

The Porcupine caribou herd is heading south into the Brooks Range.

Away from the water, the caribou start to relax.

It's a mistake.

Caribou may be faster than bears on the open plain, but they must also rest the calves.

Grizzlies and polar bears are almost the same species and increasingly overlap and interbreed, but grizzlies are a more serious threat to the herd.

The bear has learned to chase off the mothers and then search for calves hiding in the scrub.

He's found two.

In a moment of indecision, he loses both.

The calf's mother gallops to his side.

It's a huge victory after so much hardship.

Though not for the bear.