

use of various types of machinery and equipment, drawing on experimental data); an industrial department (which will be responsible for improving all this machinery and equipment independently and for restoring the land), a monitoring and legal department (which will be responsible for seeing to it that the rules are obeyed, not just on the central directorate level, but throughout the whole region) and an ecological department (whose job will be to teach everyone involved, from students to veteran workers, to treat the environment with respect)."

"Isn't your administration just a trendy undertaking, for I have already been exposed to this kind of talk before. After all, it's no secret that you construction people have the worst effect on the tundra. Maybe the new subsidiary, like bringing up your knight in chess, is just a way of forestalling future claims against you?"

"Those of us who work in the Yamal region see the effect of technology on the environment every day. You know, for many people the Far North has long since come to be home. A lot of people live here for decades. Naturally, everyone wants to keep his home clean and undamaged. And, although some people may express a lack of faith in the Central Directorate, there is no doubt at all that in the near future all agencies which move to the Arctic regions will be forced to give serious consideration to environmental protection measures. Life itself will force them into it, for the day of the transients in the Far North is coming to an end."

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