

Elle Minná's Plateau

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Elle Minná is on her way to visit her grandmother and grandfather with her sled reindeer – *Muzetčuoivvat* – when a storm hits. How will she find her way to her grandparents? Luckily, she meets a fox who shows her the way. But is following the fox's advice really such a good idea? After all, it is the slyest creature in the forest ... During the journey, the sled sinks into the snow, and she hears a loud crack. *What's going to happen now?*, Elle Minná wonders fearfully.

This is an interactive audio panel book about Elle Minná, an independent and joik*-loving girl who sets out across the tundra to visit her grandmother and grandfather. She encounters various animals along the way, and thankfully, she knows how to deal with them. Through joiking, she gains both determination and companionship. The book features five traditional joiks: the sled reindeer's joik, the fox's joik, the bear's joik, the hare's joik, and the dog's joik.

Cha Sandmæl has illustrated the book with colorful and playful images that showcase the excitement and joy Elle Minná experiences throughout her journey.

Sámi children are raised to be independent from an early age, learning to respect and honor nature, animals, and our ancestors. These themes are central to the book.

* A traditional form of Sámi singing



Elle Minná duoddaris

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Athalie Lango and Inka Nuorgam found themselves wanting more children's books in Sámi that also had sound. They started working on the character Elle Minná, a little girl who loves to joik. So far, this has resulted in two children's books featuring traditional joiks: the debut book *Elle Minná duoddaris* (2021) and *Elle Minná murjemin* (2023).