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THE BLOCK OF ICE

By a combination of the most unexpected circumstances, while the city was organising the festivities for its nomination as European Capital of Culture, we learnt about the exceptional discovery of the oldest ice skates in the history of mankind, estimated to be more than 20,000 years old, found, by chance, during work on an oil platform in the North Pole.

A six-by-three-meter cube of ice was cut out, keeping the skates perfectly intact, skates consisting of the femur of a mammoth as a blade, with the rest of the shoe made from animal hide.

And yet the most disconcerting phenomenon, which has astonished the whole scientific community, lies in the monumental size of the shoes.

A foot capable of fitting this shoe implies the existence of giants more than twelve meters tall...

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