

HJEMREJSEN  
ON THE WAY BACK HOME

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# Hjemrejsen

Lange møder, dilemmaer og problemer, der skal løses. Sejlads i mindre båd til flere bygder i krappe bølger. Fornemmelse af træthed og hjemlængsel. Det var nok det, jeg følte, da jeg i oktober 2010 sad i venterummet i heliporten i Narsaq. Jeg var på vej hjem. Først vente på ankomsten af den helikopter, der skulle bringe mig til Narsarsuaq. Dernæst endnu længere ventetid i Narsarsuaq, inden fastvingeflyet fra nord var ankommet og gjort klar til returflyvningen til min hjemby Nuuk.

Når man har sundet sig lidt, kan rejsen i Grønland også blive et værdifuldt tidsrum til at ræsonnere dybere over, hvad man er en del af. Detaljer omkring en. Måske lange, dybe samtaler med personer, man ikke før har mødt.

Afstandene i Grønland er enorme. Al trafik mellem bosættninger foregår med fly, helikopter eller både. Vejrliget har meget at skulle have sagt på disse kanter. Ventetiden virker måske ekstra lang, når man ikke ved, hvor lang tid, man skal vente. Timer? Ny overnatning, inden man er hjemme? Måske

flere overnatninger? Skaffe sig madkuponen fra flyselskabet og få sig noget at spise. Så går tiden med det.

Denne gang blev ventetiden ekstra lang i Narsarsuaq. Narsarsuaq er en tidligere amerikansk base. Amerikanerne forlod basen i 1958. Siden har bosætningen fungeret som en lille bygd med en Atlantflughavn. Nu skal lufthavnen også snart nedlægges, og det gør fremtiden usikker for bygdens borgere.

Narsarsuaq er et spændende sted at gøre holdt i en rejse. Nogle af de tidligere militæranlæg forefindes stadigvæk. Et godt lille museum og så i udkanten af bygden Grønlands eneste arboret. Høje træer i Grønland er et særsyn, men her kan vi flere steder få oplevelsen af at gå i en skov.

Dette er oktober 2010. Jeg er på min hjemrejse fra Narsaq i Sydgrønland, via lufthavnen i Narsarsuaq, til min hjemby Nuuk i Midtgrønland. Ro, fordybelse, gode snakke, verdenshistorie, skov i Arktis, udsigt til sneklædt ødemark fra oven og en kop kaffe og en småkage i flyet – kan man forlange mere?



## *On the way back home*

Long meetings, dilemmas, and problems to be solved. Sailing in a small boat to several settlements in choppy sea. The feeling of tiredness and homesickness. Probably, that was what I felt when I in October 2010 was seated in the waiting room in the heliport in Narsaq. I was on my way home. First wait for the arrival of the helicopter that was supposed to bring me to Narsarsuaq. Then even longer waiting time in Narsarsuaq, before the fixed-wing plane from the north had arrived and was prepared for the return trip to my hometown Nuuk.

Once you have collected yourself, the journey in Greenland also can become a valuable time to thinking deeper about what you are a part of. Details around you. Maybe long, deep conversations with people you have not met before.

The distances in Greenland are enormous. All traffic between settlements takes place by plane, helicopter, or boat. The weather has an enormous influence on your travel. The wait time may seem extra-long when you do not know how long to wait. Hours? New overnight stay before you are at home? Maybe

more nights? Get the food voucher from the airline and get something to eat. Then time passes by eating.

This time the wait time was extra-long in Narsarsuaq. Narsarsuaq is a former American base. The Americans left the base in 1958. Since then, the settlement has functioned as a small settlement with an Atlantic airport. Now the airport is also soon to be closed, and this makes the future uncertain for the citizens of the settlement.

Narsarsuaq is an exciting place to wait. Some of the former military installations still exist, a nice little museum and then on the outskirts of the settlement the only arboretum in Greenland. Tall trees in Greenland are a rarity, but here we can get the experience of walking in a forest.

This is October 2010. I am on my return journey from Narsaq in South Greenland, via the airport in Narsarsuaq, to my hometown Nuuk in Central Greenland. Peace, preoccupation, good talks, world history, forest in the Arctic, a view of snowy wasteland from above and a cup of coffee and a cookie on the plane – can you ask for more?



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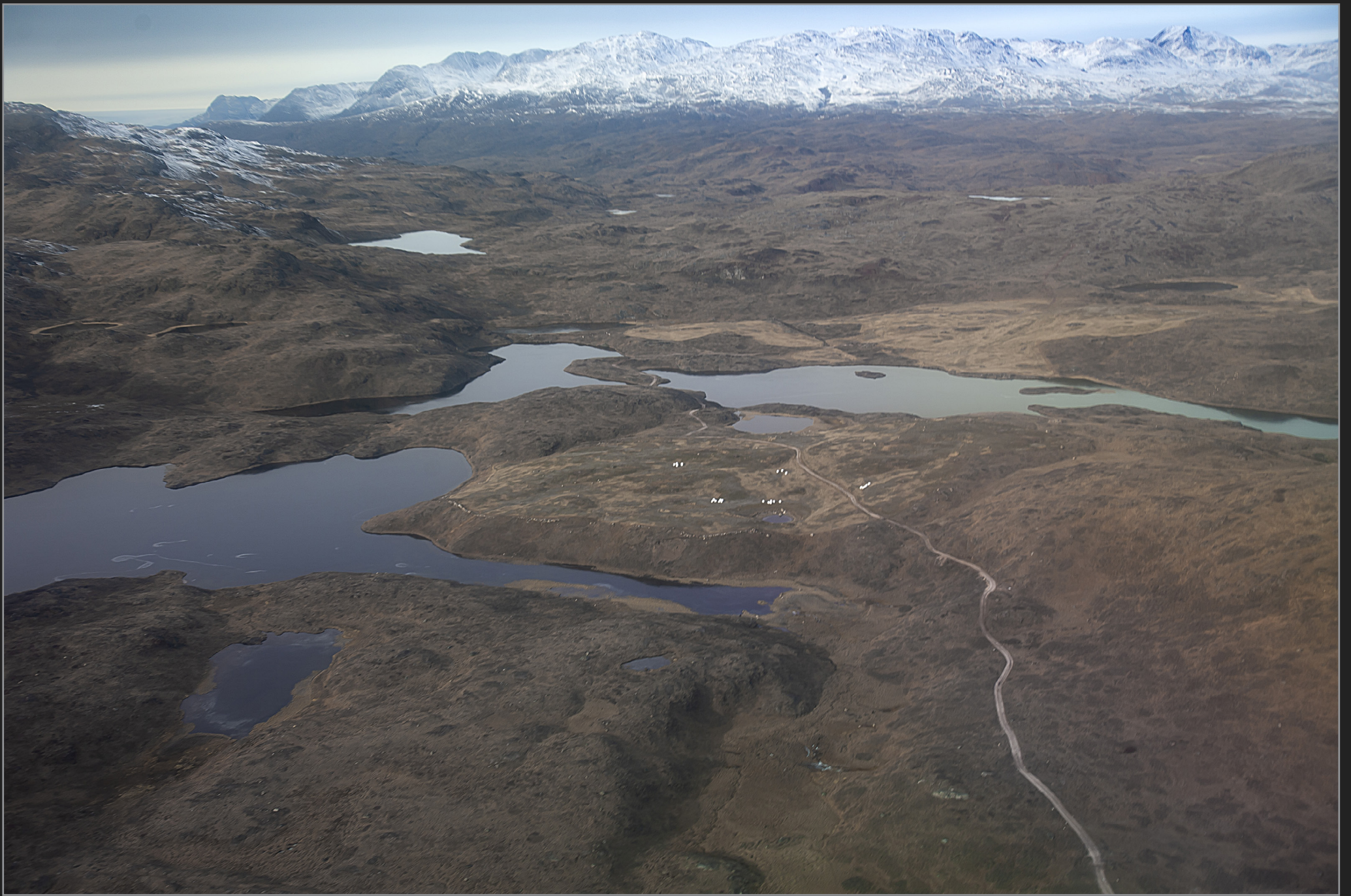




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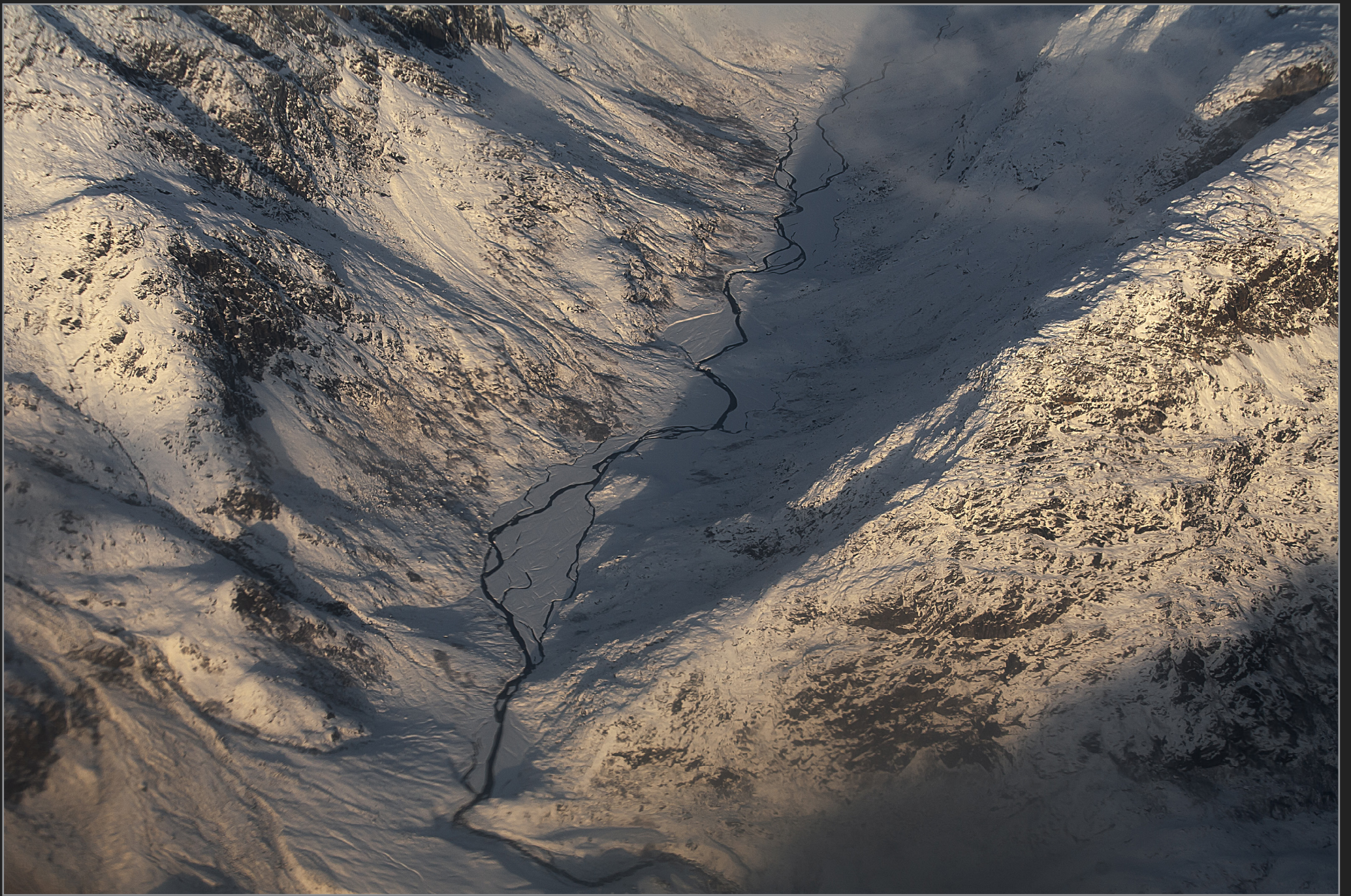




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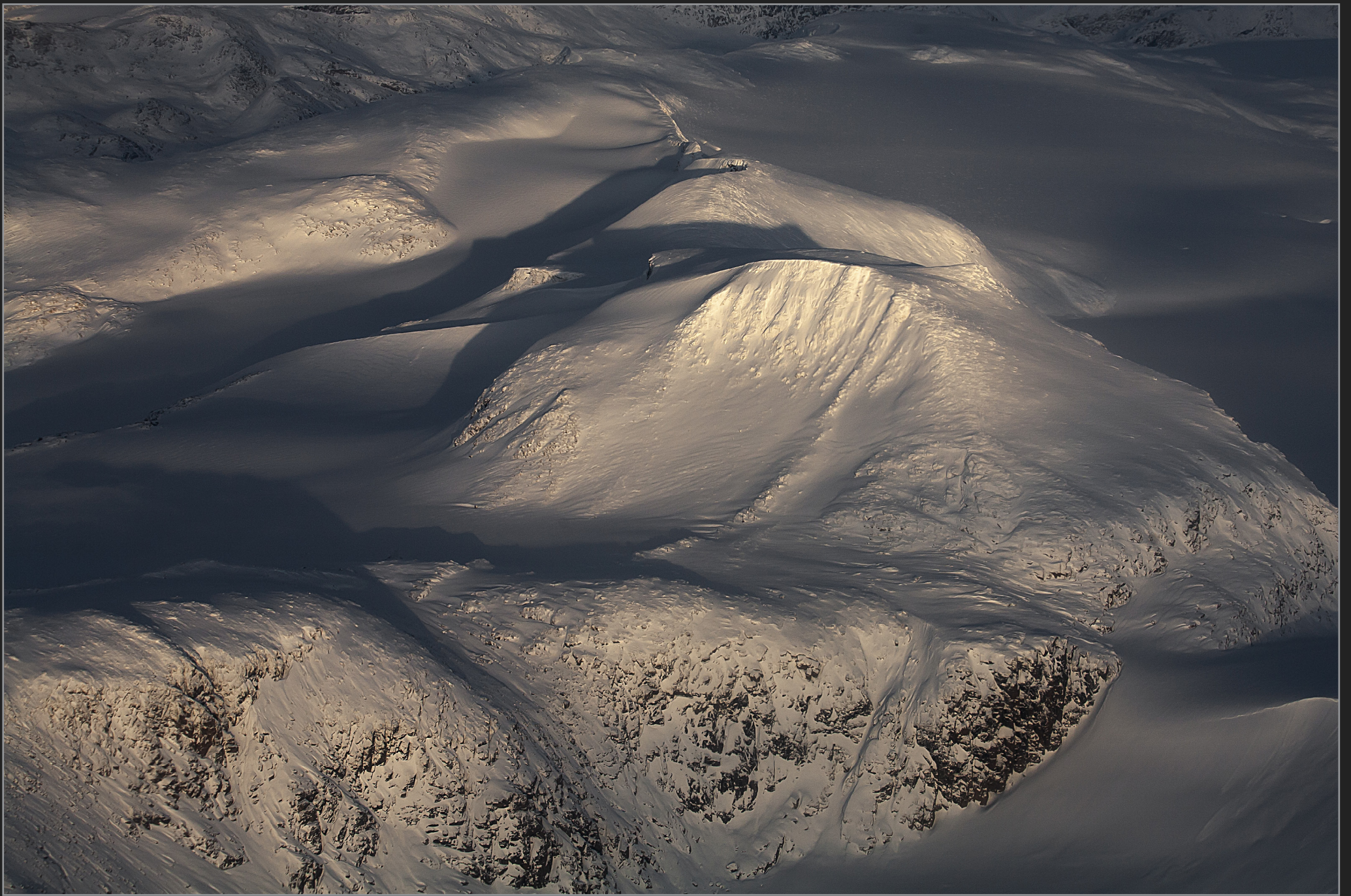




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