


Special Delivery

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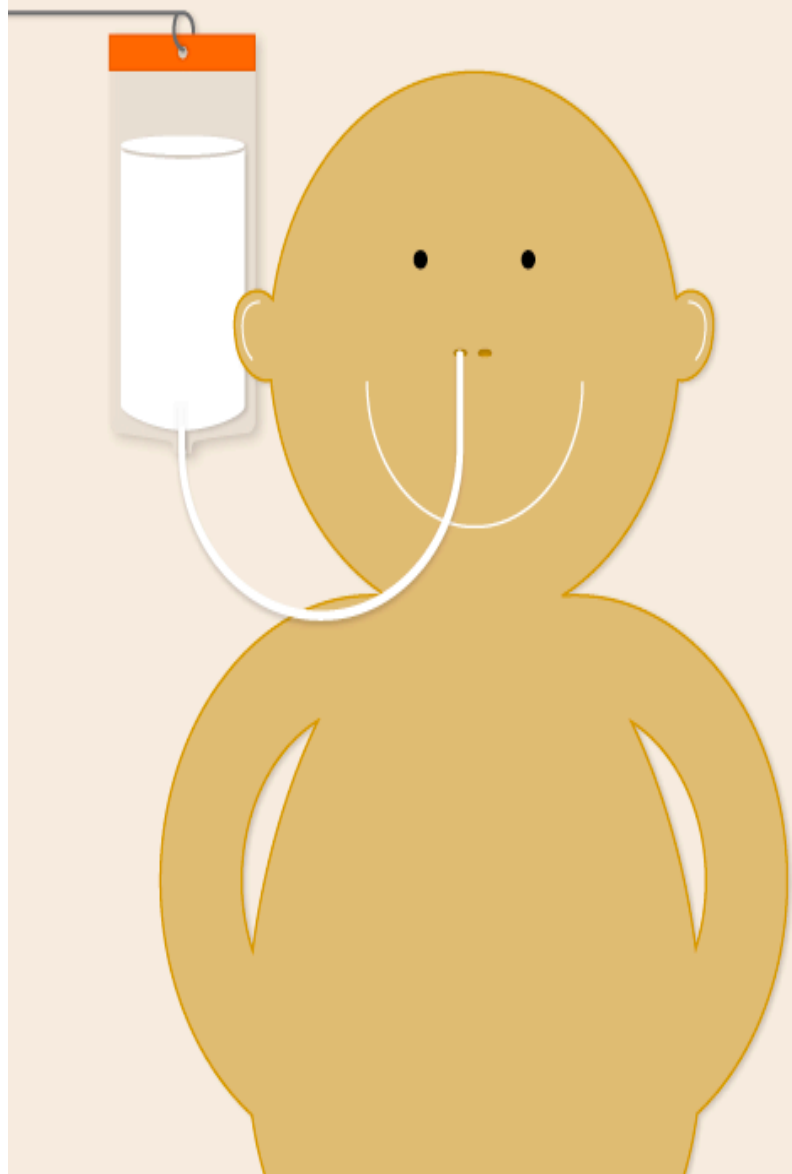
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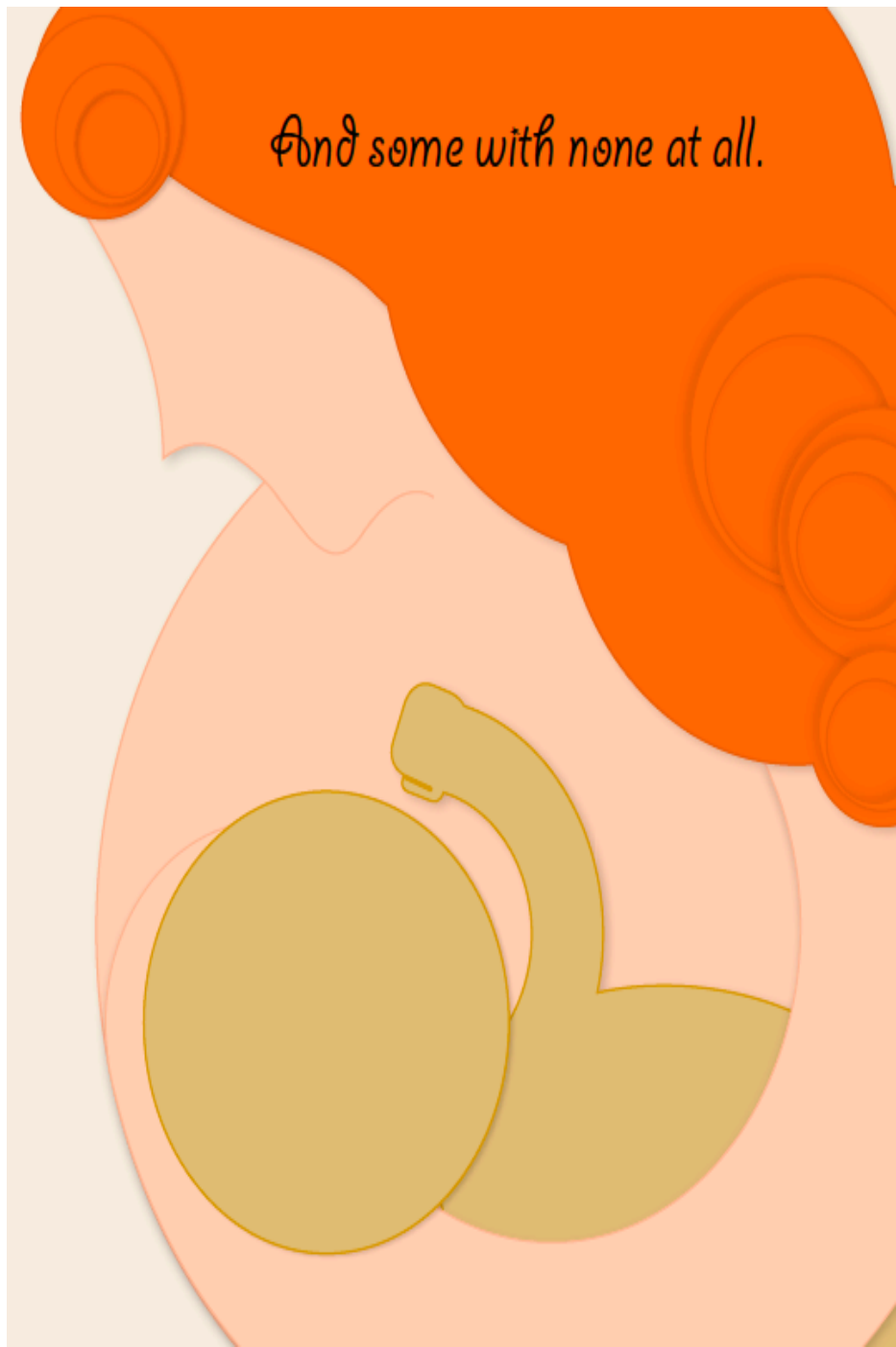
Some babies are born small.



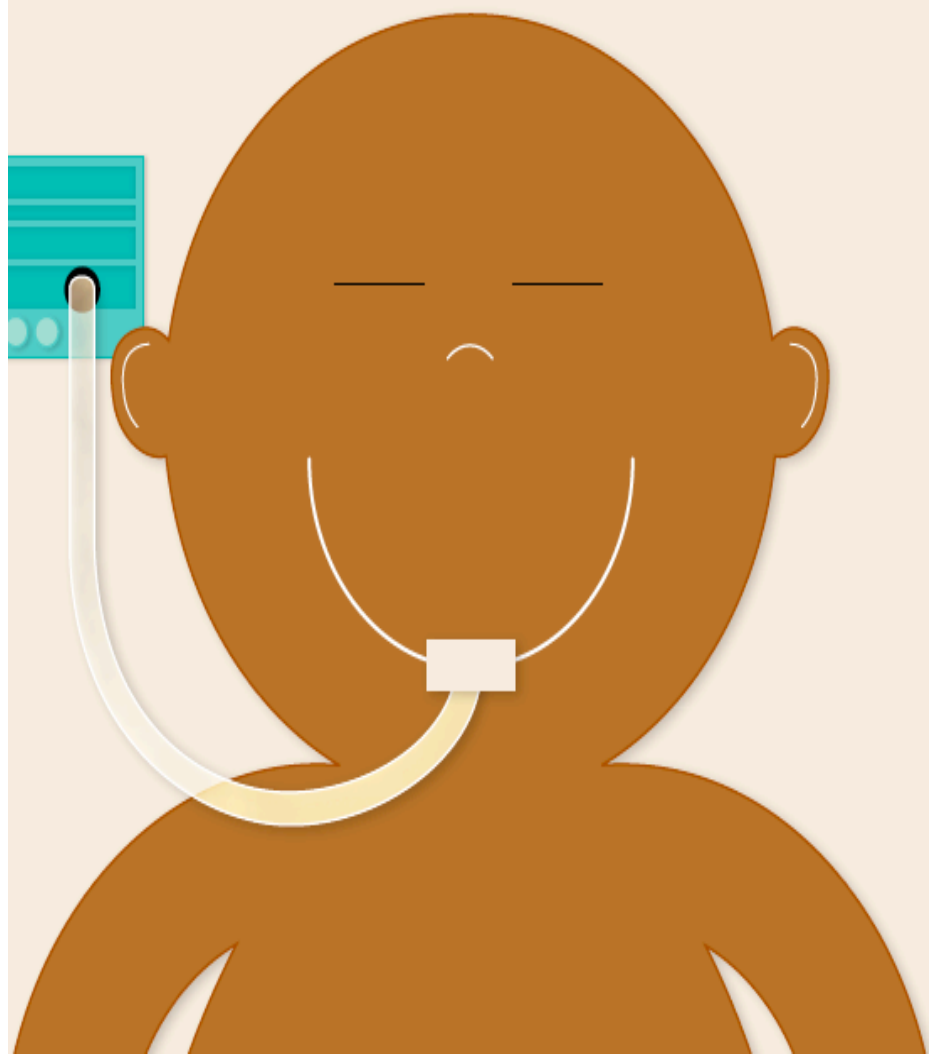
Some babies are born with special needs,



And some with none at all.



*Some babies may need help to breathe
When they're born too early.*



*Others give an immediate cry
That is big and burly.*

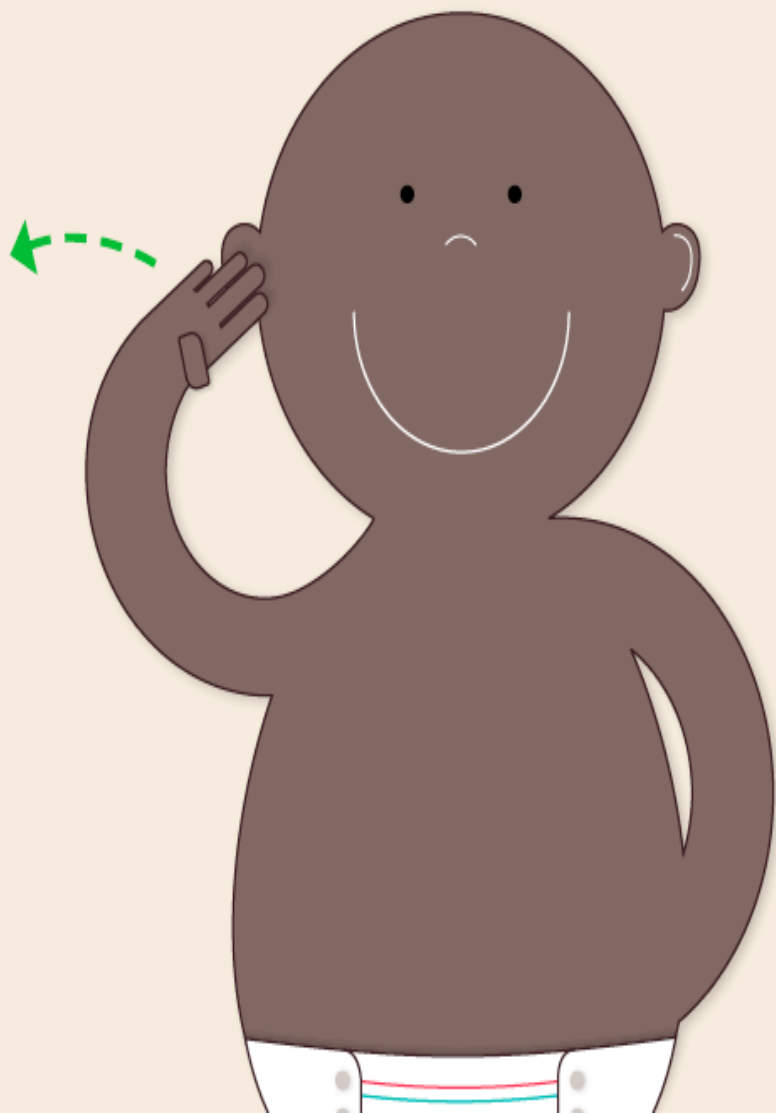


Some babies learn to say,

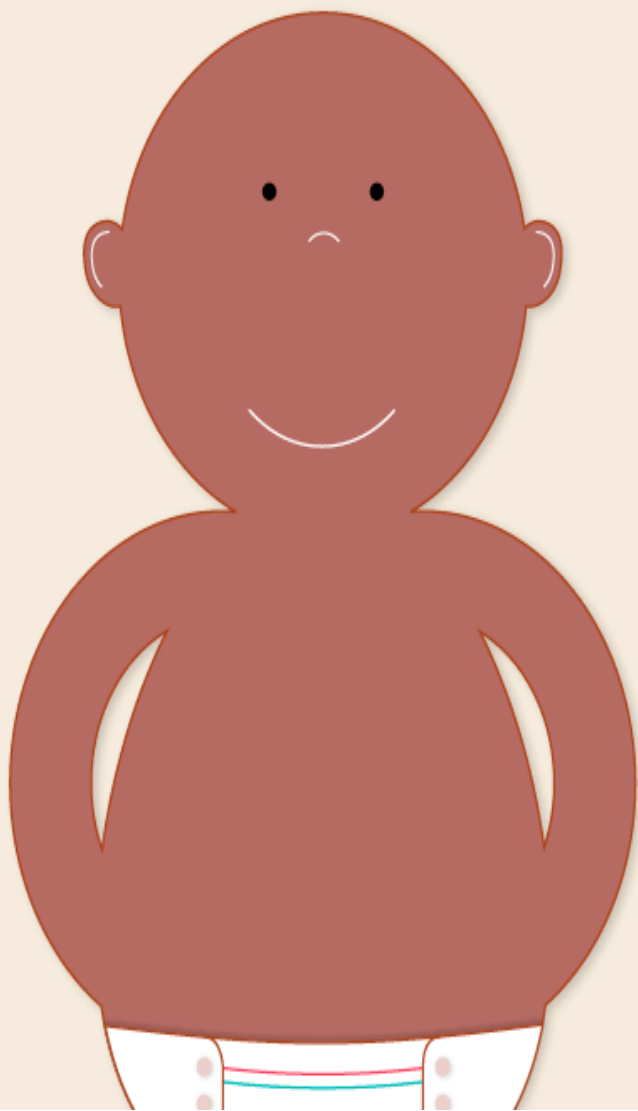
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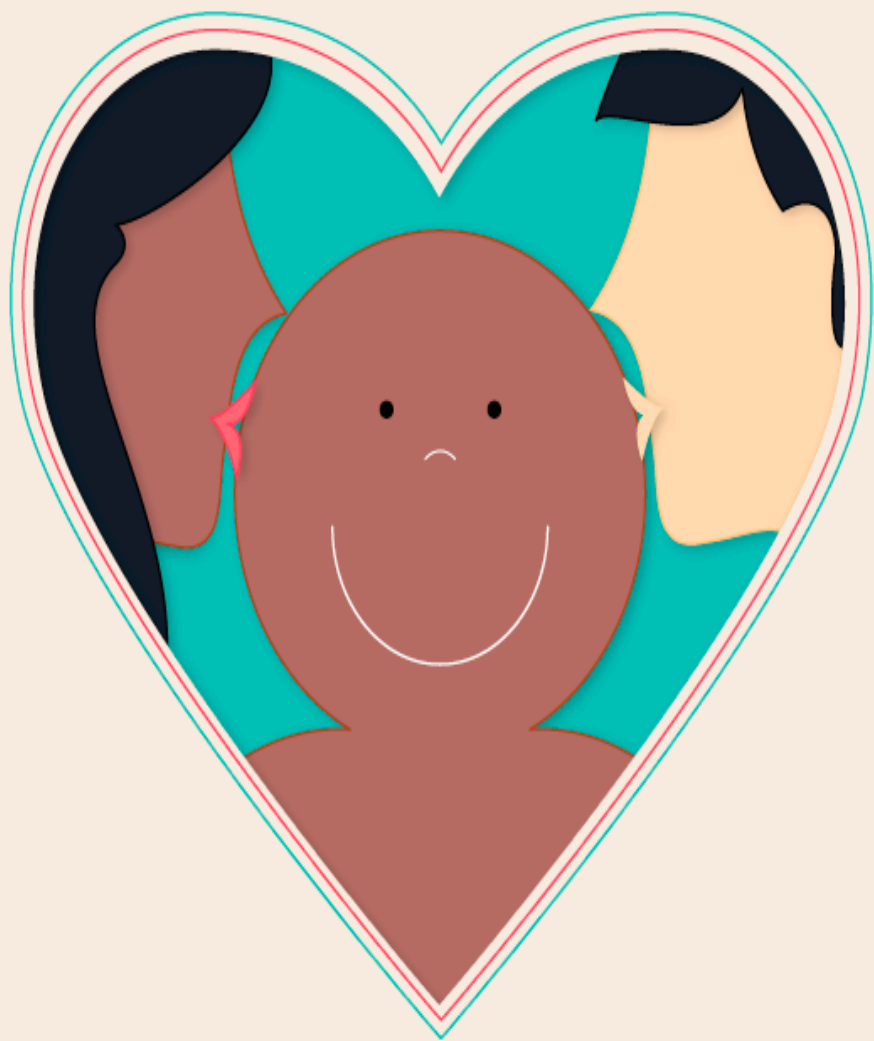


Or even learn to sign.



Others don't talk at all,





Which is also fine.

Some babies grow up into kids;




We don't have to say "Goodbye."



Others will watch over us,



The background is a solid teal color. There are several white, stylized clouds scattered across the scene. In the upper left, there is a cluster of three overlapping clouds. In the lower right, there is another cluster of three overlapping clouds. Four white dashed lines curve from the top left towards the bottom right, creating a sense of movement or flight.

And are born with wings to fly.

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