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In present days Svalbard is not wilderness anymore. The island is connected to the rest of the world in many different physical and not so physical ways. Even so the spirit of uninhabitable lands is still present thanks to its arctic climate and wild life that does not tolerate the arrogance of humans. The only way this place and its wildlife could survive the inevitably changing climate as well as the invasion of people is by sending a strong message. It will display what happened with a city that tried to combat the Nature's aggressive elements. I preserve the magnificent nature of the island by letting the city of Pyramiden decay even further so that it shows the destructive power of Nature. With a little conservation and preservation of some of the buildings I try to save the memory of the communist city for the guided tours of the ever increasing tourists. The city would live a new life thanks to them. Such a famous destination with a pinch of wilderness should be gifted with a new monument - the wall. It will show the history of Spitsbergen and the town of Pyramiden with a memorable exit to the present day view of the decaying settlement. The visitor would have to climb 419 hard steps until he reaches the top - that would be the same number as the years Svalbard is known to the people 1596-2015.

