STUBBORN GAL
the true story of an undefeated sled dog racer

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Once upon a time there was a young woman whose name was the same as yours: Sarah. This Sarah was tall and strong and pretty just like you. She lived in a cabin in the woods with her husband and their ten sled dogs.
One winter, Sarah’s husband took a job for a few weeks in the oil fields way up north on the Arctic coast of Alaska. Sarah stayed home alone and kept the fire burning in the wood stove. Each day she took the dogs out for a run, five dogs at a time. In the evening she made up two buckets of food to feed the dogs.
The team shot ahead so fast it almost knocked Sarah over backwards! But she snatched the driving bow just in time and hung on for dear life. And at that moment . . . all the racket suddenly stopped. The dogs’ frantic energy changed into power and speed. The only sound was the sssshushing of the runners over the snow as the team burst out of the birch woods and charged into a big field.
Sarah leaned into the first turn, and the sled stayed upright. Now the trail turned down hill, and the team gathered even more speed. The temperature was twenty degrees below zero, with ice crystals in the air, and the freezing wind burned Sarah’s face. She wanted to pull up her scarf to cover her nose, but she didn’t dare take even one hand off the handlebar.