



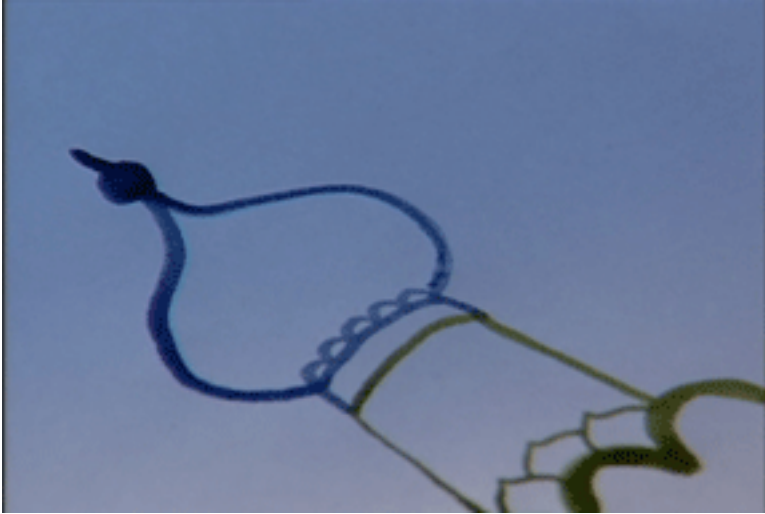
The Brown Cow

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Do you like stories? We seamstresses know lots and we love telling them while we sew.

We'd like to tell you one about far-away Russia in the time of the Tsars. It all begins here in this palace of a thousand colors where the Tsar and the Tsarina lived with their daughter Irina.



Palace life was happy and peaceful until Irina's mother died. Then Irina's father married a wicked woman with three daughters.

Irina's father was always busy, traveling here and there. Poor Irina

had to live with her wicked, selfish stepmother--who didn't love her at all--and her three stepsisters - the eldest, the middle stepsister, and the youngest. The three of them loved making Irina's life miserable.

To keep Irina far from home, the stepmother decided to make her take the herds out to pasture. Poor Irina had to spend the whole day in a meadow without any food and little clothing to keep her warm and we all know how cold Russia is!



While I thread the needle, let me present the star of our story - the famous brown cow.

She's pretty, isn't she?

Irina was sad and lonely so she soon started talking to the cow. She was telling her about her fears and worries when all of a sudden, the brown cow opened one of its big ears and invited the girl to step inside.



Without a second thought, Irina let herself be sucked in...weeee!

The cow was nice and warm inside. "This is great!" said Irina to herself. What's more, there were all the foods she liked best.

With her tummy full and gently rocked by the cow's ambling gait, Irina dreamt of a better life. It was a strange, lovely dream full of colors. When she finally awoke, she was smiling from ear to ear. The sun had set and it was time to go home.



Irina's stepmother was surprised and angry when the girl arrived home. Why was she so happy?

"I must find out what Irina is doing with that cow the whole day!" she thought. The wicked stepmother decided to send her youngest daughter

with Irina to the pasture.

Irina wanted to keep her secret so when they got to the meadow, she sang a song that sent the youngest daughter into a deep sleep.

The next day, Irina's stepmother sent her middle daughter to the graze the herd with Irina. But the same thing happened. Irina's sweet song sent the stepdaughter to sleep. Irina once again entered the cow's ear to spend another magical day. Weeeeeee!

Ivan patiently waited while the stepdaughters tried to pick one of the fruits, but every time they tried, birds flew at them to stop them. "Oh, we can't!" The birds only let Irina pick the fruit unhindered.

When Ivan saw Irina, he was enthralled! Together, Irina and Ivan ate the fruits of happiness and far away from there, they lived happily ever after.

Love stories really tug my heart strings! Just look at that, my sewing is all done!



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