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A community’s fight against invisible and industrial arsenic poisoning.

Rouyn-Noranda, a prosperous city in the west of Quebec, is a good place to live. It grew up around Horne Smelter, which produces copper exported throughout the world and is a great source of pride for the locals… until the day they learn that its arsenic emissions are slowly poisoning their children. A fight begins as the inhabitants rightly demand that the foundry decrease its invisible pollution. What they don’t yet know is that they’re going to have to battle a company with a huge amount of influence, none other than the worldwide giant in raw materials: Glencore.

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