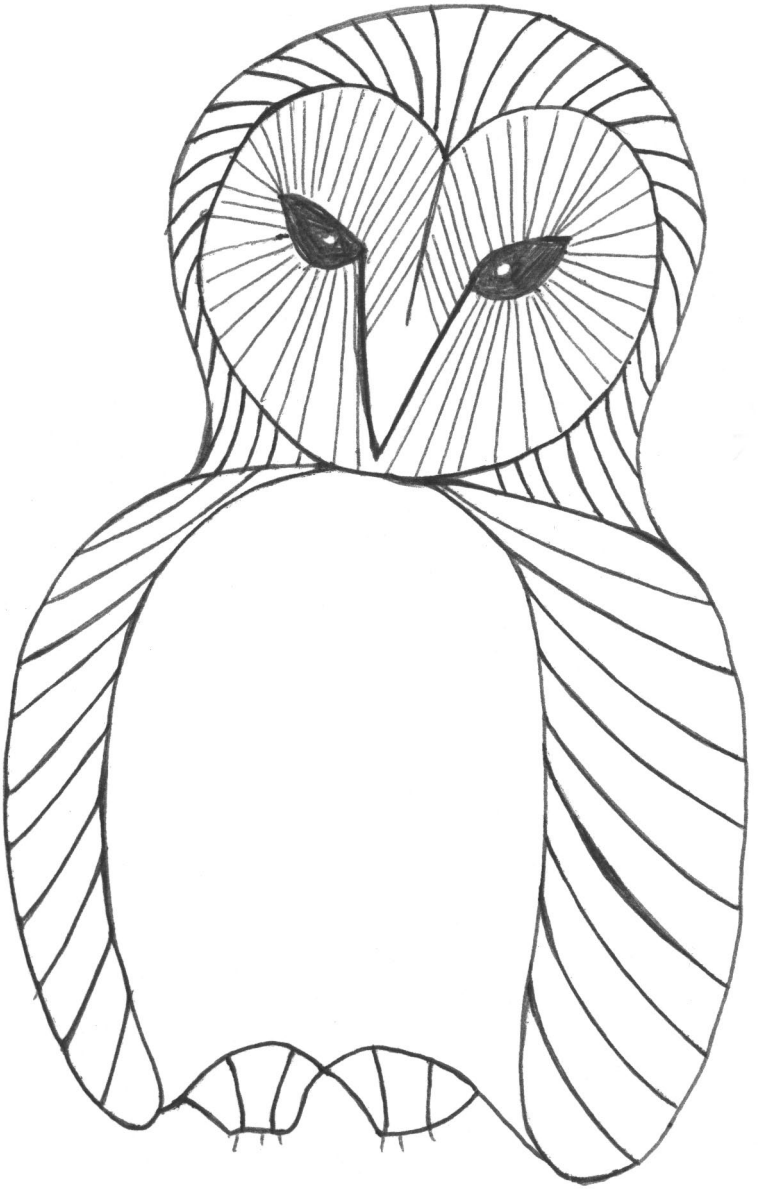

# The Owl and the moon

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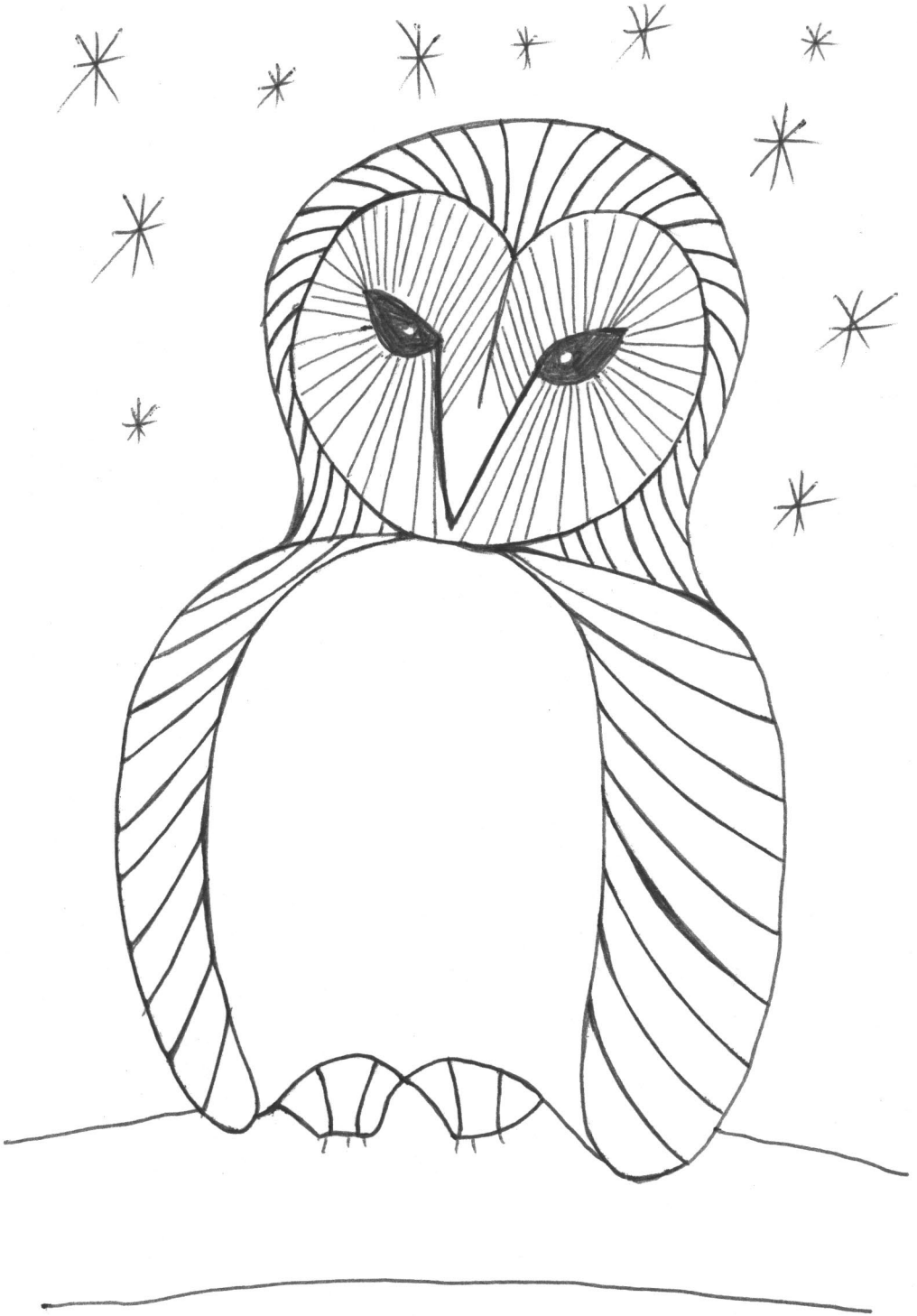
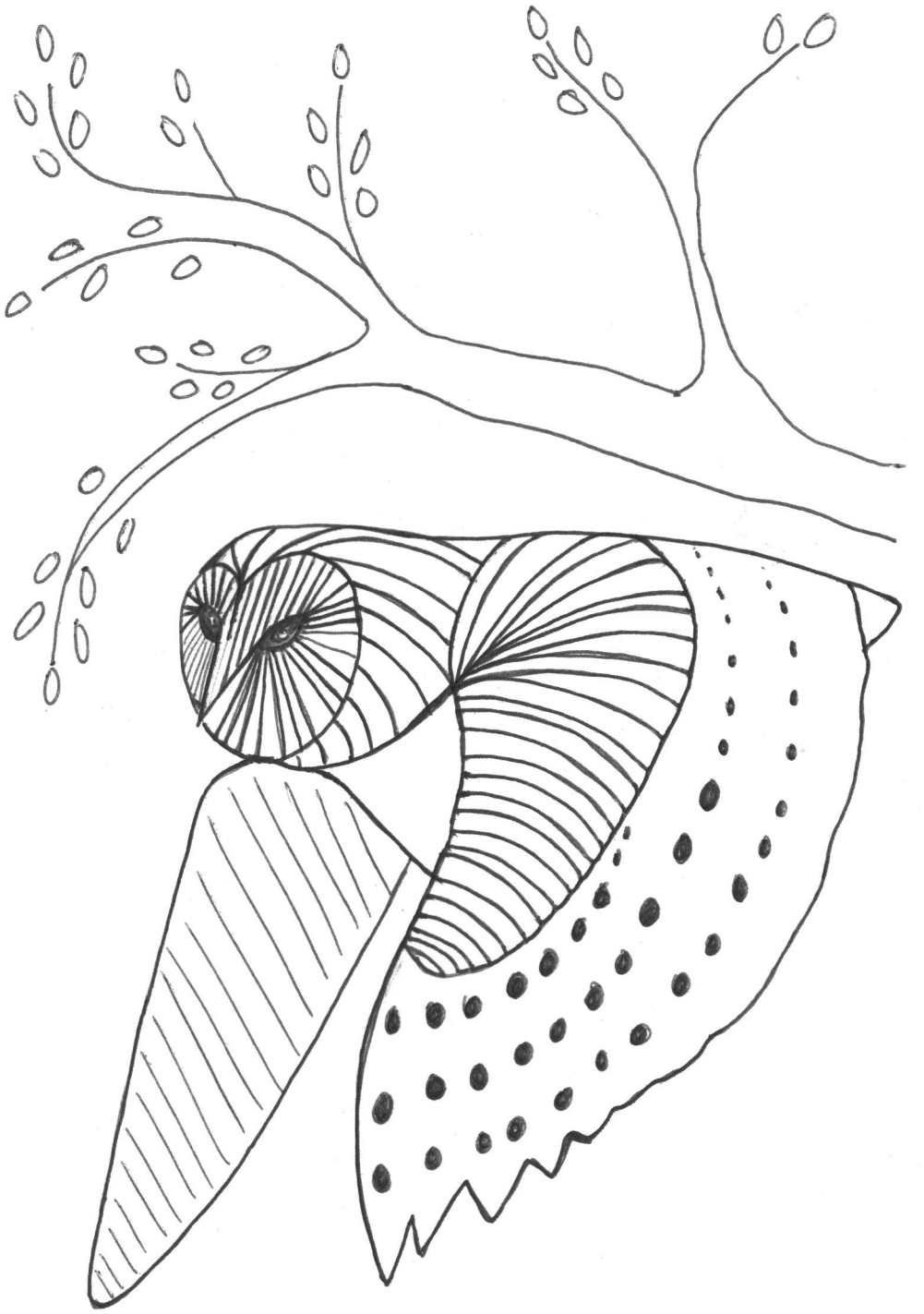
It is night time.
Most animals are asleep.
A screech owl sits in her nest in the tree. She is looking out for the moon to rise.
She hopes it will come soon.

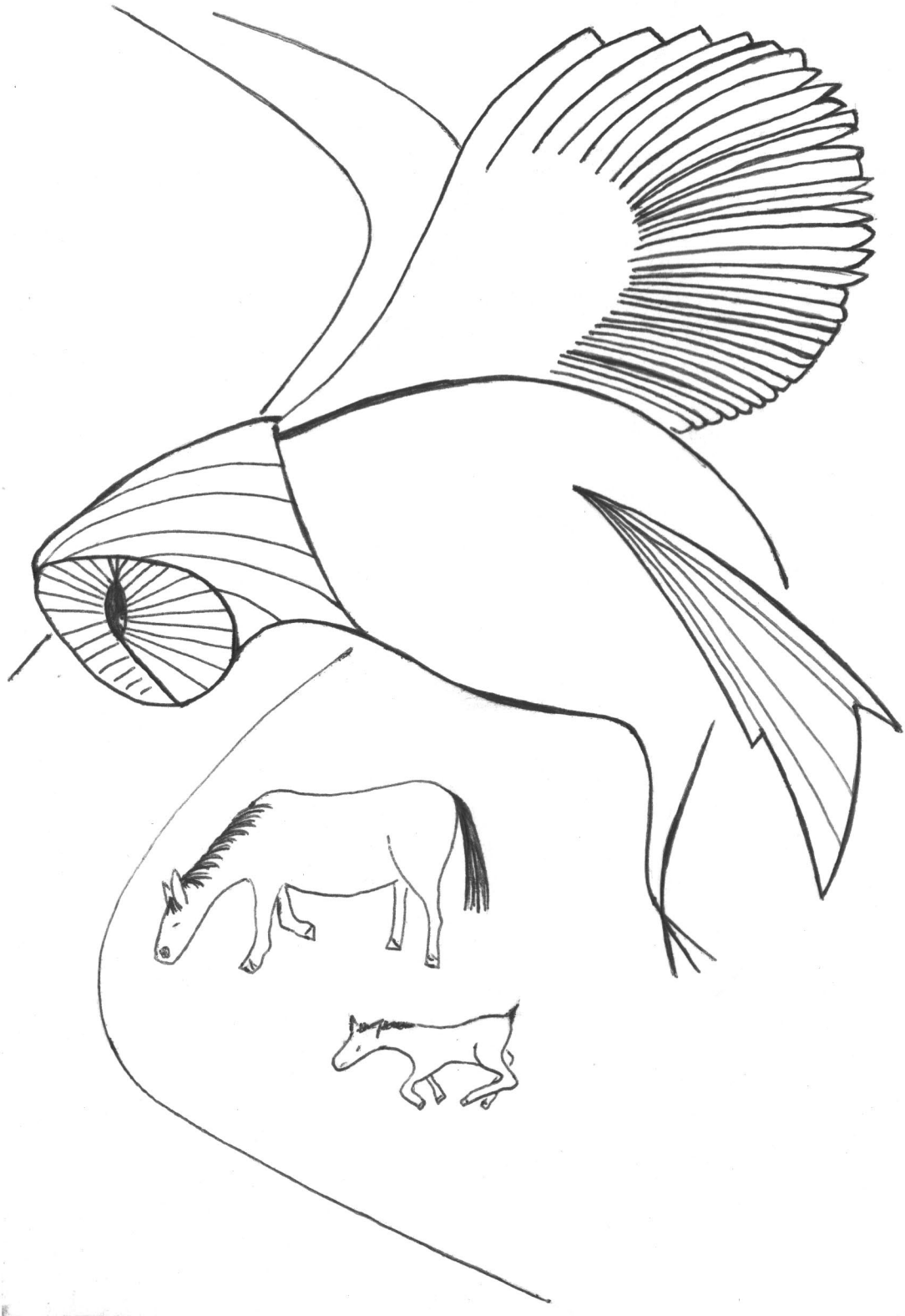


Owl is very happy when
the moon comes up.
Then she can catch mice
beside the house, voles
under the hedge and
moles in the garden.

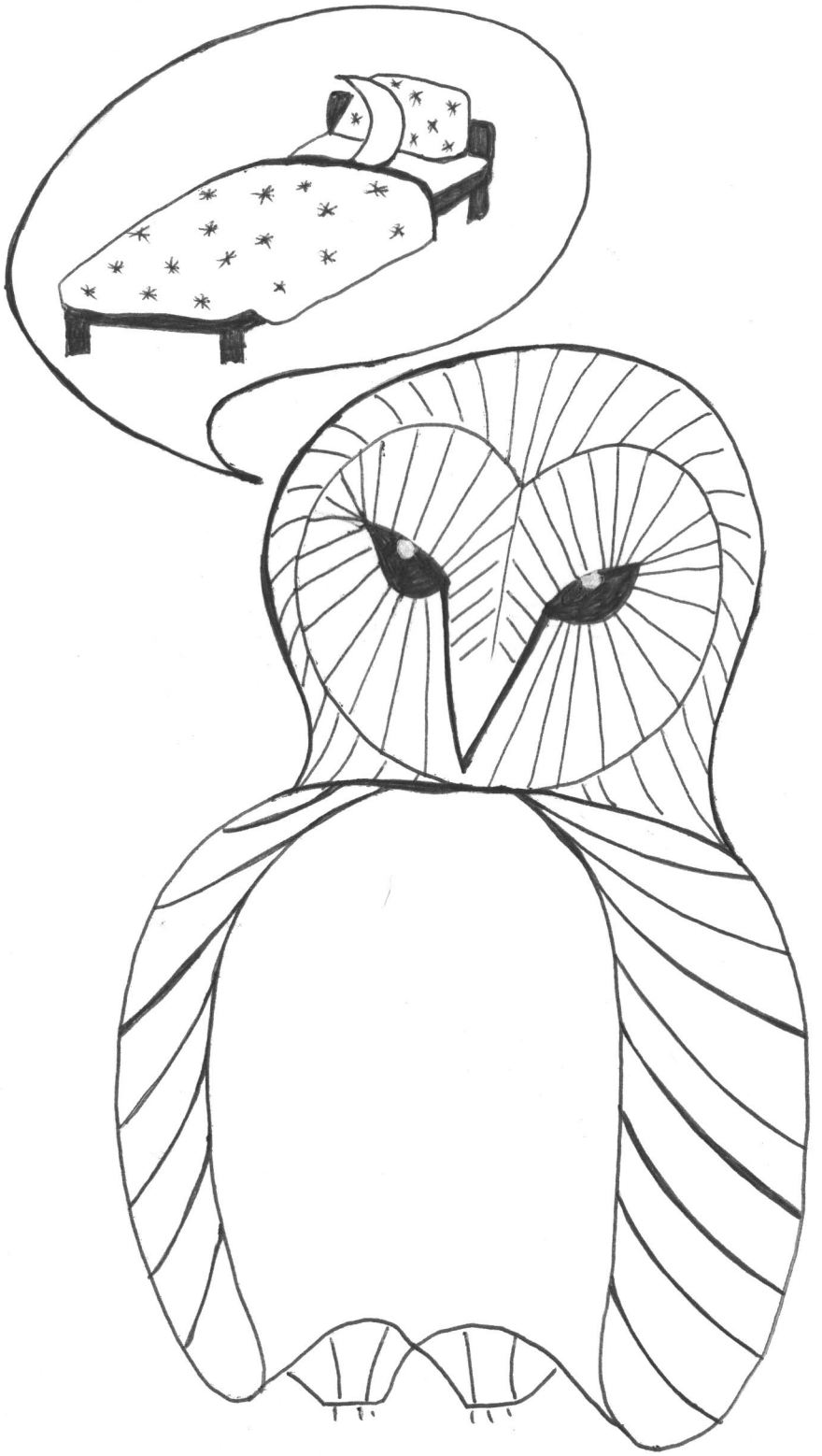
Owl is still looking,
waiting for the moon.
It has not yet come up.
It is late at night,
so she flies off to find it.



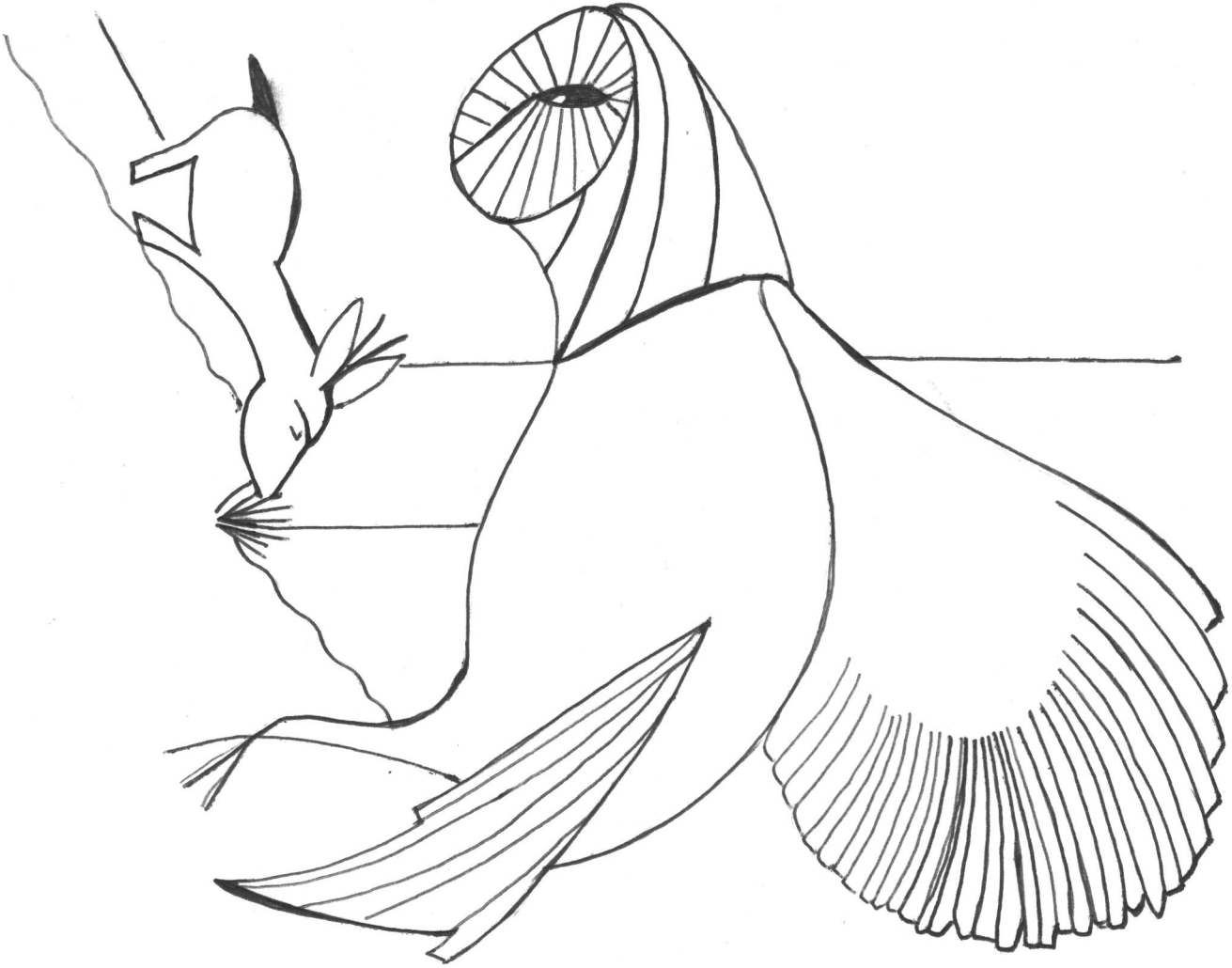
Owl goes past a horse
with her foal.
She is standing beside
the river, eating some grain.



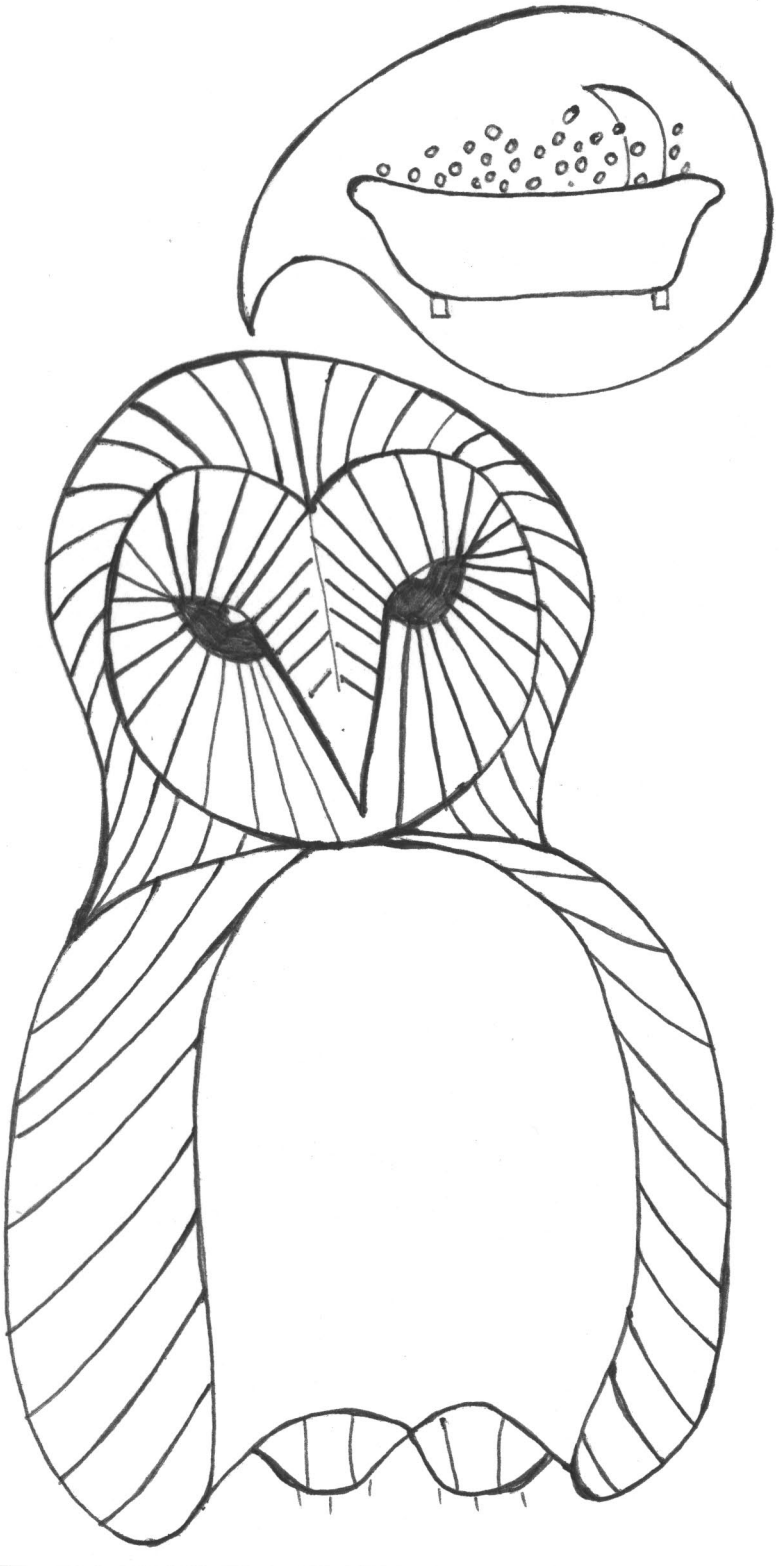
Owl lands on a
fence beside them.
“Have you seen the
moon tonight?”
The horse goes on chewing
the grain in her mouth.
Then she says,
“No. I have not seen the moon.”
Perhaps it is still in bed!”



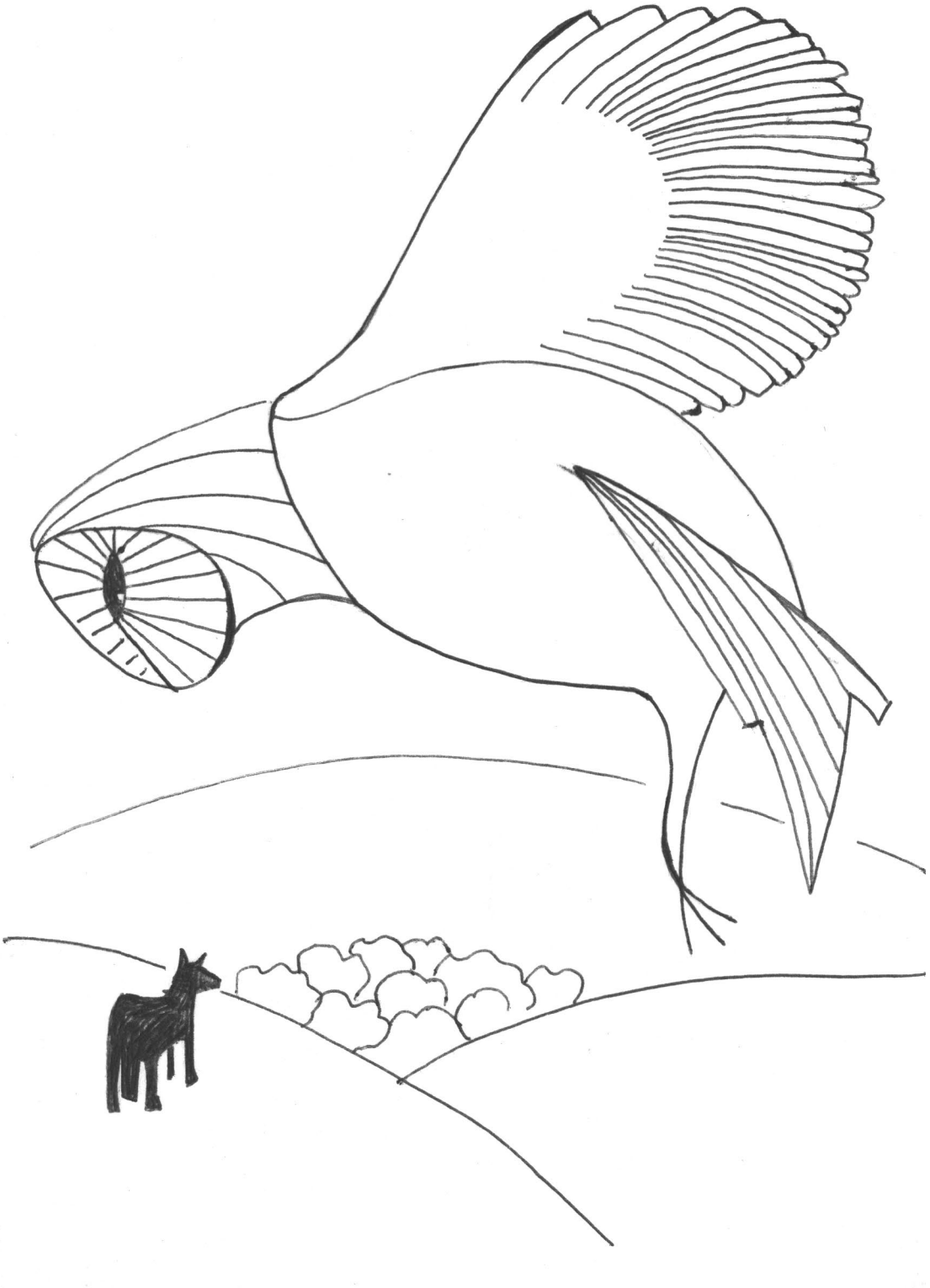
Owl loops round the
river and spots a goat.
He is standing on a ledge
on the side of the bridge.
He is leaning over to
eat a small bush growing
out of the wall.



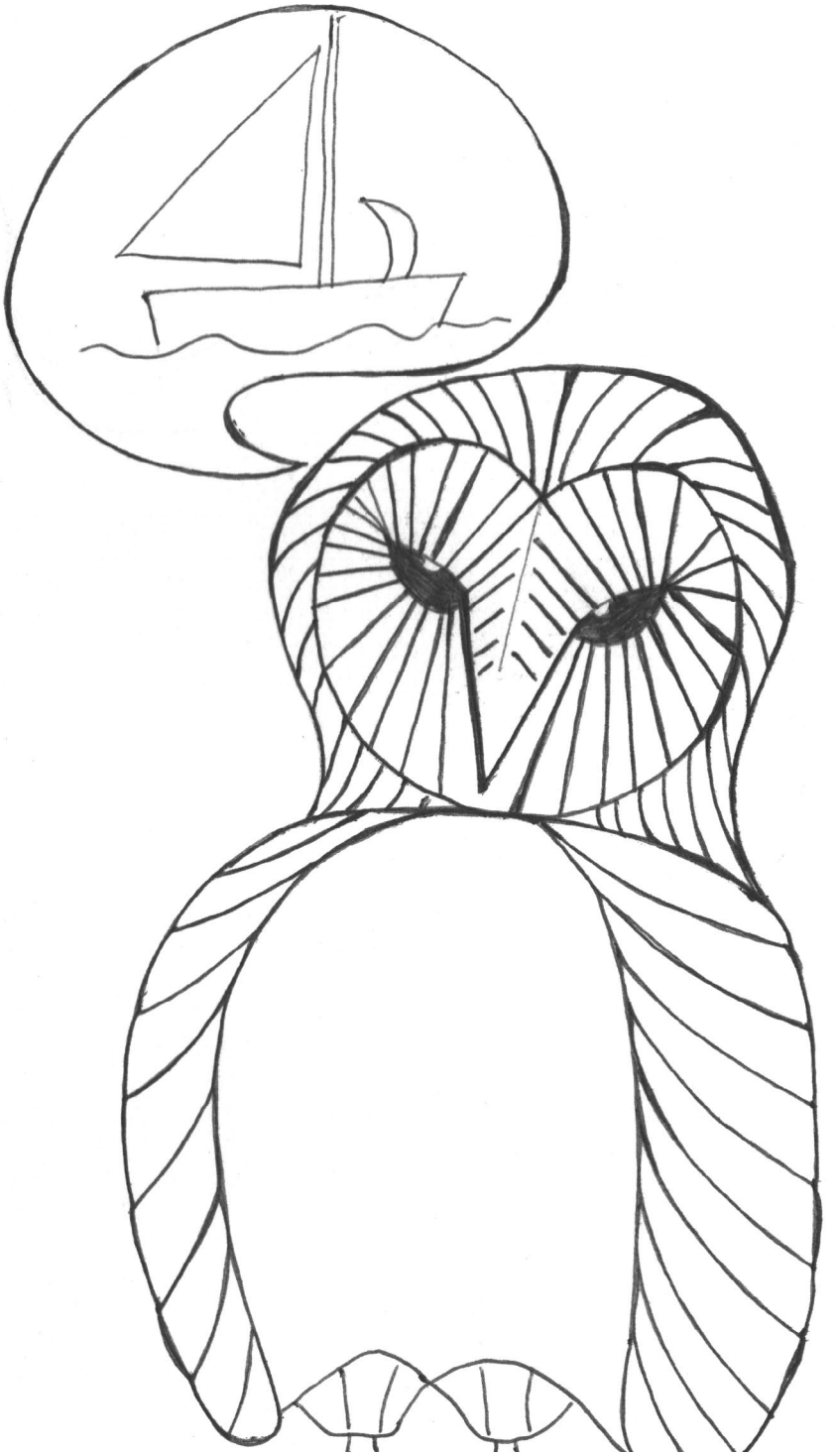
Owl drops down to the bridge.
"Have you seen the
moon tonight?"
The goat goes on trying to
eat the bush. Then he says,
"No. I have not seen the moon.
Perhaps it is in the bath!"



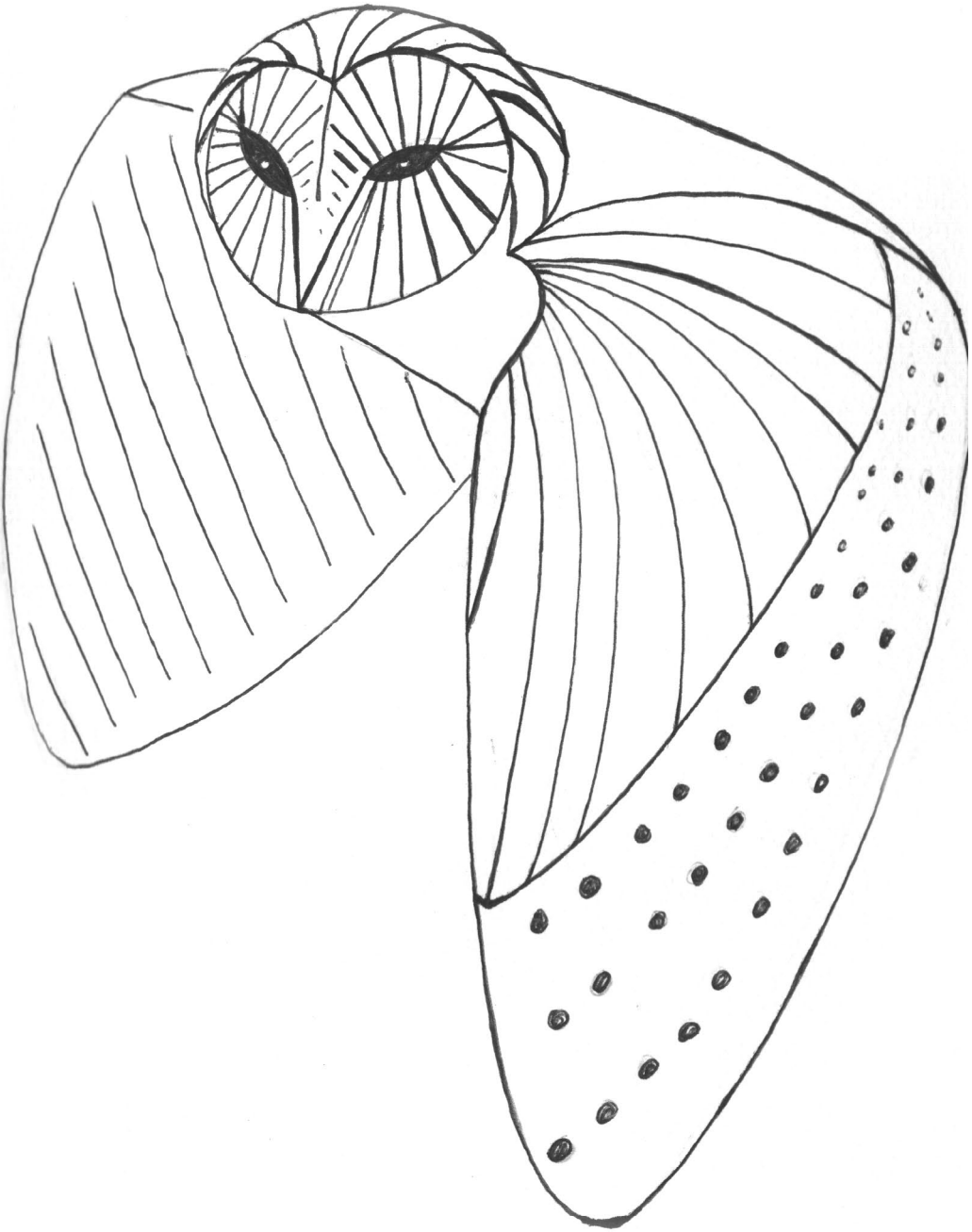
Owl flies high along the
edge of the moor.
There is a pony standing
on the side of the gorge.
He is gazing out over the
sleeping trees.



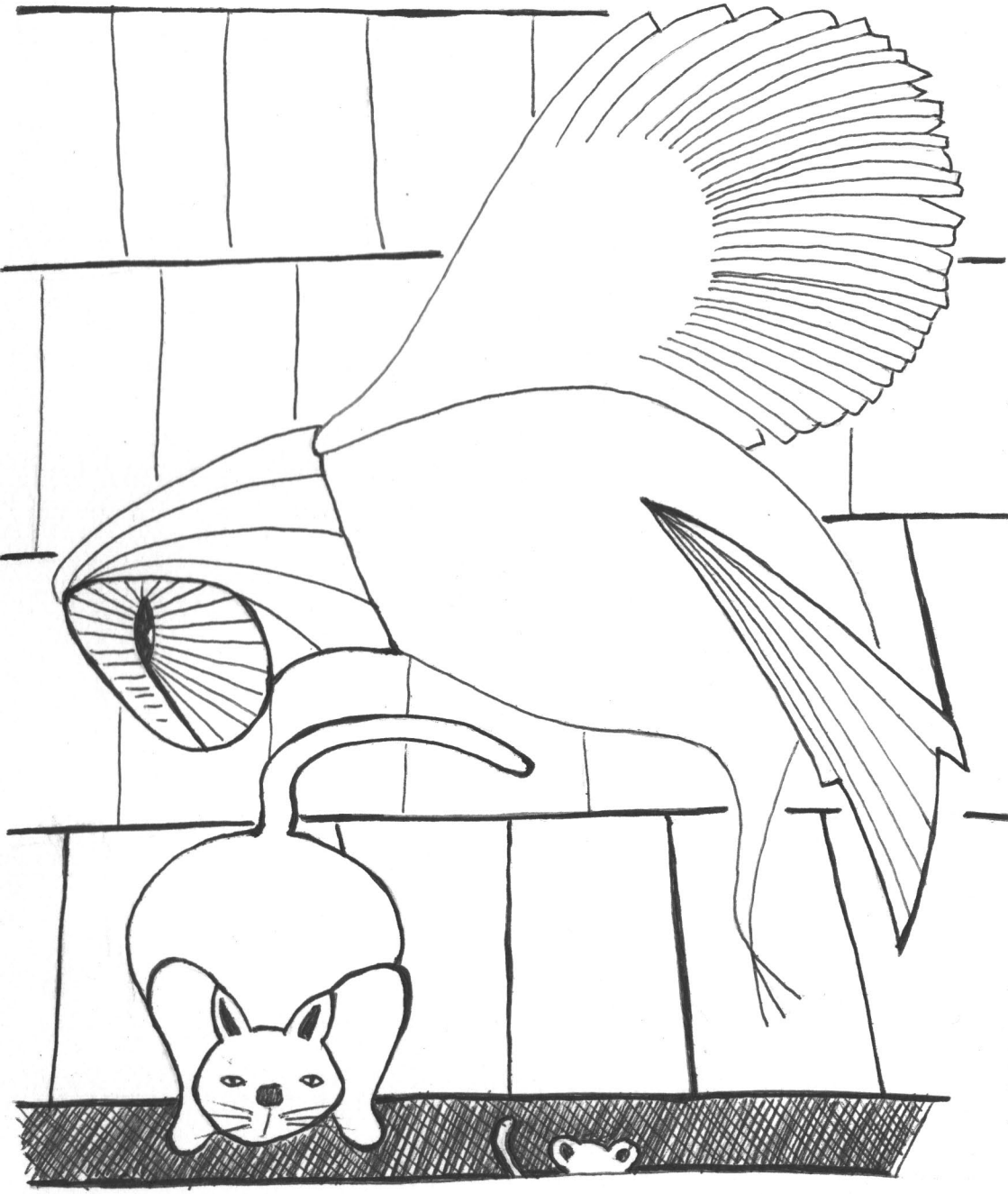
Owl alights on the top
of the ridge.
“Have you seen the
moon tonight?”
The pony thinks about this.
“No. I have not seen the moon.
Perhaps it is going down
the river and out over the sea.”



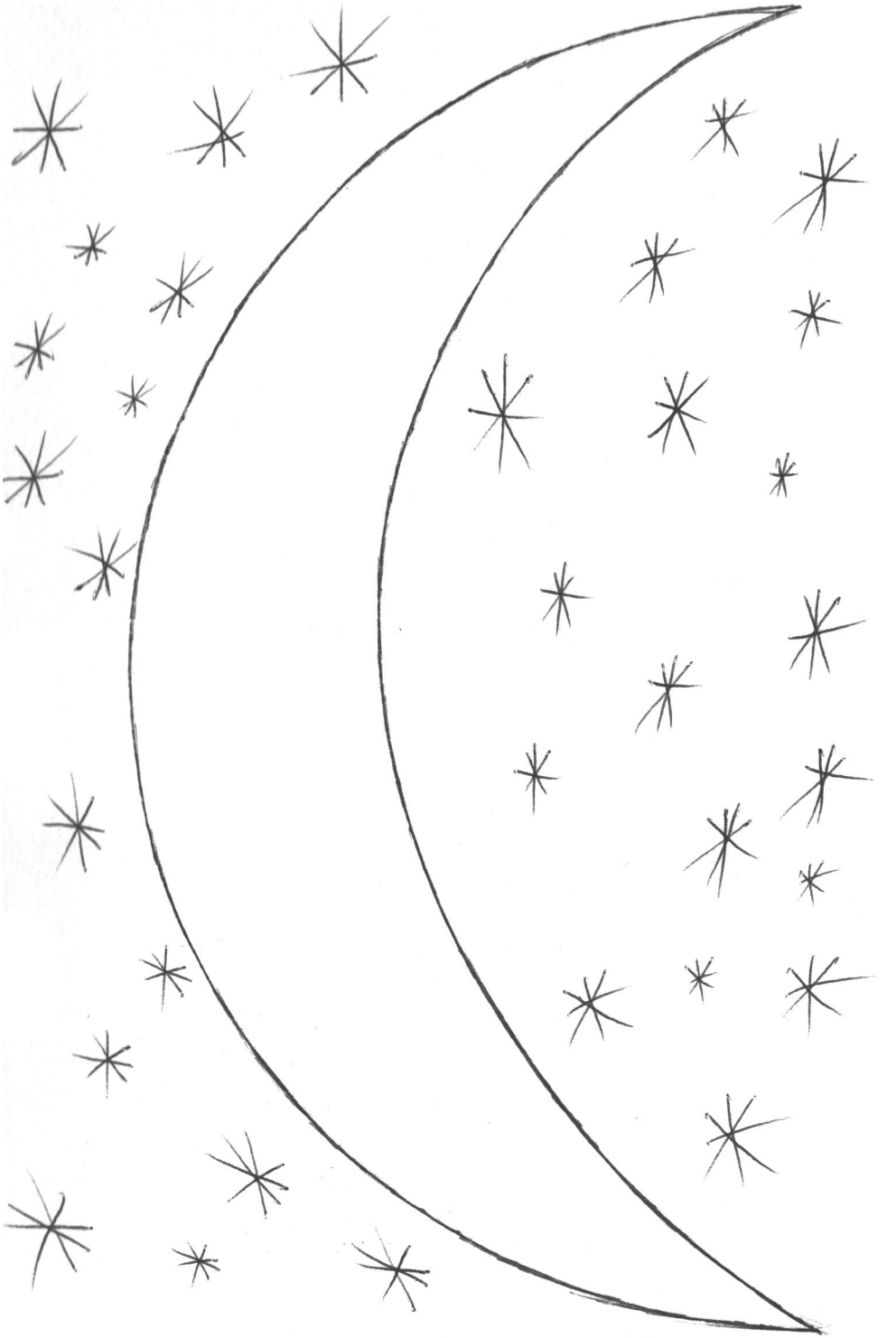
Owl flies on.
She is getting very hungry.
She really needs the moon
so that she can see to
catch her food.
Sadly she starts to
fly back home.



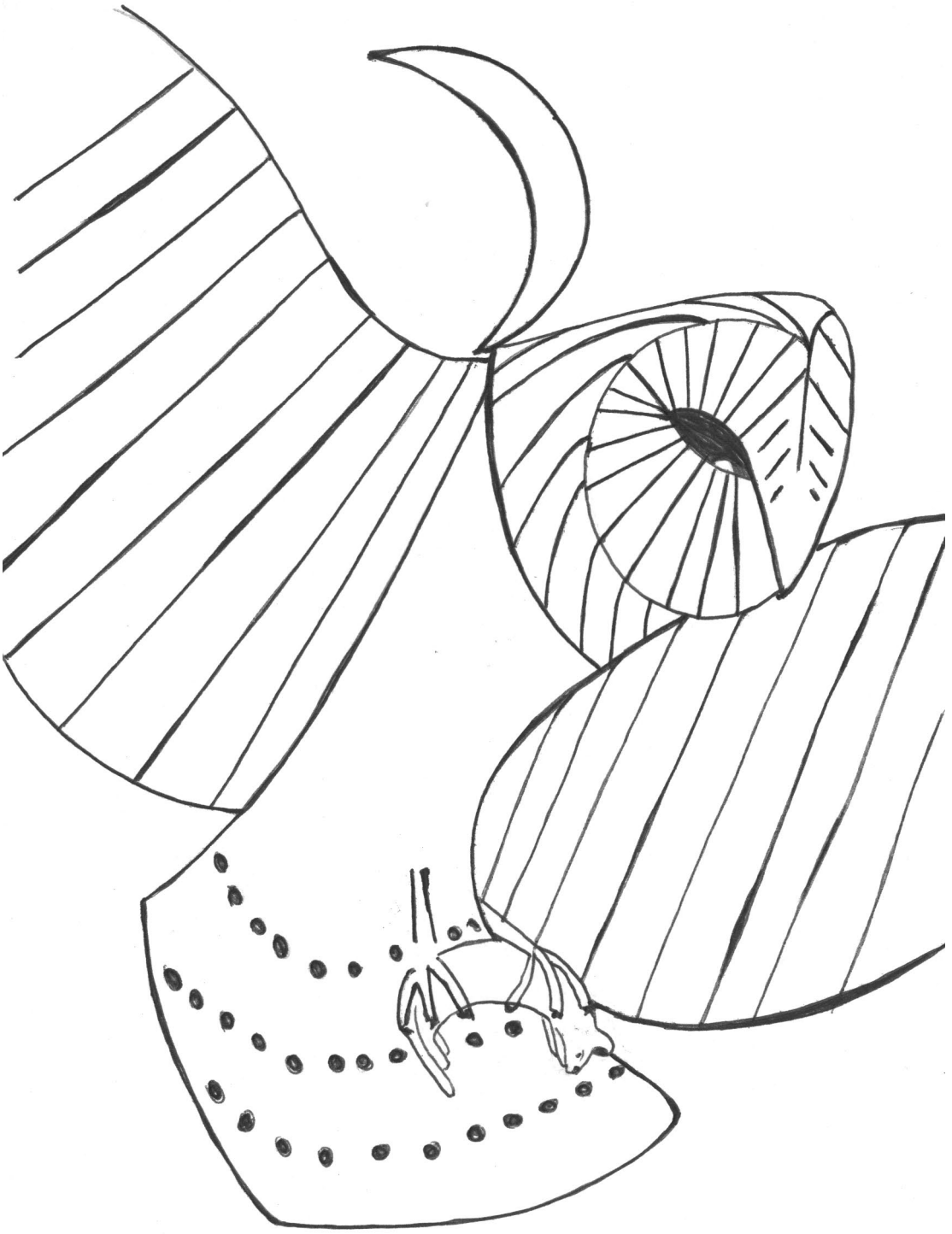
Owl swoops low over a house.
She sees a cat sneaking
along the edge of the roof.
He looks as if he is chasing a
mouse down a drain pipe!



Owl circles down and lands
on the gutter.
She speaks to the cat.
“Have you seen the
moon tonight?”
“Why, yes!” Cat shows a
paw and waves it at the sky.
“The moon is up there.
That’s how I can
see the mouse!”



Owl gazes up.
She sees a thin banana moon
hanging in the night sky.
“Thank goodness you are here!”
she hoots softly. “Now I can go
hunting too!”



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