There was an ENGINEER, an expert in her field, former president of NASA. A pioneer in the advancement of science and technology, she had often been torn between her lucrative profession and her love of nature, convinced that the existence of one destroyed the other. Adept at commanding attention as well as building machines, she became a prominent advocate for environmental controls and Native Americans' rights in the United States and her native country, Canada. This aroused harsh criticism of the apparent disparity between her personal and professional values. She would find refuge from public scrutiny and the burdens of modern society during long, solitary trips into the Canadian wilderness near her home, fantasizing about a kinder, simpler world, a perfect paradise on Earth. From one of these treks she never returned.