

SOM EN DRØM LIKE A DREAM

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I maj 2009 besøgte jeg byen Qaqortoq i Sydgrønland. Dengang vidste jeg ikke, at byen et årti senere ville blive min hjemby.

Det er mange år siden, og meget har forandret sig. Når vi i dag skal flyve fra hovedstaden Nuuk til Qaqortoq starter flyet fra en ny stor lufthavn i Nuuk, og inden for den nærmeste fremtid vil vi kunne benytte en ny lufthavn uden for Qaqortoq. I 2009 foregik flyveturen fra Nuuk med mellemlanding i Paamiut og via Atlantlufthavnen Narsarsuaq. Fra Narsarsuaq fløj vi videre med helikopter til heliporten i Qaqortoq – med mellemlanding i byen Narsaq.

Flyet er heller ikke længere et DASH-7 fly, men et DASH-8 fly. Der er mange fordele ved de nye fly. Komforten er større, rejsetiden er kortere og flyene kan flyve turen i et stræk. Men for mig er der også en ulempe: DASH-8 flyene flyver højere oppe, end de

gamle fly gjorde. Når jeg sad ved vinduet i et DASH-7 fly var vi tæt på det smukke landskab, vi passerede undervejs.

I dag er det også nye helikoptere, der flyver den sidste strækning til Qaqortoq. Dengang fløj jeg med en Sikorsky-helikopter.

Når jeg betragter de efterhånden tretten år gamle fotografier, vælter minderne frem. Dette er noget, jeg har set med mine egne øjne. Oplevelserne står klart i min erindring.

Jeg husker nøje min opslugthed af det smukke landskab dernede: Sneklædte bjergtinder, storslæde arme af fjorde med isbjerge. Den ufatteligt store Indlandsis med isbræer.

På et tidspunkt reagerer jeg på et eller andet i flykabinen – jeg ser op. I den modsatte side ser jeg en kvinde, der ved sin rude til even-tyr-landskabet, sidder og læser et dameblad.

Like a dream

In May 2009, I visited the town of Qaqortoq in South Greenland. Then I did not know that a decade later the town would become my hometown.

That was many years ago, and a lot has changed. Today, when we fly from the capital Nuuk to Qaqortoq, the plane starts from a large new airport in Nuuk, and soon we will be able to use a new airport outside Qaqortoq. In 2009, the flight from Nuuk took place with a stopover in Paamiut and via the Atlantic airport Narsarsuaq. From Narsarsuaq we flew on by helicopter to the heliport in Qaqortoq – with a stopover in the town of Narsaq.

The aircraft is no longer a DASH-7 aircraft, but a DASH-8 aircraft. There are many advantages to the new aircraft. The comfort is greater, the travel time is shorter, and the planes can fly the trip in one stretch. But for me, there is also a drawback: the DASH-8 fly in a higher altitude than the old planes did.

Sitting by the window of a DASH-7 aircraft, we were close to the beautiful scenery, we passed along on the flight.

Today, a new type of helicopter flies the last stretch to Qaqortoq. Back then, I helicop- tered by a Sikorsky helicopter.

When I look at the thirteen-year-old photo- graphs, memories come flooding back. This is something I have seen with my own eyes. The flights are clear in my memory.

Closely, I remember my lost in the view of the beautiful landscape down there: snow- capped mountain peaks, magnificent arms of fjords with icebergs. The incredibly large Greenlandic Ice Sheet with glaciers.

At one point, I react to something in the cabin — I look up. On the opposite side, I see a woman by her window to the fairy-tale landscape reading a women's magazine.



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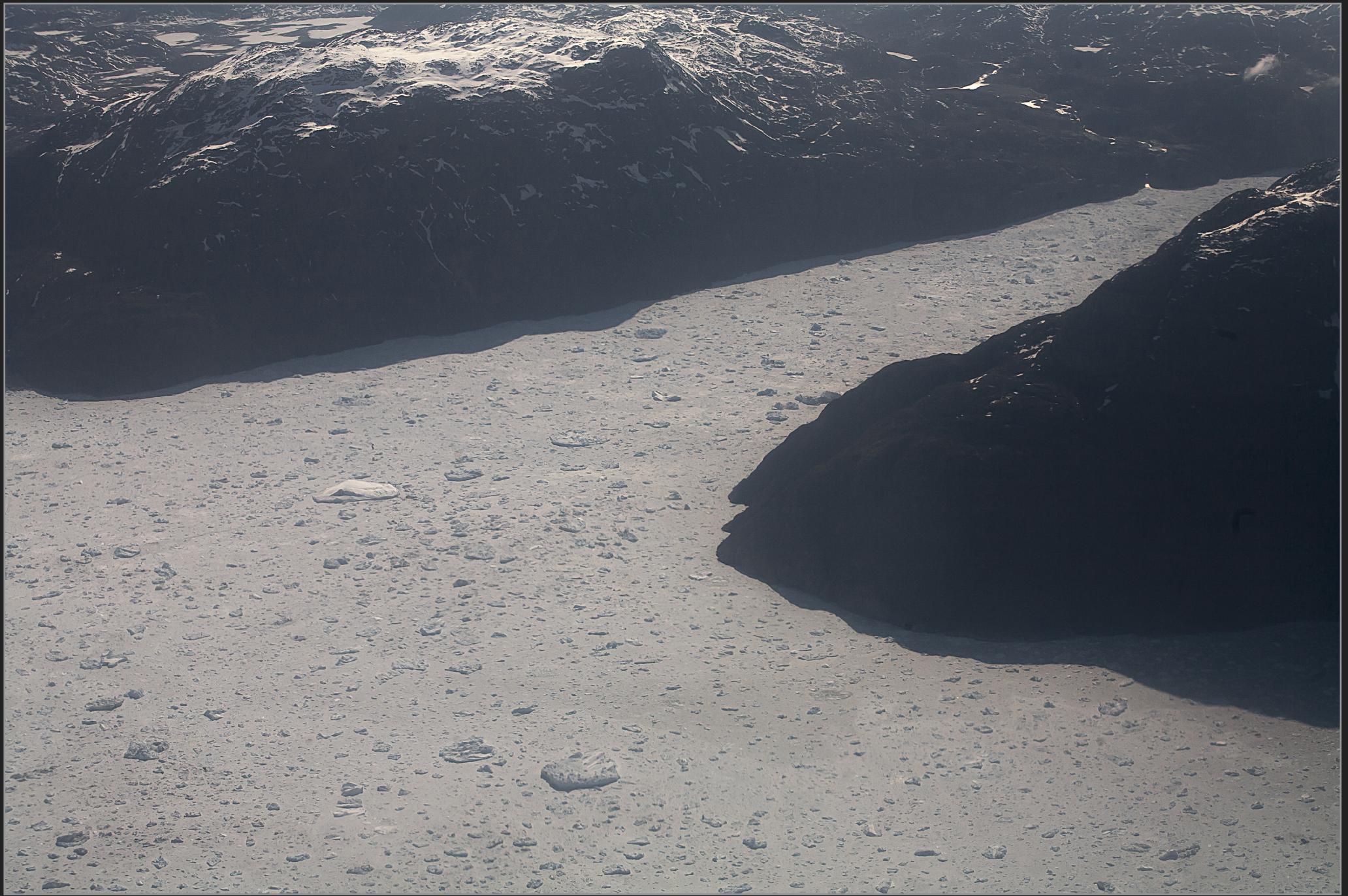
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