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Churchill is where 1,000 polar bears wait for 3 months for pack ice to form.

Townspeople have to coexist with a dangerous predator.

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The tourists are there to see the bears and get too close. The residents see the bears every year and know that they are dangerous, so they are more cautious.



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