

hunger or cold. But they were often lonely; for it is not good that people should live so much alone as these two were doing.

54. But with the summer their lonely way of living came to an end; for one day some hunters, passing by, saw the children and heard their story.

"You must not stay here all by yourselves for another winter, when perhaps the birds and the seal will have forgotten you," they said; and so they carried them off to the village from which they had come.

55. One of the huntsmen, who had no children of his own, took them with him to his own house and told his wife the story of how he had found them living in a deserted village.

56. His wife, who had always longed to have children to brighten the home, welcomed them gladly. And then began the happiest time of their lives for Arnara and Salick, who stayed with the huntsman and his wife until they were grown up, and ready to go to homes of their own.