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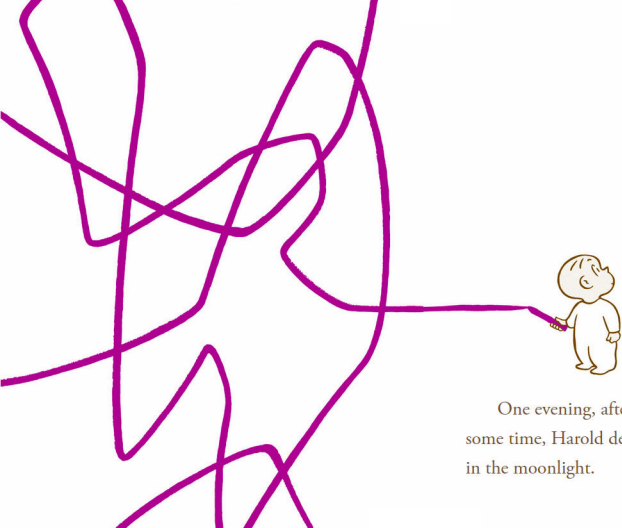
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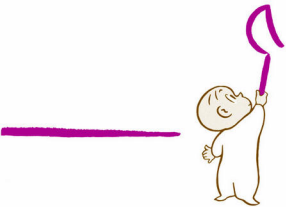
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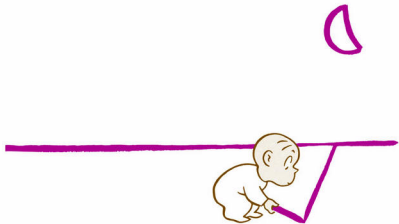
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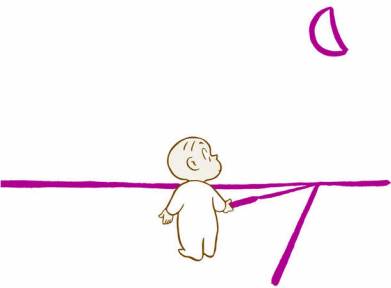
One evening, after thinking it over for some time, Harold decided to go for a walk in the moonlight.



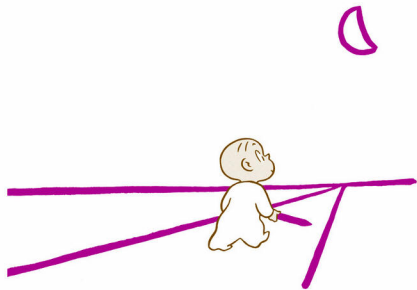
There wasn't any moon, and Harold needed a moon for a walk in the moonlight.



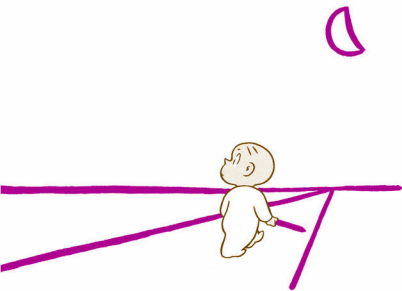
And he needed something to walk on.



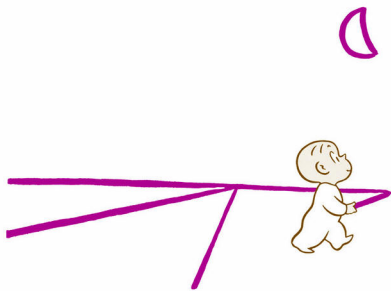
He made a long straight path so he wouldn't get lost.



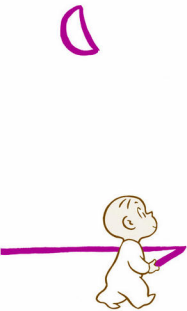
And he set off on his walk, taking his big purple crayon with him.



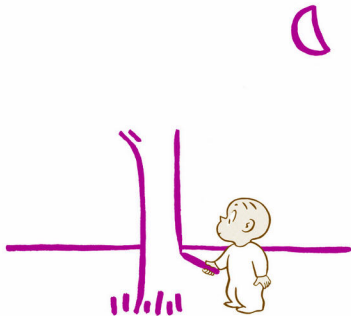
But he didn't seem to be getting anywhere on the long straight path.



So he left the path for a short cut across a field. And the moon went with him.



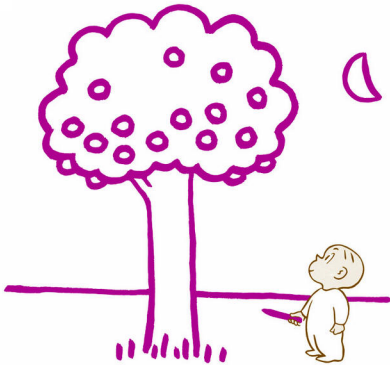
The short cut led right to where Harold thought a forest ought to be.



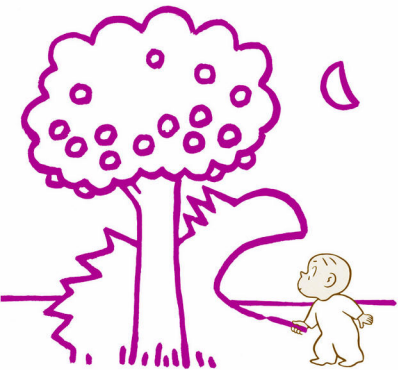
He didn't want to get lost in the woods. So he made a very small forest, with just one tree in it.



It turned out to be an apple tree.



The apples would be very tasty, Harold thought, when they got red.



So he put a frightening dragon under the tree to guard the apples.



It was a terribly frightening dragon.