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A diver in a dark, green-tinted underwater environment. The diver is silhouetted against the bright green background, wearing a full diving suit and fins. The water is murky and filled with bubbles and particles, creating a sense of depth and isolation. The overall mood is mysterious and suspenseful.

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# **The Call of the Ice**

*We continue to learn different callings on the planet, mostly related to the Ocean. This time, our attention was attracted by the Call of Ice.*

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*Ocean has a great variety of different calls.*



*The most habitual to us are the call of the beach,*



*...the call of fishing,*



*...well, or the calling of sea voyages.*



*There are much rare callings, for example, the call of beach somersaults,*



*... or low-tide treasure hunting.*



*There is also the call of legends, for instance, the "call of sea dandelion".*



*(Many dandelion lovers, by the way, believe  
in it very much)*



*However, in this book, we will tell you in detail  
about one more type of calling.*



*The name for it - ...*



*... the call of Ice.*



*What kind of call is it and why does the ice attract us at all?*



*Because, to be honest, ice does not seem to be the  
coziest place to live on the planet.*



*However, there is a simple explanation.  
The cause of this call - are the magic polar eggs. They  
are its strongest source.*



*If this call didn't exist, who would leave the warm seas?*



*Therefore, divers with good hearing cannot resist this call. It is good that, at least, magic polar eggs can be found there.*



*There are many legends about what can be done with the help of these eggs. For instance, these eggs can make icebergs blue,*



*...erect ice walls and even...*



*...sculpt  
clouds.*





*However, it is very difficult to reach polar eggs.  
The way to them is blocked by the high walls  
made of icebergs,*



*...and as for the nests with eggs, they are guarded by the ruthless polar egg-furies.*



*Nevertheless, it doesn't frighten the real adventurers.  
For them the call of Ice is stronger than danger.*



*That is the main thing about the Ice. Well, the ice are also interesting...*



*...because, for instance, they can be viewed from different angles.*



*This gradually develops a philosophical vision of the world for observers. A useful thing, by the way...*



*Oh, yes! We also did an experiment on the locals. We wanted to find out whether they live here because of the call of the polar eggs or of their own free will.*



*We put earplugs in a penguin's ears so that he would not hear any calls. The result was interesting. The first thing the penguin did after that was ...*



*... to rush toward the warm Madagascar.*



*Well, that is all that we could to find out about  
this unusual call - the call of the Ice.*