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A whimsical illustration of a child and a dog looking out a window at a large, full moon in a starry night sky. The child is sitting on a windowsill, and a small dog is sitting next to them. The moon is large and bright, with some darker spots on its surface. The sky is dark blue with many small white stars. The window is lit from within, casting a warm glow.

Hello, Mr. Moon.
You're looking full today,
unlike before – you were
w a 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.



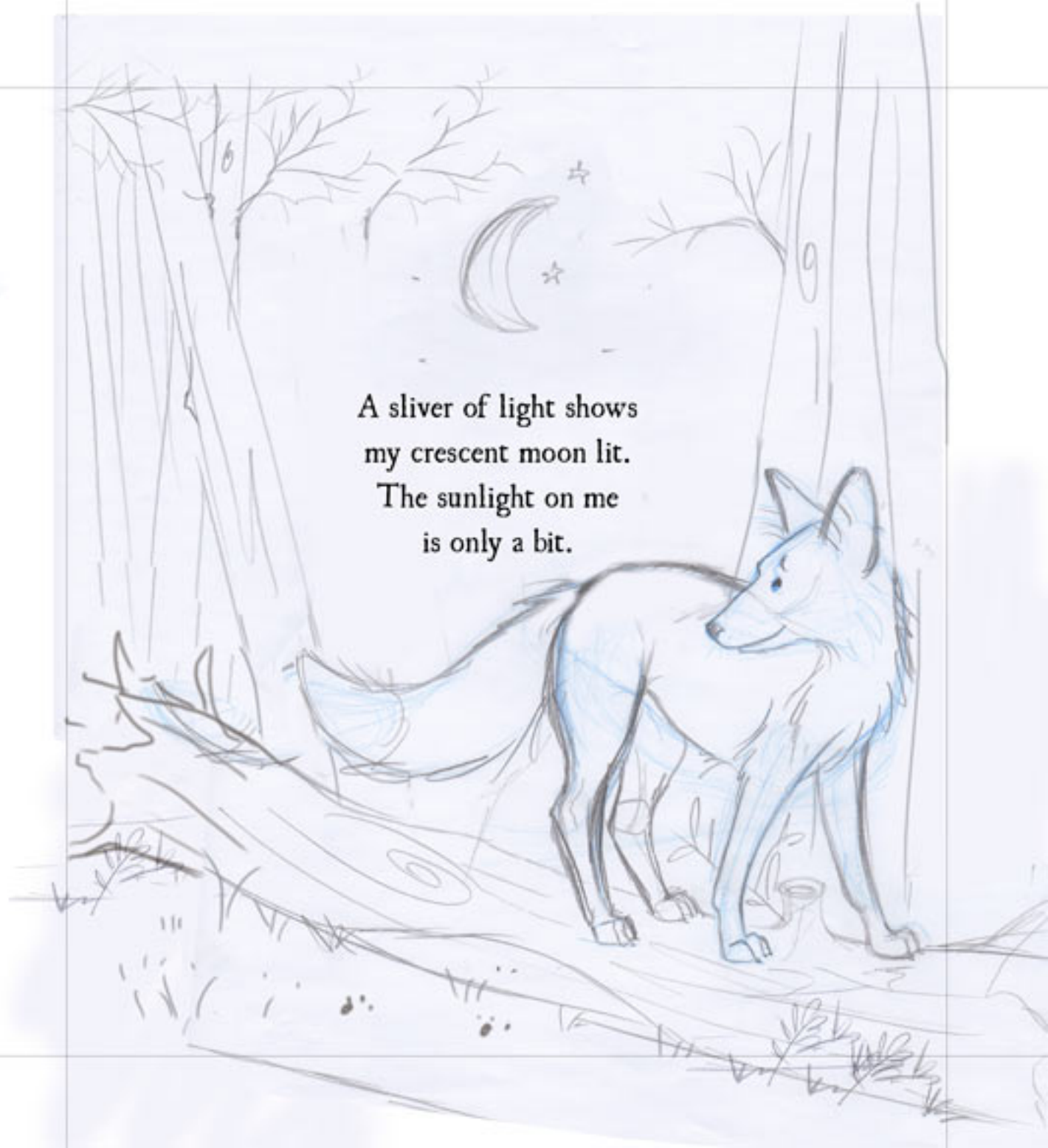
But sometimes you're not there. Where'd you go? You disappear!

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.