

Lyuba



Meet Lyuba. Lyuba is a 40,000 year old baby woolly mammoth.



Lyuba was discovered in 2007 in the permafrost of Northern Siberia by a Russian herder (Lyuba is the name of the herder's wife).

The female calf was about one month old when she drowned in mud.



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The clay-like mud that suffocated her also “pickled” her, preserving the little mammoth in a nearly pristine state.



Her skin and organs are intact, and scientists were able to identify milk from her mother in her stomach.



Discussion:

- **Do we thaw Lyuba out and study her, accelerating the mammoth's decay and threatening future generations from learning from Lyuba? Or, do we keep her frozen, preserved for decades, but learn little from the frozen mammoth?**
- **What does this have to do with MISSION? What do we do with the preserved thing that comes to us?**