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Ivan and the Moon (2009-2010)

After a few years of my folklore field work, I started to photograph in villages. The crucial thing for me was to address specific individuals and set close relationships with them. I became friends with Ivan, Andrey, and their family two years before I shaped the idea of the project.

Ivan is older, he is 16. Andrey, nicknamed 'Moon', is 14. The two brothers live in a distant village in the northern part of Russia, where they spend time fishing, hunting, and playing with ghosts at abandoned places. Mature and childish, naive and enigmatic, with a fairy tale world inside and unique moral values, they are totally different from their peers living in the city.

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