Letter to Carine (Inspired by the novel Into the Wild)

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As kids, we held on to each other

Tightly

So that flares of verbal ammo could not reach us

Could not harm us

We were there when their minds were missing

Lost in work

Lost in selfishness

We became close

We became one

They don’t understand

They don’t understand the way you do

I do not belong in society

I do not belong where wealth is praised and worshipped

They don’t recognize the beauty…

The simplicity…

In nature

I’ve managed to survive in the wild

Fair game

Found shelter

And it’s absolutely beautiful here

The only problem: Loneliness

I can feel my days shortening

And I can feel my heart fill with regret

Because I am not truly happy

I’ve chosen to be alone for all this time

I thought it was better

And I assumed no one would understand

But now I realize

Happiness is only real when shared

And I’ve made the mistake of not sharing my experiences with the ones I love

I did not share this with you, and it pains me to think of this

My dearest sister…

This is my final goodbye

Don’t find sadness in this letter, but find comfort

Closure

Although I knew the dangers that lay ahead

I carried on and lived the life I desired

I am free

And I am content

Please understand

I had to go

With no plans of coming back