

# Kitten's First Full Moon

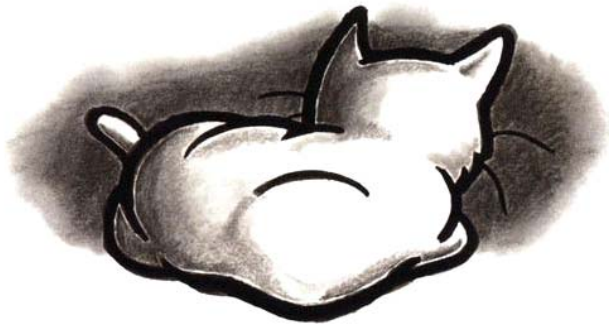
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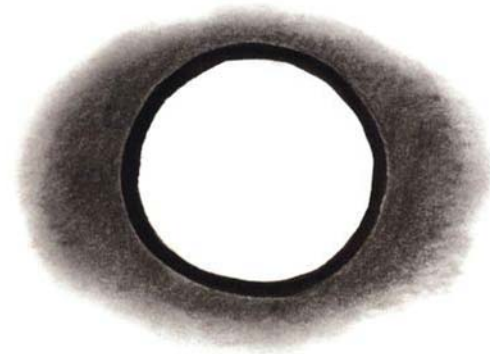
**What a night!  
The moon is full.  
Kitten is hungry  
and inquisitive  
and brave  
and fast  
and persistent  
and unlucky . . .  
then lucky!  
What a night!**

**KEVIN HENKES**

**Kitten's  
First**



**Full  
Moon**

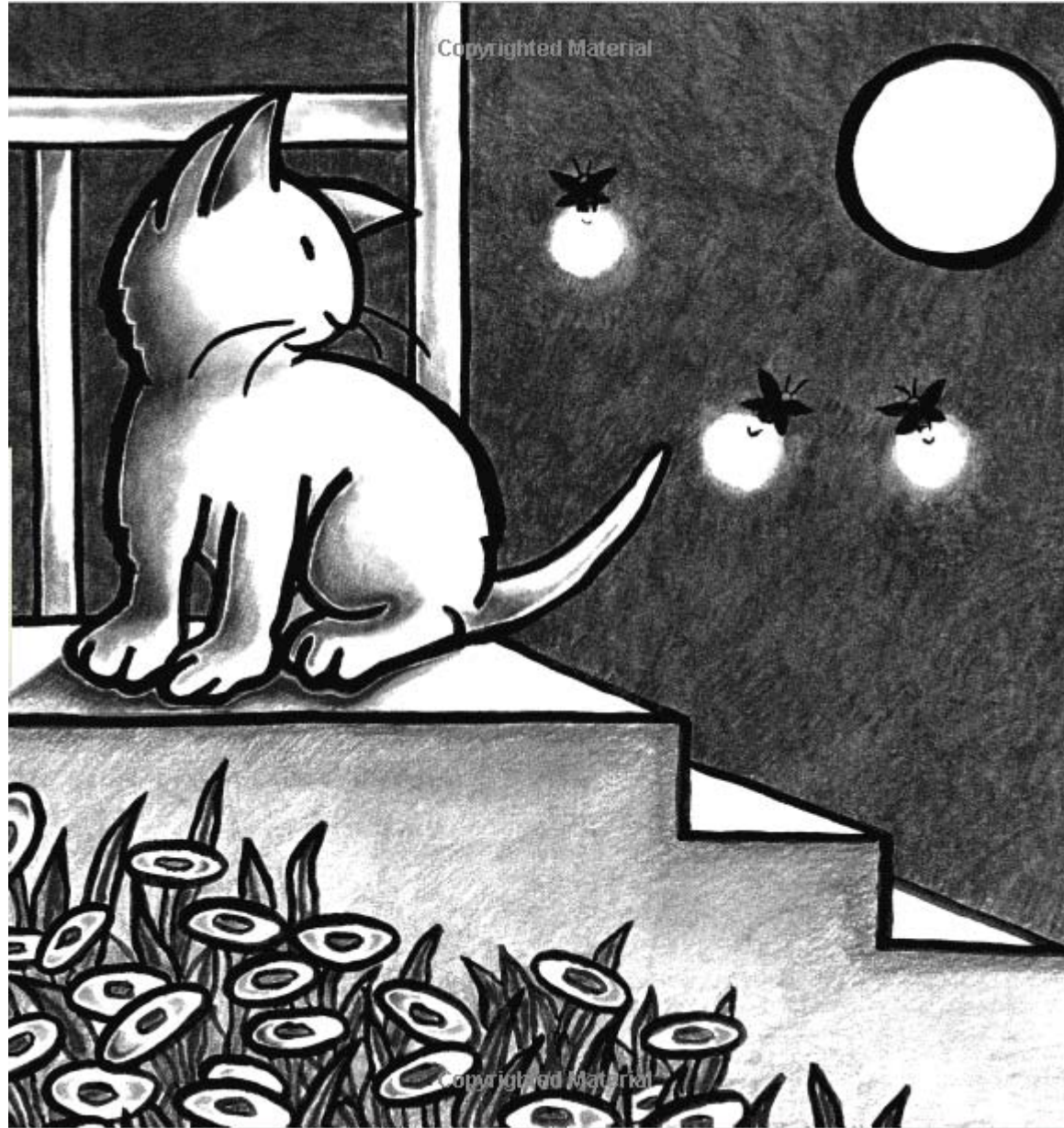


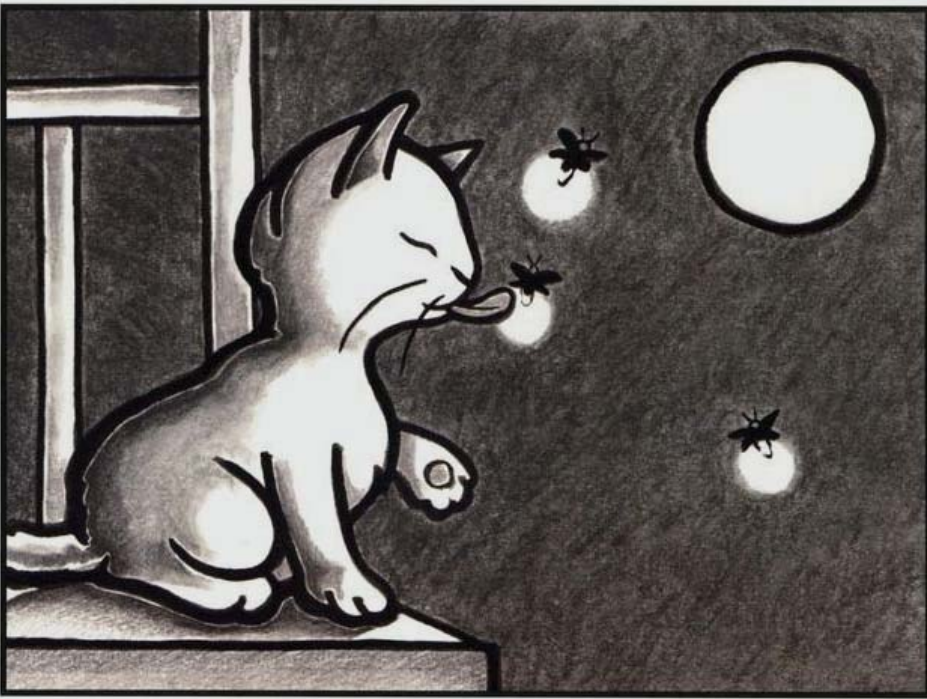
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**I**t was kitten's first  
full moon.  
When she saw it,  
she thought,  
There's a little bowl of  
milk in the sky.  
And she wanted it.





So she closed her eyes  
and stretched her neck  
and opened her mouth and licked.



But Kitten only ended up  
with a bug on her tongue.  
Poor Kitten!



**Still, there was the little bowl of milk, just waiting.**





**So she pulled herself together  
and wiggled her bottom  
and sprang from the top step  
of the porch.**



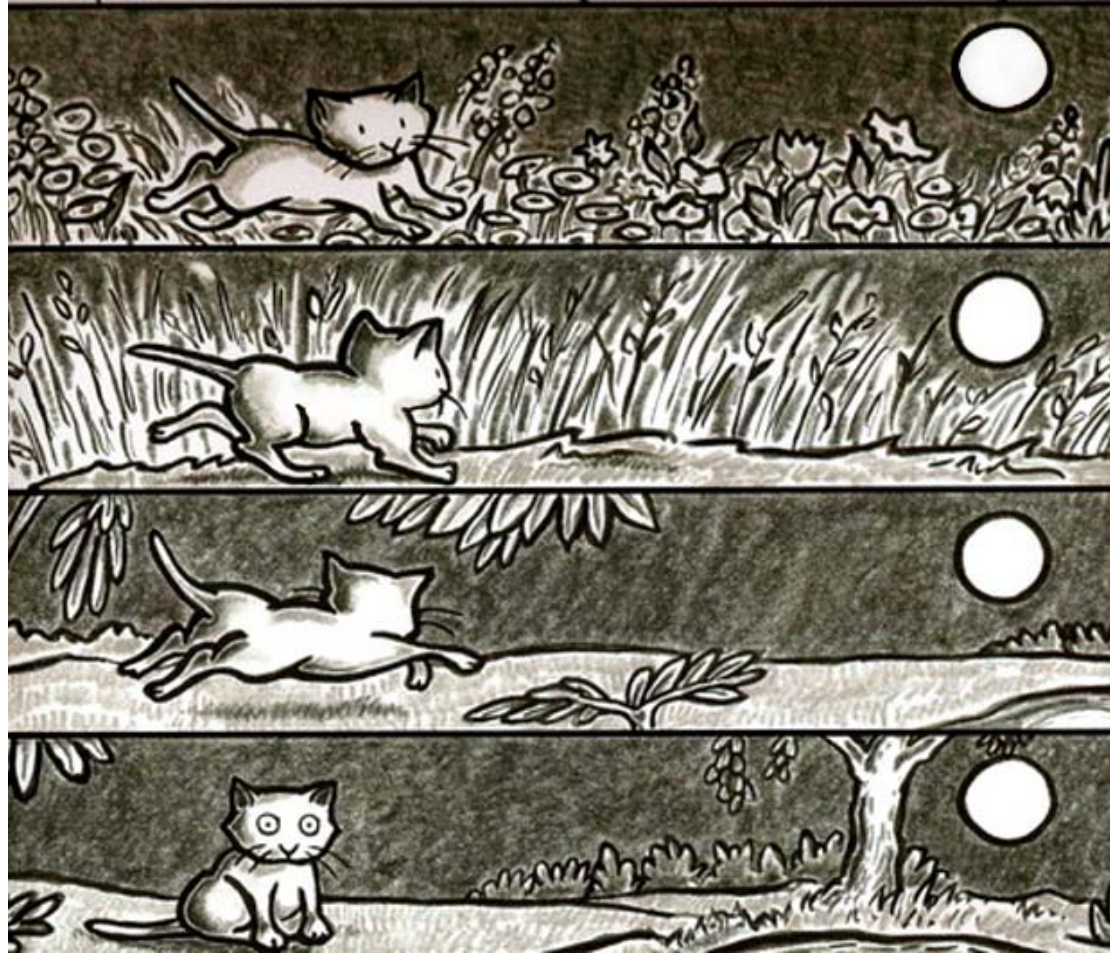
**But Kitten only tumbled –  
bumping her nose  
and banging her ear  
and pinching her tail.**



**Still, there was the little bowl of milk, just waiting.**



So she chased it –  
down the sidewalk,  
through the garden,  
past the field,  
and by the pond.  
But Kitten never seemed  
to get closer.  
Poor Kitten!







**Still, there was the little bowl of milk, just waiting.**



So she ran  
To the tallest tree  
She could find,  
and she climbed  
and climbed  
and climbed  
to the very top.

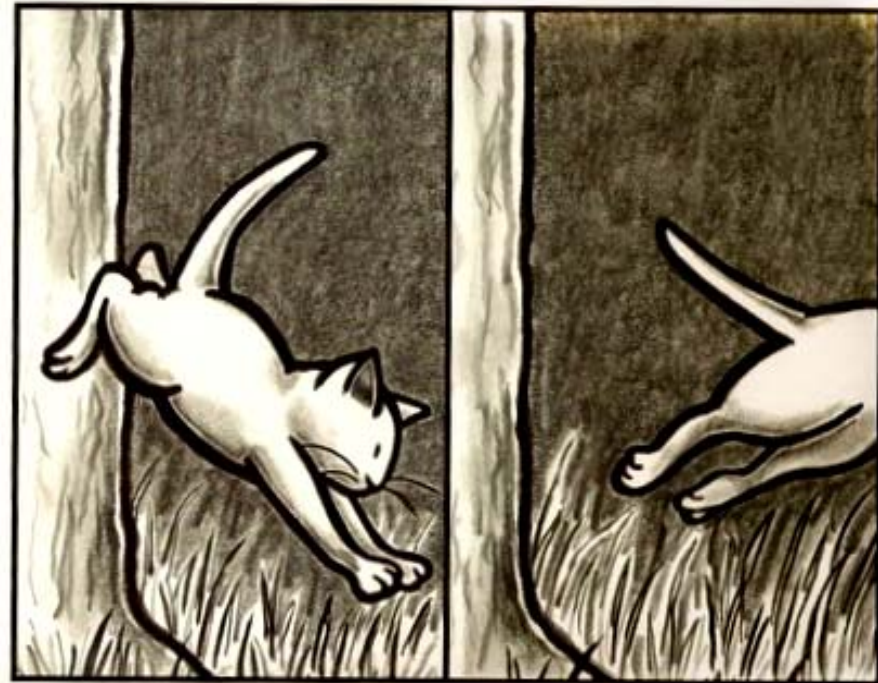


But Kitten  
still couldn't reach  
the bowl of milk,  
and now she was  
scared.  
Poor Kitten!  
What could she do!



**Then, in the pond, Kitten saw  
Another bowl of milk.  
And it was bigger.  
What a night!**



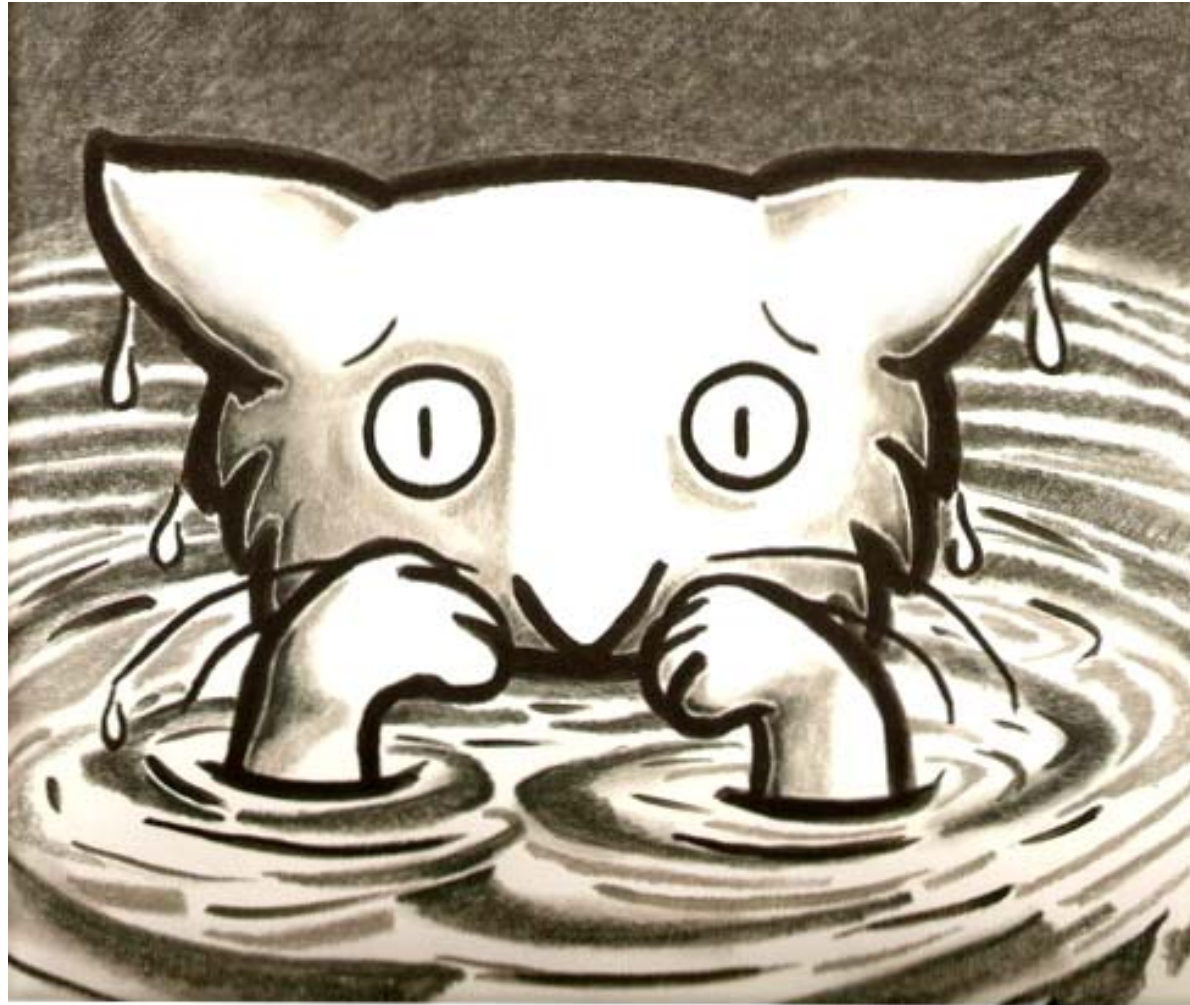


**So she raced down the tree  
and raced through the grass**

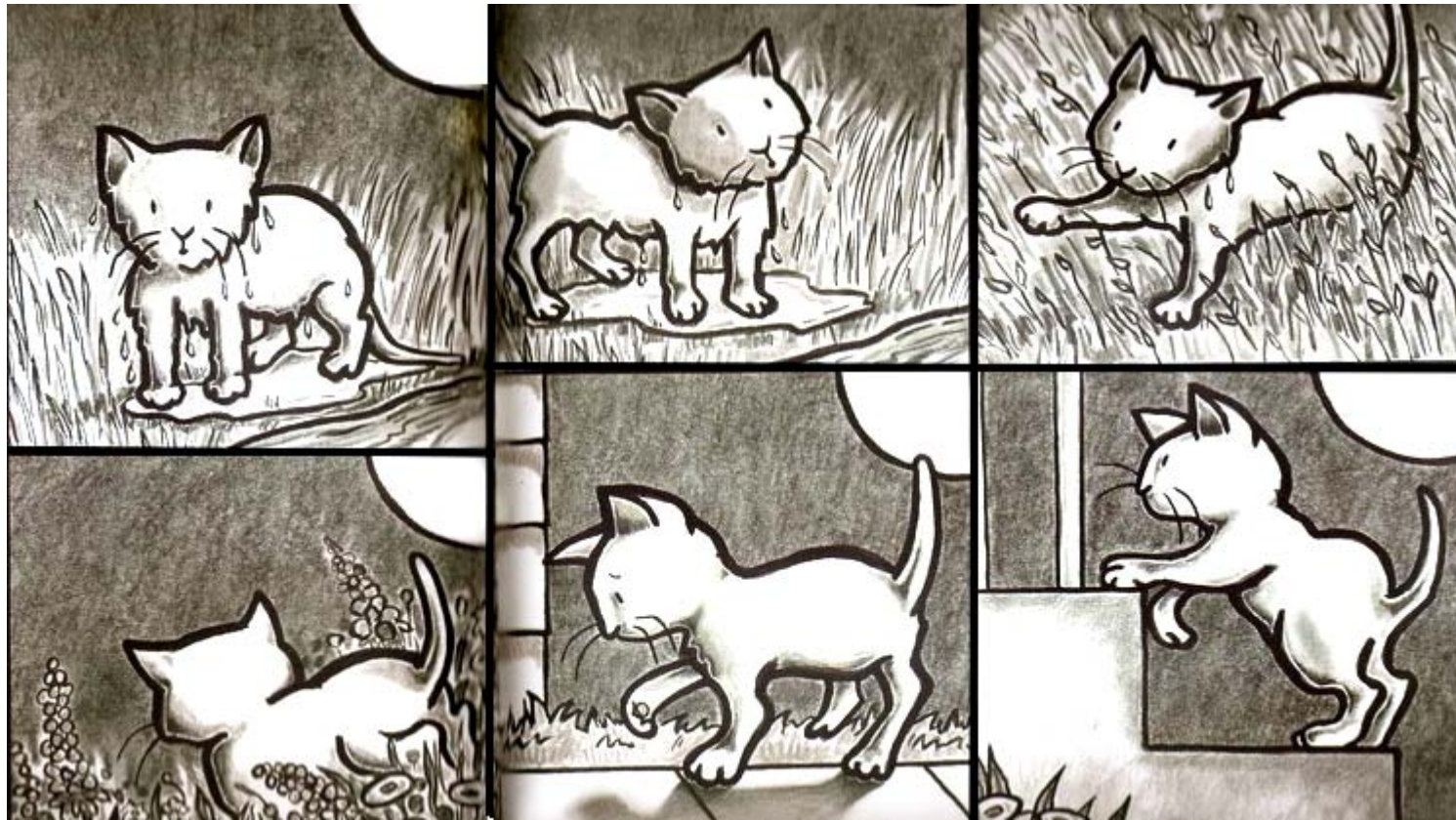


**and raced to the edge of the pond.  
She leaped with all her might --**

**Poor Kitten!**  
**She was wet and sad**  
**and tired**  
**and hungry.**



So she went  
back home --





and there was  
a great big bowl of milk  
on the porch,



just waiting for her.







**Lucky Kitten!**

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