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Reality in the Making

"Sometimes it is as if we were living a life less unique. As if experience had largely been replaced by simulations and models and books and recordings, and as if life were known to us by its fragments. It would be like our lives were gradually becoming a compliance with preset standards, since all the possible shapes a life could take were already known and learned. That would turn us into mere spectators of our own lives, since life would escape our will and only be shown to us like a movie on TV.

But then again, if it were like that - or when it gets to be like that - we would turn our backs in frustration on this evolution of control and return our gaze from the preserved and the exhibited to life itself. A sample can represent the whole only when the whole is a known entity. Fragments of life always fail to reveal the whole of it."

The Place of No Roads

"Two Russian communities on Spitsbergeb have had their times of bloom. Now one of them is a ghost town and also the other one is running out reasons and will to exist. In this series these towns are studied subjectively as cases of risen and fallen utopias. Photographed on Spitsbergeben 2003-. Work in progress."

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