

A Leap of Faith

You can't board a shooting star gracefully.

A Coloring Book for grown-ups

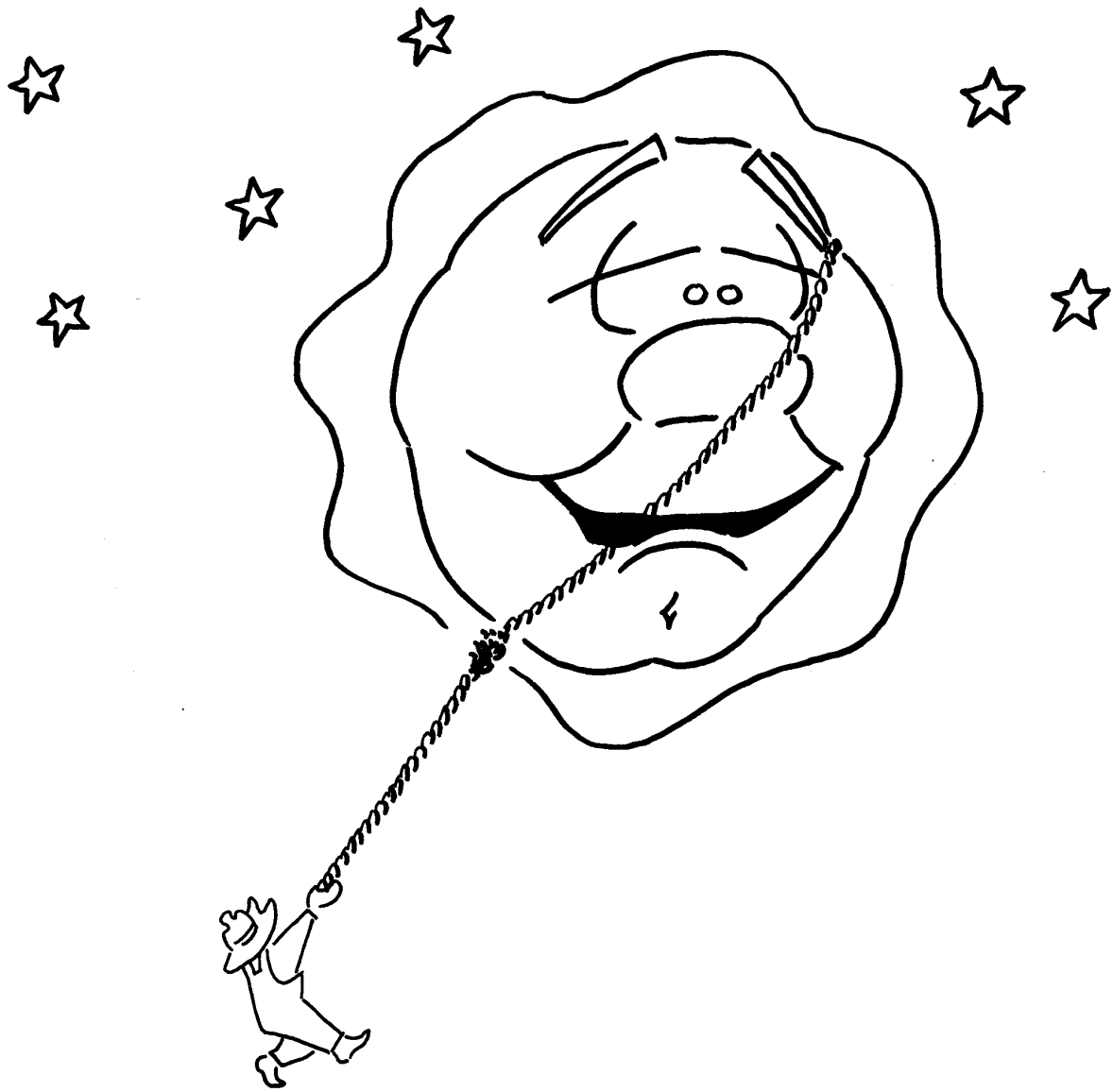
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That evening, I stood staring out my window.
The stars were brilliant and glimmered in the velvet black sky.
I was deep in thought when a bright light streaked by.
A smile came to my face and my spirit instantly lifted almost as if
I were somehow riding with that shooting star.

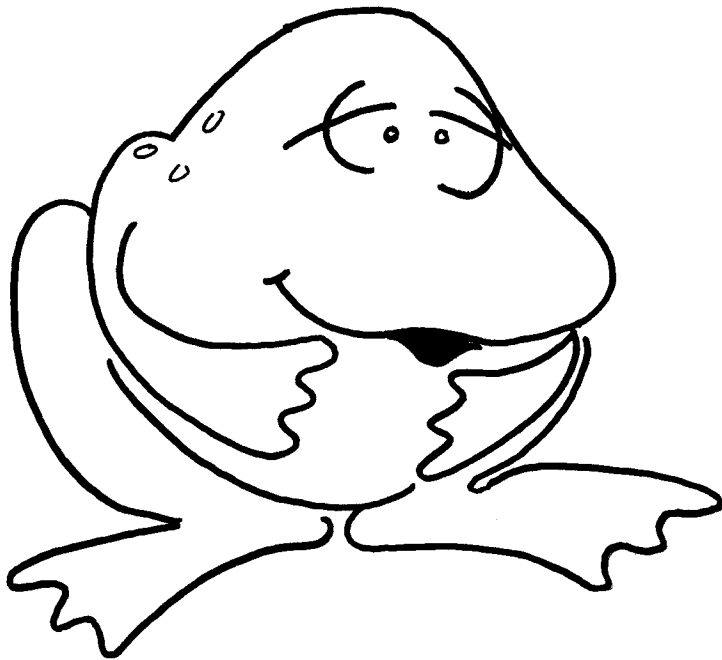
My grandmother told me when I see a shooting star to make a wish
and that wish would come true.
I closed my eyes and made a wish.
I went to bed with a sense of peacefulness and contentment.



I read every book the librarian suggested and couldn't find any insights. There was no mention of star-riders, stargazers or even a star depot. If I believed what I read, I had no choice but to accept that people cannot ride shooting stars.

I studied my maps, searching for any star crossings. Surely, they would give me some direction, but to no avail.

I've heard of lassoing the moon. I even practiced making a loop big enough, but quickly found my toss would fall short.



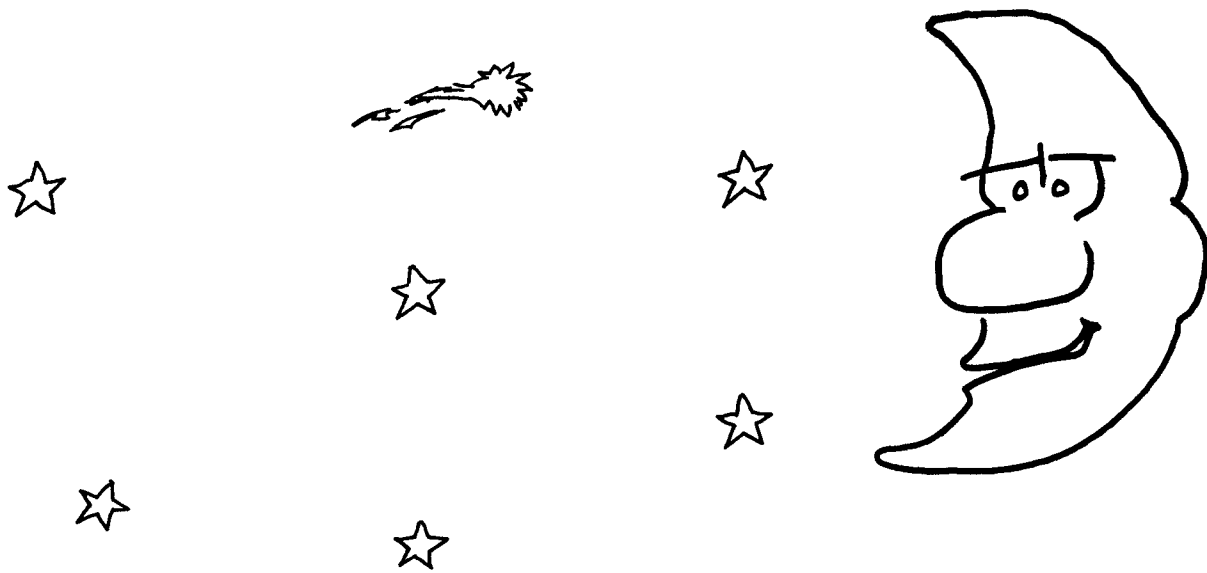
“You must... take a ... leap of faith.” that was all he said.

I stared blankly at the frog, expecting or hoping for more.
“A leap of faith?” I repeated.

Efil appeared to nod with a very satisfied expression.
I slowly turned my head back to where I had stood earlier and to my disappointment that huge hole, with a massive drop-off, and the bottomless void was still looming.



After that day, at that moment,
I promised myself to trust.
I promised myself to never stop dreaming.
I promised myself to never take life for granted,
and if given another chance I would take the leap of faith.



On many nights I would come out to the boulder and sit and gaze at the stars above. On occasions a shooting star would pass and... every so often I would hear laughter.



You must trust your heart
and follow your dreams.
The stars will guide you
and your faith will give you comfort.