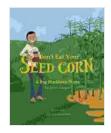
# Don't Eat Your Seed Corn: The Compelling Story of Big Maddock, North Dakota



#### The Town of Big Maddock

Big Maddock is a small town in North Dakota, located in the heart of the Great Plains. The town was founded in 1882 by a group of German immigrants. In the early 1900s, Big Maddock was a thriving community, with a population of over 500 people. The town had a school, a church, a

bank, and a post office. There were also several businesses in town, including a hardware store, a grocery store, and a blacksmith shop.



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However, the Great Depression hit Big Maddock hard. The town's economy was based on agriculture, and the Dust Bowl of the 1930s destroyed the crops. The farmers in Big Maddock lost their livelihoods, and the town's population dwindled. By 1940, only about 200 people lived in Big Maddock.

#### The Great Depression

The Great Depression was the worst economic crisis in American history. It began in 1929 with the stock market crash, and it lasted for over a decade. The Great Depression caused widespread unemployment, poverty, and homelessness. Millions of Americans lost their jobs, and many businesses closed their doors.

The Great Depression hit rural America particularly hard. The farmers in the Great Plains were already struggling with the Dust Bowl, and the Great Depression made their situation even worse. The farmers lost their crops, and they had no way to make a living. Many farmers were forced to sell their land and move to the cities in search of work.

#### The Story of Big Maddock

The story of Big Maddock is a story of resilience and perseverance. The people of Big Maddock refused to give up, even when times were tough. They worked together to share their resources and support each other. They started a community garden, and they helped each other to repair their homes and businesses.

The people of Big Maddock also came up with a creative way to generate income. They started a community-owned grain elevator, and they sold their grain directly to consumers. This allowed them to bypass the middlemen, and it gave them a better price for their crops.

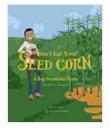
The grain elevator was a success, and it helped to revive the economy of Big Maddock. The town's population began to grow again, and new businesses opened their doors. Today, Big Maddock is a thriving community, with a population of over 300 people.

#### The Legacy of Big Maddock

The story of Big Maddock is a reminder of the power of community. When times are tough, it is important to come together and support each other. The people of Big Maddock showed the world that even in the darkest of times, there is always hope.

The legacy of Big Maddock is one of resilience, perseverance, and community. The town's story is a reminder that anything is possible if we work together.

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