

The blizzard

The first sign was the dark clouds over the mountains to the south. Less than one hour after the town was hit by the blizzard.

The police have send out a warning: The blizzard can be dangerous. The combination of large amounts of powdery snow and stormy weather causes very poor visibility.

The municipality asks the parents to pick up their children. The school and the childcare centres close down. The public offices close down.

The snow clearing is running at its highest, but in a few hours the bull-

dozers can no longer keep up. Now, only the most urgent transports by ambulance or in case of fire may be sure to get through the blizzard.

All people rush home. The pedestrians hear the crunch of cold snow under their boots. The snow deadens all other sounds. The cold penetrates to the spinal cord.

Soon the winter darkness descends over the town. All life out there comes to a standstill. The snow buntings take shelter close together in small snow caves. The ravens disappear to their night shelter. The winter and the blizzard are hard and merciless.



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