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Trouble on the Tundra

Everyone knows Nick Carpenter as the star of the National Geographic Channel's hit show, *Arctic Animals*. Nick is a world-renowned biologist and cold-weather enthusiast who shares his studies with the world through the power of television. Nick is a leader in his field and is very thorough in his studies. He is not after an Emmy, but instead looks to provide new and invigorating findings that will contribute to understanding of the Arctic wildlife. His motive is to study the changes in natural habitats over time, and explore what, if any, impact humans have on these environments. His goal with his television show is to present his findings first-hand, which he hopes will encourage people to live more in tune with our natural environment.

For the 7th season of the show, he will be studying the marine wildlife on the archipelago of Franz Josef Land, a cluster of islands north of Russia. After studying previous travel journals and findings of others who have explored this area, Nick prepares for his own voyage. He plans on studying the marine wildlife around the islands of Franz Josef Land. Comparing his findings to the documentations of previous explorers, he will determine how the habitat has changed over time. He will look for signs of why these changes have occurred, particularly focusing on any human impact, such as effects of global warming or heavy shipping traffic.

Nick and his camera crew of Marc Gazda, Kat Landers, and Chris Lattimer, arrived safely on a sunny day in mid-October. They planned on staying for a two-week study and filming session. During that time, they would be sleeping on the ship, but they also built a

temporary wooden structure on land to house some of the equipment needed for the studies. On the third day of the study, a huge storm struck. Nick and his camera crew were forced to evacuate the ship. Among the chaos, Nick got his boot stuck in a snowdrift then slipped on an icy rock into a small ravine. He landed on his right arm, spraining his radius and dislocating his shoulder. Thankfully, Kat had basic first aid knowledge and fixed Nick a sling. After a brief time, they emerged to find their ship almost completely submerged in the water. The storm destroyed all their radio equipment on board, but luckily some equipment housed in the shack was salvageable, including:

- Wood from the temporary shack
- Fishing lines
- First-aid kit
- 4 Pocket Knives
- 2 Shovels
- 1 Toolbox (0.2m x 0.2m x 0.3m)
- Binders and paper for research material

Now that the storm has passed, Nick and his camera crew know they need to build a shelter to live in until they are rescued. With Nick's knowledge of the Arctic, he is well-versed in survival tactics. He knows that building an igloo will provide them with adequate long-term shelter in a place where the temperature rarely gets above freezing year-round. Unfortunately, because of his injury, Nick will not be able to physically help in the construction of the igloo and must depend on his camera crew for survival.

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