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I'M
GONG
OUT.

WHERE?



TO A
PARTY.

NO
YOU'RE
NOT.



YES I AM,
I'M SICK OF
JUST SITTING
AROUND HERE.



WELL, LET'S
GO FOR A
WALK, OR GO
VISIT GRAN.

I'M GONG
OUT, MOM!



LARA...

















SHE'D FREAK OUT. SHE'S ON MY BACK ALL THE TIME.

SHE JUST WANTS TO HELP YOU.



ARE YOU HERE TO LECTURE ME?

ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME ALL THE STUFF I DON'T KNOW?

YOU'RE RIGHT, OKAY?! I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO THIS! I'M JUST A KID.

WELL, YOU'RE YOUNG.



BUT YOU'RE NOT A KID.

YOU'RE GOING TO BE A MOM NOW.



DON'T YOU THINK I KNOW THAT?

YOU'RE GONNA DO GOOD - YOU'LL SEE.

BUT YOU HAVE TO LOOK AFTER YOURSELF. YOUR BABY'S BRAIN IS JUST GROWING AND DEVELOPING NOW.

IF YOU DRINK, YOU COULD HURT THE WAY YOUR BABY LEARNS AND BEHAVES. AND SHE COULD HAVE PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, TOO.

FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE.



IT'S CALLED FASD - FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER. IT DOESN'T GO AWAY WHEN YOUR BABY GROWS UP. IT LASTS FOREVER, SO YOU HAVE TO PROTECT YOUR BABY'S BRAIN.





HAHAHA.
SHE'S WEARING MY
SUPERHERO T-SHIRT!
AND HER BATHROBE
LOOKS LIKE A CAPE!

YOU'RE
SEEING HER
FOR WHO SHE
REPRESENTS.

WHAT'S THAT
SUPPOSED TO
MEAN? YOU'RE
FREAKING ME OUT.

I'M LIKE
COMPLETELY
FREAKED OUT.

I CAN'T WAKE UP.
CAN YOU STOP THIS -
WHATEVER YOU'RE
DOING? WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?

CALM DOWN.
EVERYTHING'S
OKAY. YOU'RE
SAFE. I CAME
TO GET YOU AT
THAT PARTY TO
SHOW YOU
THIS.

WHAT - THAT MY
GRAN'S A LITTLE
OLD SUPERHERO?

EXACTLY.
SHE HAS SO
MUCH KNOWLEDGE
AND POWER. YOU
COULD LEARN SO
MUCH FROM HER.

SHE
IS LIKE A
SUPERWOMAN
WHEN IT COMES
TO MOTHERHOOD.



SO MY GRAN IS LIKE THE FEMALE VERSION OF CLARK KENT?

OR PETER PARKER?

NOT LIKE FOR REAL.

I'M JUST SHOWING YOU THE WORLD THE WAY I SEE THINGS.

YOUR GRAN'S BEEN THROUGH IT - ALL OF IT, FROM CHILDBIRTH TO RAISING UP A LITTLE BABY. AND A LITTLE KID AND THE TEENAGE YEARS ON TO LETTING HER LITTLE BIRD LEAVE THE NEST.



AND WHO ARE YOU AGAIN?

I'M DANIS.

OH, THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING.

HA HA HA. JUST GO WITH IT. GO ON, YOUR GRAN WANTS TO SEE YOU.



HOW ARE YOU, MY GIRL?

EATING GOOD, I HOPE.

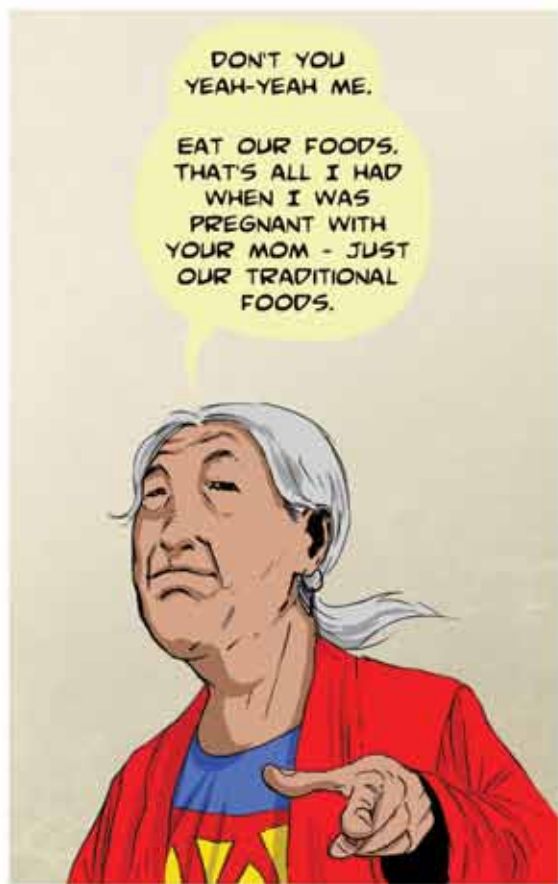
SO-SO.

WELL, YOU EAT THIS. AND DRINK THIS. IT'S GOOD FISH.

SOMETHING WHISPERED IN MY EAR - SAID YOU HAVE TO EAT MORE FISH.

AND YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU EAT ENOUGH WHOLE GRAINS AND DAIRY AND VEGGIES AND FRUIT.

ALL THAT HEALTHY STUFF. BABY NEEDS IT.





WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M PUTTING SOME MEDICINE TOGETHER.

WHAT'S IT FOR?

THIS IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH.

YOU MAKE IT INTO A TEA.

IS IT GROSS?

NO. NOT GROSS. YOU KNOW YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT MEDICINES - EVEN OUR TRADITIONAL ONES. YOU CAN'T JUST BE TAKING ANYTHING.



I KNOW.

THE BEST MEDICINE FOR YOU NOW IS LOVE. LOVE YOURSELF. AND BE AROUND PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU. YOUR BABY KNOWS HOW YOU FEEL.

GIVE YOUR BABY HAPPY ENERGY. KEEP MOVING AND DO GOOD THINGS FOR YOUR BODY. WALK IN THE SUN, FEEL THE WIND ON YOUR FACE.







YOU WERE CARRYING HER ON YOUR BACK BEFORE.

I LIKE TO CARRY HER THIS WAY BEST. BECAUSE I CAN SEE HER FACE AND TALK TO HER.

IT'S REALLY GOOD TO TALK TO YOUR BABY AND SING TO HER. YOU CAN STIMULATE YOUR BABY SO MUCH BY BEING CLOSE TO THEM AND TALKING ABOUT EVERYTHING AROUND YOU AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

SHE LIKES IT. SEE THE SKY, BABY? THE STARS WILL SHINE AGAIN WHEN IT GETS DARK.



MUMMY LOVES YOU TO THE MOON AND BACK.



CUTE! SHE JUST LOOKED AT THE SKY.



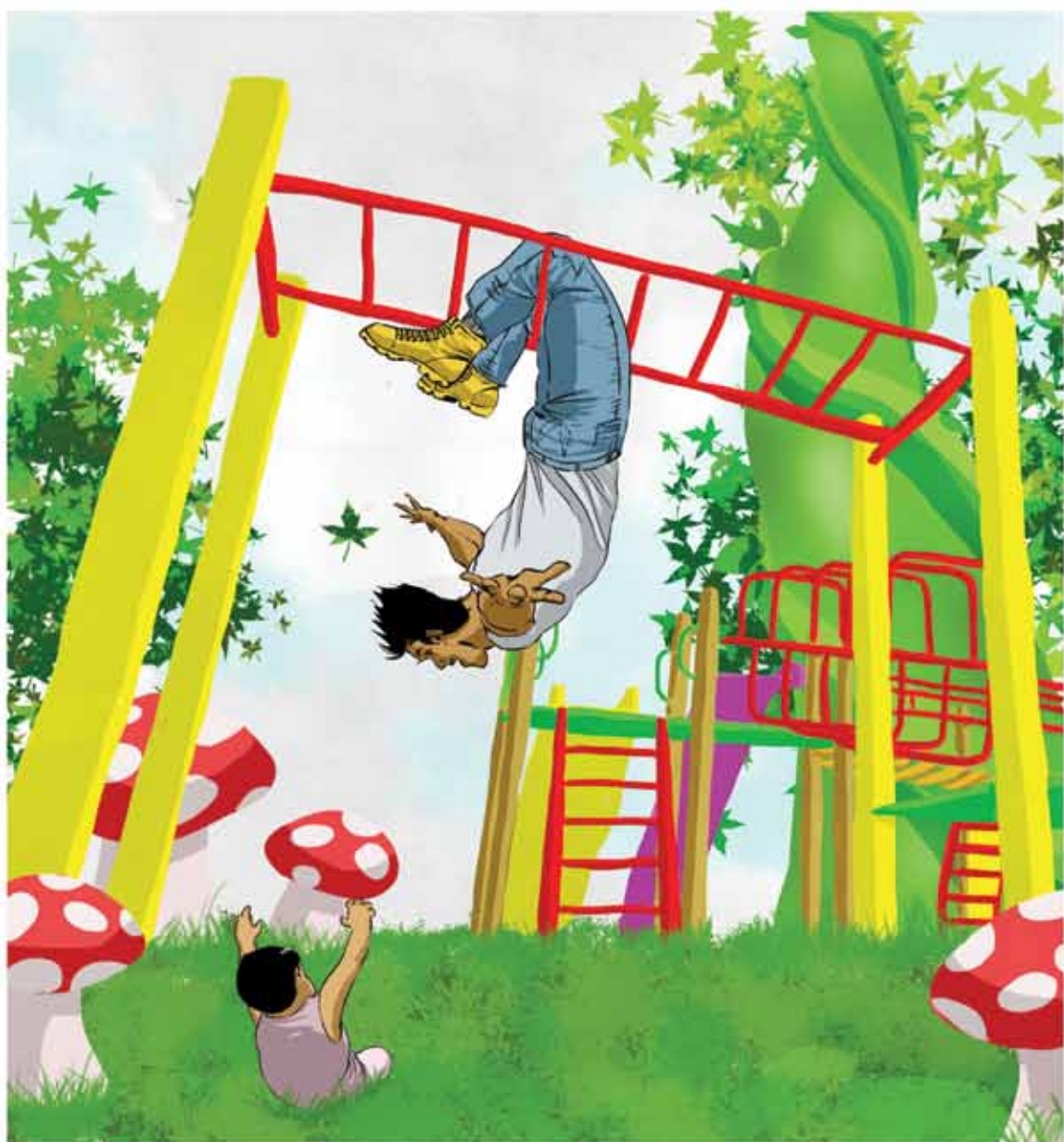
DOES SHE KEEP YOU UP ALL NIGHT?

WE'RE UP AND DOWN A FEW TIMES A NIGHT NOW. BUT I'M USED TO IT. I'M LUCKY I HAVE HELP.



SO ARE YOU - YOUR MOM'S PRETTY AWESOME.













THERE YOU GO.



BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW.



HA HA. YOU'RE SO FUNNY.

OKAY, LET ME "SHOW YOU HOW".

FIRST YOU LAY HER DOWN SOMEWHERE SAFE.



THEN YOU TAKE OFF THE WET DIAPER. AND CLEAN HER UP.



AND YOU PUT THE NEW ONE UNDER HER AND FASTEN IT.



ALL DONE!

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S GOING TO BE YOUR JOB. YOU'RE SO GOOD AT IT.



AH, NICE TRY. YOU CAN DO IT WITH ONE HAND IN NO TIME. I'VE SEEN YOU.



NOW THAT YOU'RE WALKING IT WON'T BE LONG 'TIL WE'RE ALL DONE DIAPERS!



NAP TIME, NOW SWEETIE. DADDY WILL ROCK YOU.

THERE. SHE'S DOWN FOR THE COUNT.



WOW.



LET'S GO.

MY
BABY.



DAD'S GOT
HER. SHE'S
FINE.



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