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When Gusti came home one more time having drunk up the wheat money, Grandmother said, *that's it*, picked up her things and left. The next morning the old man got up, started a fire, and cooked coffee. This went on for several days. Then one morning his left side didn't wake up. The creek forgot to flow. The year so dry the land cracked. If you dropped a wrench from a tractor, it was never seen again.