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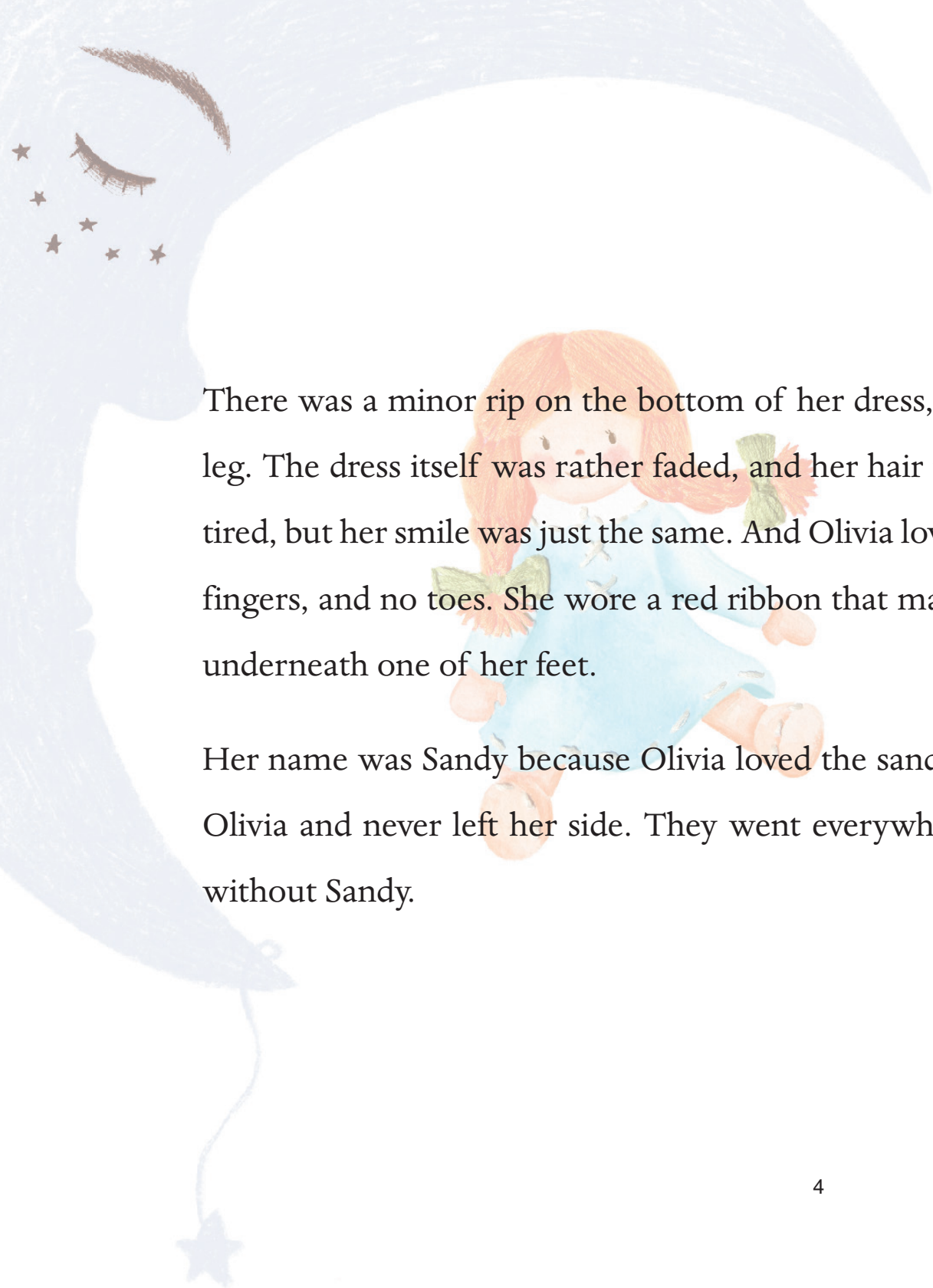
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There was a minor rip on the bottom of her dress, and a pen mark on the side of her leg. The dress itself was rather faded, and her hair tangled and matted. Her eyes were tired, but her smile was just the same. And Olivia loved her like ever before. She had ten fingers, and no toes. She wore a red ribbon that matched her dress, and *Olivia* written underneath one of her feet.

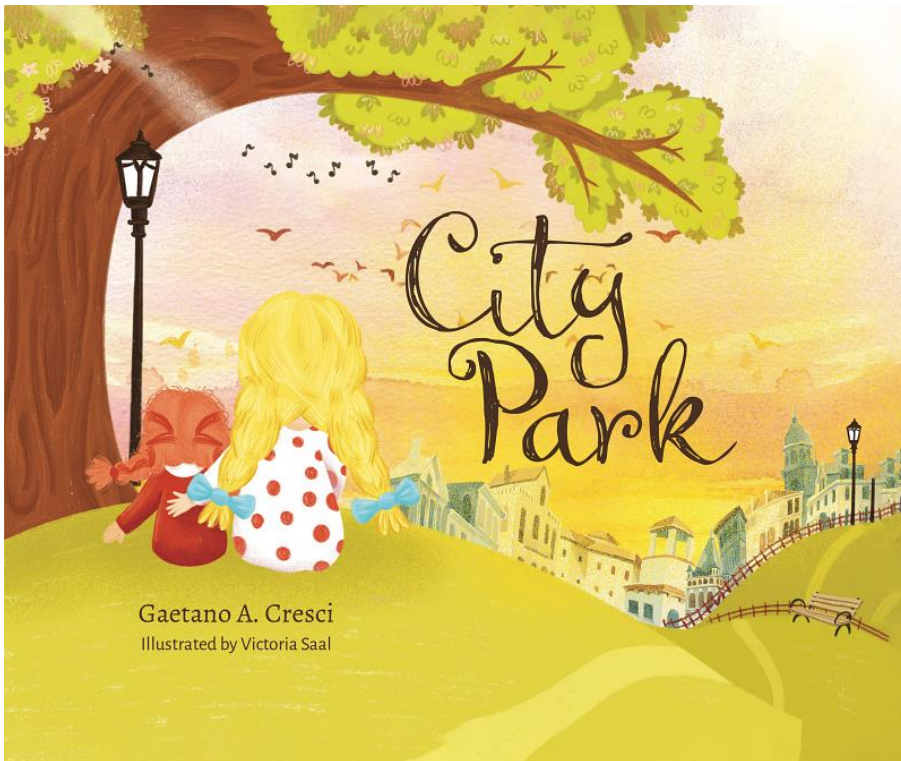
Her name was Sandy because Olivia loved the sand at the beach. Sandy grew up with Olivia and never left her side. They went everywhere together. You never saw Olivia without Sandy.



One day while out in the play area behind the tables, Sandy showed Olivia a secret way outside the home and took her to a magical park. The park had many trees. And the trees had many birds. And they all had many stories.

## *About the Author*

Gaetano A. Cresci is a writer who was born in California, and loves the beach. He has authored many short stories, poems, and essays, including Her Red Ball which was illustrated during the Covid Pandemic and released in 2021. His approach to writing is to try and inspire and create something he loves, and hopefully something other people do too. Writing has always been a passion for him, and he is thankful to any who have taken the time, and enjoyed his work.



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