

GIANTS AND THE MORNING AFTER/ PRESSTEXT

At the beginning of time, giants created the mountains and deep forests that surround the small town of Ydre. Ydre is surrounded by lakes, fog and towering spruce trees, it is Sweden's smallest municipality, and has a population of just a few thousand, which is carefully looked after by the friendly and idealistic mayor. Depopulation and the many problems of the great outside world are becoming a threat, so he is ready with gifts and big smiles every time a child is born and he can note that Ydre has a new inhabitant. In the meantime, youths and elderly people are working and living their lives. The distance between country and city may be getting bigger, but the EU-regulated milk prices and the refugee crisis still make it all the way to the fringes, where a busload of African immigrants are welcomed by the ageing mayor with the same warmth as a newborn baby. Creation myths, fables and everyday realism are mixed in an atmospheric fresco of a film.

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