



Tumira, **Inukshuk**. Stone cut, 15 x 9½, 1965

Inukshuk literally means likeness of a man. It is a stone image set up by the caribou hunters while waiting for the animals to arrive. Like a scarecrow the inukshuk serves to frighten the caribou and thus control the direction the animals will travel across the open tundra. When the herd reaches a river crossing or narrow gully, the spearmen in kayaks or on foot meet their prey.

The inukshuk is also built on hill tops along the coast in order to mark the entrance of bays and the existence of camps. Many of the inukshuk on West Baffin Island are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years old. From a distance many of these stone constructions look remarkably like men.

Tumira was born near a place of many inukshuk, and they are often in her mind.

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