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It is a beautiful autumn day on the tundra. the reindeer calves are playing, running and jumping in every direction. Everyone is having fun – except for one calf who stand at the sidelines. His name is Dielkolahkki.

When he was born, his mother noticed a crescent-shaped mark on his forehead. She thought he was special and beautiful, that she gave him the name Dielkolahkki. During their journeys, she always watched over him, keeping him close when he nursed, where he felt safe. Back then, he was a lively and curious calf. Now he stands with his head lowered, sad because he wants to play and run with the others.

"you have an ugly mark – we don't want to play with you" the calves shout as they run away. "You limp like an old moose – stay away from us" they mock.

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