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Hello, Mr Moon



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A whimsical illustration of a child and a small dog sitting on a windowsill, looking out at a large, full moon in a starry night sky. The child is looking up at the moon with a curious expression. The dog is sitting next to them, also looking out. The moon is very large and detailed, showing craters and a bright glow. The sky is dark blue with many small stars. The house is partially visible on the left, with a tiled roof.

Hello, Mr. Moon.
You're looking full today,
unlike before – you were
wa s t i n g a w a y.

Are you taking care of yourself?
You're **up**. You're **down**. Sometimes
so skinny and then so round.

Relax, little child. You will see things happen that make me – ME!

And answer me, please. I really must know:
Is it true you don't even glow?

It takes one year for Earth to get around the Sun –
365 days and its job is done!



Once a month, I orbit, too –
but not around the Sun, just around you.



The movement of Earth, Sun and me
causes different phases...that's what you see!



I'm lit
by the
Sun, that's
why I seem bright: You're
seeing my sunlit side at night.



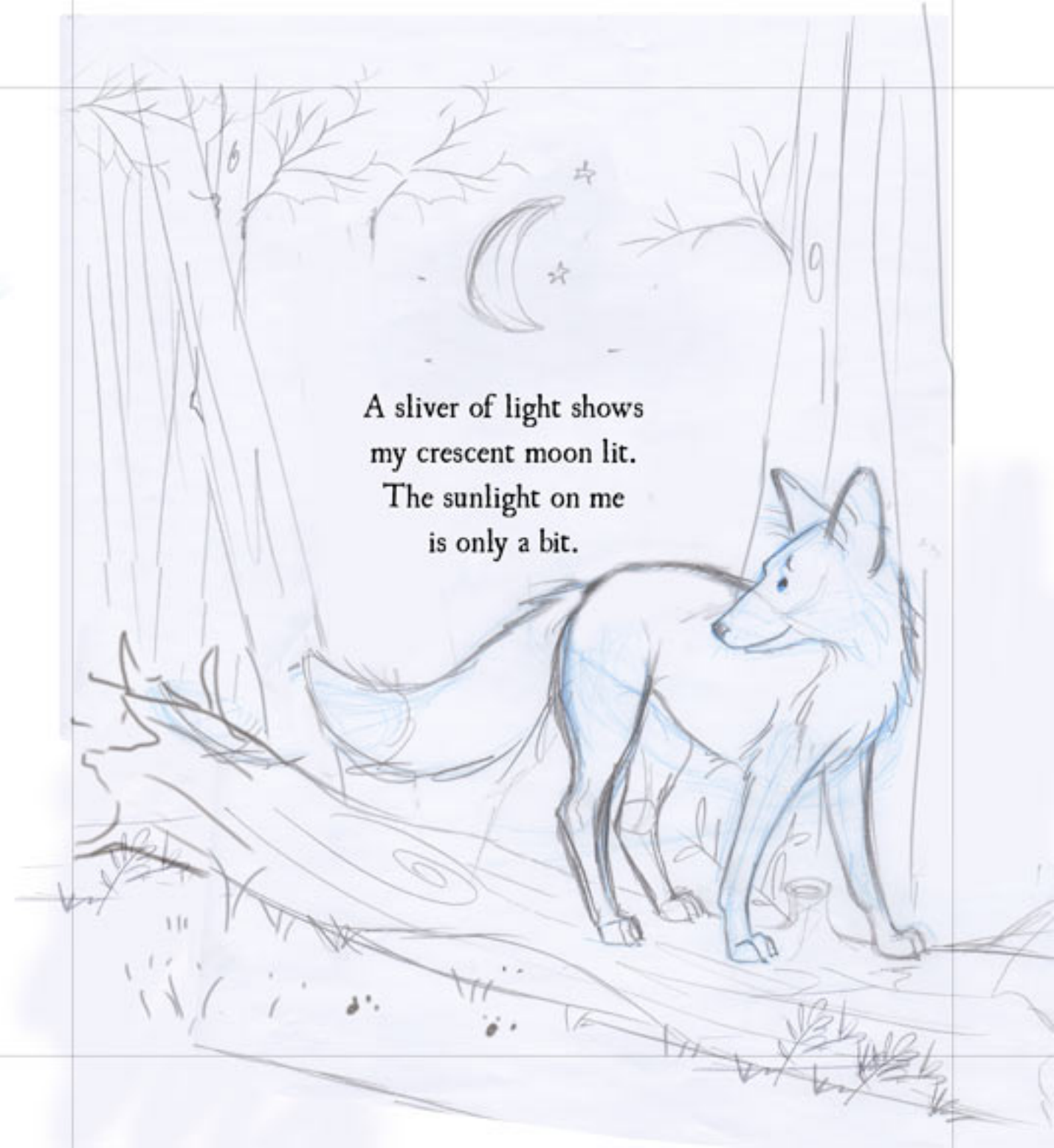
But sometimes you're not there. Where'd you go? You disappear!

The sun is behind me – it's called my new moon.

It means you can't see me
but you will soon!



*I must admit: I enjoy less light -
It's easier for me to sneak around at night!*



A sliver of light shows
my crescent moon lit.
The sunlight on me
is only a bit.