

DISET LANDSKAB  
MISTY LANDSCAPE

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## *Diset landskab*

Båden glider næsten lydløst bort fra landgangsbroen. Skipper indstiller sine elektroniske værktøjer. For ham er sejlturen ind i fjorden ren rutine. For os andre er det et eventyr, som vi har glædet os til.

Rutine er måske så meget sagt. Sejladsen i de store sydgrønlandske fjordsystemer kræver agtpågivenhed. Vejrliget er ofte ustadigt. Stille og roligt farvand, der på et øjeblik forandres til sejlads i hård vind og krabbe bølger. Over alt en voldsom strøm forårsaget af tidevandets bevægelser og de store mængder smeltende vand fra Indlandsisen.

Og så er der isen. Overalt ligger isbjerge og isskasser i alle mulige størrelser. De bevæger sig rundt i fjorden skubbet af vinden eller af tidevand og strøm. Nogle steder stuver

isstykkerne sig op i så tætte ismarker, at al sejlads bliver umuliggjort. Den erfarne skipper ved, at han skal styre langt uden om de største isstykker. Kun en tiendedel af isen stikker op over havoverfladen, og under havoverfladen kan soklen strække sig længere ud, end man forventer.

Denne dag i september arter vejret sig godt. Jævn vind og kun små bølger i den mere åbne del af fjorden.

Solen kan ikke trænge igennem det tykke skydække. Jeg elsker dette disede og overskyede, mørke fjordlandskab. De fjerne bjerge i horisonten er indhyllet i de mørke skyer. Den begrænsede sigtbarhed skaber en stærkere fornemmelse af det vilde, øde og det mystiske derude.

## *Misty landscape*

Almost silently the boat glides away from the landing stage. The skipper sets his electronic tools. For him, the boat trip into the fjord is routine. For the rest of us, it is an adventure we have been looking forward to.

Routine – that is perhaps saying too much. The navigation in the large South Greenlandic fjord systems requires to be careful. Often the weather is unsettled. Calm waters that in an instant change to navigation in strong winds and crab waves. Everywhere a violent current caused by the movements of the tides and the large amounts of melting water from the ice sheet.

And then there is the ice. Everywhere icebergs and ice floes of all sorts of sizes are present. They move around in the fjord pushed by the wind or by tides and currents.

In some places, the ice floes are piled up in such dense ice fields that all navigation becomes impossible. The experienced skipper knows that he must give the icebergs a wide berth. Only a tenth of the ice sticks up above sea level, and below sea level the base can extend further out than expected.

On this day in September, the weather is fine. A moderate breeze and only small waves in the more open part of the fjord.

The sun cannot penetrate the thick layer of cloud. I love this hazy and cloudy, dark fjord landscape. The distant mountains on the horizon are shrouded in the dark clouds. Out here the limited visibility creates a stronger sense of the wild, desolate, and mysterious.



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