



# Critical Point

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# Ylitornio, Lapland





A Somali teenager struggling  
her way into adulthood with  
an ultimate goal : winning  
the Winter Olympics

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in ski jumping.



## Hodan Yasir Ibrahim, 19

Hodan is an athlete who grew up in foster family. Her passed away mother's brother has a big family in Lahti where her father did visit, but they never lived together. Hodan is quick on her actions and as stubborn as any young pro athlete.

As a kid Hodan took part in the local skiing clubs try out day and got to ski jumping. The feeling of flying is in the core of her world.

Ski jumping competition consists of two jumps, and Hodan has trouble on keeping the second jump in line. The mind game is something she needs to learn to master.



## Seppo Kolehmainen, 59

Seppo is soon to retire handy-man of the Ylitornio High School. He has a long, wide and throughout experience on ski jumping. As a young man he took part in Olympic Games, but something strange happened in the contest and he never jumped.

Seppo is still active in community sporting events, arranging childrens skiing contests, swimming schools and veteran ski jumping contests and keeping up the old habit of ski jumping himself.

The unlikely friendship between him and Hodan wake him from the decades long autopilot and Seppo finds new angles to life.



## Honkamuotka Family

Jomppe, 56 is a widow and a father of a big family. His only venting pipe from the duties and responsibilities are his older brother Mats and friend Seppo. Jomppe has hard time with the changing world and Hodan arriving to Ylitornio is the most annoying thing in years. Jomppe is a racist.

Mats, 60 is a package of energy and optimism. He is an entrepreneur although the ban on business operations from the government has made things slightly more difficult. Mats was dragged to this world from his tongue and hasn't found a reason to stay silent there after. He is the older brother of Jomppe.

Joel, 18 is the youngest son of Jomppe. Joel meets Hodan and they grow to like each other. Joel makes a decision to move to Mats', as his fathers values and actions became unbearable. Joel is a snowboarder and reminds Hodan about the joy of sports.



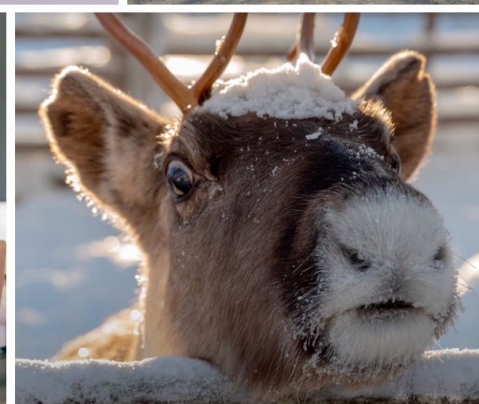
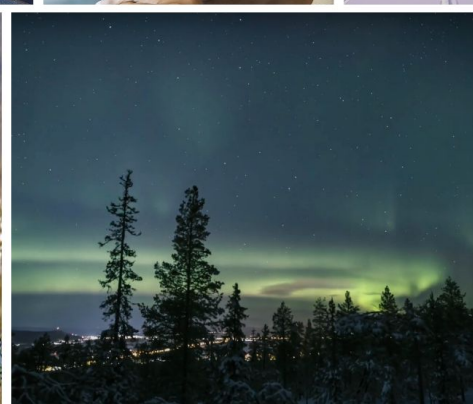
Hodan, a 19 year-old athlete arrives in Ylitornio, Lapland. She has one mission and one mission only: to make it into the next winter Olympics as a ski jumper. Hodan had things right in a Sports Academy, but she blew it by punching a fellow ski jumper and having a fallout with her coach. She has to move in with her father up in Lapland.



Much to her surprise, Hodan finds an old ski jump hill. She then finds out that three old local men still jump there: Seppo and two bickering brothers Mats and Jomppe. The old men take notice of her, especially Seppo who as a former pro ski jumper, sees quite a bit of potential in Hodan.



Hodan asks Seppo to become her coach. Seppo, who earned the "Lake Placid" nickname by making it to the 1980 Winter Olympics has since had a career as a school janitor. Having exterminated all other alternatives in her lifetime, Seppo is the closest thing to a coach Hodan can find. Together they try to navigate their way to the next Winter Olympics.





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