

ALENE I ØDEMARKEN
ALONE IN THE WILDERNESS

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Forestil dig et lille samfund omgivet af øde natur. Efterår er ved at gå over i vinter. Den lille by rammes af vinterstorme med sne. Temperaturen når ofte ned under ti graders frost. Der er ingen veje ud til andre byer. Skal du besøge byen må du sejle eller flyve med helikopter.

Den lille by ligger langt mod nord. Solen giver ingen varme fra sig, og den viser sig kun nogle få timer hver dag. Allerede tidlig eftermiddag farver solen den lille by i røde og orange farver, og den står så lavt, at den tegner store skygger gennem landskabet. Nogle steder ligger huse og klipper i det orange skær, mens andre områder ligger helt mørke hen i skyggerne.

Det ene øjeblik ligger det lille samfund badet i vintersolen. Koldt, men behageligt, frisk

luft. Det næste øjeblik hærger stormen mellem den lille bys huse.

Når stormene tager fat, skynder folk sig. De sidste indkøb skal gøres, og så er det med at komme hjem fra skole og arbejde. Fjorden viser tænder, og den flygende sne gør det umuligt at bevæge sig ud i bjergene, der omkranser det lille sted.

Fuglene er sultne. Sneen ligger overalt og skjuler den flora, der sommeren igennem har været deres føde. Insekterne er for længst forsvundet. I stedet for at drage mod syd, finder ravnene, mågerne og de små fugle frem til det foder, som mennesket ligger ud til dem.

Stedet eksisterer faktisk i virkeligheden. Det lille samfund omgivet af den øde natur er Qaqortoq – en lille by i Sydgrønland.

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Imagine a small community surrounded by desolate nature. Autumn is about to pass into winter. The small town is hit by winter storms with snow. The temperature often reaches below ten degrees below freezing. There are no roads out of the town to other towns. If you are going to visit the town, you must sail or fly by helicopter.

The small town is located far to the north. The sun does not give off any heat, and it only appears for a few hours each day. Early afternoon, the sun colours the small town in red and orange colours, and it is so low that it casts large shadows through the landscape. In some places, houses and rocks lie in the orange glow, while other areas lie completely dark in the shadows.

One minute the small community is bathed in the winter sun. Coldly, but pleasant, fresh air. The next moment, the storm rages between the houses of the small town.

When the storms set in, people rush. The last shopping must be done, and then it is about getting home from school and work. The fjord foams, and the drifting snow makes it impossible to move out into the mountains, which surround the small community.

The birds are hungry. The snow is everywhere, hiding the flora that has been their food throughout the summer. Long since, the insects have disappeared. Instead of heading south, the ravens, the gulls and the small birds find the food that man lays out for them.

Actually, the small community exists. The small community surrounded by the desolate nature is Qaqortoq – a small town in South Greenland.



Qaqortoq, Sydgrønland, november 2016

The town Qaqortoq, South Greenland, November 2016



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Qaqortoq, Sydgrønland, marts 2017

The town Qaqortoq, South Greenland, March 2017

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