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Once upon a time there was a husband and a wife who lost every one of their children as soon as they were born. Then finally one day, the couple had a little boy who survived, and they named him Kaassassuk. The parents loved their little boy very much and celebrated every little bit of progress that he made.

In the midst of all this happiness, both parents suddenly became ill and soon passed away, one after the other.

The other housemates in the community house all wanted to be the ones who would care for the orphaned boy. One of the most important families got him. He was their foster son and they loved him dearly.

But Kaassassuk could not keep his food down, and he pooped so much that his foster parents ended up being so disgusted by it that they decided to get rid of him. However, others wanted the boy and for quite awhile he went from one family to the next.

Eventually, the last family threw him out in the entrance area. An old woman, who lived in the room where food was prepared and cooked, took pity on him and took him in.



