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Eyes Like Hot Coals

CHAPTER 1

The Starving Wolf Pack

The eyes of the starving wolf pack gleamed like hot coals in the blackness of the frozen Arctic forest. They stared hungrily at the two man-animals and their dog-sled team huddled around the campfire. These man-animals had fish and they had meat. To a starving wolf pack, who had had little to eat in months, the dogs and the man-animals themselves were meat, too.

So the pack had been trailing behind the man-animals and their team for many days now, daring to come close only at night, when

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everyone was asleep and the fire had died down.

Only one wolf—the part-wolf, part-dog who had once been called Kiche—knew the ways of man-animals. Because she looked so much like a husky sled-dog—five feet long and two and a half feet high at her shoulders—Kiche had been daring enough to enter the camp many times when the men were tossing fish to the dogs and get one for herself. But one fish wasn't enough for her and certainly not enough for the starving, emaciated pack.

So Kiche began using her intelligence and her cunning to silently steal into the camp and lure the male dogs, one at a time, into the woods. She would trot up to a dog, sniff noses with him, then step back, playfully encouraging him to come closer. With each step the male took, Kiche would retreat a step until the dog found himself surrounded by dozens of snarling, attacking wolves.

Night after night, Kiche lured the dogs into



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