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I met Turtle on the day I was born.
On that great and important day, I was totally
tiny and Turtle was way bigger than me.
Now I'm way bigger than Turtle. But that doesn't matter.
We're best friends. We've been together forever.

Way back when I was a little baby,
every time I put my arms
around Turtle, I smiled.





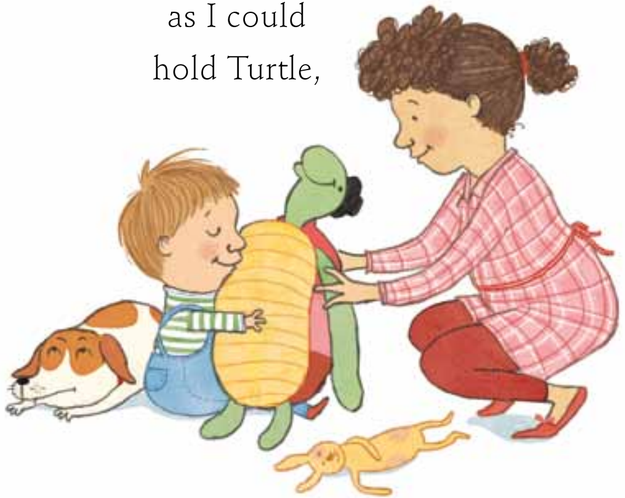
And every time
I rubbed Turtle's tummy,
I laughed.

Back when I was
a bigger baby, I *had* to
have Turtle around.



Every single time
Mummy left the room,
I yelled *Waaaaaaah!*

But as soon
as I could
hold Turtle,



I stopped yelling.
Holding Turtle made me
feel okay again.

When I was still a little child and had to take
a nap, sometimes I felt lonely and sad.
But as soon as I snuggled up with my soft and
cuddly Turtle, I didn't feel lonely or sad any more.

