

Fig.185 Screenshot showing me at sunrise after a cold night spent near a Swedish campsite. The owner kicked me and my son out thinking we were Syrian refugees. It was not due to these prejudices that I left a land I felt so much part of. By now I think that only by becoming like natives we can claim any rights.

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Over the years I have not only got convinced that the natural areas at the edge of the civilized world are the most affected by environmental catastrophes; I have understood that their inhabitants should be listened to as actual oracles to guide our sustainable future. Not only oceanic islands are getting increasingly underwater but also mountains are gradually losing their glaciers. Habitats of this kind have been at the forefront of these changes but these changes inevitably they are going to affect the more civilized areas of the world. I believe that as a young man I have rather intuitively migrated away from the south of Europe to go to a less weather affected north; only the nationalistic response of Nordic people has pushed me back south. Presently I have found a base in the center of Europe where my family and I live next to a river carrying alpine water to the sea. One day the sea will grow too high and won't allow the river to flow out anymore. It is likely to trigger a flood not even the ingenious Dutch engineers will be prepared to contain. But no matter for how long the more wealthier countries will be able to postpone natural catastrophes, catastrophes are already occurring within themselves. Business carries on as usual but the underlying anxiety is undeniable.