



If You Want

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Two lost runners meet accidentally in the woods, and through force of circumstance they spend the weekend together in a shelter.

“Let me be brief. I don’t know what to do. I am lost in the woods. I do not know a lot about the woods, I am no nature boy. They told me this the day before yesterday over coffee. But here I am beneath giant Jutlandic trees wearing running shoes.” (Abstract from the novel).

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Everything is at an end and everything has just begun.

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A Helle Helle classic in the best sense of the word, maybe even better.

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