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Alexander is a joey who loves his mother and the familiar comfort of her pouch, but who finds that it is getting rather crowded as of late. Handfuls of sweets, a toy car, and a recorder are just some of the things Alexander finds cluttered around him. As his frustration mounts, can his desire for his own space overcome his fear of growing up? Pops of golden yellow dominate the watercolor, ink, and pencil illustrations of this tongue-in-cheek story about helping children embrace their independence.

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