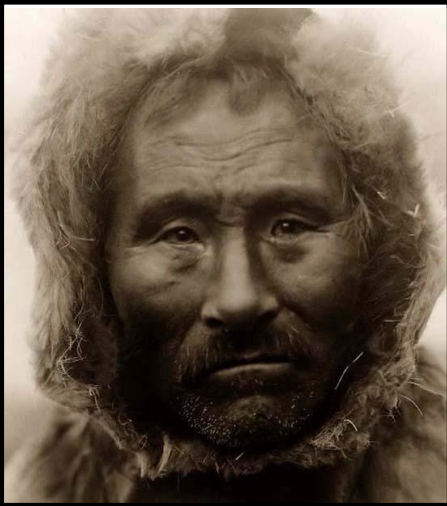


CHAPTER 6: SADNESS AMONG THE PEOPLE



SADLY, THE CHIEF REMEMBERED HOW HE HAD FOUGHT THE URGE TO TURN BACK AND SAVE THE OLD ONES.



MANY OF THE MORE AMBITIOUS YOUNG MEN WOULD HAVE SEEN THIS AS AN ACT OF WEAKNESS.



THE PEOPLE SEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP TRYING TO SURVIVE.



THERE WAS NOT A SINGLE SIGN THAT ANYONE HAD BEEN LEFT HERE.



...IN THE SILENCE, MANY HEARD HIM AND SOME FELT A SURGE OF HOPE FOR THE WOMEN MANY HAD LOVED.



...IN HARD TIMES THE PEOPLE SHOULD STICK TOGETHER, AND LAST WINTER THEY HAD NOT DONE SO. THEY HAD INFLICTED AN INJUSTICE ON THEMSELVES AND THE TWO OLD WOMEN, AND HE KNEW THAT THE PEOPLE HAD SUFFERED SILENTLY SINCE THAT DAY.



LET'S TURN  
BACK NOW.

THEY HAD BEEN TRAINED SINCE  
CHILDHOOD TO RESPECT THEIR  
ELDERS, BUT SOMETIMES THEY  
THOUGHT THEY KNEW MORE THAN  
THE OLDER ONES.



IF I WERE AFRAID TO BE  
FOUND BY THE PEOPLE  
WHO LEFT ME TO DIE, I  
WOULD GO THIS WAY.

MEANWHILE, DAAGOO  
SET OUT IN THE  
DIRECTION HE  
BELIEVED THE TWO  
OLD WOMEN MIGHT  
HAVE TAKEN.



CONVINCED THAT IT CAME FROM A CAMPFIRE  
NEARBY, HIS FACE CRINKLED INTO A BROAD  
GRIN - THE TWO WOMEN HAD SURVIVED.