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A MAGAZINE IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

OH-TERRIBLE MOVIE!

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Slogging on snowshoes 40 urban miles
Ice crevasse replaced by glass roof of a mall
Manhattan's the destination of course
terrible movies require a ruined NYC circa 2007
a climate collapse at least telegraphed
art direction's not bad
Lady Liberty iced over hair blown into icicles a hundred feet long
Simpatico audience in this Polar Vortex 2019
we huddle in a house blazed to 60F not bad but drafts dance cobwebs
frosted windows ping the whole house groans
we groan too Oh—Terrible Movie!
How we love thee
disaster flicks train our kids to win the apocalypse
so proud when the kid knows the heroes got it wrong
He doesn't even have on gloves! Use food to distract the wolves!
odd intimacy when we holler OH NO
because the refuge turns out to be THE LIBRARY
librarians portrayed as passive and nerdy Who are they?
librarians we know could find the Holy Grail
shelved in Mysteries somewhere
or at least know how to research r-values of newsprint
corn chip fuel or hand sanitizer fire starters
Never mind I'm already proud as soon as she sees the stacks
our kid yells outraged *Let me guess*
THEY BURN THE BOOKS (she never would)
but Reader
they do

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