

RESIDENTS

Eskimo

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When the Residents first released ESKIMO in 1979, it was well known that the inspiration for the album originated with actual Intuit field recordings made by the group's mentor, The Mysterious N. Senada. What has not been known until this time, is that Mr. Senada was also an amateur photographer, and, along with the tapes of Eskimo chanting, dogs howling and wind, were two undeveloped rolls of film!

Now, nearly 25 years later, and along with a few of Mr. Senada's originals, those photos were processed and synchronized to the remixed music.

Includes:

The Walrus Hunt

Walrus hunting in kayaks among the floating ice must sometimes proceed in winter darkness or in a condition known as "whiteout" when atmospheric conditions turn the sky into a virtual mirror of the snow and ice below and orientation becomes difficult.

Birth

Since the most important person in the Eskimo community is the hunter, and since hunters are always male, female infants are ritually killed if there is no infant male who will someday need a mate to cook, sew, and chew leather for him.

Arctic Hysteria

A phenomenon that occurs in the dead of winter, primarily to women. The weeks of darkness and general deprivation lead to the eventual temporary loss of a firm touch with reality.

The Angry Angakok

Ankagoks, the Eskimo men of magic, are widely held as symbols of mortal power among the tribe. Stories of their feats are very popular at tribal gatherings.

A Spirit Steals a Child

One of the many strange Eskimo phenomena is the disappearance of children. In such inclement conditions one can easily understand how this can happen. However, Eskimo mythology speaks of children being stolen by the spirit of the weeping seal, which is half seal and half woman, and who, because she can have no children, must steal any she finds unguarded.

Festival of Death

Perhaps no holiday is more important to the Eskimo than the Death Festival. More than a tribute to the dead, this festival marks the beginning of the yearly cycle by being held at the end of the six month Eskimo night.

