

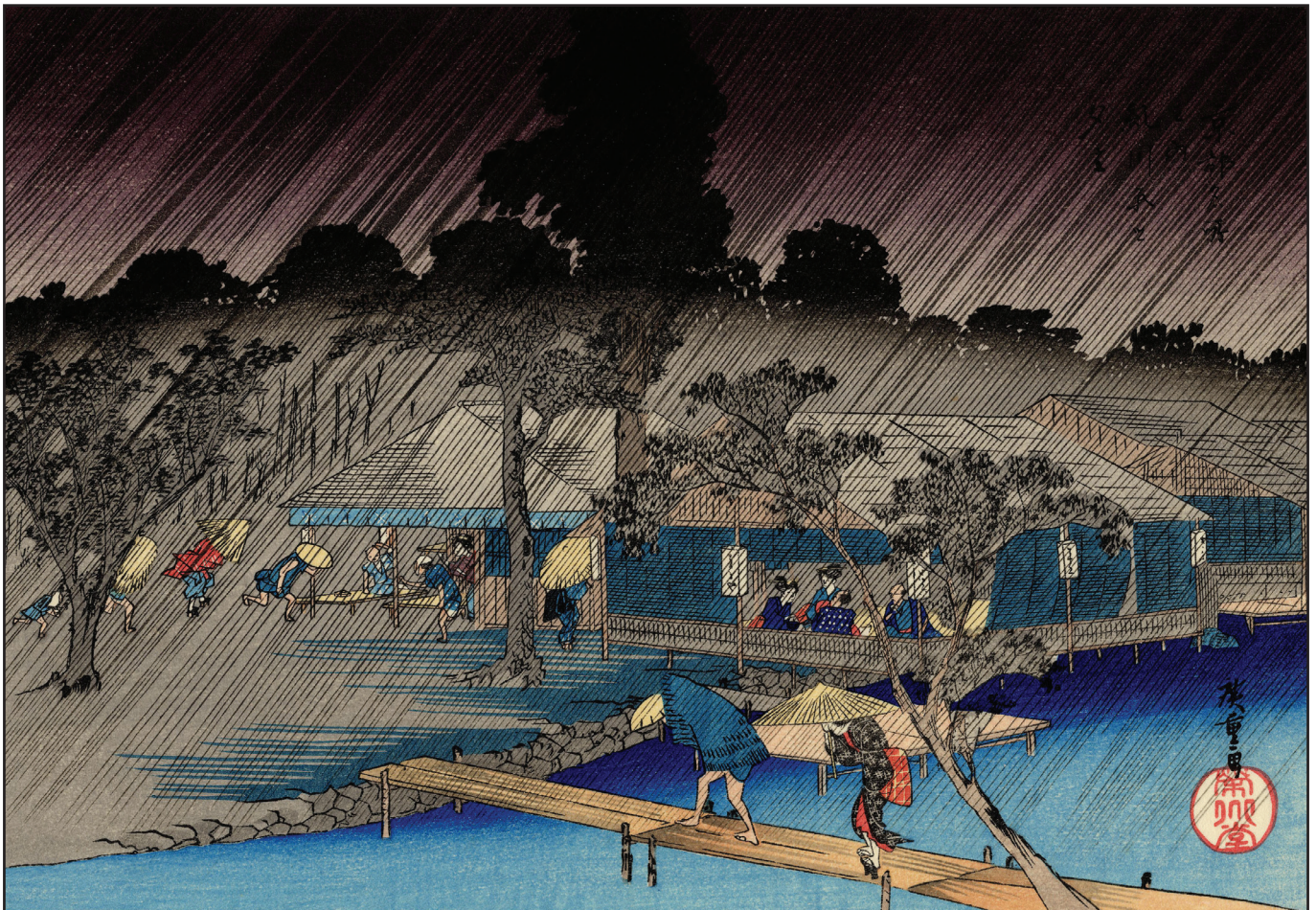
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During the "Edo" era in Japan from the 17th to 19th century, corresponding to the Little Ice Age period, cold and rainy summers often caused serious famines in Japan, such as the "Tenpo famine" in the 1830s when this picture was painted.