

IKU-TURSO / ORIGINAL SCRIPT

The following text was slightly modified and shortened during filming. During filming, movement instructions were added and communicated to the actor as they progressed in the water, always announced by the word MOVEMENT. The text spoken by the actor is cut up and communicated by the director, announced each time by the enunciation of the word TEXT. Thus, to the instructions announced by MOVEMENT the actor performs the movements indicated by the director; to the instructions preceded by the enunciation of the word TEXT, the actor repeats out loud the text communicated by the director.

THE SWIMMER:

Wrist and ankle seals ok neck and zipper
closures ok, water entry : to a minimum.

Donning the neoprene suit was easy,
no need of assistance.

Fit is good.
Just a bit of excessive water flushing by the lower back while I swim.
Uncomfortable in the beginning.
Now ok.
Insulation: ok.
Motion: unrestricted.
I am acclimating to the waters
Fast
"I could live in this"

I remember Izaro island, near Bermeo, Basque Country, two winters ago.
The first time I donned the suit.

Soon we will need to cope with the lack of light

Soon I should enter the deeper, darker blue, find the sealion
Then I'll say my lines

My air consumption is faster
But no need for decompression stops
I think

Is this a marine animal descending?
Tentacles are fashionable
Can't see well

I am swimming
I should reach the coordinates in a minute
the stage

Now I should be aligned.
Now

I feel you, sealion
Underneath
I can't see
But I feel you, pulsating

You sealion are the shortest and fastest communications route
between Central Europe and data centers in Northern Europe

The Finnish government decided to lay your body underwater November 2014
From Helsinki Finland to Rostock Germany
You C-Lion1 run 1,172 km
You C-Lion 1 consist of eight fiber pairs with a total capacity of 144 Tbps.
Your pulse.
You were ready on January 2016

The Press Release said :
Digital factories
High level of automization
Next wave of industrialization

The Press Release said :

Time is money
Minimizing delays for transactionsSuccessful global
business

Press release said :
Faster and more cyber secure connections required
For safe traffic for sensitive services of public and private clouds
Future networks are the backbone of digital economy

It said :
Expand your connectivity for tomorrow's needs
Increase and enhance connectivity
For new opportunities for global companies in industrial internet.

Press release concluded :
High speed networks are essential

This is you.
Sealion.

I can't see you
But you're not far
Baltic sea is shallow
The average depth of the Gulf of Finland is only 37 metres.

I am following you sealion
Now
I am taking a breath
I am ready
Are you ready ?
Let's go
Lights
On

*Iku-Turso Inehmot, inehmot, mitä tiedätte minusta, Tursahan tuskasta, jätin ikijanosta, ähkystä ärjyjen, läähätyksestä aallon läikkyvän
urhon? Vettä vellon, merta melon, jano ainainen povessanipalaa; juon ijäti, ijäti janoon, ei sammu mun sydämeni sytö.*

What does it say ?
(translation)

Shall we try with THE KRAKEN too?
It goes like this:

*Below the thunders of the upper deep,
Far, far beneath in the abysmal sea,
His ancient, dreamless, uninvaded sleep
The Kraken sleepeth: faintest sunlights flee
About his shadowy sides; above him swell
Huge sponges of millennial growth and height;
And far away into the sickly light,
From many a wondrous grot and secret cell
Unnumbered and enormous polypi
Winnow with giant arms the slumbering green.
There hath he lain for ages, and will lie
Battening upon huge sea worms in his sleep,
Until the latter fire shall heat the deep;
Then once by man and angels to be seen,
In roaring he shall rise and on the surface die.*

Lights fade
OFF

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Iku-Turso, Eino Leino, 1905 / The Kraken, Alfred Tennyson, 1930
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