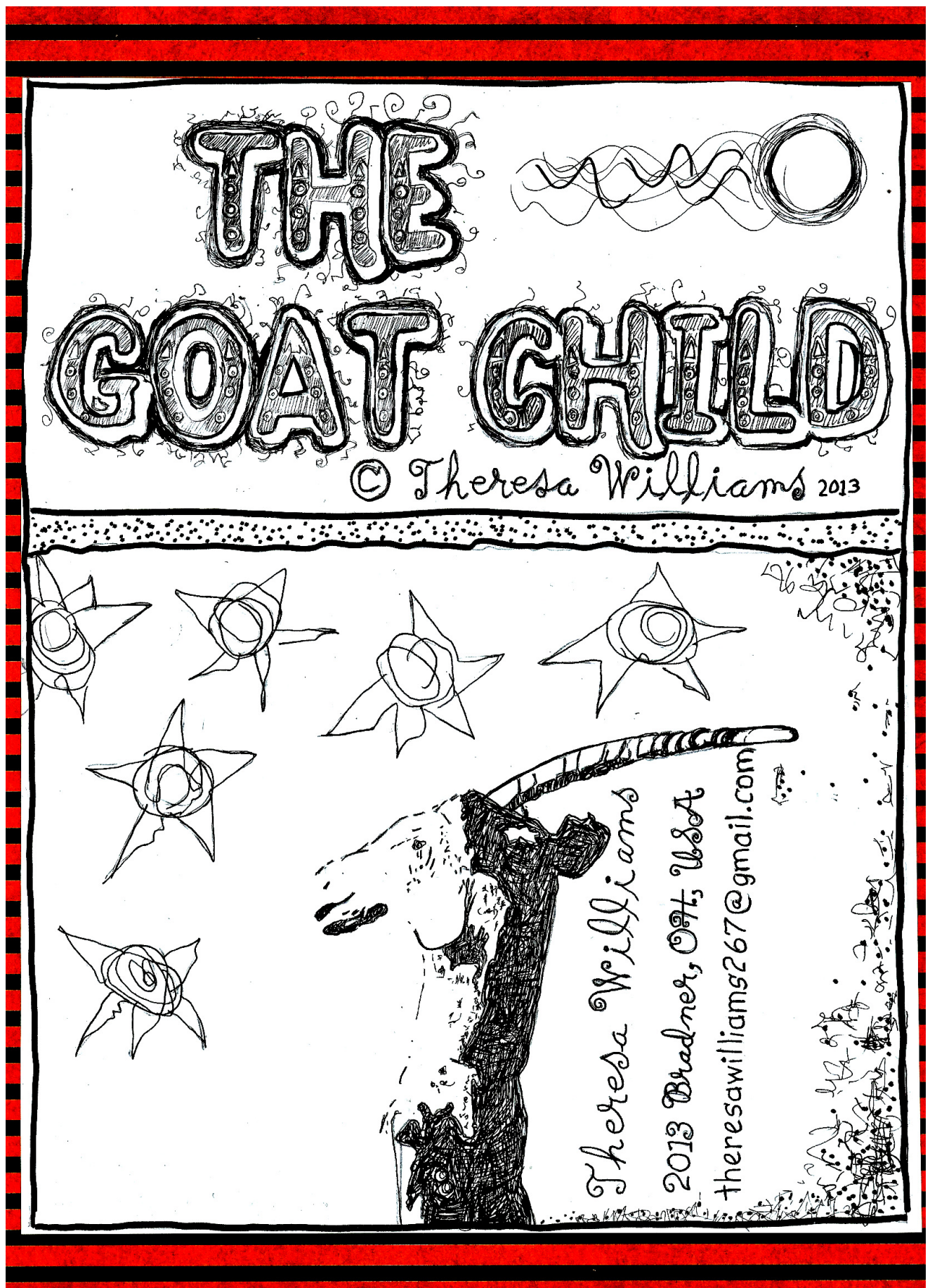


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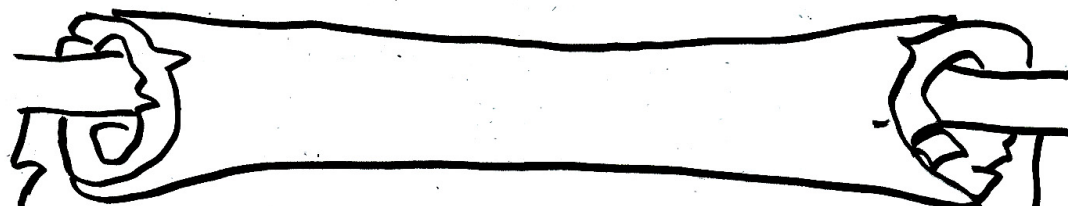


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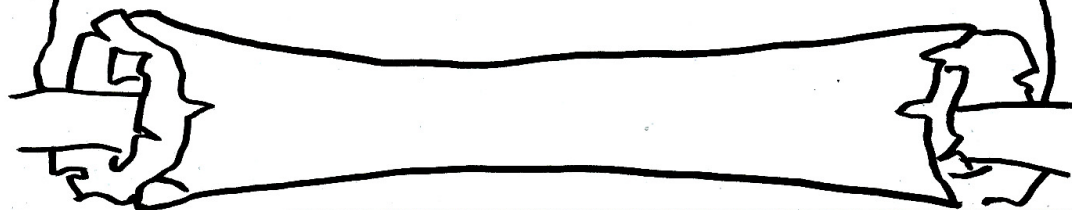
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Of all the residents, the strangest was The Goat Child.

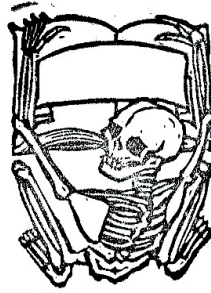
"It's true," people will tell you over beer and cigarettes. "He did exist."

On Easy Street today, they still believe an out-of-the-ordinary child was born to ordinary parents. He had the body of a human and the head and feet of



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a goat. "He was weird and wonderful," they say. "Well, he was mostly wonderful, you know? Just nobody saw it then."

They say his was "The Miraculous Birth," proof of life's astonishment.

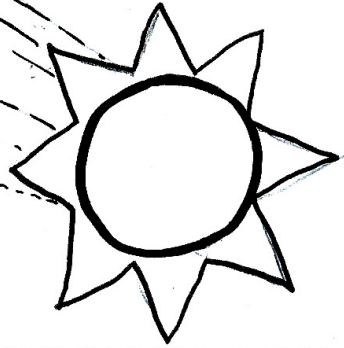
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In a small town near Lake Erie, a man and a woman live on Easy St. The man and the woman have twin daughters. They don't want more children. But one thing always leads to another...



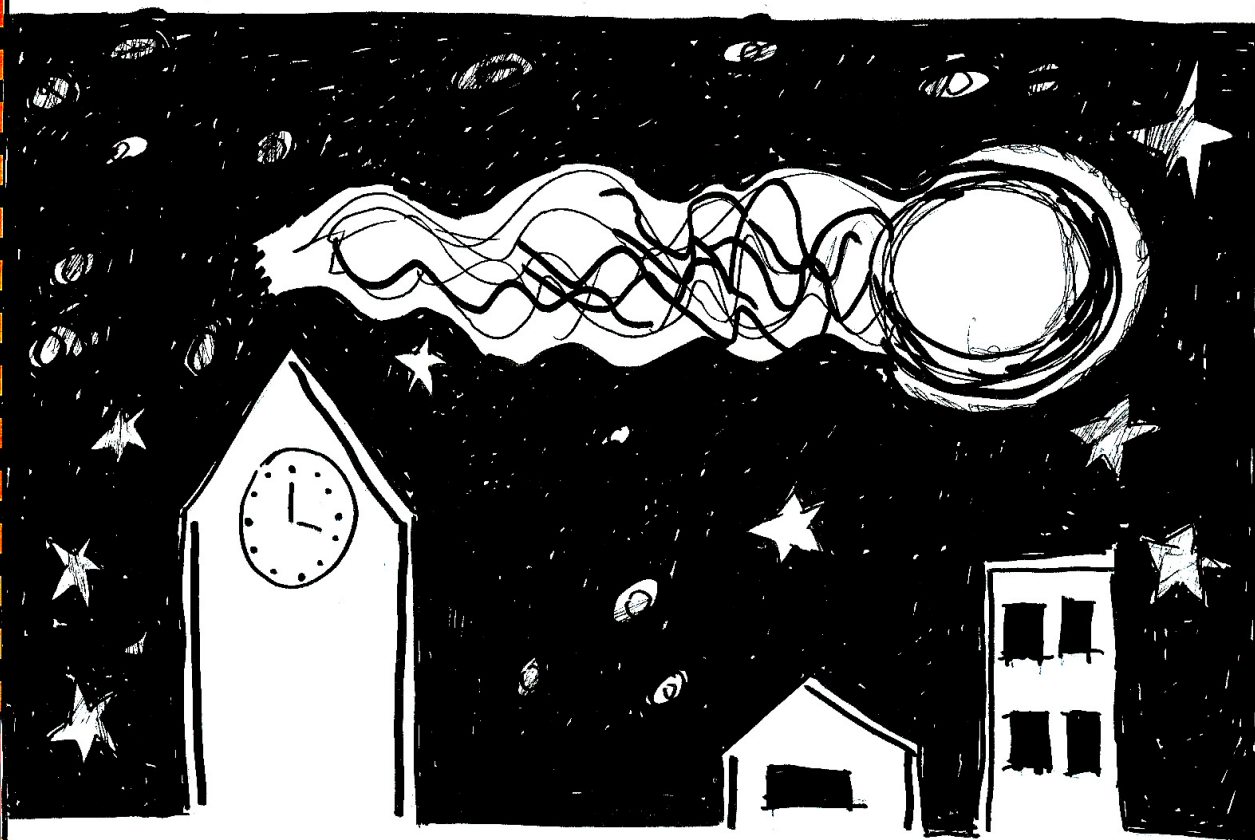
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And soon a baby is born.

The Goat Child is born just
as a big red comet crosses the
night sky.

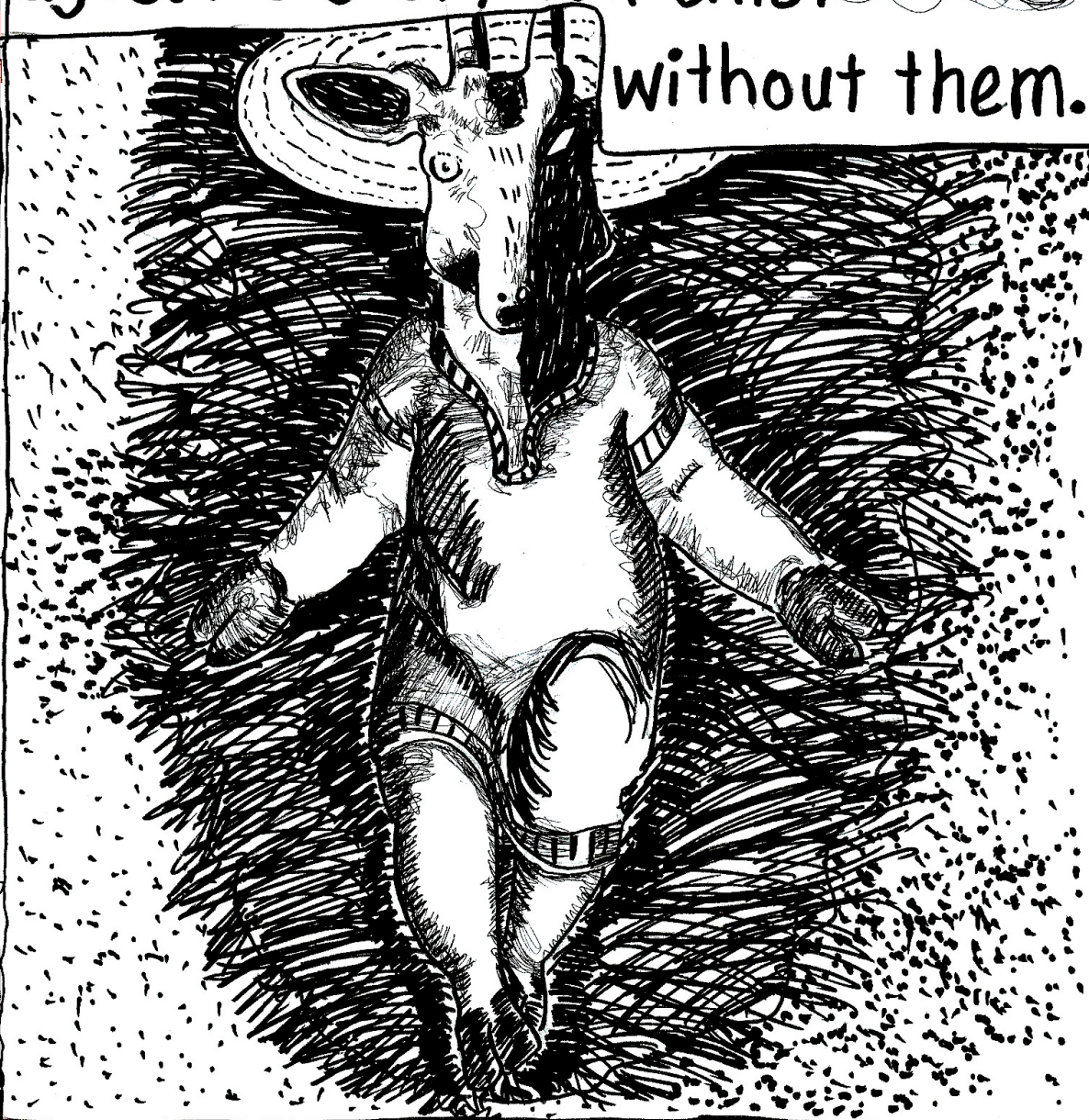
He's an Aquarius, creative
and forlorn.



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Births are miraculous with no need of signs, but stories are something else. They need images. No story can exist without them.



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