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Harry and Anna are searching for the oracle nearby, specifically in the moor near the tiny settlement of Niederdorla. Anyone who dares to take such a stroll at the end of April will quickly come to understand why this region was once thought to be the home of gods and, more importantly, spirits. Sparse, mostly low vegetation, scrawny trees and shrubs, heath, still-shaggy tufts of grass dot the ground from the previous year in between the first green sprouts. Yet gray, black, and brown are the prevailing hues. Few people want to be in such an unsettling area.

The ground bounces with each step as if it were cushioned – which it is: the peat is an airy, soft material, and the ground smacks underfoot because it is full of water. Again and again, one sees small ditches and lakes filled with dark water. Germany's bogs are primarily found in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Brandenburg, and Lower Saxony.

In Lower Saxony, however, it is a linguistic quirk that often misleads visitors: a lake is often referred to as "Meer," for example, Lengener Meer. The sea, on the other hand, is referred to as "See," which refers to the North Sea or the Baltic Sea. Who can navigate their way around with all that?