

WHY AMERICA WANTS GREENLAND

And Why It Pretends It Doesn't



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CHAPTER ONE - We Tried to Buy It Once. As a Joke. Probably.

America does not want Greenland.

This is important.

We should say this clearly, calmly, and preferably several times, just to make sure everyone hears it.

America does *not* want Greenland.

America simply noticed Greenland.

Briefly.

Casually.

In the same way you might notice a very large, very cold house listed online with the description: *"Needs some work. Strategic location. Motivated seller."*

And then, completely unrelated to that observation, America asked a perfectly normal question:

"So... how much would it cost?"

This was, of course, a joke.

Probably.

The Joke That Wouldn't Melt

In 2019, the United States expressed interest in purchasing Greenland.

This sentence alone sounds like satire.

Which is unfortunate, because it is also a fact.

The proposal was treated exactly as a joke should be treated:

- Denmark laughed.
- Greenland laughed.
- The internet laughed.
- America clarified it was *"just an idea."*

Which is exactly what people say when they absolutely mean it, but are checking the room first.

Because here's the thing about jokes:

If you have to explain that it was a joke, it probably wasn't.

And if you stop joking only after everyone else starts staring at you in silence, it was *definitely* not a joke.

We Buy Things. That's Kind of Our Thing.

To understand why this happened, you need to understand America.

America is not a country that *conquers* territory anymore. That would be rude.

America acquires things.

We acquire:

- companies,
- startups,
- distressed assets,
- influence,
- and occasionally entire industries.

If something is valuable, underutilized, and currently owned by someone else, America does not see a problem.

America sees an opportunity.

Greenland is:

- enormous,
- sparsely populated,
- strategically located,

- and mostly ice.

Which means, in American terms, it is:

- a fixer-upper,
- with great potential,
- and terrible heating costs.

Naturally, we were curious.

A Brief History of Buying the World

This would not have been America's first real estate transaction.

The country itself was essentially assembled through a series of purchases, misunderstandings, and optimistic assumptions.

We bought:

- Louisiana (which turned out to be much larger than advertised),
- Alaska (which everyone mocked until it became extremely useful),

- and several islands we remember only when we need a military base.

Buying land is not aggressive.

Buying land is *entrepreneurial*.

It's conquest without the awkward uniforms.

So when Greenland appeared on the radar, the American brain did what it always does:

"Could we buy this?"

"Should we buy this?"

"If we don't buy this, will someone else?"

And most importantly:

"Would it look bad if we asked?"

Greenland Is Very Big, Which Is Suspicious

Greenland is the world's largest island.

This alone is unsettling.

Large things that are mostly empty make Americans nervous.
They feel unfinished.

An empty continent? That's a project.

An empty island? That's an invitation.

Greenland is roughly three times the size of Texas.

Which immediately raises a question no American can ignore:

"Why isn't anyone using all that space?"

This is not a moral question.

It is not even a political one.

It is a zoning issue.

"We're Not Interested" (But We're Looking)

Officially, the United States maintains that it has no interest in acquiring Greenland.

Unofficially, it has:

- military installations,
- economic assessments,
- strategic analyses,
- and PowerPoint presentations with titles like *"Arctic Opportunities: A Forward-Looking Framework."*

These presentations always include maps.

Maps are very important.

Maps allow you to point at places and say things like:

- "This is critical."
- "This could be a problem."
- "We need options."

America loves options.

We may not take them.

We may never use them.

But we want them available.

Preferably in a folder labeled *"Just In Case."*

The Thing About Just in Case

America does not prepare for what will happen.

America prepares for what *might* happen, if something else happens first, and then goes wrong.

Greenland fits perfectly into this logic.

- What if shipping routes change?

- What if resources become critical?
- What if someone else shows interest?
- What if China does literally anything?

Suddenly, Greenland is not just ice.

It is:

- a backup plan,
- a strategic buffer,
- a very large "what if."

And America is very good at turning "what if" into "we should probably do something."

Nobody Panics Like a Superpower

The idea of buying Greenland did not come from desperation.

It came from confidence.

Only a country absolutely sure of its position in the world would look at a foreign territory and think:

"Let's just ask."