

TORDENLYD THUNDEROUS SOUND

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Tordenlyd

Vi hører lyden på lang afstand. Som en dyb vedvarende torden. Ekkoet fra de nøgne klipper inde i det inderste af fjorden forstærker den foruroligende lyd.

Ud fra Indlandsisen fosser smeltevand med voldsom kraft ud over klippekanterne og ned i fjorden. Det er med en blanding af forundring og eftertænksomhed, at vi fra den lille båd betragter dette naturfænomen.

Bag klipperne langs fjordens bred ligger verdens største Indlandsis. En ufattelig mængde is, der som en tyk flydende masse presser sig ud mod kanterne. Sommerens varme får isen til at smelte.

Herinde tæt på isen er fjordens vand farvet azurblå og virker mælkeagtigt. Afsmelt-

ningen gør fjordens vand så fersk, at vi kan drikke det.

I disse år accelererer afsmeltningen. Den grønlandske Indlandsis smelter i hastigere og hastigere tempo. Klimaforandringerne får verdens største indlandsis til at frigøre ekstreme mængder af smeltevand.

De nyeste beregninger fortæller, at klimaforandringerne vil give havstigninger op til en meter. FN's generalsekretær, António Guterres, vurderede i februar 2023, at denne for menneskeheden enorme naturkatastrofe vil bringe omkring 900 millioner mennesker i lavtliggende kystområder i særlig fare. Det vil ramme storbyer som Cairo, Mumbai, Shanghai, København, London, Buenos Aires og New York.

Thunderous sound

We hear the sound from afar. Like a deep persistent thunder. Inside the inner fjord, the echo of the bare rocks amplifies the disturbing sound.

From the ice sheet, the meltwater gushes violently over the edges of the cliff and into the fjord. It is with a mixture of wonder and reflection that we watch this natural phenomenon from the small boat.

Behind the cliffs, along the shore of the fjord, lies the world's largest ice sheet. An unimaginable amount of ice that, like a thick liquid mass, presses out towards the edges. The heat of summer causes the ice to melt.

In here, close to the ice, the water of the fjord' is coloured azure and seems milky. The

melting makes the water of the fjord so fresh that we can drink it.

In these years, the melting is accelerating. The Greenland ice sheet is melting at a faster and faster rate. The climate changes are causing the world's largest ice sheet to release extreme amounts of meltwater.

The latest calculations indicate that the climate changes will cause sea level rise to one metre. UN Secretary-General António Guterres estimated in February 2023 that this huge natural disaster for humanity will put around 900 million people in low-lying coastal areas at particular risk. It will hit big cities such as Cairo, Mumbai, Shanghai, Copenhagen, London, Buenos Aires, and New York.



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