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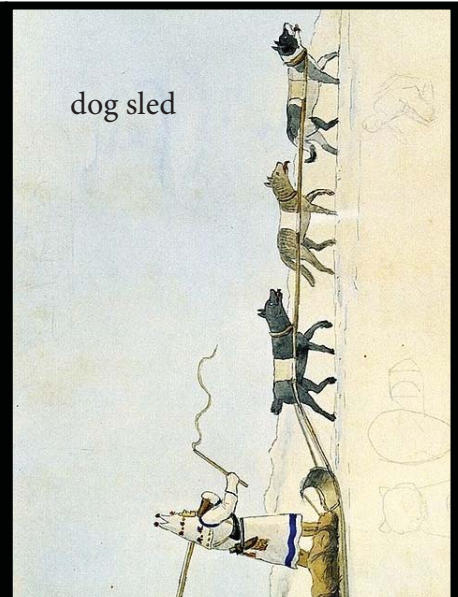
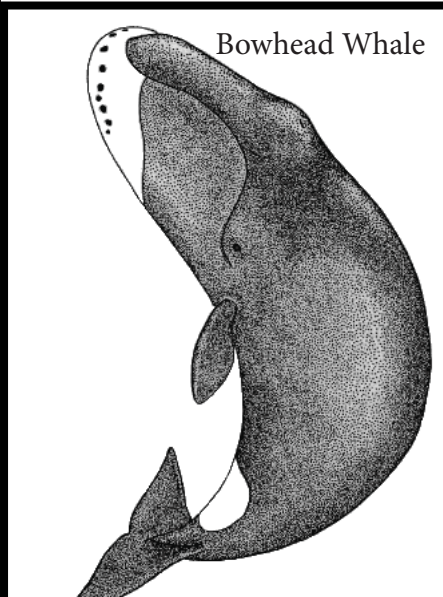
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Inuit were mainly hunters - hunting whales, fish, caribou and seals.

They used harpoons and bows and arrows, travelling in seal skin kayaks or larger umiat boats. They used dog sleds on land.

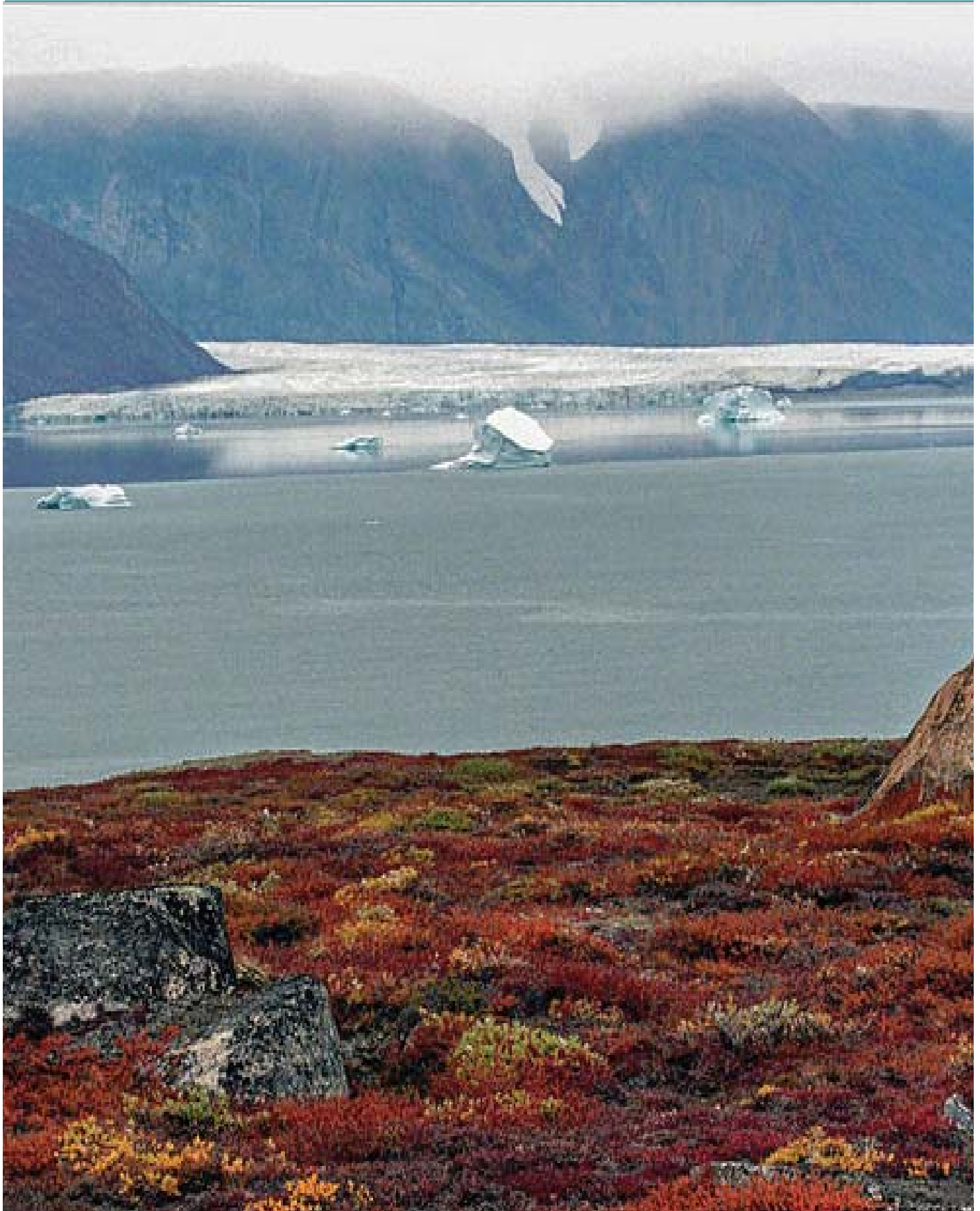
They also gathered berries and tubers and other plants.

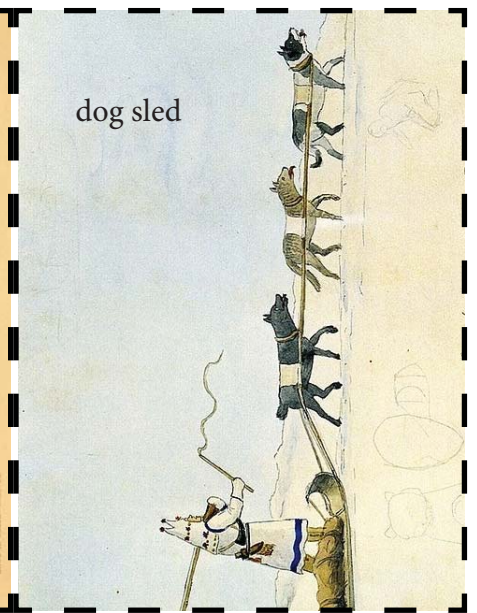
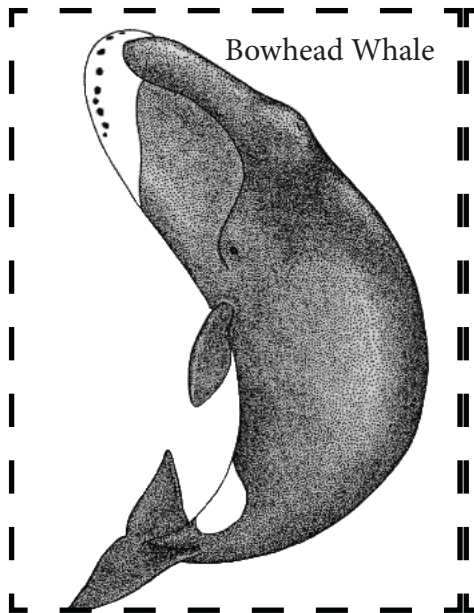
To keep warm Inuit clothes are made of skins and furs.

They lived in houses dug into the ground, held up by whale jaw-bones, and covered in skins, sod and then snow. This made them nice and warm.

Other homes include snowhouses, or iglu. Inuit carved bone and walrus ivory. They made snowglasses to prevent the bright light reflecting off the snow from causing blindness.

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