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On the horizon of the small German village of Neuglobsow, the chimney of the Rheinsberg nuclear power plant rises above the surrounding beech and pine trees. It stretches to the sky, twice the height of the forest beneath it—a solitary concrete monument in a picturesque landscape. Beneath the tower and the trees, there is water: glass-clear and shining blue; cold and immensely deep. Lake Stechlin is a mirror. Named from the old Slavic word for glass, steklo, it reflects the forest, the smokestack, the landscape around it—and other, more global phenomena too. (From the article)

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