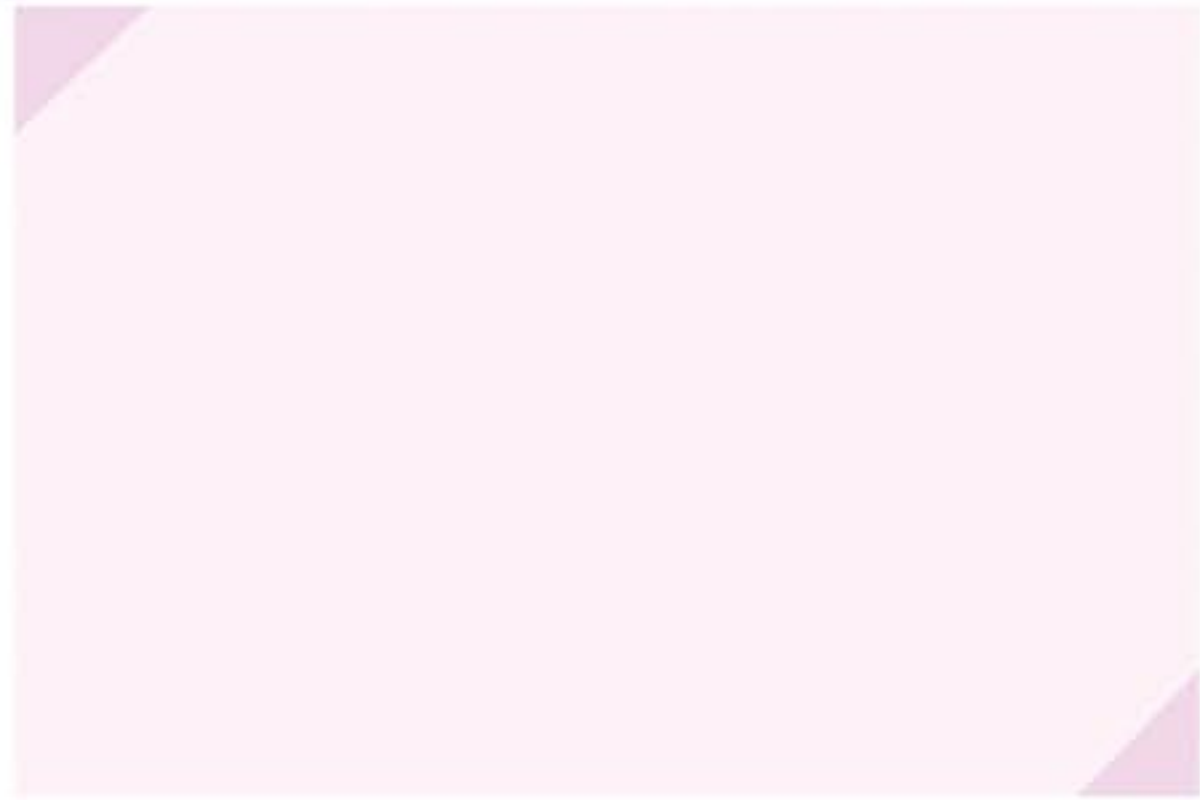
*Draw your own Fleur De Lis*

To my husband, Craig, and our children, Julianne and Jacques,  
who are my motivation and inspiration with everything I do each day.

To Sean Gautreaux for your dedication, once again, to illustrate  
and complete a second book with me. I look forward to  
many more illustrated books in the future.

*Hi, my name is* \_\_\_\_\_.

*I was drawn by* \_\_\_\_\_.



*Born on:* \_\_\_\_\_

*My name is:* \_\_\_\_\_







I've had the opportunity to care for many newborn babies while working as a Registered Nurse at West Jefferson Medical Center. While at work, I've had the opportunity to share in the excitement of a baby's birth with many families and friends. Caring for newborns is my passion.

I look forward to caring for all future newborns, for many years to come. This is my inspiration for writing "Fleur Delivery."



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