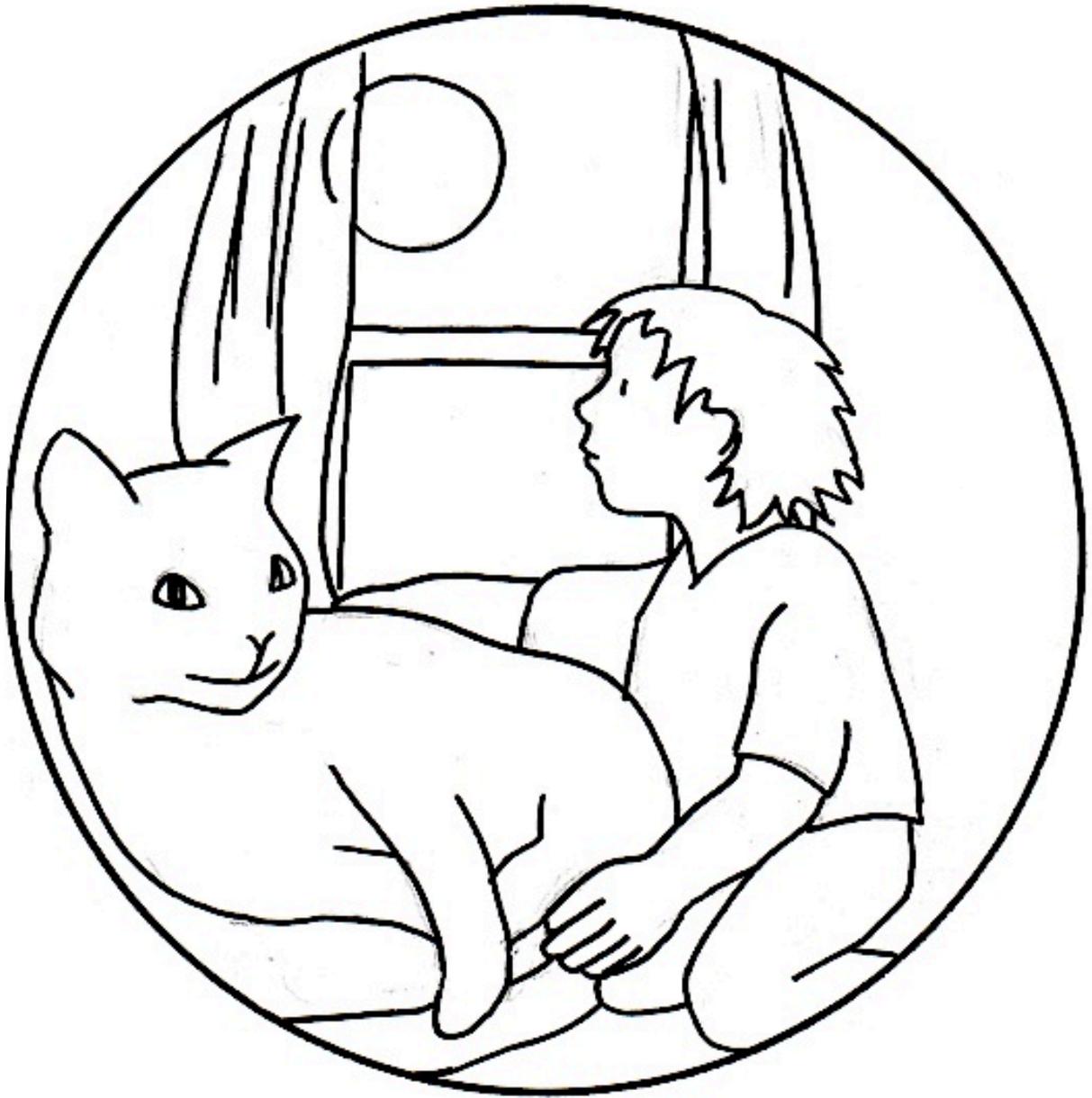


# The SnowCat

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On a chilly winter afternoon in the city,  
Sam leaves home to search  
for her best friend.

"SnowCat!" she calls.

But she is answered only by  
the gentle sound of the wind  
and the rhythmic clatter of the train.



Sam is not sure where to look,  
but she doesn't give up hope.

Finally, she finds a clue.

"Cat tracks!

I must be on the  
right path," Sam thinks.

"If SnowCat's tracks are here,  
SnowCat can't be far!"



More determined than ever,  
Sam follows the footprints  
up a big hill to a tall cactus.

"I see him!" Sam cheers,  
spying SnowCat in the distance.

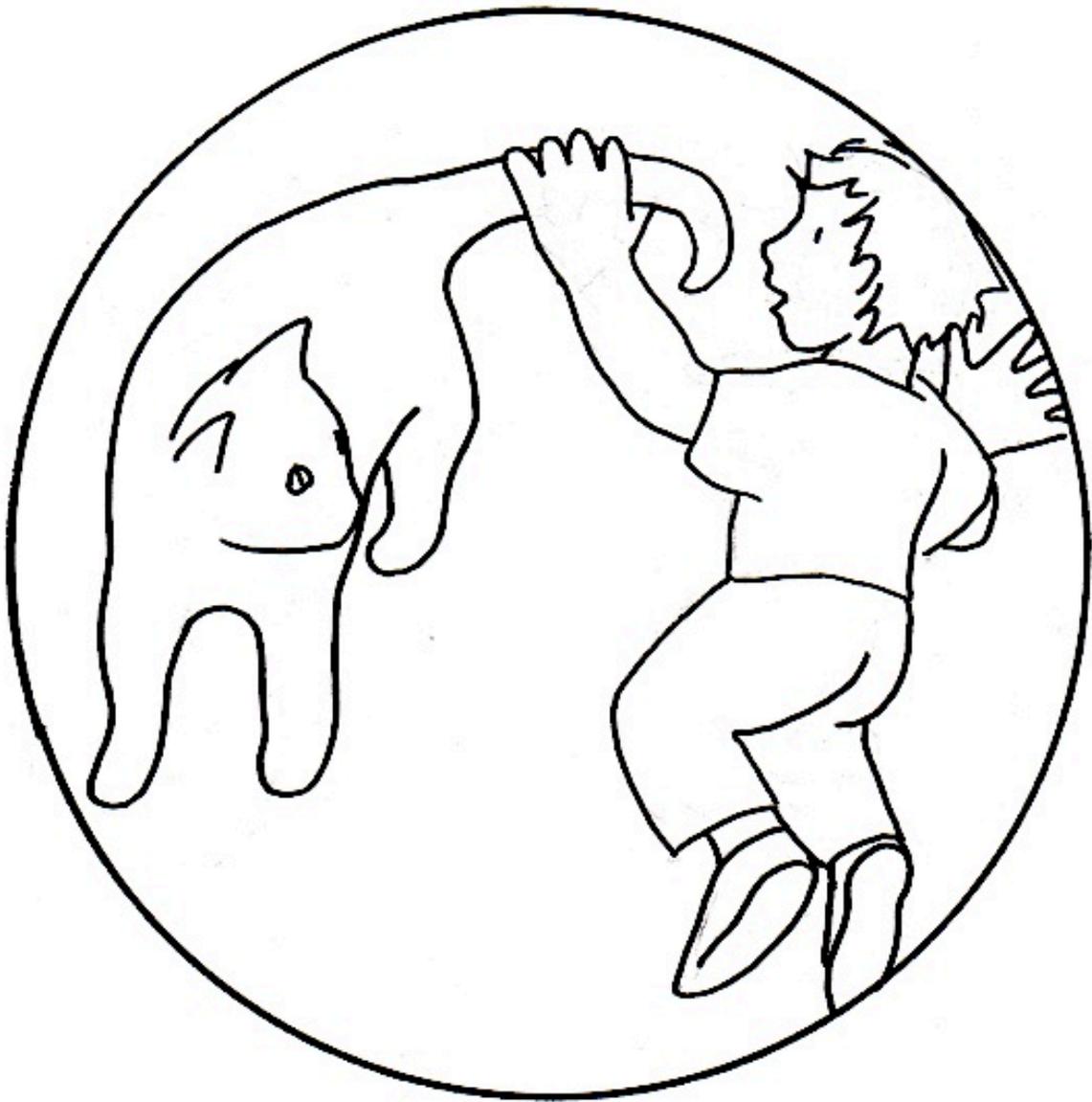


Sam tries to catch SnowCat,  
but he's much too fast.

Then she has an idea.

Sam decides to be patient,  
and sit very still  
until SnowCat comes to her.

"Gotcha!" Sam exclaims.



After the long journey  
and a game of chase,  
Sam and SnowCat  
snuggle quietly together  
until she is calm and  
he is purring happily.

"Hush now, SnowCat,"  
whispers Sam.



Awakening, Sam tells SnowCat  
"It's time to go home!"  
and they board  
the big ferryboat together.

Sam and SnowCat watch  
the ripples and waves,  
as the big boat - slow and  
steady - crosses the lake.



Sam is home.

Looking back at the city,  
she plays a simple melody  
on her horn.

Night is falling, and  
the day's adventure  
seems like a dream.

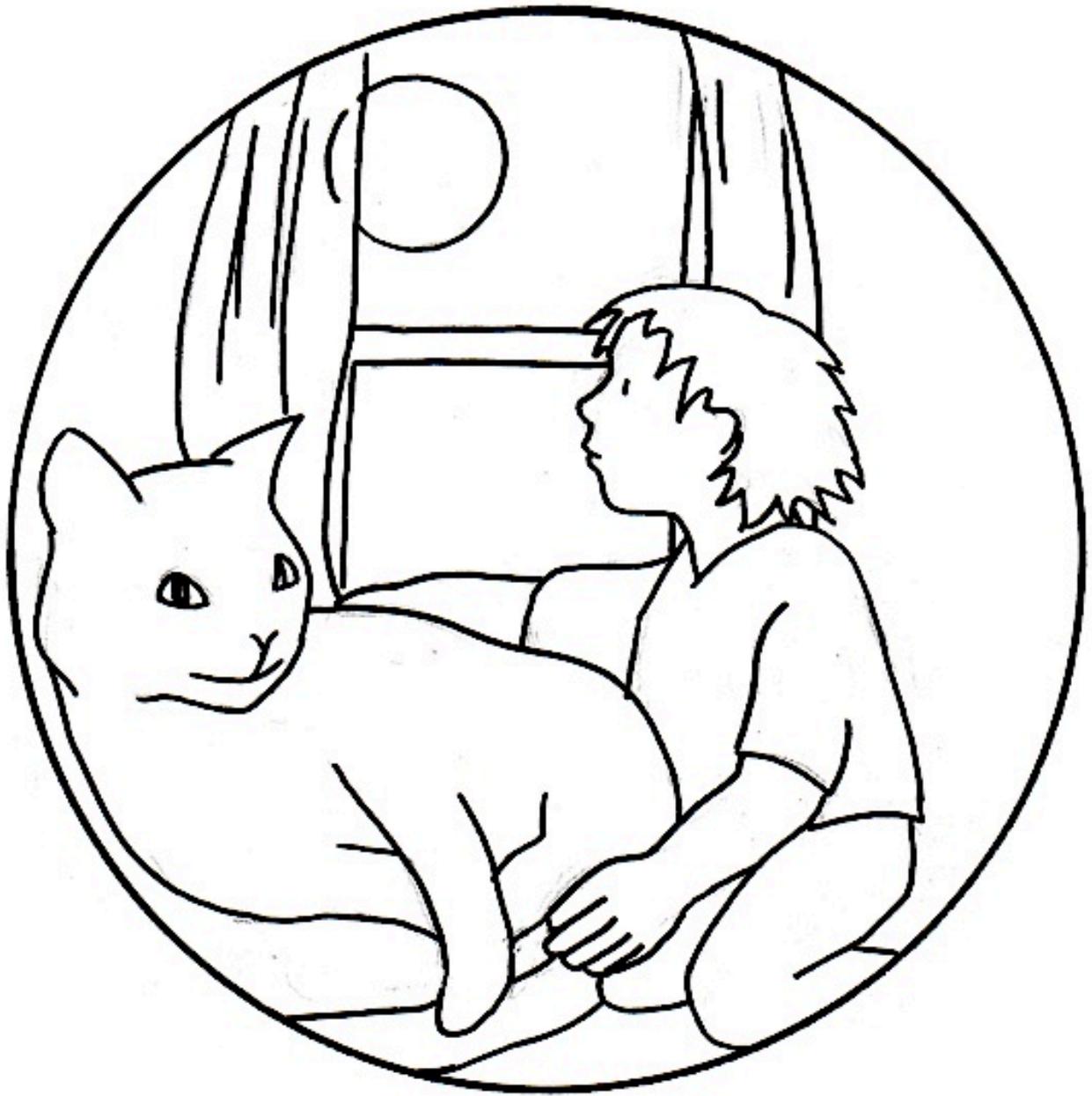


In the peaceful silence  
between the notes,  
Sam watches the rising moon,  
one bright pearl  
high in the sky.



Sam smiles as she remembers her adventure of looking for SnowCat in the big city.

"I have everything I need right here," she realizes.



Happy and grateful  
Sam hears the voices of  
her friends playing outside.

"We want to dance, but  
we need music!" they say.

"Let me help," says Sam,  
as she plays a happy tune  
on her horn.



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