

“Wow, sign me up for that!” and other sarcastic remarks Ma could have made



Emily loves the “Little House on the Prairie,” books by Laura Ingalls Wilder. They are the intermediate reader versions, which are abbreviated with big colorful illustrations and simple text.

Every time I come across this page in the first book called “Going West,” I laugh to myself. This is where Pa *TELLS* Ma they are movin’ out West. The reason? Not as many people, no trees and the grass grows thick and high...just what every young mother wants. Yep, Pa’s a closer alright.

I kind of wish there were dialogue from Ma on the second page. The sarcastic remark potential is endless, but I think her face tells you the whole story. Pa would have been wise to ask her to put away the knitting needles before he *told* her his plan. Strange, I thought pioneers were supposed to have heightened survival skills.