The photographs in Klara Källström’s second book, Blackdrop Island, were taken during a stay in Tokyo in 2008 and a revisit in 2010. Documenting things at night, when darkness creates black backdrops and only allows us to see a bit of the scenery, is something that occupies Källström’s interest. For her, this is a way of questioning the indexical aspects inherent in the photographic practice. As in the case of Källström’s earlier series, Gingerbread Monument, Viktor Johansson has written a poetic suite accompanying the images. The result is shown as two parallel worlds, encapsulated in double-folded sheets where text and image cannot be reduced to the sum of its parts.

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