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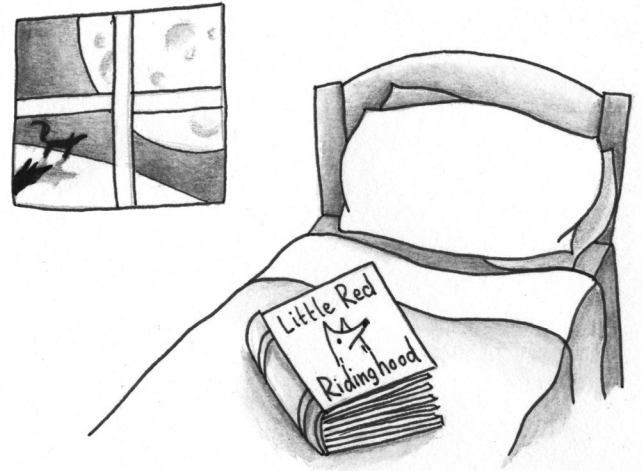
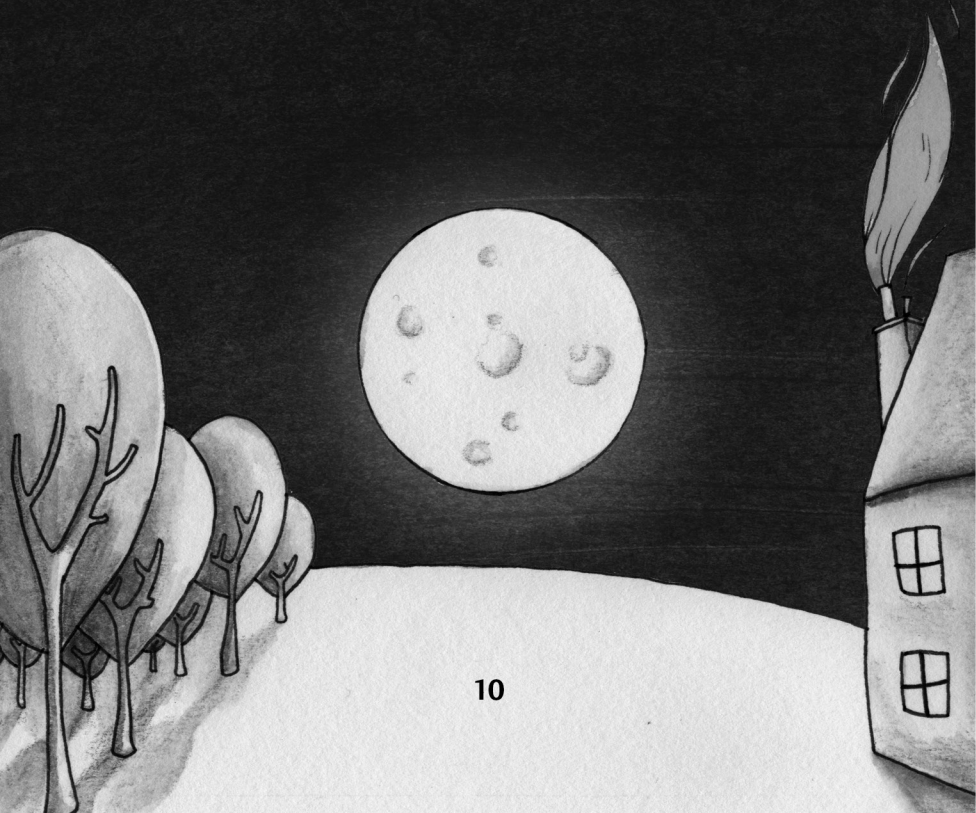
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Wolf Girl

Up from the woods a wolf-girl crept.
Silent, barefoot, lean and low.
Captured in midnight's frosted glow.

Found on a farmyard, hurried inside.
Scrubbed down by a fire, dried and clothed.
Fed hot pea soup lapped from a bowl.



Taken upstairs to tell her the tale
of a wolf and a girl they'd once known.
Bolted the windows. Left her alone.

Safe in a room with a lamp and a bed,
wolf-girl, curled in the nest of robes,
howls for her brothers prowling the woods below.

Home Time

It's five past three.
Sixty-four eyes look at me.
No. Sixty-two.
Not Matthew.
He hasn't learnt to read my face.
He's got digital. A disgrace!
I reach to ten.
The school bell sounds and then - relief.
No more glueing, sticking.
Just me and the teacher
ticking
ticking
ticking.

