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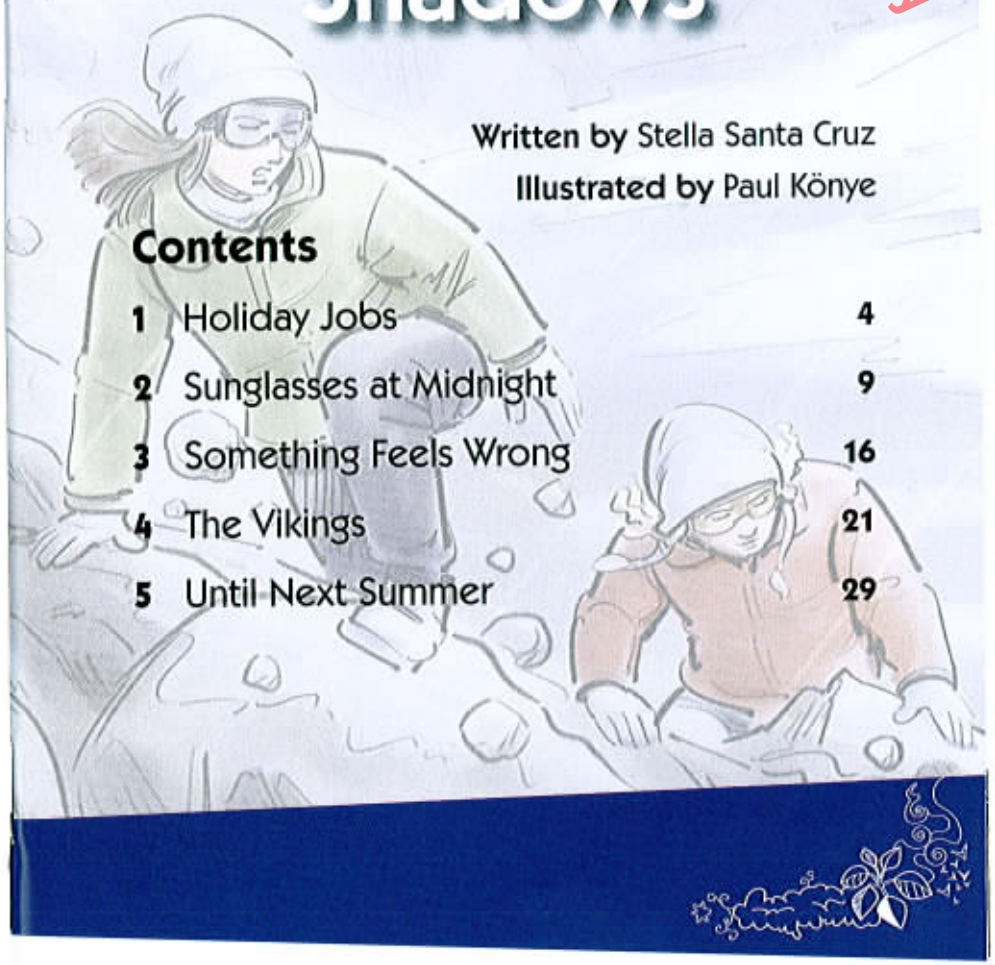
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## Meet the Characters



**Åsne**

A student studying Vikings during her holidays in Greenland.



**Torild**

Åsne's best friend, who is also working on the Viking dig.



# We messengers from Valhalla *Shall* once more *arise*

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POSTCARD

Dear Reader

I once went to the north of Norway. There, during summer, the sun doesn't set! At 12 o'clock at night, it is as bright as day! It was really weird – but not as weird as the adventure that my two heroines face in this bone-chilling story!

Stella Santa Cruz
Author

## Greenland




1. Viking dig
2. Viking cave

# 1 Holiday Jobs

Dirty ice splatters covered Torild from head to toe. The temperature felt like minus twenty degrees. Freezing Arctic winds whipped her hair and clothes, and her eyebrows felt like icy white caterpillars.

"Brrr! Don't you just love our holiday jobs?" she joked to her friend, Åsne.

Torild and Åsne were archaeology students. Since their days in primary school, they had loved reading stories about the Vikings, and this summer they were spending their holidays working at a Viking dig.





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But in the icy mountains of Greenland, the weather could turn bad at any time of the year.

"It's hard to believe it's summer!" laughed Åsne, climbing into the shelter of their snow vehicle. "At least we don't have to worry about sunburn on a day like this!"

"I'm studying South Pacific cultures next holidays – not Vikings!" shivered Torild.

Åsne laughed at Torild's muddy face.

"I *still* can't get used to daylight IN THE MIDDLE of the night," said Torild.



"Me too! Swimming and sunscreen for me. I've had enough snow and ice."

Later that night, the girls lay in their tent, gazing out through the opening. The storm passed quickly, but the evening was still cold, even with a fire. Because they were so far north, the Arctic sun still shone, even at night – but it was too low in the sky to provide much warmth.

"I still can't get used to daylight in the middle of the night," said Torild. "Look, it's nearly midnight, and it's not even dark."

"Look, *it's nearly midnight*, and it's NOT EVEN DARK."



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