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OUR TRIP
The Golden Waterfall

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Boy 1:

Remember what the computer told us before about the waterfall.

Boy 2:

Every year thousands come to view the waterfall, which is quite spectacular but also a little formidable.

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Boy 1:

Above the waterfall there are strong rapids in the river. Here, it's said, men waded across in the olden days.

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Boy 2:

One story says that a farmer who lived in Brattholt, proposed to his wife at these rapids.

He was on one side of the river and she was on the other side.

She accepted his proposal on the condition that he came across the river immediately so he did.

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Boy 1:

Let's see what the computer can tell us more about the Golden Waterfall.

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Computer:

Hi guys. I can tell you one thing about the waterfall that is not common knowledge. At one point, the waterfall belonged to farmers nearby but fell into the hands of a foreign business company which wanted to dam the river in the canyon.

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Sigridur Tomasdottir lived at Brattholt in the 19th century.

She didn't want her best friend, the waterfall to disappear forever.

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She sued the company and got a good lawyer to help her.

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She lost a lot of money in the lawsuit, but the waterfall was returned to Icelandic ownership and has belonged to the state ever since.

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Boy 1:

Wow, I'm glad the waterfall wasn't dammed.

Boy 2:

-So am I.

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Computer:

The total drop of the waterfall is 32 meter into a long and deep canyon. The upper fall is about 11 meters high, the lower around 21 meters.

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In 1930 and 1948, the river flooded so badly that the lower waterfall disappeared and the canyon was filled with water.

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The waterfall is in the glacial river Hvítá which originates under the glacier Langjokull and runs a total of 133 kilometers to the ocean.

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Hvítá -canyon is around 2.5 km in length and was formed over the last 10,000 years. That is, 25 cm each year is eroded.

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Boy 1:

Well, let's get going.