

I. THE LETTER FROM AMERICA



Carl Erik's father shook his fist at the clear blue sky.

"Rain!" he cried.

"We must have rain!"

But the rain did not come.

The whole summer passed without a drop of rain.

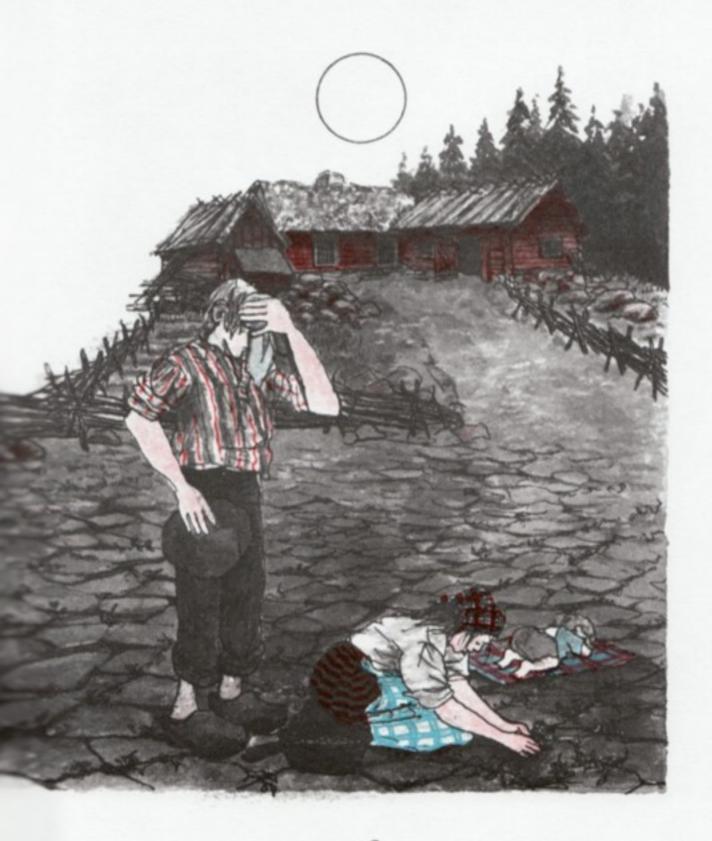
The grass dried up.

The cow could not give milk.

The crops did not grow.



There would be no food for the long winter.



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