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THE WIZARD OF OZ

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The Tiny House on the Prairie

Chapter 1

The Cyclone

Dorothy lived with her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry on a small farm in Kansas.

Their tiny house stood alone on a large, flat prairie. Dorothy had only one friend, her dog Toto. He was a small black dog who loved to jump and play.

One day while Dorothy and Toto were playing, they heard the awful sound of a storm. The wind roared and the dust blew smoky circles in the air. Dorothy was frightened.

Uncle Henry stopped working and shouted, "There's a cyclone coming, run for the cellar!"

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A cyclone is a terrible storm. Even little Toto wanted to run away. He jumped from Dorothy's arms, ran into the house, and hid under the bed. Dorothy followed him into the house. Then a strange thing happened. The house turned around and around. Then it rose through the air! Toto ran out from under the bed and barked loudly.

It was very dark and the house swayed back and forth. Dorothy held Toto in her arms and listened to the wind. She was frightened. Aunt Em and Uncle Henry were safe in the cellar. She was all alone. Hours passed. The house tossed and turned in the storm. Finally Dorothy closed her eyes and fell asleep.



A Cyclone Is a Terrible Storm.