

SORT SOL STARLING MAGIC

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Ude over mosen er mørket ved at sænke sig. Snart går fuglene til hvile. Andre dyr kommer frem på en hvileløs vandring i natten for at finde et bytte.

Nogle småflokke af gæs og et par enlige traner krydser hen over mosen til et nyt sted, de kan slå sig ned for natten. Måske er de skræmt op af en ræv, der er på færre i tusmørket?

Ude mod vest er solen ved at gå ned. Vi kan ikke længere se denne enorme stjerne, men solens stråler farver fortsat himlen i alskens nuancer af rød, orange og gul. Snart bliver alt mørkt, koldt og stille.

Men nu kommer der liv på himlen. En stor sværm af fugle nærmer sig. De flyver hurtigt, målrettet og meget tæt. Fuglene i front i den store flok skifter uden varsel retning og på nogle splitsekunder dannes der en tæt boble

af fugle, så tæt, at det er uforståeligt, at fuglene ikke kommer galt afsted.

Flere stære dukker op. To mindre flokke danner en ny større flok. Dette gentager sig nogle gange. Nu må der være tusinder af fugle i flokken. På et tidspunkt oplever vi at stå lige under stæreflokken og kan høre og mærke vingesuset fra de mange fuglevinger. Kort efter er flokken flere kilometer længere mod vest. I solnedgangens sidste lys danner tusinder af fugle formationer, som er velafgrænsede figurer, der hele tiden danner ny former.

Pludselig dannes noget, der ligner en snabel ud fra fugleformationen. I hundredvis af stære forlader flokken for at finde deres nattelogi nede i træerne eller i sivene.

Det, vi lige har oplevet, kaldes ofte sort sol. Endnu et af naturens mærkværdige luner.

Starling magic

Beyond the bog, the darkness falls. Soon the birds will go to rest. To find a prey, other animals emerge on a restless walk in the night.

Some small flights of geese and a pair of cranes cross across the bog to a new place, where they can settle down for the night. Maybe they are startled by a fox that is on hunt in the twilight?

To the west, the sun is setting. We can no longer see this huge star, but the sun's rays continue to colour the sky in all kinds of shades of red, orange and yellow. Soon everything will be dark, cold and quiet.

But now there is life in the sky. A large flock of birds is approaching. They fly fast, purposeful, and close. Without warning the birds in front of the large flock change direction, and on some split seconds a dense bubble of birds is formed. So dense that it is incomprehensible, that the birds do not get hurt.

More starlings are popping up. Two smaller flocks form a new larger flock. This appears again and again. Now there must be thousands of birds in the flock. At some point we experience to be just below the starling flock, and we can hear and feel the wings of the many bird. Soon after, the flock is several kilometres further west.

In the last light of the sunset, thousands of birds form flocks, which are well-defined figures that constantly take new forms.

Suddenly, something looking like a trunk is formed from the formation of the birds. Hundreds of starlings leave the flock to find their night's lodging down in the trees or in the reeds.

What we have just experienced is often called starling magic. Another strange freak of nature.



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