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A few miles away, a wolf pack begins its attack on two bear cubs, a brother and sister less than a year old. The separated mother searches for her lost kin.

The cubs are inexperienced at fighting, so they attempt to run, but the wolves encircle them, still cautious to the cubs' innate strength. The wolves snarl and present razor-sharp fangs. One pounces forward, its first bite connects. The only chance for the ensnared cubs to live on is to fight back. The momentum shifts further, and the wolves realize now is the best time to advance. Lacerations ensue, and the wolves break down any point of resistance. The cubs do not survive the onslaught.

That night a mother mourns for her loss, the wolves relish in their triumphant hunt, and the birds go silent.

Snowy Owl, Michael Koppenhoefer

