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BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE: The Grand Illusion continues its run of Ice People, a documentary on living in Antarctica. If you didn't get enough of the day-to-day on the ice in Encounters at the End of the World, director Anne Aghion spent four months with researchers near the South Pole. Aghion covers the scientists' daily life, while also bearing witness to the geologists' findings about climate change, with the discovery of a green Antarctica that disappeared after a sudden shift in the temperature of the continent over 14 million years ago. Top that, Herzog.

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Is anything weirder, more interesting, and fraught with potential than places where humans never go? In Ice People, Antarctic geologists—tiny people in big landscapes—dig holes, sip coffee, watch the clock, weather windstorms, pour urine into a urine funnel, climb huge mountains you've never heard of, and try to uncover the mysteries of Antarctica's Dry Valleys. "You have to take yourself out of your human world and put yourself in the geology

world," says one scientist, quietly (everything is quiet). "And now I'm just rocks and tills and glaciers."

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