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CHAPTER[293] 1[53]

Loomings

Call[259] me[2] Ishmael[196]. Some[265] years[116] ago[141]--never[206] mind[118] how[19] long[544] precisely[217]--
having[69] little[554] or[519] no[235] money[383] in[107] my[36] purse[322], and[236] nothing[324] particular[336]
to[261] interest[323] me[2] on[392] shore[280], I[482] thought[186] I[482] would[282] sail[218] about[123] a[10] little[554]

and[236] see[370] the[19] watery[59] part[207] of[89] the[19] world[126]. It[162] is[487] a[10] way[435] I[482] have[254]
of[89] driving[280] off[111] the[19] spleen[29] and[236] regulating[43] the[19] circulation[93].
Whenever[15] I[482] find[138] myself[99] growing[66] grim[19] about[123] the[19] mouth[414];
whenever[15] it[162] is[487] a[10] damp[264], drizzly[321] November[197] in[107] my[36] soul[428]; whenever[15] I[482]
find[138] myself[99] involuntarily[124] pausing[19] before[344] coffin[284] warehouses[152],
and[236] bringing[9] up[405] the[19] rear[252] of[89] every[389] funeral[390] I[482] meet[16];
and[236] especially[371] whenever[15] my[36] hypos get[126] such[420] an[138] upper[403] hand[252] of[89] me[2],
that[14] it[162] requires[205] a[10] strong[145] moral[221] principle[420] to[261] prevent[491] me[2] from[316]
deliberately[336] stepping[299] into[554] the[19] street[100], and[236] methodically[178] knocking[82]
people[482]'s[483] hats[379] off[111]--then[45], I[482] account[102] it[162] high[361] time[577] to[261] get[126] to[261] sea[67]
as[113] soon[18] as[113] I[482] can[450]. This[256] is[487] my[36] substitute[53] for[190] pistol[167] and[236] ball[141].
With[449] a[10] philosophical[404] flourish[473] Cato[102] throws[53] himself[282] upon[419] his[433] sword[273];
I[482] quietly[380] take[279] to[261] the[19] ship[438]. There[340] is[487] nothing[324] surprising[359] in[107] this[256].
If[141] they[382] but[330] knew[480] it[162], almost[518] all[145] men[62] in[107] their[219] degree[209], some[265] time[577]
or[519] other[282], cherish[181] very[515] nearly[575] the[19] same[541] feelings[120] towards[417]
the[19] ocean[224] with[449] me[2].

There[340] now[20] is[487] your[162] insular[129] city[82] of[89] the[19] Manhattoes[279], belted[114] round[287] by[406] wharves[329]
as[113] Indian[303] isles[425] by[406] coral[22] reefs[258]--commerce[292] surrounds[246] it[162] with[449] her[400] surf[283].
Right[499] and[236] left[159], the[19] streets[374] take[279] you[227] waterward. Its[234] extreme[31] downtown[303]
is[487] the[19] battery[451], where[579] that[14] noble[226] mole[156] is[487] washed[479] by[406] waves[443], and[236] cooled[565]
by[406] breezes[127], which[16] a[10] few[49] hours[127] previous[376] were[324] out[66] of[89] sight[365] of[89] land[406].
Look[523] at[65] the[19] crowds[451] of[89] water[520]-gazers there[340].

Circumambulate[377] the[19] city[82] of[89] a[10] dreamy[247] Sabbath[280] afternoon[128]. Go[20] from[316]
Corlears Hook[157] to[261] Coenties Slip[64], and[236] from[316] thence[158], by[406] Whitehall[255], northward[63].
What[243] do[353] you[227] see[370]?--Posted[478] like[410] silent[382] sentinels[583] all[145] around[66] the[19] town[172],
stand[530] thousands[7] upon[419] thousands[7] of[89] mortal[371] men[62] fixed[564] in[107] ocean[224] reveries[423].
Some[265] leaning[559] against[417] the[19] spiles[122]; some[265] seated[158] upon[419] the[19] pier-heads[331];
some[265] looking[318] over[82] the[19] bulwarks[411] glasses[527]! of[89] ships[21] from[316] China[253]; some[265] high[361]
aloft[276] in[107] the[19] rigging[516], as[113] if[141] striving[388] to[261] get[126] a[10] still[278] better[34] seaward[246] peep[222].
But[330] these[527] are[314] all[145] landsmen[117]; of[89] week[11] days[351] pent[314] up[405] in[107] lath[336] and[236] plaster[113]--
tied[101] to[261] counters[414], nailed[419] to[261] benches[23], clinched[353] to[261] desks[3].
How[19] then[45] is[487] this[256]? Are[314] the[19] green[549] fields[64] gone[190]? What[243] do[353] they[382] here[135]?

But[330] look[523]! here[135] come[420] more[348] crowds[451], pacing[253] straight[346] for[190] the[19] water[520],
and[236] seemingly[261] bound[108] for[190] a[10] dive[316]. Strange[440]! Nothing[324] will[584] content[7]
them[146] but[330] the[19] extremest[522] limit[272] of[89] the[19] land[406]; loitering[86] under[533] the[19] shady[88]
lee[472] of[89] yonder[41] warehouses[152] will[584] not[518] suffice[137]. No[235]. They[382] must[226] get[126]
just[108] as[113] nigh[254] the[19] water[520] as[113] they[382] possibly[201] can[450] without[309] falling[498] in[107].
And[236] there[340] they[382] stand[530]--miles[278] of[89] them[146]--leagues[116]. Inlanders all[145],
they[382] come[420] from[316] lanes[76] and[236] alleys[41], streets[374] and[236] avenues[441],--
north[174], east[524], south[257], and[236] west[569]. Yet[443] here[135] they[382] all[145] unite[475].
Tell[392] me[2], does[565] the[19] magnetic[181] virtue[16] of[89] the[19] needles[265] of[89] the[19] compasses[344]
of[89] all[145] those[427] ships[21] attract[27] them[146] thither[118]?

Once[248] more[348]. Say[306] you[227] are[314] in[107] the[19] country[362]; in[107] some[265] high[361] land[406] of[89] lakes[157].
Take[279] almost[518] any[501] path[234] you[227] please[153], and[236] ten[198] to[261] one[470] it[162] carries[440] you[227]
down[133] in[107] a[10] dale[571], and[236] leaves[441] you[227] there[340] by[406] a[10] pool[298] in[107] the[19] stream[184].
There[340] is[487] magic[54] in[107] it[162]. Let[66] the[19] most[216] absent[122]-minded[335] of[89] men[62] be[341]
plunged[340] in[107] his[433] deepest[494] reveries[423]--stand[530] that[14] man[17] on[392] his[433] legs[108],
set[422] his[433] feet[349] a[10]-going[227], and[236] he[362] will[584] infallibly[426] lead[362] you[227] to[261] water[520],
if[141] water[520] there[340] be[341] in[107] all[145] that[14] region[145]. Should[255] you[227] ever[208] be[341] athirst[280]
in[107] the[19] great[259] American[272] desert[255], try[266] this[256] experiment[40], if[141] your[162]
caravan[125] happen[352] to[261] be[341] supplied[338] with[449] a[10] metaphysical[38] professor[281].
Yes[143], as[113] every[389] one[470] knows[286], meditation[21] and[236] water[520] are[314] wedded[489] for[190] ever[208].

But[330] here[135] is[487] an[138] artist[292]. He[362] desires[401] to[261] paint[94] you[227] the[19] dreamiest,
shadiest[24], quietest[282], most[216] enchanting[248] bit[72] of[89] romantic[133] landscape[192] in[107] all[145]
the[19] valley[18] of[89] the[19] Saco[398]. What[243] is[487] the[19] chief[156] element[38] he[362] employs[102]?
There[340] stand[530] his[433] trees[354], each[520] with[449] a[10] hollow[511] trunk[389], as[113] if[141] a[10] hermit[44]
and[236] a[10] crucifix[127] were[324] within[503]; and[236] here[135] sleeps[136] his[433] meadow[310], and[236] there[340]
sleep[233] his[433] cattle[264]; and[236] up[405] from[316] yonder[41] cottage[29] goes[205] a[10] sleepy[452] smoke[99].
Deep[483] into[554] distant[353] woodlands[75] winds[399] a[10] mazy[110] way[435], reaching[141] to[261] overlapping[25]
spurs[342] of[89] mountains[202] bathed[120] in[107] their[219] hill[219]-side[246] blue[240]. But[330] though[400]
the[19] picture[264] lies[27] thus[362] tranced[110], and[236] though[400] this[256] pine[54]-tree[482] shakes[560] down[133]
its[234] sighs[75] like[410] leaves[441] upon[419] this[256] shepherd[224]'s[483] head[219], yet[443] all[145] were[324] vain[216],
unless[54] the[19] shepherd[224]'s[483] eye[220] were[324] fixed[564] upon[419] the[19] magic[54] stream[184] before[344] him[248].
Go[20] visit[229] the[19] Prairies[155] in[107] June[277], when[189] for[190] scores[316] on[392] scores[316] of[89] miles[278] you[227]
wade[401] knee[235]-deep[483] among[483] Tiger[293]-lilies--what[243] is[487] the[19] one[470] charm[251] wanting[361]?--
Water[520] there[340] is[487] not[518] a[10] drop[22] of[89] water[520] there[340]! Were[324] Niagara[438] but[330] a[10]
cataract[192] of[89] sand[380], would[282] you[227] travel[362] your[162] thousand[586] miles[278] to[261] see[370] it[162]?
Why[177] did[444] the[19] poor[533] poet[384] of[89] Tennessee[165], upon[419] suddenly[193] receiving[124] two[527] handfuls[106]
of[89] silver[205], deliberate[29] whether[454] to[261] buy[105] him[248] a[10] coat[7], which[16] he[362] sadly[75] needed[133],
or[519] invest[308] his[433] money[383] in[107] a[10] pedestrian[19] trip[345] to[261] Rockaway[4] Beach[183]? Why[177] is[487]
almost[518] every[389] robust[127] healthy[456] boy[110] with[449] a[10] robust[127] healthy[456] soul[428] in[107] him[248],
at[65] some[265] time[577] or[519] other[282] crazy[418] to[261] go[20] to[261] sea[67]? Why[177] upon[419] your[162] first[13] voyage[137]
as[113] a[10] passenger[403], did[444] you[227] yourself[176] feel[461] such[420] a[10] mystical[493] vibration[78],
when[189] first[13] told[82] that[14] you[227] and[236] your[162] ship[438] were[324] now[20] out[66] of[89] sight[365] of[89] land[406]?
Why[177] did[444] the[19] old[447] Persians[111] hold[204] the[19] sea[67] holy[61]? Why[177] did[444] the[19] Greeks[489]
give[142] it[162] a[10] separate[495] deity[220], and[236] own[248] brother[46] of[89] Jove[274]? Surely[388] all[145] this[256]
is[487] not[518] without[309] meaning[62]. And[236] still[278] deeper[253] the[19] meaning[62] of[89] that[14] story[197]
of[89] Narcissus[57], who[319] because[540] he[362] could[375] not[518] grasp[332] the[19] tormenting[362],

mild[117] image[74] he[362] saw[113] in[107] the[19] fountain[524], plunged[340] into[554] it[162] and[236] was[454] drowned[83].
But[330] that[14] same[541] image[74], we[465] ourselves[15] see[370] in[107] all[145] rivers[320] and[236] oceans[60].
It[162] is[487] the[19] image[74] of[89] the[19] ungraspable[17] phantom[101] of[89] life[71]; and[236] this[256] is[487] the[19] key[140]
to[261] it[162] all[145].

Now[20], when[189] I[482] say[306] that[14] I[482] am[375] in[107] the[19] habit[169] of[89] going[227] to[261] sea[67] whenever[15] I[482] begin[183]
to[261] grow[163] hazy[147] about[123] the[19] eyes[125], and[236] begin[183] to[261] be[341] over[82] conscious[443] of[89] my[36] lungs[40],
I[482] do[353] not[518] mean[504] to[261] have[254] it[162] inferred[165] that[14] I[482] ever[208] go[20] to[261] sea[67] as[113] a[10] passenger[403].
For[190] to[261] go[20] as[113] a[10] passenger[403] you[227] must[226] needs[41] have[254] a[10] purse[322], and[236] a[10] purse[322] is[487] but[330]
a[10] rag[479] unless[54] you[227] have[254] something[181] in[107] it[162]. Besides[465], passengers[368] get[126] sea[67]-sick[250]--
grow[163] quarrelsome[46]--don[280]'t[500] sleep[233] of[89] nights[224]--do[353] not[518] enjoy[173] themselves[510] much[61],
as[113] a[10] general[37] thing[309];--no[235], I[482] never[206] go[20] as[113] a[10] passenger[403]; nor[137], though[400] I[482] am[375]
something[181] of[89] a[10] salt[183], do[353] I[482] ever[208] go[20] to[261] sea[67] as[113] a[10] Commodore[415], or[519] a[10] Captain[295],
or[519] a[10] Cook[41]. I[482] abandon[12] the[19] glory[173] and[236] distinction[301] of[89] such[420] offices[257]
to[261] those[427] who[319] like[410] them[146]. For[190] my[36] part[207], I[482] abominate[245] all[145] honorable[15]
respectable[376] toils[83], trials[186], and[236] tribulations[160] of[89] every[389] kind[451] whatsoever[268].
It[162] is[487] quite[327] as[113] much[61] as[113] I[482] can[450] do[353] to[261] take[279] care[307] of[89] myself[99], without[309] taking[146]
care[307] of[89] ships[21], barques[247], brigs[231], schooners[303], and[236] what[243] not[518]. And[236] as[113] for[190]
going[227] as[113] cook[41],--though[400] I[482] confess[315] there[340] is[487] considerable[75] glory[173] in[107] that[14],
a[10] cook[41] being[264] a[10] sort[42] of[89] officer[70] on[392] ship[438]-board[540]--yet[443], somehow[425], I[482] never[206]
fancied[100] broiling[367] fowls[206];--though[400] once[248] broiled[183], judiciously[106] buttered[117],
and[236] judgmatically salted[212] and[236] peppered[83], there[340] is[487] no[235] one[470] who[319] will[584] speak[337] more[348]
respectfully[42], not[518] to[261] say[306] reverentially[190], of[89] a[10] broiled[183] fowl[11] than[77] I[482] will[584].
It[162] is[487] out[66] of[89] the[19] idolatrous[163] dotings of[89] the[19] old[447] Egyptians[188] upon[419] broiled[183]
ibis[25] and[236] roasted[540] river[201] horse[409], that[14] you[227] see[370] the[19] mummies[110] of[89] those[427] creatures[5]
in[107] their[219] huge[132] bakehouses the[19] pyramids[202].

No[235], when[189] I[482] go[20] to[261] sea[67], I[482] go[20] as[113] a[10] simple[271] sailor[561], right[499] before[344] the[19] mast[44],
plumb[360] down[133] into[554] the[19] fore[259]-castle[271], aloft[276] there[340] to[261] the[19] royal[161]
mast[44]-head[116]. True[483], they[382] rather[178] order[343] me[2] about[123] some[265], and[236] make[175] me[2]
jump[50] from[316] spar[14] to[261] spar[14], like[410] a[10] grasshopper[375] in[107] a[10] May[236] meadow[310].
And[236] at[65] first[13], this[256] sort[42] of[89] thing[309] is[487] unpleasant[421] enough[217].
It[162] touches[26] one[470]'s[483] sense[85] of[89] honor[497], particularly[106] if[141] you[227] come[420]
of[89] an[138] old[447] established[214] family[347] in[107] the[19] land[406], the[19] Van[164] Rensselaers[279],
or[519] Randolphs[263], or[519] Hardicanutes. And[236] more[348] than[77] all[145], if[141] just[108]
previous[376] to[261] putting[243] your[162] hand[252] into[554] the[19] tar[59]-pot[209], you[227] have[254] been[185]
lording[84] it[162] as[113] a[10] country[362] schoolmaster[115], making[415] the[19] tallest[2] boys[22]
stand[530] in[107] awe[305] of[89] you[227]. The[19] transition[59] is[487] a[10] keen[202] one[470], I[482] assure[511] you[227],
from[316] a[10] schoolmaster[115] to[261] a[10] sailor[561], and[236] requires[205] a[10] strong[145] decoction[401]
of[89] Seneca[65] and[236] the[19] Stoics[173] to[261] enable[93] you[227] to[261] grin[401] and[236] bear[48] it[162].
But[330] even[198] this[256] wears[270] off[111] in[107] time[577].

What[243] of[89] it[162], if[141] some[265] old[447] hunks[110] of[89] a[10] sea[67]-captain[295] orders[199] me[2] to[261] get[126]
a[10] broom[559] and[236] sweep[471] down[133] the[19] decks[386]? What[243] does[565] that[14] indignity[29] amount[11] to[261],
weighed[107], I[482] mean[504], in[107] the[19] scales[543] of[89] the[19] New[36] Testament[413]? Do[353] you[227] think[424]
the[19] archangel[82] Gabriel[152] thinks[344] anything[480] the[19] less[261] of[89] me[2], because[540] I[482] promptly[481]
and[236] respectfully[42] obey[67] that[14] old[447] hunks[110] in[107] that[14] particular[336] instance[141]?
Who[319] ain't[500] a[10] slave[126]? Tell[392] me[2] that[14]. Well[263], then[45], however[44] the[19] old[447]
sea[67]-captains[124] may[236] order[343] me[2] about[123]--however[44] they[382] may[236] thump[421] and[236] punch[117]
me[2] about[123], I[482] have[254] the[19] satisfaction[500] of[89] knowing[240] that[14] it[162] is[487] all[145] right[499];
that[14] everybody[77] else[212] is[487] one[470] way[435] or[519] other[282] served[460] in[107] much[61] the[19] same[541] way[435]--
either[45] in[107] a[10] physical[43] or[519] metaphysical[38] point[438] of[89] view[370], that[14] is[487];
and[236] so[281] the[19] universal[397] thump[421] is[487] passed[87] round[287], and[236] all[145] hands[87] should[255] rub[104]
each[520] other[282]'s[483] shoulder[168]-blades[248], and[236] be[341] content[7].

Again[52], I[482] always[367] go[20] to[261] sea[67] as[113] a[10] sailor[561], because[540] they[382] make[175]
a[10] point[438] of[89] paying[475] me[2] for[190] my[36] trouble[328], whereas[18] they[382] never[206]
pay[496] passengers[368] a[10] single[77] penny[78] that[14] I[482] ever[208] heard[444] of[89].
On[392] the[19] contrary[166], passengers[368] themselves[510] must[226] pay[496]. And[236] there[340] is[487]
all[145] the[19] difference[3] in[107] the[19] world[126] between[77] paying[475] and[236] being[264] paid[490].
The[19] act[10] of[89] paying[475] is[487] perhaps[75] the[19] most[216] uncomfortable[72] infliction[392]
that[14] the[19] two[527] orchard[365] thieves[437] entailed[392] upon[419] us[569]. But[330] being[264] paid[490],--
what[243] will[584] compare[184] with[449] it[162]? The[19] urbane[27] activity[293] with[449] which[16] a[10]
man[17] receives[80] money[383] is[487] really[406] marvellous[35], considering[115] that[14] we[465]
so[281] earnestly[98] believe[191] money[383] to[261] be[341] the[19] root[24] of[89] all[145] earthly[64] ills[368],
and[236] that[14] on[392] no[235] account[102] can[450] a[10] monied[142] man[17] enter[204] heaven[163].
Ah[132]! how[19] cheerfully[100] we[465] consign[277] ourselves[15] to[261] perdition[431]!

Finally[69], I[482] always[367] go[20] to[261] sea[67] as[113] a[10] sailor[561], because[540] of[89] the[19]
wholesome[45] exercise[240] and[236] pure[61] air[209] of[89] the[19] fore[259]-castle[271] deck[505].
For[190] as[113] in[107] this[256] world[126], head[219] winds[399] are[314] far[258] more[348] prevalent[83] than[77] winds[399]
from[316] astern[39] (that[14] is[487], if[141] you[227] never[206] violate[74] the[19] Pythagorean[378] maxim[499]),
so[281] for[190] the[19] most[216] part[207] the[19] Commodore[415] on[392] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505] gets[27] his[433]
atmosphere[64] at[65] second[386] hand[252] from[316] the[19] sailors[64] on[392] the[19] forecastle[367].
He[362] thinks[344] he[362] breathes[410] it[162] first[13]; but[330] not[518] so[281]. In[107] much[61] the[19] same[541]
way[435] do[353] the[19] commonalty[417] lead[362] their[219] leaders[211] in[107] many[282] other[282] things[4],
at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577] that[14] the[19] leaders[211] little[554] suspect[307] it[162].
But[330] wherefore[220] it[162] was[454] that[14] after[358] having[69] repeatedly[179] smelt[286]
the[19] sea[67] as[113] a[10] merchant[332] sailor[561], I[482] should[255] now[20] take[279] it[162] into[554] my[36]
head[219] to[261] go[20] on[392] a[10] whaling[155] voyage[137]; this[256] the[19] invisible[186] police[198]
officer[70] of[89] the[19] Fates[553], who[319] has[399] the[19] constant[149] surveillance[264] of[89] me[2],
and[236] secretly[208] dogs[393] me[2], and[236] influences[232] me[2] in[107] some[265] unaccountable[316] way[435]--
he[362] can[450] better[34] answer[164] than[77] any[501] one[470] else[212]. And[236], doubtless[101],

my[36] going[227] on[392] this[256] whaling[155] voyage[137], formed[294] part[207] of[89] the[19] grand[229] programme[544] of[89] Providence[112] that[14] was[454] drawn[564] up[405] a[10] long[544] time[577] ago[141]. It[162] came[549] in[107] as[113] a[10] sort[42] of[89] brief[59] interlude[201] and[236] solo[260] between[77] more[348] extensive[83] performances[11]. I[482] take[279] it[162] that[14] this[256] part[207] of[89] the[19] bill[338] must[226] have[254] run[172] something[181] like[410] this[256]:

"Grand[229] Contested[256] Election[142] for[190] the[19] Presidency[301] of[89] the[19] United[419] States[443].
"WHALING[155] VOYAGE[137] BY[406] ONE[470] ISHMAEL[196]."
"BLOODY[357] BATTLE[105] IN[107] AFFGHANISTAN[116]."

Though[400] I[482] cannot tell[392] why[177] it[162] was[454] exactly[315] that[14] those[427] stage[22] managers[25], the[19] Fates[553], put[190] me[2] down[133] for[190] this[256] shabby[24] part[207] of[89] a[10] whaling[155] voyage[137], when[189] others[317] were[324] set[422] down[133] for[190] magnificent[512] parts[470] in[107] high[361] tragedies[225], and[236] short[522] and[236] easy[281] parts[470] in[107] genteel[284] comedies[579], and[236] jolly[50] parts[470] in[107] farces[305]--though[400] I[482] cannot tell[392] why[177] this[256] was[454] exactly[315]; yet[443], now[20] that[14] I[482] recall[288] all[145] the[19] circumstances[267], I[482] think[424] I[482] can[450] see[370] a[10] little[554] into[554] the[19] springs[35] and[236] motives[5] which[16] being[264] cunningly[193] presented[320] to[261] me[2] under[533] various[183] disguises[255], induced[45] me[2] to[261] set[422] about[123] performing[444] the[19] part[207] I[482] did[444], besides[465] cajoling[24] me[2] into[554] the[19] delusion[12] that[14] it[162] was[454] a[10] choice[340] resulting[105] from[316] my[36] own[248] unbiased[4] freewill[220] and[236] discriminating[336] judgment[83].

Chief[156] among[483] these[527] motives[5] was[454] the[19] overwhelming[211] idea[250] of[89] the[19] great[259] whale[422] himself[282]. Such[420] a[10] portentous[125] and[236] mysterious[304] monster[480] roused[336] all[145] my[36] curiosity[501]. Then[45] the[19] wild[230] and[236] distant[353] seas[350] where[579] he[362] rolled[226] his[433] island[516] bulk[181]; the[19] undeliverable, nameless[427] perils[140] of[89] the[19] whale[422]; these[527], with[449] all[145] the[19] attending[416] marvels[25] of[89] a[10] thousand[586] Patagonian[31] sights[24] and[236] sounds[394], helped[204] to[261] sway[497] me[2] to[261] my[36] wish[95]. With[449] other[282] men[62], perhaps[75], such[420] things[4] would[282] not[518] have[254] been[185] inducements[74]; but[330] as[113] for[190] me[2], I[482] am[375] tormented[256] with[449] an[138] everlasting[249] itch[439] for[190] things[4] remote[141]. I[482] love[391] to[261] sail[218] forbidden[36] seas[350], and[236] land[406] on[392] barbarous[38] coasts[147]. Not[518] ignoring[356] what[243] is[487] good[221], I[482] am[375] quick[241] to[261] perceive[131] a[10] horror[134], and[236] could[375] still[278] be[341] social[149] with[449] it[162]--would[282] they[382] let[66] me[2]--since[374] it[162] is[487] but[330] well[263] to[261] be[341] on[392] friendly[495] terms[297] with[449] all[145] the[19] inmates[480] of[89] the[19] place[107] one[470] lodges[92] in[107].

By[406] reason[238] of[89] these[527] things[4], then[45], the[19] whaling[155] voyage[137] was[454] welcome[2]; the[19] great[259] flood[167]-gates[253] of[89] the[19] wonder[76]-world[126] swung[205] open[464], and[236] in[107] the[19] wild[230] conceits[217] that[14] swayed[136] me[2] to[261] my[36] purpose[514], two[527] and[236] two[527] there[340] floated[6] into[554] my[36] inmost[279] soul[428], endless[489] processions[161] of[89] the[19] whale[422], and[236], mid[84] most[216] of[89] them[146] all[145], one[470] grand[229] hooded[374] phantom[101], like[410] a[10] snow[498] hill[219] in[107] the[19] air[209].

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The[19] Carpet[446]-Bag[41]

I[482] stuffed[502] a[10] shirt[413] or[519] two[527] into[554] my[36] old[447] carpet[446]-bag[41], tucked[143] it[162] under[533] my[36] arm[25], and[236] started[492] for[190] Cape[23] Horn[139] and[236] the[19] Pacific[294]. Quitting[155] the[19] good[221] city[82] of[89] old[447] Manhatto, I[482] duly[163] arrived[553] in[107] New[36] Bedford[83]. It[162] was[454] on[392] a[10] Saturday[22] night[108] in[107] December[490]. Much[61] was[454] I[482] disappointed[86] upon[419] learning[219] that[14] the[19] little[554] packet[339] for[190] Nantucket[283] had[364] already[93] sailed[248], and[236] that[14] no[235] way[435] of[89] reaching[141] that[14] place[107] would[282] offer[422], till[181] the[19] following[181] Monday[396].

As[113] most[216] young[389] candidates[66] for[190] the[19] pains[97] and[236] penalties[13] of[89] whaling[155] stop[48] at[65] this[256] same[541] New[36] Bedford[83], thence[158] to[261] embark[296] on[392] their[219] voyage[137], it[162] may[236] as[113] well[263] be[341] related[377] that[14] I[482], for[190] one[470], had[364] no[235] idea[250] of[89] so[281] doing[227]. For[190] my[36] mind[118] was[454] made[563] up[405] to[261] sail[218] in[107] no[235] other[282] than[77] a[10] Nantucket[283] craft[187], because[540] there[340] was[454] a[10] fine[333], boisterous[439] something[181] about[123] everything[233] connected[202] with[449] that[14] famous[254] old[447] island[516], which[16] amazingly[364] pleased[282] me[2]. Besides[465] though[400] New[36] Bedford[83] has[399] of[89] late[351] been[185] gradually[355] monopolizing[136] the[19] business[168] of[89] whaling[155], and[236] though[400] in[107] this[256] matter[176] poor[533] old[447] Nantucket[283] is[487] now[20] much[61] behind[80] her[400], yet[443] Nantucket[283] was[454] her[400] great[259] original[463]--the[19] Tyre[38] of[89] this[256] Carthage[158];--the[19] place[107] where[579] the[19] first[13] dead[568] American[272] whale[422] was[454] stranded[299]. Where[579] else[212] but[330] from[316] Nantucket[283] did[444] those[427] aboriginal[15] whalemen[451], the[19] Red[293]-Men[62], first[13] sally[7] out[66] in[107] canoes[471] to[261] give[142] chase[89] to[261] the[19] Leviathan[384]? And[236] where[579] but[330] from[316] Nantucket[283], too[11], did[444] that[14] first[13] adventurous[499] little[554] sloop[172] put[190] forth[152], partly[311] laden[126] with[449] imported[107] cobblestones[238]--so[281] goes[205] the[19] story[197]--to[261] throw[345] at[65] the[19] whales[331], in[107] order[343] to[261] discover[291] when[189] they[382] were[324] nigh[254] enough[217] to[261] risk[97] a[10] harpoon[67] from[316] the[19] bowsprit[120]?

Now[20] having[69] a[10] night[108], a[10] day[112], and[236] still[278] another[269] night[108] following[181] before[344] me[2] in[107] New[36] Bedford[83], ere[83] I[482] could[375] embark[296] for[190] my[36] destined[197] port[409], it[162] became[70] a[10] matter[176] of[89] concernment[217] where[579] I[482] was[454] to[261] eat[286] and[236] sleep[233] meanwhile[282]. It[162] was[454] a[10] very[515] dubious[170]-looking[318], nay[358], a[10] very[515] dark[471] and[236] dismal[110] night[108], bitingly[22] cold[330] and[236] cheerless[336]. I[482] knew[480] no[235] one[470] in[107] the[19] place[107]. With[449] anxious[256] grapnels[188] I[482] had[364] sounded[163] my[36] pocket[461], and[236] only[517] brought[85] up[405] a[10] few[49] pieces[283] of[89] silver[205],--So[281], wherever[408] you[227] go[20], Ishmael[196], said[252] I[482] to[261] myself[99], as[113] I[482] stood[1] in[107] the[19] middle[39] of[89] a[10] dreary[445] street[100] shouldering[248] my[36] bag[141], and[236] comparing[339] the[19] gloom[7] towards[417] the[19] north[174] with[449] the[19] darkness[493] towards[417] the[19] south[257]--wherever[408] in[107] your[162] wisdom[380] you[227] may[236] conclude[1] to[261] lodge[272]

for[190] the[19] night[108], my[36] dear[333] Ishmael[196], be[341] sure[41] to[261] inquire[41] the[19] price[248],
and[236] don[280]'t[500] be[341] too[11] particular[336].

With[449] halting[82] steps[392] I[482] paced[145] the[19] streets[374], and[236] passed[87] the[19] sign[8] of[89]
"The[19] Crossed[202] Harpoons[6]"--but[330] it[162] looked[232] too[11] expensive[40] and[236] jolly[50] there[340].
Further[53] on[392], from[316] the[19] bright[205] red[293] windows[115] of[89] the[19] "Sword[273]-Fish[187] Inn[190],"
there[340] came[549] such[420] fervent[261] rays[43], that[14] it[162] seemed[132] to[261] have[254] melted[145]
the[19] packed[55] snow[498] and[236] ice[443] from[316] before[344] the[19] house[499], for[190] everywhere[469]
else[212] the[19] congealed[109] frost[113] lay[62] ten[198] inches[301] thick[502] in[107] a[10] hard[337],
asphaltic[4] pavement[356],--rather[178] weary[306] for[190] me[2], when[189] I[482] struck[441]
my[36] foot[467] against[417] the[19] flinty[102] projections[120], because[540] from[316] hard[337],
remorseless[266] service[343] the[19] soles[113] of[89] my[36] boots[497] were[324] in[107] a[10] most[216]
miserable[364] plight[215]. Too[11] expensive[40] and[236] jolly[50], again[52] thought[186] I[482],
pausing[19] one[470] moment[258] to[261] watch[89] the[19] broad[267] glare[27] in[107] the[19] street[100],
and[236] hear[386] the[19] sounds[394] of[89] the[19] tinkling[445] glasses[527] within[503].
But[330] go[20] on[392], Ishmael[196], said[252] I[482] at[65] last[436]; don[280]'t[500] you[227] hear[386]? get[126] away[443]
from[316] before[344] the[19] door[135]; your[162] patched[435] boots[497] are[314] stopping[406] the[19] way[435].
So[281] on[392] I[482] went[516]. I[482] now[20] by[406] instinct[72] followed[234] the[19] streets[374] that[14]
took[68] me[2] waterward, for[190] there[340], doubtless[101], were[324] the[19] cheapest[189],
if[141] not[518] the[19] cheeriest[2] inns[281].

Such[420] dreary[445] streets[374]! Blocks[6] of[89] blackness[448], not[518] houses[166], on[392] either[45] hand[252],
and[236] here[135] and[236] there[340] a[10] candle[248], like[410] a[10] candle[248] moving[316] about[123] in[107] a[10] tomb[122].
At[65] this[256] hour[384] of[89] the[19] night[108], of[89] the[19] last[436] day[112] of[89] the[19] week[11],
that[14] quarter[6] of[89] the[19] town[172] proved[312] all[145] but[330] deserted[178]. But[330] presently[166]
I[482] came[549] to[261] a[10] smoky[178] light[382] proceeding[422] from[316] a[10] low[407], wide[465] building[260],
the[19] door[135] of[89] which[16] stood[1] invitingly[497] open[464]. It[162] had[364] a[10] careless[27] look[523],
as[113] if[141] it[162] were[324] meant[157] for[190] the[19] uses[282] of[89] the[19] public[3]; so[281], entering[423],
the[19] first[13] thing[309] I[482] did[444] was[454] to[261] stumble[113] over[82] an[138] ash[481]-box[226] in[107] the[19] porch[337].
Ha[387]! thought[186] I[482], ha[387], as[113] the[19] flying[354] particles[203] almost[518] choked[191] me[2], are[314] these[527]
ashes[243] from[316] that[14] destroyed[197] city[82], Gomorrah[102]? But[330] "The[19] Crossed[202] Harpoons[6],"
and[236] the[19] "The[19] Sword[273]-Fish[187]?"--this[256], then[45] must[226] needs[41] be[341] the[19] sign[8]
of[89] "The[19] Trap[19]." However[44], I[482] picked[129] myself[99] up[405] and[236] hearing[325] a[10] loud[556]
voice[233] within[503], pushed[189] on[392] and[236] opened[461] a[10] second[386], interior[163] door[135].

It[162] seemed[132] the[19] great[259] Black[581] Parliament[221] sitting[136] in[107] Tophet[210]. A[10] hundred[93]
black[581] faces[97] turned[492] round[287] in[107] their[219] rows[375] to[261] peer[169]; and[236] beyond[421],
a[10] black[581] Angel[63] of[89] Doom[73] was[454] beating[124] a[10] book[230] in[107] a[10] pulpit[107].
It[162] was[454] a[10] negro[102] church[317]; and[236] the[19] preacher[57]'s[483] text[17] was[454] about[123]
the[19] blackness[448] of[89] darkness[493], and[236] the[19] weeping[48] and[236] wailing[128] and[236]
teeth[82]-gnashing[190] there[340]. Ha[387], Ishmael[196], muttered[180] I[482], backing[223] out[66],
Wretched[294] entertainment[405] at[65] the[19] sign[8] of[89] 'The[19] Trap[19]!'

Moving[316] on[392], I[482] at[65] last[436] came[549] to[261] a[10] dim[14] sort[42] of[89] light[382] not[518] far[258] from[316]
the[19] docks[99], and[236] heard[444] a[10] forlorn[89] creaking[39] in[107] the[19] air[209]; and[236] looking[318] up[405],
saw[113] a[10] swinging[379] sign[8] over[82] the[19] door[135] with[449] a[10] white[82] painting[320] upon[419] it[162],
faintly[20] representing[118] a[10] tall[373] straight[346] jet[423] of[89] misty[350] spray[76],
and[236] these[527] words[107] underneath[224]--"The[19] Spouter[83] Inn[190]:--Peter[419] Coffin[284]."

Coffin[284]?--Spouter[83]?--Rather[178] ominous[70] in[107] that[14] particular[336] connexion[400],
thought[186] I[482]. But[330] it[162] is[487] a[10] common[304] name[477] in[107] Nantucket[283], they[382] say[306], and[236] I[482]
suppose[120] this[256] Peter[419] here[135] is[487] an[138] emigrant[250] from[316] there[340]. As[113] the[19] light[382]
looked[232] so[281] dim[14], and[236] the[19] place[107], for[190] the[19] time[577], looked[232] quiet[337] enough[217],
and[236] the[19] dilapidated[196] little[554] wooden[35] house[499] itself[312] looked[232] as[113] if[141] it[162]
might[496] have[254] been[185] carted[81] here[135] from[316] the[19] ruins[31] of[89] some[265] burnt[37] district[11],
and[236] as[113] the[19] swinging[379] sign[8] had[364] a[10] poverty-stricken[328] sort[42] of[89] creak[23]
to[261] it[162], I[482] thought[186] that[14] here[135] was[454] the[19] very[515] spot[46] for[190] cheap[208] lodgings[205],
and[236] the[19] best[315] of[89] pea[212] coffee[331].

It[162] was[454] a[10] queer[156] sort[42] of[89] place[107]--a[10] gable-ended[225] old[447] house[499], one[470] side[246]
palsied[26] as[113] it[162] were[324], and[236] leaning[559] over[82] sadly[75]. It[162] stood[1] on[392] a[10] sharp[427]
bleak[151] corner[204], where[579] that[14] tempestuous[431] wind[262] Euroclydon[375] kept[290] up[405]
a[10] worse[561] howling[204] than[77] ever[208] it[162] did[444] about[123] poor[533] Paul[368]'s[483] tossed[227] craft[187].
Euroclydon[375], nevertheless[104], is[487] a[10] mighty[2] pleasant[233] zephyr[105] to[261] any[501] one[470]
in[107]-doors[77], with[449] his[433] feet[349] on[392] the[19] hob[562] quietly[380] toasting[320] for[190] bed[273].
In[107] judging[288] of[89] that[14] tempestuous[431] wind[262] called[237] Euroclydon[375],"
says[424] an[138] old[447] writer[280]--of[89] whose[286] works[64] I[482] possess[35] the[19] only[517] copy[380]
extant[557]--"it[162] maketh[29] a[10] marvellous[35] difference[3], whether[454] thou[173] lookest[169]
out[66] at[65] it[162] from[316] a[10] glass[27] window[8] where[579] the[19] frost[113] is[487] all[145] on[392] the[19] outside[75],
or[519] whether[454] thou[173] observest[178] it[162] from[316] that[14] sashless window[8],
where[579] the[19] frost[113] is[487] on[392] both[558] sides[331], and[236] of[89] which[16] the[19] wight[232] Death[543]
is[487] the[19] only[517] glazier[10]." True[483] enough[217], thought[186] I[482], as[113] this[256] passage[285]
occurred[205] to[261] my[36] mind[118]--old[447] black[581]-letter[539], thou[173] reasonest[325] well[263].
Yes[143], these[527] eyes[125] are[314] windows[115], and[236] this[256] body[348] of[89] mine[482] is[487] the[19] house[499].
What[243] a[10] pity[270] they[382] didn't[500] stop[48] up[405] the[19] chinks[415] and[236] the[19] crannies[86] though[400],
and[236] thrust[379] in[107] a[10] little[554] lint[41] here[135] and[236] there[340]. But[330] it[162]'s[483] too[11] late[351]
to[261] make[175] any[501] improvements[57] now[20]. The[19] universe[426] is[487] finished[218];
the[19] copestone[296] is[487] on[392], and[236] the[19] chips[333] were[324] carted[81] off[111] a[10] million[437]
years[116] ago[141]. Poor[533] Lazarus[27] there[340], chattering[26] his[433] teeth[82] against[417]
the[19] curbstone[364] for[190] his[433] pillow[376], and[236] shaking[206] off[111] his[433] tatters[89]
with[449] his[433] shiverings[265], he[362] might[496] plug[127] up[405] both[558] ears[560] with[449] rags[302],
and[236] put[190] a[10] corn[237]-cob into[554] his[433] mouth[414], and[236] yet[443] that[14] would[282] not[518] keep[381]
out[66] the[19] tempestuous[431] Euroclydon[375]. Euroclydon[375]! says[424] old[447] Dives[165],
in[107] his[433] red[293] silken[488] wrapper[344]--(he[362] had[364] a[10] redder[364] one[470] afterwards[418])

pooh[193], pooh[193]! What[243] a[10] fine[333] frosty[58] night[108]; how[19] Orion[224] glitters[218]; what[243] northern[252] lights[59]! Let[66] them[146] talk[173] of[89] their[219] oriental[147] summer[408] climes[348] of[89] everlasting[249] conservatories[477]; give[142] me[2] the[19] privilege[414] of[89] making[415] my[36] own[248] summer[408] with[449] my[36] own[248] coals[163].

But[330] what[243] thinks[344] Lazarus[27]? Can[450] he[362] warm[178] his[433] blue[240] hands[87] by[406] holding[311] them[146] up[405] to[261] the[19] grand[229] northern[252] lights[59]? Would[282] not[518] Lazarus[27] rather[178] be[341] in[107] Sumatra[208] than[77] here[135]? Would[282] he[362] not[518] far[258] rather[178] lay[62] him[248] down[133] lengthwise[288] along[423] the[19] line[25] of[89] the[19] equator[136]; yea[204], ye[483] gods[325]! go[20] down[133] to[261] the[19] fiery[42] pit[223] itself[312], in[107] order[343] to[261] keep[381] out[66] this[256] frost[113]?

Now[20], that[14] Lazarus[27] should[255] lie[212] stranded[299] there[340] on[392] the[19] curbstone[364] before[344] the[19] door[135] of[89] Dives[165], this[256] is[487] more[348] wonderful[291] than[77] that[14] an[138] iceberg[279] should[255] be[341] moored[379] to[261] one[470] of[89] the[19] Moluccas[287]. Yet[443] Dives[165] himself[282], he[362] too[11] lives[245] like[410] a[10] Czar[427] in[107] an[138] ice[443] palace[17] made[563] of[89] frozen[446] sighs[75], and[236] being[264] a[10] president[66] of[89] a[10] temperance[125] society[520], he[362] only[517] drinks[530] the[19] tepid[166] tears[470] of[89] orphans[27].

But[330] no[235] more[348] of[89] this[256] blubbering[522] now[20], we[465] are[314] going[227] a[10]-whaling[155], and[236] there[340] is[487] plenty[406] of[89] that[14] yet[443] to[261] come[420]. Let[66] us[569] scrape[455] the[19] ice[443] from[316] our[234] frosted[83] feet[349], and[236] see[370] what[243] sort[42] of[89] a[10] place[107] this[256] "Spouter[83]" may[236] be[341].

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The[19] Spouter[83]-Inn[190]

Entering[423] that[14] gable-ended[225] Spouter[83]-Inn[190], you[227] found[260] yourself[176] in[107] a[10] wide[465], low[407], straggling[361] entry[282] with[449] old[447]-fashioned[432] wainscots[279], reminding[222] one[470] of[89] the[19] bulwarks[411] of[89] some[265] condemned[518] old[447] craft[187]. On[392] one[470] side[246] hung[479] a[10] very[515] large[385] oil[118] painting[320] so[281] thoroughly[4] besmoked[141], and[236] every[389] way[435] defaced[314], that[14] in[107] the[19] unequal[153] crosslights[545] by[406] which[16] you[227] viewed[41] it[162], it[162] was[454] only[517] by[406] diligent[51] study[252] and[236] a[10] series[494] of[89] systematic[306] visits[444] to[261] it[162], and[236] careful[252] inquiry[339] of[89] the[19] neighbors[466], that[14] you[227] could[375] any[501] way[435] arrive[8] at[65] an[138] understanding[523] of[89] its[234] purpose[514]. Such[420] unaccountable[316] masses[361] of[89] shades[508] and[236] shadows[480], that[14] at[65] first[13] you[227] almost[518] thought[186] some[265] ambitious[28] young[389] artist[292], in[107] the[19] time[577] of[89] the[19] New[36] England[348] hags[350], had[364] endeavored[69] to[261] delineate[384] chaos[133] bewitched[5]. But[330] by[406] dint[75] of[89] much[61] and[236] earnest[495] contemplation[501], and[236] oft[9] repeated[381] ponderings[27], and[236] especially[371] by[406] throwing[120] open[464] the[19] little[554] window[8] towards[417] the[19] back[457] of[89] the[19] entry[282], you[227] at[65] last[436] come[420] to[261] the[19] conclusion[330] that[14] such[420] an[138] idea[250], however[44] wild[230], might[496] not[518] be[341] altogether[31] unwarranted[179].

But[330] what[243] most[216] puzzled[236] and[236] confounded[379] you[227] was[454] a[10] long[544], limber[227], portentous[125], black[581] mass[36] of[89] something[181] hovering[520] in[107] the[19] centre[389] of[89] the[19] picture[264] over[82] three[329] blue[240], dim[14], perpendicular[83] lines[241] floating[30] in[107] a[10] nameless[427] yeast[275]. A[10] boggy[223], soggy[4], squitchy picture[264] truly[530], enough[217] to[261] drive[548] a[10] nervous[154] man[17] distracted[180]. Yet[443] was[454] there[340] a[10] sort[42] of[89] indefinite[376], half[119]-attained[177], unimaginable[192] sublimity[112] about[123] it[162] that[14] fairly[211] froze[122] you[227] to[261] it[162], till[181] you[227] involuntarily[124] took[68] an[138] oath[115] with[449] yourself[176] to[261] find[138] out[66] what[243] that[14] marvellous[35] painting[320] meant[157]. Ever[208] and[236] anon[88] a[10] bright[205], but[330], alas[129], deceptive[295] idea[250] would[282] dart[293] you[227] through[295].--It[162]'s[483] the[19] Black[581] Sea[67] in[107] a[10] midnight[539] gale[440].--It[162]'s[483] the[19] unnatural[111] combat[154] of[89] the[19] four[175] primal[177] elements[225].--It[162]'s[483] a[10] blasted[253] heath[303].--It[162]'s[483] a[10] Hyperborean[26] winter[317] scene[228].--It[162]'s[483] the[19] breaking[6]-up[405] of[89] the[19] icebound[4] stream[184] of[89] Time[577]. But[330] at[65] last[436] all[145] these[527] fancies[190] yielded[90] to[261] that[14] one[470] portentous[125] something[181] in[107] the[19] picture[264]'s[483] midst[533]. That[14] once[248] found[260] out[66], and[236] all[145] the[19] rest[302] were[324] plain[28]. But[330] stop[48]; does[565] it[162] not[518] bear[48] a[10] faint[316] resemblance[128] to[261] a[10] gigantic[157] fish[187]? even[198] the[19] great[259] leviathan[384] himself[282]?

In[107] fact[12], the[19] artist[292]'s[483] design[31] seemed[132] this[256]: a[10] final[357] theory[60] of[89] my[36] own[248], partly[311] based[391] upon[419] the[19] aggregated[204] opinions[320] of[89] many[282] aged[361] persons[5] with[449] whom[324] I[482] conversed[341] upon[419] the[19] subject[382]. The[19] picture[264] represents[272] a[10] Cape[23]-Horner in[107] a[10] great[259] hurricane[299]; the[19] half[119]-foundered ship[438] weltering[213] there[340] with[449] its[234] three[329] dismantled[426] masts[212] alone[2] visible[94]; and[236] an[138] exasperated[190] whale[422], purposing[43] to[261] spring[148] clean[26] over[82] the[19] craft[187], is[487] in[107] the[19] enormous[327] act[10] of[89] impaling[310] himself[282] upon[419] the[19] three[329] mast[44]-heads[279].

The[19] opposite[107] wall[509] of[89] this[256] entry[282] was[454] hung[479] all[145] over[82] with[449] a[10] heathenish[320] array[86] of[89] monstrous[395] clubs[95] and[236] spears[450]. Some[265] were[324] thickly[363] set[422] with[449] glittering[144] teeth[82] resembling[445] ivory[76] saws[55]; others[317] were[324] tufted[272] with[449] knots[438] of[89] human[43] hair[237]; and[236] one[470] was[454] sickle-shaped[68], with[449] a[10] vast[43] handle[546] sweeping[61] round[287] like[410] the[19] segment[384] made[563] in[107] the[19] new[36]-mown grass[418] by[406] a[10] long[544]-armed[116] mower[244]. You[227] shuddered[147] as[113] you[227] gazed[13], and[236] wondered[315] what[243] monstrous[395] cannibal[180] and[236] savage[398] could[375] ever[208] have[254] gone[190] a[10] death[543]-harvesting with[449] such[420] a[10] hacking[210], horrifying[83] implement[72]. Mixed[459] with[449] these[527] were[324] rusty[235] old[447] whaling[155] lances[8] and[236] harpoons[6] all[145] broken[255] and[236] deformed[125]. Some[265] were[324] storied[388] weapons[489]. With[449] this[256] once[248] long[544] lance[76], now[20] wildly[356] elbowed[41], fifty[406] years[116] ago[141] did[444] Nathan[84] Swain[84] kill[219] fifteen[289] whales[331] between[77] a[10] sunrise[445] and[236] a[10] sunset[305]. And[236] that[14] harpoon[67]--so[281] like[410] a[10] corkscrew[181] now[20]--was[454] flung[255] in[107] Javan[224] seas[350],

and[236] run[172] away[443] with[449] by[406] a[10] whale[422], years[116] afterwards[418] slain[268] off[111] the[19] Cape[23] of[89] Blanco[331]. The[19] original[463] iron[169] entered[447] nigh[254] the[19] tail[102], and[236], like[410] a[10] restless[92] needle[459] sojourning[392] in[107] the[19] body[348] of[89] a[10] man[17], travelled[452] full[414] forty[525] feet[349], and[236] at[65] last[436] was[454] found[260] imbedded[160] in[107] the[19] hump[20].

Crossing[402] this[256] dusky[98] entry[282], and[236] on[392] through[295] yon[252] low[407]-arched[4] way[435]--cut[310] through[295] what[243] in[107] old[447] times[121] must[226] have[254] been[185] a[10] great[259] central[229] chimney[94] with[449] fireplaces[329] all[145] round[287]--you[227] enter[204] the[19] public[3] room[65]. A[10] still[278] duskier[354] place[107] is[487] this[256], with[449] such[420] low[407] ponderous[213] beams[523] above[502], and[236] such[420] old[447] wrinkled[259] planks[284] beneath[320], that[14] you[227] would[282] almost[518] fancy[396] you[227] trod[319] some[265] old[447] craft[187]'s[483] cockpits, especially[371] of[89] such[420] a[10] howling[204] night[108], when[189] this[256] corner[204]-anchored[42] old[447] ark[25] rocked[157] so[281] furiously[252]. On[392] one[470] side[246] stood[1] a[10] long[544], low[407], shelf[3]-like[410] table[572] covered[452] with[449] cracked[423] glass[27] cases[108], filled[232] with[449] dusty[271] rarities[125] gathered[165] from[316] this[256] wide[465] world[126]'s[483] remotest[95] nooks[533]. Projecting[336] from[316] the[19] further[53] angle[205] of[89] the[19] room[65] stands[256] a[10] dark[471]-looking[318] den[299]--the[19] bar[144]--a[10] rude[474] attempt[385] at[65] a[10] right[499] whale[422]'s[483] head[219]. Be[341] that[14] how[19] it[162] may[236], there[340] stands[256] the[19] vast[43] arched[4] bone[184] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] jaw[213], so[281] wide[465], a[10] coach[188] might[496] almost[518] drive[548] beneath[320] it[162]. Within[503] are[314] shabby[24] shelves[315], ranged[435] round[287] with[449] old[447] decanters[40], bottles[149], flasks[141]; and[236] in[107] those[427] jaws[341] of[89] swift[376] destruction[423], like[410] another[269] cursed[441] Jonah[41] (by[406] which[16] name[477] indeed[522] they[382] called[237] him[248]), bustles[148] a[10] little[554] withered[14] old[447] man[17], who[319], for[190] their[219] money[383], dearly[450] sells[122] the[19] sailors[64] deliriums[172] and[236] death[543].

Abominable[156] are[314] the[19] tumblers[522] into[554] which[16] he[362] pours[299] his[433] poison[24]. Though[400] true[483] cylinders[155] without[309]--within[503], the[19] villanous[336] green[549] goggling[121] glasses[527] deceitfully[409] tapered[83] downwards[468] to[261] a[10] cheating[303] bottom[461]. Parallel[78] meridians[258] rudely[442] pecked[260] into[554] the[19] glass[27], surround[129] these[527] footpads[133]' goblets[402]. Fill[380] to[261] this[256] mark[169], and[236] your[162] charge[308] is[487] but[330] a[10] penny[78]; to[261] this[256] a[10] penny[78] more[348]; and[236] so[281] on[392] to[261] the[19] full[414] glass[27]--the[19] Cape[23] Horn[139] measure[520], which[16] you[227] may[236] gulp[364] down[133] for[190] a[10] shilling[389].

Upon[419] entering[423] the[19] place[107] I[482] found[260] a[10] number[196] of[89] young[389] seamen[6] gathered[165] about[123] a[10] table[572], examining[12] by[406] a[10] dim[14] light[382] divers[213] specimens[91] of[89] skrimshander. I[482] sought[82] the[19] landlord[270], and[236] telling[196] him[248] I[482] desired[480] to[261] be[341] accommodated[88] with[449] a[10] room[65], received[12] for[190] answer[164] that[14] his[433] house[499] was[454] full[414]--not[518] a[10] bed[273] unoccupied[128]. "But[330] avast[279]," he[362] added[52], tapping[202] his[433] forehead[380], "you[227] haint[367] no[235] objections[427] to[261] sharing[198] a[10] harpooneer's[483] blanket[115], have[254] ye[483]? I[482] s[483]'pose you[227] are[314] goin[88]' a[10]-whalin', so[281] you[227]'d[67] better[34] get[126] used[102] to[261] that[14] sort[42] of[89] thing[309]."

I[482] told[82] him[248] that[14] I[482] never[206] liked[80] to[261] sleep[233] two[527] in[107] a[10] bed[273]; that[14] if[141] I[482] should[255] ever[208] do[353] so[281], it[162] would[282] depend[236] upon[419] who[319] the[19] harpooneer might[496] be[341], and[236] that[14] if[141] he[362] (the[19] landlord[270]) really[406] had[364] no[235] other[282] place[107] for[190] me[2], and[236] the[19] harpooneer was[454] not[518] decidedly[96] objectionable[447], why[177] rather[178] than[77] wander[15] further[53] about[123] a[10] strange[440] town[172] on[392] so[281] bitter[236] a[10] night[108], I[482] would[282] put[190] up[405] with[449] the[19] half[119] of[89] any[501] decent[136] man[17]'s[415] blanket[115].

"I[482] thought[186] so[281]. All[145] right[499]; take[279] a[10] seat[88]. Supper[4]?--you[227] want[350] supper[4]? Supper[4]'ll[300] be[341] ready[464] directly[58]."

I[482] sat[77] down[133] on[392] an[138] old[447] wooden[35] settle[92], carved[455] all[145] over[82] like[410] a[10] bench[80] on[392] the[19] Battery[451]. At[65] one[470] end[149] a[10] ruminating[225] tar[59] was[454] still[278] further[53] adorning[362] it[162] with[449] his[433] jack[299]-knife[60], stooping[492] over[82] and[236] diligently[344] working[113] away[443] at[65] the[19] space[468] between[77] his[433] legs[108]. He[362] was[454] trying[83] his[433] hand[252] at[65] a[10] ship[438] under[533] full[414] sail[218], but[330] he[362] didn't[500] make[175] much[61] headway[492], I[482] thought[186].

At[65] last[436] some[265] four[175] or[519] five[103] of[89] us[569] were[324] summoned[77] to[261] our[234] meal[246] in[107] an[138] adjoining[59] room[65]. It[162] was[454] cold[330] as[113] Iceland[203]--no[235] fire[559] at[65] all[145]--the[19] landlord[270] said[252] he[362] couldn't[500] afford[282] it[162]. Nothing[324] but[330] two[527] dismal[110] tallow[157] candles[457], each[520] in[107] a[10] winding[486] sheet[327]. We[465] were[324] fain[264] to[261] button[282] up[405] our[234] monkey[335] jackets[140], and[236] hold[204] to[261] our[234] lips[585] cups[58] of[89] scalding[181] tea[521] with[449] our[234] half[119] frozen[446] fingers[345]. But[330] the[19] fare[19] was[454] of[89] the[19] most[216] substantial[101] kind[451]--not[518] only[517] meat[160] and[236] potatoes[287], but[330] dumplings[461]; good[221] heavens[494]! dumplings[461] for[190] supper[4]! One[470] young[389] fellow[369] in[107] a[10] green[549] box[226] coat[7], addressed[169] himself[282] to[261] these[527] dumplings[461] in[107] a[10] most[216] direful[137] manner[153].

"My[36] boy[110]," said[252] the[19] landlord[270], "you[227]'ll[300] have[254] the[19] nightmare[305] to[261] a[10] dead[568] sartainty[415]."

"Landlord[270]," I[482] whispered[89], "that[14] aint[142] the[19] harpooneer is[487] it[162]?"

"Oh[367], no[235]," said[252] he[362], looking[318] a[10] sort[42] of[89] diabolically[14] funny[96], "the[19] harpooneer is[487] a[10] dark[471] complexioned[253] chap[287]. He[362] never[206] eats[47] dumplings[461], he[362] don[280]'t[500]--he[362] eats[47] nothing[324] but[330] steaks[316], and[236] he[362] likes[93] 'em rare[296]."

"The[19] devil[411] he[362] does[565]," says[424] I[482]. "Where[579] is[487] that[14] harpooneer? Is[487] he[362] here[135]?"

"He[362]'ll[300] be[341] here[135] afore[462] long[544]," was[454] the[19] answer[164].

I[482] could[375] not[518] help[526] it[162], but[330] I[482] began[132] to[261] feel[461] suspicious[312] of[89] this[256]

"dark[471] complexioned[253]" harpooneer. At[65] any[501] rate[515], I[482] made[563] up[405] my[36] mind[118] that[14] if[141] it[162] so[281] turned[492] out[66] that[14] we[465] should[255] sleep[233] together[440], he[362] must[226] undress[14] and[236] get[126] into[554] bed[273] before[344] I[482] did[444].

Supper[4] over[82], the[19] company[280] went[516] back[457] to[261] the[19] bar[144]-room[65], when[189], knowing[240] not[518] what[243] else[212] to[261] do[353] with[449] myself[99], I[482] resolved[158] to[261] spend[357] the[19] rest[302] of[89] the[19] evening[581] as[113] a[10] looker[52] on[392].

Presently[166] a[10] rioting[250] noise[254] was[454] heard[444] without[309]. Starting[423] up[405], the[19] landlord[270] cried[506], "That[14]'s[76] the[19] Grampus[31]'s[483] crew[126]. I[482] seed[272] her[400] reported[123] in[107] the[19] offing[463] this[256] morning[417]; a[10] three[329] years[116]' voyage[137], and[236] a[10] full[414] ship[438]. Hurrah[277], boys[22]; now[20] we[465]'ll[300] have[254] the[19] latest[523] news[314] from[316] the[19] Feegees."

A[10] tramping[26] of[89] sea[67] boots[497] was[454] heard[444] in[107] the[19] entry[282]; the[19] door[135] was[454] flung[255] open[464], and[236] in[107] rolled[226] a[10] wild[230] set[422] of[89] mariners[347] enough[217]. Enveloped[28] in[107] their[219] shaggy[200] watch[89] coats[172], and[236] with[449] their[219] heads[366] muffled[58] in[107] woollen[27] comforters[332], all[145] bedarned and[236] ragged[244], and[236] their[219] beards[306] stiff[549] with[449] icicles[374], they[382] seemed[132] an[138] eruption[400] of[89] bears[97] from[316] Labrador[331]. They[382] had[364] just[108] landed[451] from[316] their[219] boat[439], and[236] this[256] was[454] the[19] first[13] house[499] they[382] entered[447]. No[235] wonder[76], then[45], that[14] they[382] made[563] a[10] straight[346] wake[205] for[190] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] mouth[414]-- the[19] bar[144]--when[189] the[19] wrinkled[259] little[554] old[447] Jonah[41], there[340] officiating[445], soon[18] poured[476] them[146] out[66] brimmers[141] all[145] round[287]. One[470] complained[145] of[89] a[10] bad[458] cold[330] in[107] his[433] head[219], upon[419] which[16] Jonah[41] mixed[459] him[248] a[10] pitch[115]-like[25] potion[143] of[89] gin[78] and[236] molasses[541], which[16] he[362] swore[470] was[454] a[10] sovereign[324] cure[166] for[190] all[145] colds[25] and[236] catarrhs[24] whatsoever[268], never[206] mind[118] of[89] how[19] long[544] standing[144], or[519] whether[454] caught[105] off[111] the[19] coast[287] of[89] Labrador[331], or[519] on[392] the[19] weather[405] side[246] of[89] an[138] ice[443]-island[516].

The[19] liquor[4] soon[18] mounted[191] into[554] their[219] heads[366], as[113] it[162] generally[402] does[565] even[198] with[449] the[19] arrantest[58] topers[116] newly[318] landed[451] from[316] sea[67], and[236] they[382] began[132] capering[183] about[123] most[216] obstreperously[55].

I[482] observed[340], however[44], that[14] one[470] of[89] them[146] held[212] somewhat[77] aloof[413], and[236] though[400] he[362] seemed[132] desirous[305] not[518] to[261] spoil[181] the[19] hilarity[435] of[89] his[433] shipmates[98] by[406] his[433] own[248] sober[121] face[556], yet[443] upon[419] the[19] whole[199] he[362] refrained[16] from[316] making[415] as[113] much[61] noise[254] as[113] the[19] rest[302]. This[256] man[17] interested[42] me[2] at[65] once[248]; and[236] since[374] the[19] sea[67]-gods[325] had[364] ordained[246] that[14] he[362] should[255] soon[18] become[548] my[36] shipmate[283] (though[400] but[330] a[10] sleeping[341] partner[284] one[470], so[281] far[258] as[113] this[256] narrative[81] is[487] concerned[583]), I[482] will[584] here[135] venture[40] upon[419] a[10] little[554] description[396] of[89] him[248]. He[362] stood[1] full[414] six[415] feet[349] in[107] height[20], with[449] noble[226] shoulders[476], and[236] a[10] chest[98] like[410] a[10] coffer-dam[434]. I[482] have[254] seldom[140] seen[154] such[420] brawn[359] in[107] a[10] man[17]. His[433] face[556] was[454] deeply[225] brown[446] and[236] burnt[37], making[415] his[433] white[82] teeth[82] dazzling[49] by[406] the[19] contrast[205]; while[55] in[107] the[19] deep[483] shadows[480] of[89] his[433] eyes[125] floated[6] some[265] reminiscences[252] that[14] did[444] not[518] seem[404] to[261] give[142] him[248] much[61] joy[430]. His[433] voice[233] at[65] once[248] announced[451] that[14] he[362] was[454] a[10] Southerner[265], and[236] from[316] his[433] fine[333] stature[74], I[482] thought[186] he[362] must[226] be[341] one[470] of[89] those[427] tall[373] mountaineers[142] from[316] the[19] Alleghanian Ridge[435] in[107] Virginia[354]. When[189] the[19] revelry[279] of[89] his[433] companions[19] had[364] mounted[191] to[261] its[234] height[20], this[256] man[17] slipped[227] away[443] unobserved[44], and[236] I[482] saw[113] no[235] more[348] of[89] him[248] till[181] he[362] became[70] my[36] comrade[148] on[392] the[19] sea[67]. In[107] a[10] few[49] minutes[368], however[44], he[362] was[454] missed[71] by[406] his[433] shipmates[98], and[236] being[264], it[162] seems[19], for[190] some[265] reason[238] a[10] huge[132] favorite[461] with[449] them[146], they[382] raised[493] a[10] cry[561] of[89] "Bulkington! Bulkington! where[579]'s[483] Bulkington?" and[236] darted[362] out[66] of[89] the[19] house[499] in[107] pursuit[305] of[89] him[248].

It[162] was[454] now[20] about[123] nine[140] o[24]'clock[489], and[236] the[19] room[65] seeming[59] almost[518] supernaturally[350] quiet[337] after[358] these[527] orgies[279], I[482] began[132] to[261] congratulate[38] myself[99] upon[419] a[10] little[554] plan[99] that[14] had[364] occurred[205] to[261] me[2] just[108] previous[376] to[261] the[19] entrance[237] of[89] the[19] seamen[6].

No[235] man[17] prefers[484] to[261] sleep[233] two[527] in[107] a[10] bed[273]. In[107] fact[12], you[227] would[282] a[10] good[221] deal[543] rather[178] not[518] sleep[233] with[449] your[162] own[248] brother[46]. I[482] don[280]'t[500] know[60] how[19] it[162] is[487], but[330] people[482] like[410] to[261] be[341] private[541] when[189] they[382] are[314] sleeping[341]. And[236] when[189] it[162] comes[268] to[261] sleeping[341] with[449] an[138] unknown[10] stranger[233], in[107] a[10] strange[440] inn[190], in[107] a[10] strange[440] town[172], and[236] that[14] stranger[233] a[10] harpooneer, then[45] your[162] objections[427] indefinitely[25] multiply[74]. Nor[137] was[454] there[340] any[501] earthly[64] reason[238] why[177] I[482] as[113] a[10] sailor[561] should[255] sleep[233] two[527] in[107] a[10] bed[273], more[348] than[77] anybody[58] else[212]; for[190] sailors[64] no[235] more[348] sleep[233] two[527] in[107] a[10] bed[273] at[65] sea[67], than[77] bachelor[371] Kings[474] do[353] ashore[122]. To[261] be[341] sure[41] they[382] all[145] sleep[233] together[440] in[107] one[470] apartment[18], but[330] you[227] have[254] your[162] own[248] hammock[323], and[236] cover[172] yourself[176] with[449] your[162] own[248] blanket[115], and[236] sleep[233] in[107] your[162] own[248] skin[428].

The[19] more[348] I[482] pondered[182] over[82] this[256] harpooneer, the[19] more[348] I[482] abominated[301] the[19] thought[186] of[89] sleeping[341] with[449] him[248]. It[162] was[454] fair[320] to[261] presume[212] that[14] being[264] a[10] harpooneer, his[433] linen[330] or[519] woollen[27], as[113] the[19] case[346] might[496] be[341], would[282] not[518] be[341] of[89] the[19] tidiest[336], certainly[124] none[365] of[89] the[19] finest[66]. I[482] began[132] to[261] twitch[127] all[145] over[82]. Besides[465], it[162] was[454] getting[369] late[351], and[236] my[36] decent[136] harpooneer ought[170] to[261] be[341] home[450] and[236] going[227] bedwards. Suppose[120] now[20], he[362] should[255] tumble[553] in[107] upon[419] me[2] at[65] midnight[539]-- how[19] could[375] I[482] tell[392] from[316] what[243] vile[221] hole[73] he[362] had[364] been[185] coming[140]?

"Landlord[270]! I[482]'ve[149] changed[21] my[36] mind[118] about[123] that[14] harpooneer.-- I[482] shan't[500] sleep[233] with[449] him[248]. I[482]'ll[300] try[266] the[19] bench[80] here[135]."

"Just[108] as[113] you[227] please[153]; I[482]'m[250] sorry[147] I[482] cant[355] spare[295] ye[483] a[10] tablecloth[117] for[190] a[10] mattress[286], and[236] it[162]'s[483] a[10] plaguy[415] rough[75] board[540] here[135]"--feeling[384] of[89] the[19] knots[438] and[236] notches[236]. "But[330] wait[315] a[10] bit[72], Skrimshander; I[482]'ve[149] got[286] a[10] carpenter[262]'s[483] plane[451] there[340] in[107] the[19] bar[144]--wait[315], I[482] say[306], and[236] I[482]'ll[300] make[175] ye[483] snug[310] enough[217]." So[281] saying[9] he[362] procured[133] the[19] plane[451]; and[236] with[449] his[433] old[447] silk[55] handkerchief[286] first[13] dusting[423] the[19] bench[80], vigorously[167] set[422] to[261] planing[333] away[443] at[65] my[36] bed[273], the[19] while[55] grinning[424] like[410] an[138] ape[318]. The[19] shavings[117] flew[424] right[499] and[236] left[159]; till[181] at[65] last[436] the[19] plane[451]-iron[169] came[549] bump[124] against[417] an[138] indestructible[143] knot[403]. The[19] landlord[270] was[454] near[70] spraining[181] his[433] wrist[117], and[236] I[482] told[82] him[248] for[190] heaven[163]'s[483] sake[523] to[261] quit[295]--the[19] bed[273] was[454] soft[226] enough[217] to[261] suit[373] me[2], and[236] I[482] did[444] not[518] know[60] how[19] all[145] the[19] planing[333] in[107] the[19] world[126] could[375] make[175] eider[362] down[133] of[89] a[10] pine[54] plank[243]. So[281] gathering[20] up[405] the[19] shavings[117] with[449] another[269] grin[401], and[236] throwing[120] them[146] into[554] the[19] great[259] stove[373] in[107] the[19] middle[39] of[89] the[19] room[65], he[362] went[516] about[123] his[433] business[168], and[236] left[159] me[2] in[107] a[10] brown[446] study[252].

I[482] now[20] took[68] the[19] measure[520] of[89] the[19] bench[80], and[236] found[260] that[14] it[162] was[454] a[10] foot[467] too[11] short[522]; but[330] that[14] could[375] be[341] mended[88] with[449] a[10] chair[253]. But[330] it[162] was[454] a[10] foot[467] too[11] narrow[140], and[236] the[19] other[282] bench[80] in[107] the[19] room[65] was[454] about[123] four[175] inches[301] higher[574] than[77] the[19] planed[236] one[470]-- so[281] there[340] was[454] no[235] yoking[245] them[146]. I[482] then[45] placed[556] the[19] first[13] bench[80] lengthwise[288] along[423] the[19] only[517] clear[408] space[468] against[417] the[19] wall[509], leaving[231] a[10] little[554] interval[114] between[77], for[190] my[36] back[457] to[261] settle[92] down[133] in[107]. But[330] I[482] soon[18] found[260] that[14] there[340] came[549] such[420] a[10] draught[246] of[89] cold[330] air[209] over[82] me[2] from[316] under[533] the[19] sill[345] of[89] the[19] window[8], that[14] this[256] plan[99] would[282] never[206] do[353] at[65] all[145], especially[371] as[113] another[269] current[52] from[316] the[19] rickety[88] door[135] met[130] the[19] one[470] from[316] the[19] window[8], and[236] both[558] together[440] formed[294] a[10] series[494] of[89] small[350] whirlwinds[82] in[107] the[19] immediate[388] vicinity[208] of[89] the[19] spot[46] where[579] I[482] had[364] thought[186] to[261] spend[357] the[19] night[108].

The[19] devil[411] fetch[261] that[14] harpooneer, thought[186] I[482], but[330] stop[48], couldn't[500] I[482] steal[238] a[10] march[396] on[392] him[248]--bolt[156] his[433] door[135] inside[438], and[236] jump[50] into[554] his[433] bed[273], not[518] to[261] be[341] wakened[314] by[406] the[19] most[216] violent[336] knockings[282]? It[162] seemed[132] no[235] bad[458] idea[250] but[330] upon[419] second[386] thoughts[26] I[482] dismissed[302] it[162]. For[190] who[319] could[375] tell[392] but[330] what[243] the[19] next[27] morning[417], so[281] soon[18] as[113] I[482] popped[74] out[66] of[89] the[19] room[65], the[19] harpooneer might[496] be[341] standing[144] in[107] the[19] entry[282], all[145] ready[464] to[261] knock[142] me[2] down[133]!

Still[278] looking[318] around[66] me[2] again[52], and[236] seeing[426] no[235] possible[277] chance[292] of[89] spending[348] a[10] sufferable[343] night[108] unless[54] in[107] some[265] other[282] person[550]'s[483] bed[273], I[482] began[132] to[261] think[424] that[14] after[358] all[145] I[482] might[496] be[341] cherishing[393] unwarrantable[35] prejudices[86] against[417] this[256] unknown[10] harpooneer. Thinks[344] I[482], I[482]'ll[300] wait[315] awhile[16]; he[362] must[226] be[341] dropping[279] in[107] before[344] long[544]. I[482]'ll[300] have[254] a[10] good[221] look[523] at[65] him[248] then[45], and[236] perhaps[75] we[465] may[236] become[548] jolly[50] good[221] bedfellows[451] after[358] all[145]--there[340]'s[483] no[235] telling[196].

But[330] though[400] the[19] other[282] boarders[76] kept[290] coming[140] in[107] by[406] ones[396], twos[18], and[236] threes[169], and[236] going[227] to[261] bed[273], yet[443] no[235] sign[8] of[89] my[36] harpooneer.

"Landlord[270]! said[252] I[482], "what[243] sort[42] of[89] a[10] chap[287] is[487] he[362]--does[565] he[362] always[367] keep[381] such[420] late[351] hours[127]?" It[162] was[454] now[20] hard[337] upon[419] twelve[293] o[24]'clock[489].

The[19] landlord[270] chuckled[88] again[52] with[449] his[433] lean[279] chuckle[64], and[236] seemed[132] to[261] be[341] mightily[88] tickled[156] at[65] something[181] beyond[421] my[36] comprehension[367]. "No[235]," he[362] answered[100], "generally[402] he[362]'s[483] an[138] early[92] bird[443]--airley to[261] bed[273] and[236] airley to[261] rise[251]--yea[204], he[362]'s[483] the[19] bird[443] what[243] catches[124] the[19] worm[128]. But[330] to[261]-night[108] he[362] went[516] out[66] a[10] peddling[141], you[227] see[370], and[236] I[482] don[280]'t[500] see[370] what[243] on[392] airth[367] keeps[20] him[248] so[281] late[351], unless[54], may[236] be[341], he[362] can[450]'t[500] sell[298] his[433] head[219]."

"Can[450]'t[500] sell[298] his[433] head[219]?--What[243] sort[42] of[89] a[10] bamboozingly story[197] is[487] this[256] you[227] are[314] telling[196] me[2]?" getting[369] into[554] a[10] towering[210] rage[293]. "Do[353] you[227] pretend[493] to[261] say[306], landlord[270], that[14] this[256] harpooneer is[487] actually[69] engaged[479] this[256] blessed[473] Saturday[22] night[108], or[519] rather[178] Sunday[151] morning[417], in[107] peddling[141] his[433] head[219] around[66] this[256] town[172]?"

"That[14]'s[76] precisely[217] it[162]," said[252] the[19] landlord[270], "and[236] I[482] told[82] him[248] he[362] couldn't[500] sell[298] it[162] here[135], the[19] market[286]'s[483] overstocked[27]."

"With[449] what[243]?" shouted[300] I[482].

"With[449] heads[366] to[261] be[341] sure[41]; ain't[500] there[340] too[11] many[282] heads[366] in[107] the[19] world[126]?"

"I[482] tell[392] you[227] what[243] it[162] is[487], landlord[270]," said[252] I[482] quite[327] calmly[170], "you[227]'d[67] better[34] stop[48] spinning[170] that[14] yarn[118] to[261] me[2]--I[482]'m[250] not[518] green[549]."

"May[236] be[341] not[518]," taking[146] out[66] a[10] stick[50] and[236] whittling[225] a[10] toothpick[331], "but[330] I[482] rayther[446] guess[304] you[227]'ll[300] be[341] done[135] brown[446] if[141] that[14] ere[83] harpooneer hears[561] you[227] a[10] slanderin' his[433] head[219]."

"I[482]'ll[300] break[483] it[162] for[190] him[248]," said[252] I[482], now[20] flying[354] into[554] a[10] passion[38] again[52] at[65] this[256] unaccountable[316] farrago[325] of[89] the[19] landlord[270]'s[483].

"It[162]'s[483] broke[356] a[10]'ready[464]," said[252] he[362].

"Broke[356]," said[252] I[482]--"broke[356], do[353] you[227] mean[504]?"

"Sartain[320], and[236] that[14]'s[76] the[19] very[515] reason[238] he[362] can[450]'t[500] sell[298] it[162], I[482] guess[304]."

"Landlord[270]," said[252] I[482], going[227] up[405] to[261] him[248] as[113] cool[102] as[113] Mt[105]. Hecla[25] in[107] a[10] snowstorm[348]--"landlord[270], stop[48] whittling[225]. You[227] and[236] I[482] must[226] understand[111] one[470] another[269], and[236] that[14] too[11] without[309] delay[309]. I[482] come[420] to[261] your[162] house[499] and[236] want[350] a[10] bed[273]; you[227] tell[392] me[2] you[227] can[450] only[517] give[142] me[2] half[119] a[10] one[470]; that[14] the[19] other[282] half[119] belongs[402] to[261] a[10] certain[31] harpooneer.
And[236] about[123] this[256] harpooneer, whom[324] I[482] have[254] not[518] yet[443] seen[154], you[227] persist[38] in[107] telling[196] me[2] the[19] most[216] mystifying[410] and[236] exasperating[434] stories[264] tending[293] to[261] beget[415] in[107] me[2] an[138] uncomfortable[72] feeling[384] towards[417] the[19] man[17] whom[324] you[227] design[31] for[190] my[36] bedfellow[219]--a[10] sort[42] of[89] connexion[400], landlord[270], which[16] is[487] an[138] intimate[155] and[236] confidential[147] one[470] in[107] the[19] highest[575] degree[209].
I[482] now[20] demand[320] of[89] you[227] to[261] speak[337] out[66] and[236] tell[392] me[2] who[319] and[236] what[243] this[256] harpooneer is[487], and[236] whether[454] I[482] shall[66] be[341] in[107] all[145] respects[403] safe[520] to[261] spend[357] the[19] night[108] with[449] him[248]. And[236] in[107] the[19] first[13] place[107], you[227] will[584] be[341] so[281] good[221] as[113] to[261] unsay[530] that[14] story[197] about[123] selling[238] his[433] head[219], which[16] if[141] true[483] I[482] take[279] to[261] be[341] good[221] evidence[17] that[14] this[256] harpooneer is[487] stark[376] mad[235], and[236] I[482]'ve[149] no[235] idea[250] of[89] sleeping[341] with[449] a[10] madman[361]; and[236] you[227], sir[271], you[227] I[482] mean[504], landlord[270], you[227], sir[271], by[406] trying[83] to[261] induce[237] me[2] to[261] do[353] so[281] knowingly[295] would[282] thereby[190] render[509] yourself[176] liable[520] to[261] a[10] criminal[133] prosecution[480]."

"Wall[509]," said[252] the[19] landlord[270], fetching[320] a[10] long[544] breath[150], "that[14]'s[76] a[10] purty[367] long[544] sarmon[415] for[190] a[10] chap[287] that[14] rips[439] a[10] little[554] now[20] and[236] then[45]. But[330] be[341] easy[281], be[341] easy[281], this[256] here[135] harpooneer I[482] have[254] been[185] tellin[400]' you[227] of[89] has[399] just[108] arrived[553] from[316] the[19] south[257] seas[350], where[579] he[362] bought[45] up[405] a[10] lot[167] of[89] 'balmed New[36] Zealand[115] heads[366] (great[259] curios[281], you[227] know[60]), and[236] he[362]'s[483] sold[7] all[145] on[392] 'em but[330] one[470], and[236] that[14] one[470] he[362]'s[483] trying[83] to[261] sell[298] to[261]-night[108], cause[220] to[261]-morrow[376]'s[483] Sunday[151], and[236] it[162] would[282] not[518] do[353] to[261] be[341] sellin[80]' human[43] heads[366] about[123] the[19] streets[374] when[189] folks[6] is[487] goin[88]' to[261] churches[44].
He[362] wanted[85] to[261] last[436] Sunday[151], but[330] I[482] stopped[564] him[248] just[108] as[113] he[362] was[454] goin[88]' out[66] of[89] the[19] door[135] with[449] four[175] heads[366] strung[20] on[392] a[10] string[446], for[190] all[145] the[19] airth[367] like[410] a[10] string[446] of[89] inions[415]."

This[256] account[102] cleared[241] up[405] the[19] otherwise[542] unaccountable[316] mystery[254], and[236] showed[507] that[14] the[19] landlord[270], after[358] all[145], had[364] had[364] no[235] idea[250] of[89] fooling[40] me[2]--but[330] at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577] what[243] could[375] I[482] think[424] of[89] a[10] harpooneer who[319] stayed[117] out[66] of[89] a[10] Saturday[22] night[108] clean[26] into[554] the[19] holy[61] Sabbath[280], engaged[479] in[107] such[420] a[10] cannibal[180] business[168] as[113] selling[238] the[19] heads[366] of[89] dead[568] idolators[103]?

"Depend[236] upon[419] it[162], landlord[270], that[14] harpooneer is[487] a[10] dangerous[2] man[17]."

"He[362] pays[86] reg'lar[370]," was[454] the[19] rejoinder[330]. "But[330] come[420], it[162]'s[483] getting[369] dreadful[405] late[351], you[227] had[364] better[34] be[341] turning[69] flukes[155]--it[162]'s[483] a[10] nice[2] bed[273]: Sal[551] and[236] me[2] slept[172] in[107] that[14] ere[83] bed[273] the[19] night[108] we[465] were[324] spliced[352]. There[340]'s[483] plenty[406] of[89] room[65] for[190] two[527] to[261] kick[16] about[123] in[107] that[14] bed[273]; it[162]'s[483] an[138] almighty[473] big[245] bed[273] that[14]. Why[177], afore[462] we[465] give[142] it[162] up[405], Sal[551] used[102] to[261] put[190] our[234] Sam[551] and[236] little[554] Johnny[17] in[107] the[19] foot[467] of[89] it[162]. But[330] I[482] got[286] a[10] dreaming[47] and[236] sprawling[3] about[123] one[470] night[108], and[236] somehow[425], Sam[551] got[286] pitched[101] on[392] the[19] floor[418], and[236] came[549] near[70] breaking[6] his[433] arm[25]. After[358] that[14], Sal[551] said[252] it[162] wouldn't[500] do[353]. Come[420] along[423] here[135], I[482]'ll[300] give[142] ye[483] a[10] glim[2] in[107] a[10] jiffy[325];" and[236] so[281] saying[9] he[362] lighted[422] a[10] candle[248] and[236] held[212] it[162] towards[417] me[2], offering[18] to[261] lead[362] the[19] way[435]. But[330] I[482] stood[1] irresolute[75]; when[189] looking[318] at[65] a[10] clock[489] in[107] the[19] corner[204], he[362] exclaimed[281] "I[482] vum it[162]'s[483] Sunday[151]--you[227] won't[500] see[370] that[14] harpooneer to[261]-night[108]; he[362]'s[483] come[420] to[261] anchor[141] somewhere[201]--come[420] along[423] then[45]; do[353] come[420]; won't[500] ye[483] come[420]?"

I[482] considered[484] the[19] matter[176] a[10] moment[258], and[236] then[45] up[405] stairs[330] we[465] went[516], and[236] I[482] was[454] ushered[509] into[554] a[10] small[350] room[65], cold[330] as[113] a[10] clam[152], and[236] furnished[201], sure[41] enough[217], with[449] a[10] prodigious[223] bed[273], almost[518] big[245] enough[217] indeed[522] for[190] any[501] four[175] harpooneers to[261] sleep[233] abreast[127].

"There[340]," said[252] the[19] landlord[270], placing[287] the[19] candle[248] on[392] a[10] crazy[418] old[447] sea[67] chest[98] that[14] did[444] double[20] duty[468] as[113] a[10] wash[160]-stand[530] and[236] centre[389] table[572]; "there[340], make[175] yourself[176] comfortable[402] now[20]; and[236] good[221] night[108] to[261] ye[483]."
I[482] turned[492] round[287] from[316] eyeing[49] the[19] bed[273], but[330] he[362] had[364] disappeared[5].

Folding[309] back[457] the[19] counterpane[65], I[482] stooped[14] over[82] the[19] bed[273].
Though[400] none[365] of[89] the[19] most[216] elegant[194], it[162] yet[443] stood[1] the[19] scrutiny[127] tolerably[21] well[263]. I[482] then[45] glanced[411] round[287] the[19] room[65]; and[236] besides[465] the[19] bedstead[127] and[236] centre[389] table[572], could[375] see[370] no[235] other[282] furniture[11] belonging[168] to[261] the[19] place[107], but[330] a[10] rude[474] shelf[3], the[19] four[175] walls[116], and[236] a[10] papered[284] fireboard representing[118] a[10] man[17] striking[22] a[10] whale[422].
Of[89] things[4] not[518] properly[93] belonging[168] to[261] the[19] room[65], there[340] was[454] a[10] hammock[323] lashed[97] up[405], and[236] thrown[359] upon[419] the[19] floor[418] in[107] one[470] corner[204]; also[119] a[10] large[385] seaman[166]'s[483] bag[141], containing[247] the[19] harpooneer's[483] wardrobe[57], no[235] doubt[71] in[107] lieu[402] of[89] a[10] land[406] trunk[389]. Likewise[193], there[340] was[454] a[10] parcel[295] of[89] outlandish[292] bone[184] fish[187] hooks[561] on[392] the[19] shelf[3] over[82] the[19] fire[559]-place[107], and[236] a[10] tall[373] harpoon[67] standing[144] at[65] the[19] head[219] of[89] the[19] bed[273].

But[330] what[243] is[487] this[256] on[392] the[19] chest[98]? I[482] took[68] it[162] up[405], and[236] held[212] it[162] close[65] to[261] the[19] light[382], and[236] felt[440] it[162], and[236] smelt[286] it[162], and[236] tried[73] every[389] way[435]

possible^{277} to^{261} arrive^{8} at^{65} some^{265} satisfactory^{423} conclusion^{330} concerning^{368} it^{162}.
I^{482} can^{450} compare^{184} it^{162} to^{261} nothing^{324} but^{330} a^{10} large^{385} door^{135} mat^{316},
ornamented^{423} at^{65} the^{19} edges^{15} with^{449} little^{554} tinkling^{445} tags^{356} something^{181}
like^{410} the^{19} stained^{224} porcupine^{127} quills^{508} round^{287} an^{138} Indian^{303} moccasin^{361}.
There^{340} was^{454} a^{10} hole^{73} or^{519} slit^{430} in^{107} the^{19} middle^{39} of^{89} this^{256} mat^{316}, as^{113} you^{227} see^{370}
the^{19} same^{541} in^{107} South^{257} American^{272} ponchos^{92}. But^{330} could^{375} it^{162} be^{341} possible^{277}
that^{14} any^{501} sober^{121} harpooneer would^{282} get^{126} into^{554} a^{10} door^{135} mat^{316}, and^{236} parade^{83}
the^{19} streets^{374} of^{89} any^{501} Christian^{235} town^{172} in^{107} that^{14} sort^{42} of^{89} guise^{110}?
I^{482} put^{190} it^{162} on^{392}, to^{261} try^{266} it^{162}, and^{236} it^{162} weighed^{107} me^{2} down^{133} like^{410} a^{10} hamper^{425},
being^{264} uncommonly^{194} shaggy^{200} and^{236} thick^{502}, and^{236} I^{482} thought^{186} a^{10} little^{554} damp^{264},
as^{113} though^{400} this^{256} mysterious^{304} harpooneer had^{364} been^{185} wearing^{166} it^{162}
of^{89} a^{10} rainy^{533} day^{112}. I^{482} went^{516} up^{405} in^{107} it^{162} to^{261} a^{10} bit^{72} of^{89} glass^{27} stuck^{120}
against^{417} the^{19} wall^{509}, and^{236} I^{482} never^{206} saw^{113} such^{420} a^{10} sight^{365} in^{107} my^{36} life^{71}.
I^{482} tore^{493} myself^{99} out^{66} of^{89} it^{162} in^{107} such^{420} a^{10} hurry^{183} that^{14} I^{482} gave^{572} myself^{99}
a^{10} kink^{232} in^{107} the^{19} neck^{239}.

I^{482} sat^{77} down^{133} on^{392} the^{19} side^{246} of^{89} the^{19} bed^{273}, and^{236} commenced^{8} thinking^{385}
about^{123} this^{256} head^{219}-peddling^{141} harpooneer, and^{236} his^{433} door^{135} mat^{316}.
After^{358} thinking^{385} some^{265} time^{577} on^{392} the^{19} bed^{273}-side^{246}, I^{482} got^{286} up^{405} and^{236} took^{68} off^{111} my^{36}
monkey^{335} jacket^{481}, and^{236} then^{45} stood^{1} in^{107} the^{19} middle^{39} of^{89} the^{19} room^{65} thinking^{385}.
I^{482} then^{45} took^{68} off^{111} my^{36} coat^{7}, and^{236} thought^{186} a^{10} little^{554} more^{348} in^{107} my^{36} shirt^{413} sleeves^{363}.
But^{330} beginning^{188} to^{261} feel^{461} very^{515} cold^{330} now^{20}, half^{119} undressed^{14} as^{113} I^{482} was^{454},
and^{236} remembering^{170} what^{243} the^{19} landlord^{270} said^{252} about^{123} the^{19} harpooneer's^{483}
not^{518} coming^{140} home^{450} at^{65} all^{145} that^{14} night^{108}, it^{162} being^{264} so^{281} very^{515} late^{351},
I^{482} made^{563} no^{235} more^{348} ado^{124}, but^{330} jumped^{499} out^{66} of^{89} my^{36} pantaloons^{4} and^{236} boots^{497},
and^{236} then^{45} blowing^{248} out^{66} the^{19} light^{382} tumbled^{494} into^{554} bed^{273}, and^{236} commended^{539}
myself^{99} to^{261} the^{19} care^{307} of^{89} heaven^{163}.

Whether^{454} that^{14} mattress^{286} was^{454} stuffed^{502} with^{449} corncobs or^{519} broken^{255} crockery^{27},
there^{340} is^{487} no^{235} telling^{196}, but^{330} I^{482} rolled^{226} about^{123} a^{10} good^{221} deal^{543}, and^{236} could^{375}
not^{518} sleep^{233} for^{190} a^{10} long^{544} time^{577}. At^{65} last^{436} I^{482} slid^{132} off^{111} into^{554} a^{10} light^{382} doze^{260},
and^{236} had^{364} pretty^{252} nearly^{575} made^{563} a^{10} good^{221} offing^{463} towards^{417} the^{19} land^{406} of^{89} Nod^{133},
when^{189} I^{482} heard^{444} a^{10} heavy^{421} footfall^{110} in^{107} the^{19} passage^{285}, and^{236} saw^{113} a^{10} glimmer^{110}
of^{89} light^{382} come^{420} into^{554} the^{19} room^{65} from^{316} under^{533} the^{19} door^{135}.

Lord^{106} save^{556} me^{2}, thinks^{344} I^{482}, that^{14} must^{226} be^{341} the^{19} harpooneer,
the^{19} infernal^{84} head^{219}-peddler^{279}. But^{330} I^{482} lay^{62} perfectly^{26} still^{278},
and^{236} resolved^{158} not^{518} to^{261} say^{306} a^{10} word^{486} till^{181} spoken^{507} to^{261}. Holding^{311} a^{10} light^{382}
in^{107} one^{470} hand^{252}, and^{236} that^{14} identical^{351} New^{36} Zealand^{115} head^{219} in^{107} the^{19} other^{282},
the^{19} stranger^{233} entered^{447} the^{19} room^{65}, and^{236} without^{309} looking^{318} towards^{417}
the^{19} bed^{273}, placed^{556} his^{433} candle^{248} a^{10} good^{221} way^{435} off^{111} from^{316} me^{2} on^{392} the^{19} floor^{418}
in^{107} one^{470} corner^{204}, and^{236} then^{45} began^{132} working^{113} away^{443} at^{65} the^{19} knotted^{506} cords^{388}
of^{89} the^{19} large^{385} bag^{141} I^{482} before^{344} spoke^{185} of^{89} as^{113} being^{264} in^{107} the^{19} room^{65}.
I^{482} was^{454} all^{145} eagerness^{275} to^{261} see^{370} his^{433} face^{556}, but^{330} he^{362} kept^{290} it^{162} averted^{101}
for^{190} some^{265} time^{577} while^{55} employed^{263} in^{107} unlacing^{275} the^{19} bag^{141}'s^{483} mouth^{414}.
This^{256} accomplished^{225}, however^{44}, he^{362} turned^{492} round^{287}--when^{189}, good^{221} heavens^{494};
what^{243} a^{10} sight^{365}! Such^{420} a^{10} face^{556}! It^{162} was^{454} of^{89} a^{10} dark^{471}, purplish^{266}, yellow^{95} color^{13},
here^{135} and^{236} there^{340} stuck^{120} over^{82} with^{449} large^{385} blackish^{160} looking^{318} squares^{239}.
Yes^{143}, it^{162}'s^{483} just^{108} as^{113} I^{482} thought^{186}, he^{362}'s^{483} a^{10} terrible^{132} bedfellow^{219};
he^{362}'s^{483} been^{185} in^{107} a^{10} fight^{330}, got^{286} dreadfully^{98} cut^{310}, and^{236} here^{135} he^{362} is^{487},
just^{108} from^{316} the^{19} surgeon^{135}. But^{330} at^{65} that^{14} moment^{258} he^{362} chanced^{424} to^{261} turn^{17}
his^{433} face^{556} so^{281} towards^{417} the^{19} light^{382}, that^{14} I^{482} plainly^{450} saw^{113} they^{382} could^{375} not^{518}
be^{341} sticking^{457}-plasters at^{65} all^{145}, those^{427} black^{581} squares^{239} on^{392} his^{433} cheeks^{282}.
They^{382} were^{324} stains^{221} of^{89} some^{265} sort^{42} or^{519} other^{282}. At^{65} first^{13} I^{482} knew^{480} not^{518} what^{243}
to^{261} make^{175} of^{89} this^{256}; but^{330} soon^{18} an^{138} inkling^{221} of^{89} the^{19} truth^{350} occurred^{205} to^{261} me^{2}.
I^{482} remembered^{66} a^{10} story^{197} of^{89} a^{10} white^{82} man^{17}--a^{10} whaleman^{98} too^{11}--
who^{319}, falling^{498} among^{483} the^{19} cannibals^{27}, had^{364} been^{185} tattooed^{101} by^{406} them^{146}.
I^{482} concluded^{157} that^{14} this^{256} harpooneer, in^{107} the^{19} course^{171} of^{89} his^{433}
distant^{353} voyages^{368}, must^{226} have^{254} met^{130} with^{449} a^{10} similar^{101} adventure^{44}.
And^{236} what^{243} is^{487} it^{162}, thought^{186} I^{482}, after^{358} all^{145}! It^{162}'s^{483} only^{517} his^{433} outside^{75};
a^{10} man^{17} can^{450} be^{341} honest^{287} in^{107} any^{501} sort^{42} of^{89} skin^{428}. But^{330} then^{45}, what^{243} to^{261} make^{175} of^{89}
his^{433} unearthly^{110} complexion^{243}, that^{14} part^{207} of^{89} it^{162}, I^{482} mean^{504}, lying^{204} round^{287} about^{123},
and^{236} completely^{385} independent^{330} of^{89} the^{19} squares^{239} of^{89} tattooing^{42}.
To^{261} be^{341} sure^{41}, it^{162} might^{496} be^{341} nothing^{324} but^{330} a^{10} good^{221} coat^{7} of^{89} tropical^{92} tanning^{51};
but^{330} I^{482} never^{206} heard^{444} of^{89} a^{10} hot^{424} sun^{397}'s^{483} tanning^{51} a^{10} white^{82} man^{17} into^{554} a^{10}
purplish^{266} yellow^{95} one^{470}. However^{44}, I^{482} had^{364} never^{206} been^{185} in^{107} the^{19} South^{257} Seas^{350};
and^{236} perhaps^{75} the^{19} sun^{397} there^{340} produced^{258} these^{527} extraordinary^{346} effects^{531}
upon^{419} the^{19} skin^{428}. Now^{20}, while^{55} all^{145} these^{527} ideas^{264} were^{324} passing^{147}
through^{295} me^{2} like^{410} lightning^{171}, this^{256} harpooneer never^{206} noticed^{157} me^{2}
at^{65} all^{145}. But^{330}, after^{358} some^{265} difficulty^{263} having^{69} opened^{461} his^{433} bag^{141},
he^{362} commenced^{8} fumbling^{14} in^{107} it^{162}, and^{236} presently^{166} pulled^{213} out^{66} a^{10} sort^{42}
of^{89} tomahawk^{279}, and^{236} a^{10} seal^{40}-skin^{428} wallet^{141} with^{449} the^{19} hair^{237} on^{392}.
Placing^{287} these^{527} on^{392} the^{19} old^{447} chest^{98} in^{107} the^{19} middle^{39} of^{89} the^{19} room^{65},
he^{362} then^{45} took^{68} the^{19} New^{36} Zealand^{115} head^{219}--a^{10} ghastly^{442} thing^{309} enough^{217}--
and^{236} crammed^{522} it^{162} down^{133} into^{554} the^{19} bag^{141}. He^{362} now^{20} took^{68} off^{111} his^{433} hat^{107}--
a^{10} new^{36} beaver^{418} hat^{107}--when^{189} I^{482} came^{549} nigh^{254} singing^{288} out^{66} with^{449} fresh^{540} surprise^{125}.
There^{340} was^{454} no^{235} hair^{237} on^{392} his^{433} head^{219}--none^{365} to^{261} speak^{337} of^{89} at^{65} least^{453}--
nothing^{324} but^{330} a^{10} small^{350} scalp-knot^{403} twisted^{279} up^{405} on^{392} his^{433} forehead^{380}. His^{433} bald^{117}
purplish^{266} head^{219} now^{20} looked^{232} for^{190} all^{145} the^{19} world^{126} like^{410} a^{10} mildewed^{101} skull^{9}.
Had^{364} not^{518} the^{19} stranger^{233} stood^{1} between^{77} me^{2} and^{236} the^{19} door^{135}, I^{482} would^{282}
have^{254} bolted^{74} out^{66} of^{89} it^{162} quicker^{420} than^{77} ever^{208} I^{482} bolted^{74} a^{10} dinner^{322}.

Even^{198} as^{113} it^{162} was^{454}, I^{482} thought^{186} something^{181} of^{89} slipping^{522} out^{66} of^{89}

the[19] window[8], but[330] it[162] was[454] the[19] second[386] floor[418] back[457]. I[482] am[375] no[235] coward[92],
but[330] what[243] to[261] make[175] of[89] this[256] headpeddling purple[167] rascal[231] altogether[31]
passed[87] my[36] comprehension[367]. Ignorance[211] is[487] the[19] parent[501] of[89] fear[103],
and[236] being[264] completely[385] nonplussed[453] and[236] confounded[379] about[123] the[19] stranger[233],
I[482] confess[315] I[482] was[454] now[20] as[113] much[61] afraid[248] of[89] him[248] as[113] if[141] it[162] was[454] the[19] devil[411]
himself[282] who[319] had[364] thus[362] broken[255] into[554] my[36] room[65] at[65] the[19] dead[568] of[89] night[108].
In[107] fact[12], I[482] was[454] so[281] afraid[248] of[89] him[248] that[14] I[482] was[454] not[518] game[233] enough[217]
just[108] then[45] to[261] address[512] him[248], and[236] demand[320] a[10] satisfactory[423] answer[164]
concerning[368] what[243] seemed[132] inexplicable[367] in[107] him[248].

Meanwhile[282], he[362] continued[44] the[19] business[168] of[89] undressing[291], and[236] at[65]
last[436] showed[507] his[433] chest[98] and[236] arms[536]. As[113] I[482] live[554], these[527] covered[452]
parts[470] of[89] him[248] were[324] checkered[265] with[449] the[19] same[541] squares[239] as[113] his[433] face[556],
his[433] back[457], too[11], was[454] all[145] over[82] the[19] same[541] dark[471] squares[239];
he[362] seemed[132] to[261] have[254] been[185] in[107] a[10] Thirty[521] Years[116]' War[169], and[236] just[108]
escaped[197] from[316] it[162] with[449] a[10] sticking[457]-plaster[113] shirt[413].
Still[278] more[348], his[433] very[515] legs[108] were[324] marked[67], as[113] if[141] a[10] parcel[295] of[89] dark[471]
green[549] frogs[102] were[324] running[296] up[405] the[19] trunks[231] of[89] young[389] palms[173].
It[162] was[454] now[20] quite[327] plain[28] that[14] he[362] must[226] be[341] some[265] abominable[156] savage[398]
or[519] other[282] shipped[26] aboard[298] of[89] a[10] whaleman[98] in[107] the[19] South[257] Seas[350],
and[236] so[281] landed[451] in[107] this[256] Christian[235] country[362]. I[482] quaked[375] to[261] think[424] of[89] it[162].
A[10] peddler[279] of[89] heads[366] too[11]--perhaps[75] the[19] heads[366] of[89] his[433] own[248] brothers[100].
He[362] might[496] take[279] a[10] fancy[396] to[261] mine[482]--heavens[494]! look[523] at[65] that[14] tomahawk[279]!

But[330] there[340] was[454] no[235] time[577] for[190] shuddering[143], for[190] now[20] the[19] savage[398] went[516]
about[123] something[181] that[14] completely[385] fascinated[94] my[36] attention[518],
and[236] convinced[469] me[2] that[14] he[362] must[226] indeed[522] be[341] a[10] heathen[336].
Going[227] to[261] his[433] heavy[421] grego, or[519] wrapall, or[519] dreadnaught,
which[16] he[362] had[364] previously[250] hung[479] on[392] a[10] chair[253], he[362] fumbled[41] in[107] the[19] pockets[240],
and[236] produced[258] at[65] length[202] a[10] curious[264] little[554] deformed[125] image[74] with[449] a[10] hunch[4]
on[392] its[234] back[457], and[236] exactly[315] the[19] color[13] of[89] a[10] three[329] days[351]' old[447] Congo[25] baby[236].
Remembering[170] the[19] embalmed[59] head[219], at[65] first[13] I[482] almost[518] thought[186] that[14] this[256]
black[581] manikin[41] was[454] a[10] real[305] baby[236] preserved[335] in[107] some[265] similar[101] manner[153].
But[330] seeing[426] that[14] it[162] was[454] not[518] at[65] all[145] limber[227], and[236] that[14] it[162] glistened[424]
a[10] good[221] deal[543] like[410] polished[370] ebony[59], I[482] concluded[157] that[14] it[162] must[226]
be[341] nothing[324] but[330] a[10] wooden[35] idol[191], which[16] indeed[522] it[162] proved[312] to[261] be[341].
For[190] now[20] the[19] savage[398] goes[205] up[405] to[261] the[19] empty[450] fire[559]-place[107],
and[236] removing[46] the[19] papered[284] fire[559]-board[540], sets[83] up[405] this[256] little[554]
hunch[4]-backed[270] image[74], like[410] a[10] tenpin[250], between[77] the[19] andirons[281].
The[19] chimney[94] jambs[299] and[236] all[145] the[19] bricks[364] inside[438] were[324] very[515] sooty[213],
so[281] that[14] I[482] thought[186] this[256] fire[559]-place[107] made[563] a[10] very[515] appropriate[20] little[554]
shrine[77] or[519] chapel[60] for[190] his[433] Congo[25] idol[191].

I[482] now[20] screwed[453] my[36] eyes[125] hard[337] towards[417] the[19] half[119] hidden[78] image[74],
feeling[384] but[330] ill[236] at[65] ease[387] meantime[210]--to[261] see[370] what[243] was[454] next[27] to[261] follow[408].
First[13] he[362] takes[362] about[123] a[10] double[20] handful[330] of[89] shavings[117] out[66] of[89] his[433] grego pocket[461],
and[236] places[423] them[146] carefully[374] before[344] the[19] idol[191]; then[45] laying[116] a[10] bit[72] of[89] ship[438]
biscuit[369] on[392] top[70] and[236] applying[451] the[19] flame[113] from[316] the[19] lamp[330], he[362] kindled[73]
the[19] shavings[117] into[554] a[10] sacrificial[37] blaze[69]. Presently[166], after[358] many[282] hasty[183]
snatches[366] into[554] the[19] fire[559], and[236] still[278] hastier[244] withdrawals[303] of[89] his[433] fingers[345]
(whereby[358] he[362] seemed[132] to[261] be[341] scorching[251] them[146] badly[36]), he[362] at[65] last[436] succeeded[76]
in[107] drawing[407] out[66] the[19] biscuit[369]; then[45] blowing[248] off[111] the[19] heat[218] and[236] ashes[243]
a[10] little[554], he[362] made[563] a[10] polite[499] offer[422] of[89] it[162] to[261] the[19] little[554] negro[102].
But[330] the[19] little[554] devil[411] did[444] not[518] seem[404] to[261] fancy[396] such[420] dry[430] sort[42] of[89] fare[19] at[65] all[145];
he[362] never[206] moved[492] his[433] lips[585]. All[145] these[527] strange[440] antics[335] were[324] accompanied[26]
by[406] still[278] stranger[233] guttural[167] noises[72] from[316] the[19] devotee[384], who[319] seemed[132] to[261] be[341]
praying[152] in[107] a[10] sing[549]-song[253] or[519] else[212] singing[288] some[265] pagan[118] psalmody[402] or[519] other[282],
during[309] which[16] his[433] face[556] twitched[364] about[123] in[107] the[19] most[216] unnatural[111] manner[153].
At[65] last[436] extinguishing[310] the[19] fire[559], he[362] took[68] the[19] idol[191] up[405] very[515] unceremoniously[402],
and[236] bagged[116] it[162] again[52] in[107] his[433] grego pocket[461] as[113] carelessly[184] as[113] if[141] he[362] were[324]
a[10] sportsman[227] bagging[303] a[10] dead[568] woodcock[562].

All[145] these[527] queer[156] proceedings[121] increased[406] my[36] uncomfortableness[522],
and[236] seeing[426] him[248] now[20] exhibiting[67] strong[145] symptoms[128] of[89] concluding[84]
his[433] business[168] operations[181], and[236] jumping[286] into[554] bed[273] with[449] me[2], I[482] thought[186]
it[162] was[454] high[361] time[577], now[20] or[519] never[206], before[344] the[19] light[382] was[454] put[190] out[66],
to[261] break[483] the[19] spell[416] in[107] which[16] I[482] had[364] so[281] long[544] been[185] bound[108].

But[330] the[19] interval[114] I[482] spent[329] in[107] deliberating[337] what[243] to[261] say[306], was[454] a[10] fatal[460] one[470].
Taking[146] up[405] his[433] tomahawk[279] from[316] the[19] table[572], he[362] examined[192] the[19] head[219] of[89] it[162]
for[190] an[138] instant[279], and[236] then[45] holding[311] it[162] to[261] the[19] light[382], with[449] his[433] mouth[414]
at[65] the[19] handle[546], he[362] puffed[305] out[66] great[259] clouds[342] of[89] tobacco[331] smoke[99].
The[19] next[27] moment[258] the[19] light[382] was[454] extinguished[140], and[236] this[256] wild[230] cannibal[180],
tomahawk[279] between[77] his[433] teeth[82], sprang[253] into[554] bed[273] with[449] me[2]. I[482] sang[379] out[66],
I[482] could[375] not[518] help[526] it[162] now[20]; and[236] giving[207] a[10] sudden[309] grunt[446] of[89] astonishment[5]
he[362] began[132] feeling[384] me[2].

Stammering[225] out[66] something[181], I[482] knew[480] not[518] what[243], I[482] rolled[226] away[443] from[316] him[248]
against[417] the[19] wall[509], and[236] then[45] conjured[169] him[248], whoever[23] or[519] whatever[38] he[362] might[496] be[341],
to[261] keep[381] quiet[337], and[236] let[66] me[2] get[126] up[405] and[236] light[382] the[19] lamp[330] again[52].
But[330] his[433] guttural[167] responses[426] satisfied[376] me[2] at[65] once[248] that[14] he[362] but[330] ill[236]
comprehended[104] my[36] meaning[62].

"Who[319]-e[443] debel[454] you[227]?"--he[362] at[65] last[436] said[252]--"you[227] no[235] speak[337]-e[443], dam[434]-me[2], I[482] kill[219]-e[443]."

And[236] so[281] saying[9] the[19] lighted[422] tomahawk[279] began[132] flourishing[136] about[123] me[2] in[107] the[19] dark[471].

"Landlord[270], for[190] God[185]'s[483] sake[523], Peter[419] Coffin[284]!" shouted[300] I[482]. "Landlord[270]! Watch[89]! Coffin[284]! Angels[29]! save[556] me[2]!"

"Speak[337]-e[443]! tell[392]-ee me[2] who[319]-ee be[341], or[519] dam[434]-me[2], I[482] kill[219]-e[443]!" again[52] growled[479] the[19] cannibal[180], while[55] his[433] horrid[280] flourishings[160] of[89] the[19] tomahawk[279] scattered[17] the[19] hot[424] tobacco[331] ashes[243] about[123] me[2] till[181] I[482] thought[186] my[36] linen[330] would[282] get[126] on[392] fire[559]. But[330] thank[166] heaven[163], at[65] that[14] moment[258] the[19] landlord[270] came[549] into[554] the[19] room[65] light[382] in[107] hand[252], and[236] leaping[397] from[316] the[19] bed[273] I[482] ran[391] up[405] to[261] him[248].

"Don[280]'t[500] be[341] afraid[248] now[20]," said[252] he[362], grinning[424] again[52], "Queequeg here[135] wouldn't[500] harm[191] a[10] hair[237] of[89] your[162] head[219]."

"Stop[48] your[162] grinning[424]," shouted[300] I[482], "and[236] why[177] didn't[500] you[227] tell[392] me[2] that[14] that[14] infernal[84] harpooneer was[454] a[10] cannibal[180]?"

"I[482] thought[186] ye[483] know[60]'d[67] it[162];--didn't[500] I[482] tell[392] ye[483], he[362] was[454] a[10] peddlin[151]' heads[366] around[66] town[172]?--but[330] turn[17] flukes[155] again[52] and[236] go[20] to[261] sleep[233]. Queequeg, look[523] here[135]--you[227] sabbee me[2], I[482] sabbee--you[227] this[256] man[17] sleepe[195] you[227]--you[227] sabbee?"

"Me[2] sabbee plenty[406]"--grunted[354] Queequeg, puffing[4] away[443] at[65] his[433] pipe[124] and[236] sitting[136] up[405] in[107] bed[273].

"You[227] gettee in[107]," he[362] added[52], motioning[180] to[261] me[2] with[449] his[433] tomahawk[279], and[236] throwing[120] the[19] clothes[98] to[261] one[470] side[246]. He[362] really[406] did[444] this[256] in[107] not[518] only[517] a[10] civil[58] but[330] a[10] really[406] kind[451] and[236] charitable[495] way[435]. I[482] stood[1] looking[318] at[65] him[248] a[10] moment[258]. For[190] all[145] his[433] tattooings he[362] was[454] on[392] the[19] whole[199] a[10] clean[26], comely[27] looking[318] cannibal[180]. What[243]'s[483] all[145] this[256] fuss[286] I[482] have[254] been[185] making[415] about[123], thought[186] I[482] to[261] myself[99]--the[19] man[17]'s[415] a[10] human[43] being[264] just[108] as[113] I[482] am[375]: he[362] has[399] just[108] as[113] much[61] reason[238] to[261] fear[103] me[2], as[113] I[482] have[254] to[261] be[341] afraid[248] of[89] him[248]. Better[34] sleep[233] with[449] a[10] sober[121] cannibal[180] than[77] a[10] drunken[314] Christian[235].

"Landlord[270]," said[252] I[482], "tell[392] him[248] to[261] stash his[433] tomahawk[279] there[340], or[519] pipe[124], or[519] whatever[38] you[227] call[259] it[162]; tell[392] him[248] to[261] stop[48] smoking[470], in[107] short[522], and[236] I[482] will[584] turn[17] in[107] with[449] him[248]. But[330] I[482] don[280]'t[500] fancy[396] having[69] a[10] man[17] smoking[470] in[107] bed[273] with[449] me[2]. It[162]'s[483] dangerous[2]. Besides[465], I[482] ain't[500] insured[191]."

This[256] being[264] told[82] to[261] Queequeg, he[362] at[65] once[248] complied[427], and[236] again[52] politely[322] motioned[347] me[2] to[261] get[126] into[554] bed[273]--rolling[253] over[82] to[261] one[470] side[246] as[113] much[61] as[113] to[261] say[306]-- I[482] won't[500] touch[486] a[10] leg[331] of[89] ye[483]."

"Good[221] night[108], landlord[270]," said[252] I[482], "you[227] may[236] go[20]."

I[482] turned[492] in[107], and[236] never[206] slept[172] better[34] in[107] my[36] life[71].

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The[19] Counterpane[65]

Upon[419] waking[428] next[27] morning[417] about[123] daylight[155], I[482] found[260] Queequeg's[483] arm[25] thrown[359] over[82] me[2] in[107] the[19] most[216] loving[309] and[236] affectionate[57] manner[153]. You[227] had[364] almost[518] thought[186] I[482] had[364] been[185] his[433] wife[37]. The[19] counterpane[65] was[454] of[89] patchwork[60], full[414] of[89] odd[19] little[554] parti-colored[213] squares[239] and[236] triangles[232]; and[236] this[256] arm[25] of[89] his[433] tattooed[101] all[145] over[82] with[449] an[138] interminable[86] Cretan[158] labyrinth[57] of[89] a[10] figure[55], no[235] two[527] parts[470] of[89] which[16] were[324] of[89] one[470] precise[158] shade[116]-- owing[98] I[482] suppose[120] to[261] his[433] keeping[482] his[433] arm[25] at[65] sea[67] unmethodically in[107] sun[397] and[236] shade[116], his[433] shirt[413] sleeves[363] irregularly[287] rolled[226] up[405] at[65] various[183] times[121]-- this[256] same[541] arm[25] of[89] his[433], I[482] say[306], looked[232] for[190] all[145] the[19] world[126] like[410] a[10] strip[396] of[89] that[14] same[541] patchwork[60] quilt[182]. Indeed[522], partly[311] lying[204] on[392] it[162] as[113] the[19] arm[25] did[444] when[189] I[482] first[13] awoke[174], I[482] could[375] hardly[182] tell[392] it[162] from[316] the[19] quilt[182], they[382] so[281] blended[366] their[219] hues[223] together[440]; and[236] it[162] was[454] only[517] by[406] the[19] sense[85] of[89] weight[213] and[236] pressure[102] that[14] I[482] could[375] tell[392] that[14] Queequeg was[454] hugging[535] me[2].

My[36] sensations[198] were[324] strange[440]. Let[66] me[2] try[266] to[261] explain[349] them[146]. When[189] I[482] was[454] a[10] child[451], I[482] well[263] remember[499] a[10] somewhat[77] similar[101] circumstance[407] that[14] befell[129] me[2]; whether[454] it[162] was[454] a[10] reality[214] or[519] a[10] dream[86], I[482] never[206] could[375] entirely[148] settle[92]. The[19] circumstance[407] was[454] this[256]. I[482] had[364] been[185] cutting[454] up[405] some[265] caper[60] or[519] other[282]-- I[482] think[424] it[162] was[454] trying[83] to[261] crawl[445] up[405] the[19] chimney[94], as[113] I[482] had[364] seen[154] a[10] little[554] sweep[471] do[353] a[10] few[49] days[351] previous[376]; and[236] my[36] stepmother[281] who[319], somehow[425] or[519] other[282], was[454] all[145] the[19] time[577] whipping[26] me[2], or[519] sending[1] me[2] to[261] bed[273] supperless[377],-- my[36] mother[276] dragged[460] me[2] by[406] the[19] legs[108] out[66] of[89] the[19] chimney[94] and[236] packed[55] me[2] off[111] to[261] bed[273], though[400] it[162] was[454] only[517] two[527] o[24]'clock[489] in[107] the[19] afternoon[128] of[89] the[19] 21st[427] June[277], the[19] longest[14] day[112] in[107] the[19] year[347] in[107] our[234] hemisphere[353]. I[482] felt[440] dreadfully[98]. But[330] there[340] was[454] no[235] help[526] for[190] it[162], so[281] up[405] stairs[330] I[482] went[516] to[261] my[36] little[554] room[65] in[107] the[19] third[301] floor[418], undressed[14] myself[99] as[113] slowly[149] as[113] possible[277] so[281] as[113] to[261] kill[219] time[577], and[236] with[449] a[10] bitter[236] sigh[423] got[286] between[77] the[19] sheets[281].

I[482] lay[62] there[340] dismally[122] calculating[368] that[14] sixteen[68] entire[230] hours[127] must[226] elapse[78] before[344] I[482] could[375] hope[211] for[190] a[10] resurrection[281]. Sixteen[68] hours[127] in[107] bed[273]! the[19] small[350] of[89] my[36] back[457] ached[454] to[261] think[424] of[89] it[162].

And[236] it[162] was[454] so[281] light[382] too[11]; the[19] sun[397] shining[40] in[107] at[65] the[19] window[8],
and[236] a[10] great[259] rattling[282] of[89] coaches[143] in[107] the[19] streets[374], and[236] the[19] sound[181]
of[89] gay[323] voices[386] all[145] over[82] the[19] house[499]. I[482] felt[440] worse[561] and[236] worse[561]--
at[65] last[436] I[482] got[286] up[405], dressed[321], and[236] softly[461] going[227] down[133] in[107] my[36]
stockinged[379] feet[349], sought[82] out[66] my[36] stepmother[281], and[236] suddenly[193] threw[459]
myself[99] at[65] her[400] feet[349], beseeching[233] her[400] as[113] a[10] particular[336] favor[161] to[261] give[142]
me[2] a[10] good[221] slippering for[190] my[36] misbehaviour[362]: anything[480] indeed[522] but[330]
condemning[27] me[2] to[261] lie[212] abed[24] such[420] an[138] unendurable[163] length[202] of[89] time[577].
But[330] she[391] was[454] the[19] best[315] and[236] most[216] conscientious[196] of[89] stepmothers[261],
and[236] back[457] I[482] had[364] to[261] go[20] to[261] my[36] room[65]. For[190] several[479] hours[127] I[482] lay[62]
there[340] broad[267] awake[255], feeling[384] a[10] great[259] deal[543] worse[561] than[77] I[482] have[254] ever[208]
done[135] since[374], even[198] from[316] the[19] greatest[479] subsequent[312] misfortunes[410].
At[65] last[436] I[482] must[226] have[254] fallen[40] into[554] a[10] troubled[327] nightmare[305] of[89] a[10] doze[260];
and[236] slowly[149] waking[428] from[316] it[162]--half[119] steeped[204] in[107] dreams[299]--I[482] opened[461] my[36] eyes[125],
and[236] the[19] before[344] sunlit[250] room[65] was[454] now[20] wrapped[99] in[107] outer[359] darkness[493].
Instantly[186] I[482] felt[440] a[10] shock[44] running[296] through[295] all[145] my[36] frame[84];
nothing[324] was[454] to[261] be[341] seen[154], and[236] nothing[324] was[454] to[261] be[341] heard[444];
but[330] a[10] supernatural[367] hand[252] seemed[132] placed[556] in[107] mine[482]. My[36] arm[25] hung[479]
over[82] the[19] counterpane[65], and[236] the[19] nameless[427], unimaginable[192], silent[382] form[238]
or[519] phantom[101], to[261] which[16] the[19] hand[252] belonged[455], seemed[132] closely[218]
seated[158] by[406] my[36] bed[273]-side[246]. For[190] what[243] seemed[132] ages[146] piled[126] on[392] ages[146],
I[482] lay[62] there[340], frozen[446] with[449] the[19] most[216] awful[539] fears[259], not[518] daring[322]
to[261] drag[426] away[443] my[36] hand[252]; yet[443] ever[208] thinking[385] that[14] if[141] I[482] could[375] but[330]
stir[290] it[162] one[470] single[77] inch[65], the[19] horrid[280] spell[416] would[282] be[341] broken[255].
I[482] knew[480] not[518] how[19] this[256] consciousness[539] at[65] last[436] glided[152] away[443] from[316] me[2];
but[330] waking[428] in[107] the[19] morning[417], I[482] shudderingly[100] remembered[66] it[162] all[145],
and[236] for[190] days[351] and[236] weeks[522] and[236] months[17] afterwards[418] I[482] lost[308] myself[99]
in[107] confounding[89] attempts[13] to[261] explain[349] the[19] mystery[254]. Nay[358], to[261] this[256]
very[515] hour[384], I[482] often[227] puzzle[364] myself[99] with[449] it[162].

Now[20], take[279] away[443] the[19] awful[539] fear[103], and[236] my[36] sensations[198] at[65]
feeling[384] the[19] supernatural[367] hand[252] in[107] mine[482] were[324] very[515] similar[101],
in[107] their[219] strangeness[58], to[261] those[427] which[16] I[482] experienced[93] on[392] waking[428]
up[405] and[236] seeing[426] Queequeg's[483] pagan[118] arm[25] thrown[359] round[287] me[2].
But[330] at[65] length[202] all[145] the[19] past[111] night[108]'s[483] events[390] soberly[238] recurred[402],
one[470] by[406] one[470], in[107] fixed[564] reality[214], and[236] then[45] I[482] lay[62] only[517] alive[298] to[261]
the[19] comical[135] predicament[142]. For[190] though[400] I[482] tried[73] to[261] move[361] his[433] arm[25]--
unlock[169] his[433] bridegroom[3] clasp[86]--yet[443], sleeping[341] as[113] he[362] was[454], he[362] still[278]
hugged[318] me[2] tightly[259], as[113] though[400] naught[80] but[330] death[543] should[255] part[207] us[569] twain[313].
I[482] now[20] strove[180] to[261] rouse[441] him[248]--"Queequeg!"--but[330] his[433] only[517] answer[164]
was[454] a[10] snore[291]. I[482] then[45] rolled[226] over[82], my[36] neck[239] feeling[384] as[113] if[141] it[162]
were[324] in[107] a[10] horse[409]-collar[102]; and[236] suddenly[193] felt[440] a[10] slight[259] scratch[316].
Throwing[120] aside[408] the[19] counterpane[65], there[340] lay[62] the[19] tomahawk[279] sleeping[341]
by[406] the[19] savage[398]'s[483] side[246], as[113] if[141] it[162] were[324] a[10] hatchet[273]-faced[115] baby[236].
A[10] pretty[252] pickle[110], truly[530], thought[186] I[482]; abed[24] here[135] in[107] a[10] strange[440]
house[499] in[107] the[19] broad[267] day[112], with[449] a[10] cannibal[180] and[236] a[10] tomahawk[279]!
"Queequeg!--in[107] the[19] name[477] of[89] goodness[64], Queequeg, wake[205]!" At[65] length[202],
by[406] dint[75] of[89] much[61] wriggling[305], and[236] loud[556] and[236] incessant[91] expostulations[35]
upon[419] the[19] unbecomingness[22] of[89] his[433] hugging[535] a[10] fellow[369] male[447] in[107] that[14]
matrimonial[14] sort[42] of[89] style[303], I[482] succeeded[76] in[107] extracting[41] a[10] grunt[446];
and[236] presently[166], he[362] drew[175] back[457] his[433] arm[25], shook[161] himself[282] all[145] over[82]
like[410] a[10] Newfoundland[208] dog[322] just[108] from[316] the[19] water[520], and[236] sat[77] up[405] in[107] bed[273],
stiff[549] as[113] a[10] pike[412]-staff[359], looking[318] at[65] me[2], and[236] rubbing[120] his[433] eyes[125]
as[113] if[141] he[362] did[444] not[518] altogether[31] remember[499] how[19] I[482] came[549] to[261] be[341] there[340],
though[400] a[10] dim[14] consciousness[539] of[89] knowing[240] something[181] about[123] me[2] seemed[132]
slowly[149] dawning[364] over[82] him[248]. Meanwhile[282], I[482] lay[62] quietly[380] eyeing[49] him[248],
having[69] no[235] serious[97] misgivings[217] now[20], and[236] bent[406] upon[419] narrowly[57] observing[278]
so[281] curious[264] a[10] creature[82]. When[189], at[65] last[436], his[433] mind[118] seemed[132] made[563]
up[405] touching[80] the[19] character[239] of[89] his[433] bedfellow[219], and[236] he[362] became[70],
as[113] it[162] were[324], reconciled[190] to[261] the[19] fact[12]; he[362] jumped[499] out[66] upon[419] the[19] floor[418],
and[236] by[406] certain[31] signs[211] and[236] sounds[394] gave[572] me[2] to[261] understand[111] that[14],
if[141] it[162] pleased[282] me[2], he[362] would[282] dress[46] first[13] and[236] then[45] leave[450] me[2]
to[261] dress[46] afterwards[418], leaving[231] the[19] whole[199] apartment[18] to[261] myself[99].
Thinks[344] I[482], Queequeg, under[533] the[19] circumstances[267], this[256] is[487] a[10] very[515]
civilized[441] overture[267]; but[330], the[19] truth[350] is[487], these[527] savages[247] have[254] an[138]
innate[507] sense[85] of[89] delicacy[201], say[306] what[243] you[227] will[584]; it[162] is[487] marvellous[35]
how[19] essentially[89] polite[499] they[382] are[314]. I[482] pay[496] this[256] particular[336]
compliment[480] to[261] Queequeg, because[540] he[362] treated[277] me[2] with[449] so[281] much[61]
civility[42] and[236] consideration[196], while[55] I[482] was[454] guilty[290] of[89] great[259] rudeness[24];
staring[523] at[65] him[248] from[316] the[19] bed[273], and[236] watching[330] all[145] his[433] toilette[282] motions[62];
for[190] the[19] time[577] my[36] curiosity[501] getting[369] the[19] better[34] of[89] my[36] breeding[158].
Nevertheless[104], a[10] man[17] like[410] Queequeg you[227] don[280]'t[500] see[370] every[389] day[112],
he[362] and[236] his[433] ways[101] were[324] well[263] worth[84] unusual[322] regarding[23].

He[362] commenced[8] dressing[217] at[65] top[70] by[406] donning[227] his[433] beaver[418] hat[107],
a[10] very[515] tall[373] one[470], by[406] the[19] by[406], and[236] then[45]--still[278] minus[153] his[433] trowsers[206]--
he[362] hunted[439] up[405] his[433] boots[497]. What[243] under[533] the[19] heavens[494] he[362] did[444] it[162] for[190],
I[482] cannot tell[392], but[330] his[433] next[27] movement[128] was[454] to[261] crush[482] himself[282]--
boots[497] in[107] hand[252], and[236] hat[107] on[392]--under[533] the[19] bed[273]; when[189], from[316] sundry[53]
violent[336] gaspings[83] and[236] strainings, I[482] inferred[165] he[362] was[454] hard[337] at[65] work[385]
booting[314] himself[282]; though[400] by[406] no[235] law[231] of[89] propriety[22] that[14] I[482] ever[208] heard[444] of[89],
is[487] any[501] man[17] required[566] to[261] be[341] private[541] when[189] putting[243] on[392] his[433] boots[497].
But[330] Queequeg, do[353] you[227] see[370], was[454] a[10] creature[82] in[107] the[19] transition[59] state[135]--

neither[74] caterpillar[369] nor[137] butterfly[125]. He[362] was[454] just[108] enough[217] civilized[441]
to[261] show[460] off[111] his[433] outlandishness[402] in[107] the[19] strangest[86] possible[277] manner[153].
His[433] education[26] was[454] not[518] yet[443] completed[102]. He[362] was[454] an[138] undergraduate[31].
If[141] he[362] had[364] not[518] been[185] a[10] small[350] degree[209] civilized[441], he[362] very[515] probably[244]
would[282] not[518] have[254] troubled[327] himself[282] with[449] boots[497] at[65] all[145]; but[330] then[45],
if[141] he[362] had[364] not[518] been[185] still[278] a[10] savage[398], he[362] never[206] would[282] have[254] dreamt[516]
of[89] getting[369] under[533] the[19] bed[273] to[261] put[190] them[146] on[392]. At[65] last[436], he[362] emerged[100]
with[449] his[433] hat[107] very[515] much[61] dented[19] and[236] crushed[197] down[133] over[82] his[433] eyes[125],
and[236] began[132] creaking[39] and[236] limping[439] about[123] the[19] room[65], as[113] if[141], not[518] being[264]
much[61] accustomed[295] to[261] boots[497], his[433] pair[106] of[89] damp[264], wrinkled[259] cowhide[364] ones[396]--
probably[244] not[518] made[563] to[261] order[343] either[45]--rather[178] pinched[121] and[236] tormented[256]
him[248] at[65] the[19] first[13] go[20] off[111] of[89] a[10] bitter[236] cold[330] morning[417].

Seeing[426], now[20], that[14] there[340] were[324] no[235] curtains[259] to[261] the[19] window[8], and[236] that[14]
the[19] street[100] being[264] very[515] narrow[140], the[19] house[499] opposite[107] commanded[571] a[10] plain[28] view[370]
into[554] the[19] room[65], and[236] observing[278] more[348] and[236] more[348] the[19] indecorous[325] figure[55] that[14]
Queequeg made[563], staving[279] about[123] with[449] little[554] else[212] but[330] his[433] hat[107] and[236] boots[497] on[392];
I[482] begged[345] him[248] as[113] well[263] as[113] I[482] could[375], to[261] accelerate[93] his[433] toilet[421] somewhat[77],
and[236] particularly[106] to[261] get[126] into[554] his[433] pantaloons[4] as[113] soon[18] as[113] possible[277].
He[362] complied[427], and[236] then[45] proceeded[121] to[261] wash[160] himself[282]. At[65] that[14] time[577] in[107]
the[19] morning[417] any[501] Christian[235] would[282] have[254] washed[479] his[433] face[556]; but[330] Queequeg,
to[261] my[36] amazement[223], contented[520] himself[282] with[449] restricting[90] his[433] ablutions[160]
to[261] his[433] chest[98], arms[536], and[236] hands[87]. He[362] then[45] donned[126] his[433] waistcoat[498],
and[236] taking[146] up[405] a[10] piece[121] of[89] hard[337] soap[458] on[392] the[19] wash[160]-stand[530] centre[389] table[572],
dipped[377] it[162] into[554] water[520] and[236] commenced[8] lathering[26] his[433] face[556].
I[482] was[454] watching[330] to[261] see[370] where[579] he[362] kept[290] his[433] razor[471], when[189] lo[418] and[236] behold[525],
he[362] takes[362] the[19] harpoon[67] from[316] the[19] bed[273] corner[204], slips[437] out[66] the[19] long[544]
wooden[35] stock[437], unsheathes[309] the[19] head[219], whets[157] it[162] a[10] little[554] on[392] his[433] boot[159],
and[236] striding[110] up[405] to[261] the[19] bit[72] of[89] mirror[543] against[417] the[19] wall[509],
begins[374] a[10] vigorous[113] scraping[276], or[519] rather[178] harpooning[6] of[89] his[433] cheeks[282].
Thinks[344] I[482], Queequeg, this[256] is[487] using[14] Rogers[310]'s[483] best[315] cutlery[115] with[449] a[10] vengeance[72].
Afterwards[418] I[482] wondered[315] the[19] less[261] at[65] this[256] operation[261] when[189] I[482] came[549] to[261] know[60]
of[89] what[243] fine[333] steel[184] the[19] head[219] of[89] a[10] harpoon[67] is[487] made[563], and[236] how[19] exceedingly[257]
sharp[427] the[19] long[544] straight[346] edges[15] are[314] always[367] kept[290].

The[19] rest[302] of[89] his[433] toilet[421] was[454] soon[18] achieved[251], and[236] he[362] proudly[345] marched[158]
out[66] of[89] the[19] room[65], wrapped[99] up[405] in[107] his[433] great[259] pilot[559] monkey[335] jacket[481],
and[236] sporting[320] his[433] harpoon[67] like[410] a[10] marshal[192]'s[483] baton[427].

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Breakfast[408]

I[482] quickly[183] followed[234] suit[373], and[236] descending[181] into[554] the[19] bar[144]-room[65] accosted[137]
the[19] grinning[424] landlord[270] very[515] pleasantly[215]. I[482] cherished[117] no[235] malice[157]
towards[417] him[248], though[400] he[362] had[364] been[185] skylarking[364] with[449] me[2] not[518] a[10] little[554]
in[107] the[19] matter[176] of[89] my[36] bedfellow[219].

However[44], a[10] good[221] laugh[559] is[487] a[10] mighty[2] good[221] thing[309], and[236] rather[178] too[11]
scarce[462] a[10] good[221] thing[309]; the[19] more[348]'s[483] the[19] pity[270]. So[281], if[141] any[501] one[470] man[17],
in[107] his[433] own[248] proper[249] person[550], afford[282] stuff[471] for[190] a[10] good[221] joke[568]
to[261] anybody[58], let[66] him[248] not[518] be[341] backward[19], but[330] let[66] him[248] cheerfully[100]
allow[368] himself[282] to[261] spend[357] and[236] to[261] be[341] spent[329] in[107] that[14] way[435].
And[236] the[19] man[17] that[14] has[399] anything[480] bountifully[101] laughable[70] about[123] him[248],
be[341] sure[41] there[340] is[487] more[348] in[107] that[14] man[17] than[77] you[227] perhaps[75] think[424] for[190].

The[19] bar[144]-room[65] was[454] now[20] full[414] of[89] the[19] boarders[76] who[319] had[364] been[185] dropping[279]
in[107] the[19] night[108] previous[376], and[236] whom[324] I[482] had[364] not[518] as[113] yet[443] had[364] a[10] good[221] look[523] at[65].
They[382] were[324] nearly[575] all[145] whalemen[451]; chief[156] mates[264], and[236] second[386] mates[264],
and[236] third[301] mates[264], and[236] sea[67] carpenters[185], and[236] sea[67] coopers[26],
and[236] sea[67] blacksmiths[136], and[236] harpooneers, and[236] ship[438] keepers[271];
a[10] brown[446] and[236] brawny[364] company[280], with[449] bosky[388] beards[306]; an[138] unshorn[395],
shaggy[200] set[422], all[145] wearing[166] monkey[335] jackets[140] for[190] morning[417] gowns[454].

You[227] could[375] pretty[252] plainly[450] tell[392] how[19] long[544] each[520] one[470] had[364] been[185] ashore[122].
This[256] young[389] fellow[369]'s[483] healthy[456] cheek[327] is[487] like[410] a[10] sun[397]-toasted
pear[270] in[107] hue[296], and[236] would[282] seem[404] to[261] smell[124] almost[518] as[113] musky[280];
he[362] cannot have[254] been[185] three[329] days[351] landed[451] from[316] his[433] Indian[303] voyage[137].
That[14] man[17] next[27] him[248] looks[150] a[10] few[49] shades[508] lighter[415]; you[227] might[496] say[306]
a[10] touch[486] of[89] satin[114] wood[46] is[487] in[107] him[248]. In[107] the[19] complexion[243] of[89] a[10] third[301]
still[278] lingers[37] a[10] tropic[303] tawn, but[330] slightly[238] bleached[80] withal[157];
he[362] doubtless[101] has[399] tarried[399] whole[199] weeks[522] ashore[122]. But[330] who[319] could[375]
show[460] a[10] cheek[327] like[410] Queequeg? which[16], barred[314] with[449] various[183] tints[210],
seemed[132] like[410] the[19] Andes[341]' western[227] slope[98], to[261] show[460] forth[152] in[107] one[470] array[86],
contrasting[286] climates[181], zone[173] by[406] zone[173].

"Grub[364], ho[31]!" now[20] cried[506] the[19] landlord[270], flinging[389] open[464] a[10] door[135],
and[236] in[107] we[465] went[516] to[261] breakfast[408].

They[382] say[306] that[14] men[62] who[319] have[254] seen[154] the[19] world[126], thereby[190] become[548]
quite[327] at[65] ease[387] in[107] manner[153], quite[327] self[442]-possessed[95] in[107] company[280].
Not[518] always[367], though[400]: Ledyard[161], the[19] great[259] New[36] England[348] traveller[258],

and[236] Mungo[170] Park[236], the[19] Scotch[481] one[470]; of[89] all[145] men[62], they[382] possessed[95]
the[19] least[453] assurance[41] in[107] the[19] parlor[522]. But[330] perhaps[75] the[19] mere[393]
crossing[402] of[89] Siberia[239] in[107] a[10] sledge[398] drawn[564] by[406] dogs[393] as[113] Ledyard[161] did[444],
or[519] the[19] taking[146] a[10] long[544] solitary[407] walk[405] on[392] an[138] empty[450] stomach[274], in[107] the[19] negro[102]
heart[470] of[89] Africa[269], which[16] was[454] the[19] sum[213] of[89] poor[533] Mungo[170]'s[483] performances[11]--
this[256] kind[451] of[89] travel[362], I[482] say[306], may[236] not[518] be[341] the[19] very[515] best[315] mode[49]
of[89] attaining[399] a[10] high[361] social[149] polish[203]. Still[278], for[190] the[19] most[216] part[207],
that[14] sort[42] of[89] thing[309] is[487] to[261] be[341] had[364] anywhere[436].

These[527] reflections[104] just[108] here[135] are[314] occasioned[403] by[406] the[19] circumstance[407]
that[14] after[358] we[465] were[324] all[145] seated[158] at[65] the[19] table[572], and[236] I[482] was[454] preparing[52]
to[261] hear[386] some[265] good[221] stories[264] about[123] whaling[155]; to[261] my[36] no[235] small[350]
surprise[125] nearly[575] every[389] man[17] maintained[345] a[10] profound[371] silence[309].
And[236] not[518] only[517] that[14], but[330] they[382] looked[232] embarrassed[198]. Yes[143], here[135] were[324]
a[10] set[422] of[89] sea[67]-dogs[393], many[282] of[89] whom[324] without[309] the[19] slightest[44] bashfulness[48]
had[364] boarded[52] great[259] whales[331] on[392] the[19] high[361] seas[350]--entire[230] strangers[226] to[261] them[146]--
and[236] duelled them[146] dead[568] without[309] winking[222]; and[236] yet[443], here[135] they[382]
sat[77] at[65] a[10] social[149] breakfast[408] table[572]--all[145] of[89] the[19] same[541] calling[56],
all[145] of[89] kindred[402] tastes[180]--looking[318] round[287] as[113] sheepishly[7] at[65] each[520] other[282]
as[113] though[400] they[382] had[364] never[206] been[185] out[66] of[89] sight[365] of[89] some[265] sheepfold[296]
among[483] the[19] Green[549] Mountains[202]. A[10] curious[264] sight[365]; these[527] bashful[18] bears[97],
these[527] timid[197] warrior[140] whalemen[451]!

But[330] as[113] for[190] Queequeg--why[177], Queequeg sat[77] there[340] among[483] them[146]--
at[65] the[19] head[219] of[89] the[19] table[572], too[11], it[162] so[281] chanced[424]; as[113] cool[102] as[113] an[138] icicle[104].
To[261] be[341] sure[41] I[482] cannot say[306] much[61] for[190] his[433] breeding[158]. His[433] greatest[479]
admirer[102] could[375] not[518] have[254] cordially[167] justified[107] his[433] bringing[9] his[433] harpoon[67]
into[554] breakfast[408] with[449] him[248], and[236] using[14] it[162] there[340] without[309] ceremony[37];
reaching[141] over[82] the[19] table[572] with[449] it[162], to[261] the[19] imminent[22] jeopardy[95]
of[89] many[282] heads[366], and[236] grappling[423] the[19] beefsteaks[26] towards[417] him[248].
But[330] that[14] was[454] certainly[124] very[515] coolly[156] done[135] by[406] him[248], and[236] every[389] one[470]
knows[286] that[14] in[107] most[216] people[482]'s[483] estimation[287], to[261] do[353] anything[480] coolly[156]
is[487] to[261] do[353] it[162] genteelly[57].

We[465] will[584] not[518] speak[337] of[89] all[145] Queequeg's[483] peculiarities[38] here[135];
how[19] he[362] eschewed[95] coffee[331] and[236] hot[424] rolls[475], and[236] applied[122] his[433] undivided[317]
attention[518] to[261] beefsteaks[26], done[135] rare[296]. Enough[217], that[14] when[189] breakfast[408]
was[454] over[82] he[362] withdrew[400] like[410] the[19] rest[302] into[554] the[19] public[3] room[65],
lighted[422] his[433] tomahawk[279]-pipe[124], and[236] was[454] sitting[136] there[340] quietly[380]
digesting[53] and[236] smoking[470] with[449] his[433] inseparable[88] hat[107] on[392], when[189] I[482]
sallied[183] out[66] for[190] a[10] stroll[115].

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The[19] Street[100]

If[141] I[482] had[364] been[185] astonished[260] at[65] first[13] catching[263] a[10] glimpse[12] of[89] so[281] outlandish[292]
an[138] individual[233] as[113] Queequeg circulating[135] among[483] the[19] polite[499] society[520]
of[89] a[10] civilized[441] town[172], that[14] astonishment[5] soon[18] departed[467] upon[419] taking[146]
my[36] first[13] daylight[155] stroll[115] through[295] the[19] streets[374] of[89] New[36] Bedford[83].

In[107] thoroughfares[147] nigh[254] the[19] docks[99], any[501] considerable[75] seaport[296] will[584] frequently[475]
offer[422] to[261] view[370] the[19] queerest[452] looking[318] nondescripts[204] from[316] foreign[198] parts[470].
Even[198] in[107] Broadway[92] and[236] Chestnut[292] streets[374], Mediterranean[241] mariners[347] will[584]
sometimes[77] jostle[451] the[19] affrighted[35] ladies[66]. Regent[253] Street[100] is[487] not[518] unknown[10]
to[261] Lascars[98] and[236] Malays[400]; and[236] at[65] Bombay[330], in[107] the[19] Apollo[559] Green[549], live[554] Yankees[44]
have[254] often[227] scared[92] the[19] natives[165]. But[330] New[36] Bedford[83] beats[241] all[145] Water[520] Street[100]
and[236] Wapping[191]. In[107] these[527] last[436]-mentioned[124] haunts[132] you[227] see[370] only[517] sailors[64];
but[330] in[107] New[36] Bedford[83], actual[143] cannibals[27] stand[530] chatting[225] at[65] street[100] corners[124];
savages[247] outright[472]; many[282] of[89] whom[324] yet[443] carry[160] on[392] their[219] bones[5] unholy[483] flesh[331].
It[162] makes[32] a[10] stranger[233] stare[236].

But[330], besides[465] the[19] Feegeeans, Tongatobooarrs, Erromanggoans, Pannangians,
and[236] Brighggians, and[236], besides[465] the[19] wild[230] specimens[91] of[89] the[19] whaling[155]-craft[187]
which[16] unheeded[208] reel[315] about[123] the[19] streets[374], you[227] will[584] see[370] other[282] sights[24] still[278]
more[348] curious[264], certainly[124] more[348] comical[135]. There[340] weekly[374] arrive[8] in[107] this[256] town[172]
scores[316] of[89] green[549] Vermonters[25] and[236] New[36] Hampshire[324] men[62], all[145] athirst[280] for[190] gain[101]
and[236] glory[173] in[107] the[19] fishery[136]. They[382] are[314] mostly[190] young[389], of[89] stalwart[323] frames[400];
fellows[131] who[319] have[254] felled[284] forests[238], and[236] now[20] seek[292] to[261] drop[22] the[19] axe[288] and[236] snatch[276]
the[19] whale[422]-lance[76]. Many[282] are[314] as[113] green[549] as[113] the[19] Green[549] Mountains[202] whence[494]
they[382] came[549]. In[107] some[265] things[4] you[227] would[282] think[424] them[146] but[330] a[10] few[49] hours[127] old[447].
Look[523] there[340]! that[14] chap[287] strutting[336] round[287] the[19] corner[204]. He[362] wears[270] a[10] beaver[418] hat[107]
and[236] swallow[195]-tailed[141] coat[7], girdled[312] with[449] a[10] sailor[561]-belt[323] and[236] a[10] sheath[188]-knife[503].
Here[135] comes[268] another[269] with[449] a[10] sou'-wester[282] and[236] a[10] bombazine[104] cloak[85].

No[235] town[172]-bred[128] dandy[122] will[584] compare[184] with[449] a[10] country[362]-bred[128] one[470]--I[482] mean[504]
a[10] downright[402] bumpkin[26] dandy[122]--a[10] fellow[369] that[14], in[107] the[19] dog[322]-days[351], will[584] mow[109]
his[433] two[527] acres[506] in[107] buckskin[197] gloves[29] for[190] fear[103] of[89] tanning[51] his[433] hands[87].
Now[20] when[189] a[10] country[362] dandy[122] like[410] this[256] takes[362] it[162] into[554] his[433] head[219] to[261] make[175]
a[10] distinguished[365] reputation[193], and[236] joins[78] the[19] great[259] whale[422]-fishery[136], you[227]
should[255] see[370] the[19] comical[135] things[4] he[362] does[565] upon[419] reaching[141] the[19] seaport[296].
In[107] bespeaking[9] his[433] sea[67]-outfit, he[362] orders[199] bell[28]-buttons[458] to[261] his[433] waistcoats[29];

straps[86] to[261] his[433] canvas[557] trowsers[206]. Ah[132], poor[533] Hay[515]-Seed[98]! how[19] bitterly[259] will[584] burst[174] those[427] straps[86] in[107] the[19] first[13] howling[204] gale[440], when[189] thou[173] art[462] driven[228], straps[86], buttons[458], and[236] all[145], down[133] the[19] throat[461] of[89] the[19] tempest[125].

But[330] think[424] not[518] that[14] this[256] famous[254] town[172] has[399] only[517] harpooneers, cannibals[27], and[236] bumpkins[260] to[261] show[460] her[400] visitors[143]. Not[518] at[65] all[145]. Still[278] New[36] Bedford[83] is[487] a[10] queer[156] place[107]. Had[364] it[162] not[518] been[185] for[190] us[569] whalemen[451], that[14] tract[8] of[89] land[406] would[282] this[256] day[112] perhaps[75] have[254] been[185] in[107] as[113] howling[204] condition[62] as[113] the[19] coast[287] of[89] Labrador[331]. As[113] it[162] is[487], parts[470] of[89] her[400] back[457] country[362] are[314] enough[217] to[261] frighten[202] one[470], they[382] look[523] so[281] bony[23]. The[19] town[172] itself[312] is[487] perhaps[75] the[19] dearest[173] place[107] to[261] live[554] in[107], in[107] all[145] New[36] England[348]. It[162] is[487] a[10] land[406] of[89] oil[118], true[483] enough[217]: but[330] not[518] like[410] Canaan[492]; a[10] land[406], also[119], of[89] corn[237] and[236] wine[102]. The[19] streets[374] do[353] not[518] run[172] with[449] milk[362]; nor[137] in[107] the[19] spring[148]-time[577] do[353] they[382] pave[132] them[146] with[449] fresh[540] eggs[151]. Yet[443], in[107] spite[431] of[89] this[256], nowhere[209] in[107] all[145] America[133] will[584] you[227] find[138] more[348] patrician-like[410] houses[166]; parks[232] and[236] gardens[435] more[348] opulent[137], than[77] in[107] New[36] Bedford[83]. Whence[494] came[549] they[382]? how[19] planted[82] upon[419] this[256] once[248] scraggy[366] scoria[83] of[89] a[10] country[362]?

Go[20] and[236] gaze[568] upon[419] the[19] iron[169] emblematical[244] harpoons[6] round[287] yonder[41] lofty[161] mansion[491], and[236] your[162] question[562] will[584] be[341] answered[100]. Yes[143]; all[145] these[527] brave[218] houses[166] and[236] flowery[284] gardens[435] came[549] from[316] the[19] Atlantic[198], Pacific[294], and[236] Indian[303] oceans[60]. One[470] and[236] all[145], they[382] were[324] harpooned[290] and[236] dragged[460] up[405] hither[342] from[316] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] sea[67]. Can[450] Herr[574] Alexander[312] perform[312] a[10] feat[1] like[410] that[14]?

In[107] New[36] Bedford[83], fathers[305], they[382] say[306], give[142] whales[331] for[190] dowers[25] to[261] their[219] daughters[197], and[236] portion[120] off[111] their[219] nieces[166] with[449] a[10] few[49] porpoises[298] a[10]-piece[121]. You[227] must[226] go[20] to[261] New[36] Bedford[83] to[261] see[370] a[10] brilliant[354] wedding[377]; for[190], they[382] say[306], they[382] have[254] reservoirs[25] of[89] oil[118] in[107] every[389] house[499], and[236] every[389] night[108] recklessly[72] burn[118] their[219] lengths[469] in[107] spermaceti[283] candles[457].

In[107] summer[408] time[577], the[19] town[172] is[487] sweet[417] to[261] see[370]; full[414] of[89] fine[333] maples[8]-- long[544] avenues[441] of[89] green[549] and[236] gold[231]. And[236] in[107] August[29], high[361] in[107] air[209], the[19] beautiful[239] and[236] bountiful[348] horse[409]-chestnuts[141], candelabra[91]-wise[16], proffer[18] the[19] passer-by[128] their[219] tapering[416] upright[145] cones[180] of[89] congregated[203] blossoms[163]. So[281] omnipotent[448] is[487] art[462]; which[16] in[107] many[282] a[10] district[11] of[89] New[36] Bedford[83] has[399] superinduced[203] bright[205] terraces[75] of[89] flowers[325] upon[419] the[19] barren[415] refuse[337] rocks[265] thrown[359] aside[408] at[65] creation[182]'s[483] final[357] day[112].

And[236] the[19] women[275] of[89] New[36] Bedford[83], they[382] bloom[266] like[410] their[219] own[248] red[293] roses[542]. But[330] roses[542] only[517] bloom[266] in[107] summer[408]; whereas[18] the[19] fine[333] carnation[210] of[89] their[219] cheeks[282] is[487] perennial[378] as[113] sunlight[333] in[107] the[19] seventh[31] heavens[494]. Elsewhere[154] match[441] that[14] bloom[266] of[89] theirs[137], ye[483] cannot, save[556] in[107] Salem[389], where[579] they[382] tell[392] me[2] the[19] young[389] girls[388] breathe[393] such[420] musk[16], their[219] sailor[561] sweethearts[233] smell[124] them[146] miles[278] off[111] shore[280], as[113] though[400] they[382] were[324] drawing[407] nigh[254] the[19] odorous[485] Moluccas[287] instead[398] of[89] the[19] Puritanic[310] sands[118].

CHAPTER[293] 7[203]

The[19] Chapel[60]

In[107] this[256] same[541] New[36] Bedford[83] there[340] stands[256] a[10] Whaleman[98]'s[483] Chapel[60], and[236] few[49] are[314] the[19] moody[447] fishermen[24], shortly[425] bound[108] for[190] the[19] Indian[303] Ocean[224] or[519] Pacific[294], who[319] fail[126] to[261] make[175] a[10] Sunday[151] visit[229] to[261] the[19] spot[46]. I[482] am[375] sure[41] that[14] I[482] did[444] not[518].

Returning[53] from[316] my[36] first[13] morning[417] stroll[115], I[482] again[52] sallied[183] out[66] upon[419] this[256] special[326] errand[264]. The[19] sky[331] had[364] changed[21] from[316] clear[408], sunny[200] cold[330], to[261] driving[280] sleet[149] and[236] mist[322]. Wrapping[439] myself[99] in[107] my[36] shaggy[200] jacket[481] of[89] the[19] cloth[102] called[237] bearskin[445], I[482] fought[66] my[36] way[435] against[417] the[19] stubborn[452] storm[218]. Entering[423], I[482] found[260] a[10] small[350] scattered[17] congregation[23] of[89] sailors[64], and[236] sailors[64]' wives[473] and[236] widows[342]. A[10] muffled[58] silence[309] reigned[208], only[517] broken[255] at[65] times[121] by[406] the[19] shrieks[400] of[89] the[19] storm[218]. Each[520] silent[382] worshipper[227] seemed[132] purposely[140] sitting[136] apart[526] from[316] the[19] other[282], as[113] if[141] each[520] silent[382] grief[318] were[324] insular[129] and[236] incommunicable[38]. The[19] chaplain[471] had[364] not[518] yet[443] arrived[553]; and[236] there[340] these[527] silent[382] islands[59] of[89] men[62] and[236] women[275] sat[77] steadfastly[106] eyeing[49] several[479] marble[364] tablets[18], with[449] black[581] borders[133], masoned into[554] the[19] wall[509] on[392] either[45] side[246] the[19] pulpit[107]. Three[329] of[89] them[146] ran[391] something[181] like[410] the[19] following[181], but[330] I[482] do[353] not[518] pretend[493] to[261] quote[254]:

SACRED[32]
TO[261] THE[19] MEMORY[333]
OF[89]
JOHN[416] TALBOT[102],
Who[319], at[65] the[19] age[157] of[89] eighteen[387], was[454] lost[308] overboard[247]
Near[70] the[19] Isle[41] of[89] Desolation[143], off[111] Patagonia[111],
November[197] 1st[127], 1836[360].
THIS[256] TABLET[260]
Is[487] erected[412] to[261] his[433] Memory[333]
BY[406] HIS[433] SISTER[126].

SACRED[32]
TO[261] THE[19] MEMORY[333]
OF[89]
ROBERT[203] LONG[544], WILLIS[67] ELLERY[389],
NATHAN[84] COLEMAN[117], WALTER[457] CANNY[223], SETH[377] MACY[39],
AND[236] SAMUEL[77] GLEIG[273],
Forming[354] one[470] of[89] the[19] boats[83]' crews[559]
OF[89]
THE[19] SHIP[438] ELIZA[321]
Who[319] were[324] towed[376] out[66] of[89] sight[365] by[406] a[10] Whale[422],
On[392] the[19] Off[111]-shore[280] Ground[127] in[107] the[19]
PACIFIC[294],
December[490] 31st[296], 1839[386].
THIS[256] MARBLE[364]
Is[487] here[135] placed[556] by[406] their[219] surviving[61]
SHIPMATES[98].

SACRED[32]
TO[261] THE[19] MEMORY[333]
OF[89]
The[19] late[351]
CAPTAIN[295] EZEKIEL[29] HARDY[241],
Who[319] in[107] the[19] bows[460] of[89] his[433] boat[439] was[454] killed[409] by[406] a[10]
Sperm[26] Whale[422] on[392] the[19] coast[287] of[89] Japan[53],
August[29] 3d[487], 1833[66].
THIS[256] TABLET[260]
Is[487] erected[412] to[261] his[433] Memory[333]
BY[406]
HIS[433] WIDOW[231].

Shaking[206] off[111] the[19] sleet[149] from[316] my[36] ice[443]-glazed hat[107] and[236] jacket[481], I[482] seated[158]
myself[99] near[70] the[19] door[135], and[236] turning[69] sideways[496] was[454] surprised[55] to[261] see[370]
Queequeg near[70] me[2]. Affected[283] by[406] the[19] solemnity[310] of[89] the[19] scene[228], there[340] was[454]
a[10] wondering[263] gaze[568] of[89] incredulous[361] curiosity[501] in[107] his[433] countenance[553].
This[256] savage[398] was[454] the[19] only[517] person[550] present[112] who[319] seemed[132] to[261] notice[76]
my[36] entrance[237]; because[540] he[362] was[454] the[19] only[517] one[470] who[319] could[375] not[518] read[98],
and[236], therefore[94], was[454] not[518] reading[210] those[427] frigid[499] inscriptions[162] on[392] the[19] wall[509].
Whether[454] any[501] of[89] the[19] relatives[443] of[89] the[19] seamen[6] whose[286] names[360]
appeared[88] there[340] were[324] now[20] among[483] the[19] congregation[23], I[482] knew[480] not[518];
but[330] so[281] many[282] are[314] the[19] unrecorded[337] accidents[122] in[107] the[19] fishery[136],
and[236] so[281] plainly[450] did[444] several[479] women[275] present[112] wear[250] the[19] countenance[553]
if[141] not[518] the[19] trappings[1] of[89] some[265] unceasing[360] grief[318], that[14] I[482] feel[461] sure[41]
that[14] here[135] before[344] me[2] were[324] assembled[170] those[427], in[107] whose[286] unhealing
hearts[431] the[19] sight[365] of[89] those[427] bleak[151] tablets[18] sympathetically[83] caused[308]
the[19] old[447] wounds[371] to[261] bleed[366] afresh[59].

Oh[367]! ye[483] whose[286] dead[568] lie[212] buried[205] beneath[320] the[19] green[549] grass[418];
who[319] standing[144] among[483] flowers[325] can[450] say[306]--here[135], here[135] lies[27] my[36] beloved[169];
ye[483] know[60] not[518] the[19] desolation[143] that[14] broods[89] in[107] bosoms[504] like[410] these[527].
What[243] bitter[236] blanks[140] in[107] those[427] black[581]-bordered[83] marbles[484] which[16] cover[172]
no[235] ashes[243]! What[243] despair[187] in[107] those[427] immovable[214] inscriptions[162]!
What[243] deadly[49] voids[41] and[236] unbidden[102] infidelities[295] in[107] the[19] lines[241]
that[14] seem[404] to[261] gnaw[212] upon[419] all[145] Faith[511], and[236] refuse[337] resurrections[393]
to[261] the[19] beings[6] who[319] have[254] placelessly perished[264] without[309] a[10] grave[344].
As[113] well[263] might[496] those[427] tablets[18] stand[530] in[107] the[19] cave[84] of[89] Elephanta[99] as[113] here[135].

In[107] what[243] census[198] of[89] living[117] creatures[5], the[19] dead[568] of[89] mankind[40] are[314] included[559];
why[177] it[162] is[487] that[14] a[10] universal[397] proverb[204] says[424] of[89] them[146], that[14] they[382] tell[392] no[235] tales[527],
though[400] containing[247] more[348] secrets[107] than[77] the[19] Goodwin[439] Sands[118]! how[19] it[162] is[487]
that[14] to[261] his[433] name[477] who[319] yesterday[235] departed[467] for[190] the[19] other[282] world[126], we[465] prefix[165]
so[281] significant[143] and[236] infidel[183] a[10] word[486], and[236] yet[443] do[353] not[518] thus[362] entitle[159] him[248],
if[141] he[362] but[330] embarks[277] for[190] the[19] remotest[95] Indies[181] of[89] this[256] living[117] earth[513];
why[177] the[19] Life[71] Insurance[415] Companies[13] pay[496] death[543]-forfeitures upon[419] immortals[327];
in[107] what[243] eternal[155], unstirring paralysis[95], and[236] deadly[49], hopeless[189] trance[202],
yet[443] lies[27] antique[58] Adam[482] who[319] died[575] sixty[332] round[287] centuries[168] ago[141];
how[19] it[162] is[487] that[14] we[465] still[278] refuse[337] to[261] be[341] comforted[316] for[190] those[427] who[319] we[465]
nevertheless[104] maintain[357] are[314] dwelling[394] in[107] unspeakable[4] bliss[128];
why[177] all[145] the[19] living[117] so[281] strive[57] to[261] hush[4] all[145] the[19] dead[568]; wherefore[220] but[330]
the[19] rumor[368] of[89] a[10] knocking[82] in[107] a[10] tomb[122] will[584] terrify[503] a[10] whole[199] city[82].
All[145] these[527] things[4] are[314] not[518] without[309] their[219] meanings[186].

But[330] Faith[511], like[410] a[10] jackal[380], feeds[304] among[483] the[19] tombs[410], and[236] even[198] from[316]
these[527] dead[568] doubts[289] she[391] gathers[439] her[400] most[216] vital[204] hope[211].

It[162] needs[41] scarcely[71] to[261] be[341] told[82], with[449] what[243] feelings[120], on[392] the[19] eve[245]
of[89] a[10] Nantucket[283] voyage[137], I[482] regarded[393] those[427] marble[364] tablets[18],
and[236] by[406] the[19] murky[330] light[382] of[89] that[14] darkened[21], doleful[223] day[112] read[98]
the[19] fate[74] of[89] the[19] whalemen[451] who[319] had[364] gone[190] before[344] me[2]. Yes[143], Ishmael[196],
the[19] same[541] fate[74] may[236] be[341] thine[72]. But[330] somehow[425] I[482] grew[5] merry[486] again[52].
Delightful[113] inducements[74] to[261] embark[296], fine[333] chance[292] for[190] promotion[282],
it[162] seems[19]--aye[86], a[10] stove[373] boat[439] will[584] make[175] me[2] an[138] immortal[15] by[406] brevet[92].
Yes[143], there[340] is[487] death[543] in[107] this[256] business[168] of[89] whaling[155]--a[10] speechlessly[86]

quick[241] chaotic[133] bundling[40] of[89] a[10] man[17] into[554] Eternity[380]. But[330] what[243] then[45]? Methinks[462] we[465] have[254] hugely[256] mistaken[49] this[256] matter[176] of[89] Life[71] and[236] Death[543]. Methinks[462] that[14] what[243] they[382] call[259] my[36] shadow[438] here[135] on[392] earth[513] is[487] my[36] true[483] substance[316]. Methinks[462] that[14] in[107] looking[318] at[65] things[4] spiritual[467], we[465] are[314] too[11] much[61] like[410] oysters[453] observing[278] the[19] sun[397] through[295] the[19] water[520], and[236] thinking[385] that[14] thick[502] water[520] the[19] thinnest[240] of[89] air[209]. Methinks[462] my[36] body[348] is[487] but[330] the[19] lees[163] of[89] my[36] better[34] being[264]. In[107] fact[12] take[279] my[36] body[348] who[319] will[584], take[279] it[162] I[482] say[306], it[162] is[487] not[518] me[2]. And[236] therefore[94] three[329] cheers[416] for[190] Nantucket[283]; and[236] come[420] a[10] stove[373] boat[439] and[236] stove[373] body[348] when[189] they[382] will[584], for[190] stave[416] my[36] soul[428], Jove[274] himself[282] cannot.

CHAPTER[293] 8[414]

The[19] Pulpit[107]

I[482] had[364] not[518] been[185] seated[158] very[515] long[544] ere[83] a[10] man[17] of[89] a[10] certain[31] venerable[57] robustness[9] entered[447]; immediately[172] as[113] the[19] storm[218]-pelted door[135] flew[424] back[457] upon[419] admitting[158] him[248], a[10] quick[241] regardful[409] eyeing[49] of[89] him[248] by[406] all[145] the[19] congregation[23], sufficiently[12] attested[83] that[14] this[256] fine[333] old[447] man[17] was[454] the[19] chaplain[471]. Yes[143], it[162] was[454] the[19] famous[254] Father[339] Mapple, so[281] called[237] by[406] the[19] whalemen[451], among[483] whom[324] he[362] was[454] a[10] very[515] great[259] favorite[461]. He[362] had[364] been[185] a[10] sailor[561] and[236] a[10] harpooneer in[107] his[433] youth[327], but[330] for[190] many[282] years[116] past[111] had[364] dedicated[87] his[433] life[71] to[261] the[19] ministry[466]. At[65] the[19] time[577] I[482] now[20] write[570] of[89], Father[339] Mapple was[454] in[107] the[19] hardy[241] winter[317] of[89] a[10] healthy[456] old[447] age[157]; that[14] sort[42] of[89] old[447] age[157] which[16] seems[19] merging[202] into[554] a[10] second[386] flowering[232] youth[327], for[190] among[483] all[145] the[19] fissures[143] of[89] his[433] wrinkles[318], there[340] shone[14] certain[31] mild[117] gleams[34] of[89] a[10] newly[318] developing[212] bloom[266]-- the[19] spring[148] verdure[329] peeping[374] forth[152] even[198] beneath[320] February[222]'s[483] snow[498]. No[235] one[470] having[69] previously[250] heard[444] his[433] history[183], could[375] for[190] the[19] first[13] time[577] behold[525] Father[339] Mapple without[309] the[19] utmost[43] interest[323], because[540] there[340] were[324] certain[31] engrafted[64] clerical[256] peculiarities[38] about[123] him[248], imputable[237] to[261] that[14] adventurous[499] maritime[243] life[71] he[362] had[364] led[46]. When[189] he[362] entered[447] I[482] observed[340] that[14] he[362] carried[232] no[235] umbrella[371], and[236] certainly[124] had[364] not[518] come[420] in[107] his[433] carriage[21], for[190] his[433] tarpaulin[2] hat[107] ran[391] down[133] with[449] melting[59] sleet[149], and[236] his[433] great[259] pilot[559] cloth[102] jacket[481] seemed[132] almost[518] to[261] drag[426] him[248] to[261] the[19] floor[418] with[449] the[19] weight[213] of[89] the[19] water[520] it[162] had[364] absorbed[116]. However[44], hat[107] and[236] coat[7] and[236] overshoes[261] were[324] one[470] by[406] one[470] removed[447], and[236] hung[479] up[405] in[107] a[10] little[554] space[468] in[107] an[138] adjacent[118] corner[204]; when[189], arrayed[155] in[107] a[10] decent[136] suit[373], he[362] quietly[380] approached[93] the[19] pulpit[107].

Like[410] most[216] old[447] fashioned[432] pulpits[301], it[162] was[454] a[10] very[515] lofty[161] one[470], and[236] since[374] a[10] regular[400] stairs[330] to[261] such[420] a[10] height[20] would[282], by[406] its[234] long[544] angle[205] with[449] the[19] floor[418], seriously[378] contract[284] the[19] already[93] small[350] area[472] of[89] the[19] chapel[60], the[19] architect[557], it[162] seemed[132], had[364] acted[553] upon[419] the[19] hint[335] of[89] Father[339] Mapple, and[236] finished[218] the[19] pulpit[107] without[309] a[10] stairs[330], substituting[143] a[10] perpendicular[83] side[246] ladder[391], like[410] those[427] used[102] in[107] mounting[473] a[10] ship[438] from[316] a[10] boat[439] at[65] sea[67]. The[19] wife[37] of[89] a[10] whaling[155] captain[295] had[364] provided[100] the[19] chapel[60] with[449] a[10] handsome[66] pair[106] of[89] red[293] worsted[208] man[17]-ropes[461] for[190] this[256] ladder[391], which[16], being[264] itself[312] nicely[560] headed[124], and[236] stained[224] with[449] a[10] mahogany[389] color[13], the[19] whole[199] contrivance[139], considering[115] what[243] manner[153] of[89] chapel[60] it[162] was[454], seemed[132] by[406] no[235] means[502] in[107] bad[458] taste[134]. Halting[82] for[190] an[138] instant[279] at[65] the[19] foot[467] of[89] the[19] ladder[391], and[236] with[449] both[558] hands[87] grasping[427] the[19] ornamental[25] knobs[457] of[89] the[19] man[17]-ropes[461], Father[339] Mapple cast[99] a[10] look[523] upwards[110], and[236] then[45] with[449] a[10] truly[530] sailor[561]-like[410] but[330] still[278] reverential[169] dexterity[101], hand[252] over[82] hand[252], mounted[191] the[19] steps[392] as[113] if[141] ascending[116] the[19] main[501]-top[70] of[89] his[433] vessel[155].

The[19] perpendicular[83] parts[470] of[89] this[256] side[246] ladder[391], as[113] is[487] usually[211] the[19] case[346] with[449] swinging[379] ones[396], were[324] of[89] cloth[102]-covered[452] rope[265], only[517] the[19] rounds[369] were[324] of[89] wood[46], so[281] that[14] at[65] every[389] step[204] there[340] was[454] a[10] joint[65]. At[65] my[36] first[13] glimpse[12] of[89] the[19] pulpit[107], it[162] had[364] not[518] escaped[197] me[2] that[14] however[44] convenient[470] for[190] a[10] ship[438], these[527] joints[401] in[107] the[19] present[112] instance[141] seemed[132] unnecessary[444]. For[190] I[482] was[454] not[518] prepared[59] to[261] see[370] Father[339] Mapple after[358] gaining[225] the[19] height[20], slowly[149] turn[17] round[287], and[236] stooping[492] over[82] the[19] pulpit[107], deliberately[336] drag[426] up[405] the[19] ladder[391] step[204] by[406] step[204], till[181] the[19] whole[199] was[454] deposited[328] within[503], leaving[231] him[248] impregnable[410] in[107] his[433] little[554] Quebec[361].

I[482] pondered[182] some[265] time[577] without[309] fully[530] comprehending[264] the[19] reason[238] for[190] this[256]. Father[339] Mapple enjoyed[400] such[420] a[10] wide[465] reputation[193] for[190] sincerity[143] and[236] sanctity[247], that[14] I[482] could[375] not[518] suspect[307] him[248] of[89] courting[508] notoriety[292] by[406] any[501] mere[393] tricks[110] of[89] the[19] stage[22]. No[235], thought[186] I[482], there[340] must[226] be[341] some[265] sober[121] reason[238] for[190] this[256] thing[309]; furthermore[181], it[162] must[226] symbolize[67] something[181] unseen[173]. Can[450] it[162] be[341], then[45], that[14] by[406] that[14] act[10] of[89] physical[43] isolation[354], he[362] signifies[8] his[433] spiritual[467] withdrawal[152] for[190] the[19] time[577], from[316] all[145] outward[393] worldly[483] ties[481] and[236] connexions[355]? Yes[143], for[190] replenished[198] with[449] the[19] meat[160] and[236] wine[102] of[89] the[19] word[486], to[261] the[19] faithful[284] man[17] of[89] God[185], this[256] pulpit[107], I[482] see[370], is[487] a[10] self[442]-containing[247] stronghold[273]--a[10] lofty[161] Ehrenbreitstein[102], with[449] a[10] perennial[378] well[263] of[89] water[520] within[503] the[19] walls[116].

But[330] the[19] side[246] ladder[391] was[454] not[518] the[19] only[517] strange[440] feature[400] of[89] the[19] place[107],

borrowed[199] from[316] the[19] chaplain[471]'s[483] former[157] sea[67]-farings. Between[77] the[19] marble[364]
cenotaphs[402] on[392] either[45] hand[252] of[89] the[19] pulpit[107], the[19] wall[509] which[16] formed[294] its[234] back[457] was[454]
adorned[315] with[449] a[10] large[385] painting[320] representing[118] a[10] gallant[323] ship[438] beating[124] against[417]
a[10] terrible[132] storm[218] off[111] a[10] lee[472] coast[287] of[89] black[581] rocks[265] and[236] snowy[152] breakers[317].
But[330] high[361] above[502] the[19] flying[354] scud[124] and[236] dark[471]-rolling[253] clouds[342], there[340] floated[6]
a[10] little[554] isle[41] of[89] sunlight[333], from[316] which[16] beamed[101] forth[152] an[138] angel[63]'s[483] face[556];
and[236] this[256] bright[205] face[556] shed[155] a[10] distant[353] spot[46] of[89] radiance[29] upon[419] the[19] ship[438]'s[483]
tossed[227] deck[505], something[181] like[410] that[14] silver[205] plate[396] now[20] inserted[102] into[554]
the[19] Victory[129]'s[483] plank[243] where[579] Nelson[364] fell[421]. "Ah[132], noble[226] ship[438]," the[19] angel[63]
seemed[132] to[261] say[306], "beat[449] on[392], beat[449] on[392], thou[173] noble[226] ship[438], and[236] bear[48] a[10] hardy[241] helm[285];
for[190] lo[418]! the[19] sun[397] is[487] breaking[6] through[295]; the[19] clouds[342] are[314] rolling[253] off[111]--
serenest[166] azure[154] is[487] at[65] hand[252]."

Nor[137] was[454] the[19] pulpit[107] itself[312] without[309] a[10] trace[327] of[89] the[19] same[541]
sea[67]-taste[134] that[14] had[364] achieved[251] the[19] ladder[391] and[236] the[19] picture[264].
Its[234] panelled[8] front[196] was[454] in[107] the[19] likeness[460] of[89] a[10] ship[438]'s[483] bluff[4] bows[460],
and[236] the[19] Holy[61] Bible[253] rested[314] on[392] a[10] projecting[336] piece[121] of[89] scroll[62] work[385],
fashioned[432] after[358] a[10] ship[438]'s[483] fiddle-headed[124] beak[560].

What[243] could[375] be[341] more[348] full[414] of[89] meaning[62]?--for[190] the[19] pulpit[107] is[487] ever[208] this[256]
earth[513]'s[483] foremost[61] part[207]; all[145] the[19] rest[302] comes[268] in[107] its[234] rear[252]; the[19] pulpit[107]
leads[134] the[19] world[126]. From[316] thence[158] it[162] is[487] the[19] storm[218] of[89] God[185]'s[483] quick[241] wrath[450]
is[487] first[13] descried[313], and[236] the[19] bow[146] must[226] bear[48] the[19] earliest[69] brunt[218].
From[316] thence[158] it[162] is[487] the[19] God[185] of[89] breezes[127] fair[320] or[519] foul[528] is[487] first[13] invoked[398]
for[190] favorable[270] winds[399]. Yes[143], the[19] world[126]'s[483] a[10] ship[438] on[392] its[234] passage[285] out[66],
and[236] not[518] a[10] voyage[137] complete[191]; and[236] the[19] pulpit[107] is[487] its[234] prow[451].

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The[19] Sermon[167]

Father[339] Mapple rose[449], and[236] in[107] a[10] mild[117] voice[233] of[89] unassuming[10] authority[146]
ordered[143] the[19] scattered[17] people[482] to[261] condense[273]. "Star[274] board[540] gangway[240],
there[340]! side[246] away[443] to[261] larboard[203]--larboard[203] gangway[240] to[261] starboard[309]!
Midships[27]! midships[27]!"

There[340] was[454] a[10] low[407] rumbling[41] of[89] heavy[421] sea[67]-boots[497] among[483] the[19] benches[23],
and[236] a[10] still[278] slighter[173] shuffling[60] of[89] women[275]'s[483] shoes[436], and[236] all[145] was[454] quiet[337] again[52],
and[236] every[389] eye[220] on[392] the[19] preacher[57].

He[362] paused[390] a[10] little[554]; then[45] kneeling[311] in[107] the[19] pulpit[107]'s[483] bows[460], folded[305] his[433]
large[385] brown[446] hands[87] across[129] his[433] chest[98], uplifted[533] his[433] closed[523] eyes[125],
and[236] offered[336] a[10] prayer[377] so[281] deeply[225] devout[292] that[14] he[362] seemed[132] kneeling[311]
and[236] praying[152] at[65] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] sea[67].

This[256] ended[225], in[107] prolonged[246] solemn[303] tones[129], like[410] the[19] continual[222]
tolling[147] of[89] a[10] bell[28] in[107] a[10] ship[438] that[14] is[487] foundering[283] at[65] sea[67] in[107] a[10] fog[554]--
in[107] such[420] tones[129] he[362] commenced[8] reading[210] the[19] following[181] hymn[169];
but[330] changing[219] his[433] manner[153] towards[417] the[19] concluding[84] stanzas[105],
burst[174] forth[152] with[449] a[10] pealing[304] exultation[54] and[236] joy[430]--

The[19] ribs[92] and[236] terrors[192] in[107] the[19] whale[422],
Arched[4] over[82] me[2] a[10] dismal[110] gloom[7],
While[55] all[145] God[185]'s[483] sun[397]-lit[26] waves[443] rolled[226] by[406],
And[236] lift[229] me[2] deepening[151] down[133] to[261] doom[73].

I[482] saw[113] the[19] opening[306] maw[314] of[89] hell[169],
With[449] endless[489] pains[97] and[236] sorrows[521] there[340];
Which[16] none[365] but[330] they[382] that[14] feel[461] can[450] tell[392]--
Oh[367], I[482] was[454] plunging[93] to[261] despair[187].

In[107] black[581] distress[273], I[482] called[237] my[36] God[185],
When[189] I[482] could[375] scarce[462] believe[191] him[248] mine[482],
He[362] bowed[26] his[433] ear[515] to[261] my[36] complaints[321]--
No[235] more[348] the[19] whale[422] did[444] me[2] confine[416].

With[449] speed[468] he[362] flew[424] to[261] my[36] relief[60],
As[113] on[392] a[10] radiant[460] dolphin[110] borne[493];
Awful[539], yet[443] bright[205], as[113] lightning[171] shone[14]
The[19] face[556] of[89] my[36] Deliverer[271] God[185].

My[36] song[12] for[190] ever[208] shall[66] record[571]
That[14] terrible[132], that[14] joyful[435] hour[384];
I[482] give[142] the[19] glory[173] to[261] my[36] God[185],
His[433] all[145] the[19] mercy[378] and[236] the[19] power[145].

Nearly[575] all[145] joined[210] in[107] singing[288] this[256] hymn[169], which[16] swelled[213] high[361]
above[502] the[19] howling[204] of[89] the[19] storm[218]. A[10] brief[59] pause[391] ensued[337];
the[19] preacher[57] slowly[149] turned[492] over[82] the[19] leaves[441] of[89] the[19] Bible[253],
and[236] at[65] last[436], folding[309] his[433] hand[252] down[133] upon[419] the[19] proper[249] page[425], said[252]:
"Beloved[169] shipmates[98], clinch[66] the[19] last[436] verse[267] of[89] the[19] first[13] chapter[293]
of[89] Jonah[41]--'And[236] God[185] had[364] prepared[59] a[10] great[259] fish[187] to[261] swallow[195] up[405] Jonah[41].'"

"Shipmates[98], this[256] book[230], containing[247] only[517] four[175] chapters[185]--
four[175] yarns[122]--is[487] one[470] of[89] the[19] smallest[443] strands[22] in[107] the[19] mighty[2] cable[41]
of[89] the[19] Scriptures[134]. Yet[443] what[243] depths[416] of[89] the[19] soul[428] does[565] Jonah[41]'s[483] deep[483]
sealine sound[181]! what[243] a[10] pregnant[182] lesson[147] to[261] us[569] is[487] this[256] prophet[25]!
What[243] a[10] noble[226] thing[309] is[487] that[14] canticle[494] in[107] the[19] fish[187]'s[483] belly[511]!
How[19] billow[510]-like[410] and[236] boisterously[26] grand[229]! We[465] feel[461] the[19] floods[481] surging[403]
over[82] us[569], we[465] sound[181] with[449] him[248] to[261] the[19] kelpy[244] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] waters[556];
sea[67]-weed and[236] all[145] the[19] slime[367] of[89] the[19] sea[67] is[487] about[123] us[569]! But[330] what[243] is[487]
this[256] lesson[147] that[14] the[19] book[230] of[89] Jonah[41] teaches[202]? Shipmates[98], it[162] is[487]
a[10] two[527]-stranded[299] lesson[147]; a[10] lesson[147] to[261] us[569] all[145] as[113] sinful[291] men[62],
and[236] a[10] lesson[147] to[261] me[2] as[113] a[10] pilot[559] of[89] the[19] living[117] God[185]. As[113] sinful[291] men[62],
it[162] is[487] a[10] lesson[147] to[261] us[569] all[145], because[540] it[162] is[487] a[10] story[197] of[89] the[19] sin[228],
hard[337]-heartedness[183], suddenly[193] awakened[390] fears[259], the[19] swift[376] punishment[100],
repentance[71], prayers[173], and[236] finally[69] the[19] deliverance[283] and[236] joy[430]
of[89] Jonah[41]. As[113] with[449] all[145] sinners[196] among[483] men[62], the[19] sin[228] of[89] this[256] son[26]
of[89] Amittai[426] was[454] in[107] his[433] wilful[160] disobedience[571] of[89] the[19] command[190] of[89] God[185]--
never[206] mind[118] now[20] what[243] that[14] command[190] was[454], or[519] how[19] conveyed[223]--
which[16] he[362] found[260] a[10] hard[337] command[190]. But[330] all[145] the[19] things[4] that[14] God[185]
would[282] have[254] us[569] do[353] are[314] hard[337] for[190] us[569] to[261] do[353]--remember[499] that[14]--
and[236] hence[503], he[362] oftener[222] commands[245] us[569] than[77] endeavors[212] to[261] persuade[223].
And[236] if[141] we[465] obey[67] God[185], we[465] must[226] disobey[180] ourselves[15]; and[236] it[162] is[487] in[107] this[256]
disobeying[217] ourselves[15], wherein[396] the[19] hardness[396] of[89] obeying[163] God[185] consists[303].

"With[449] this[256] sin[228] of[89] disobedience[571] in[107] him[248], Jonah[41] still[278] further[53]
flouts[473] at[65] God[185], by[406] seeking[427] to[261] flee[440] from[316] Him[248]. He[362] thinks[344]
that[14] a[10] ship[438] made[563] by[406] men[62], will[584] carry[160] him[248] into[554] countries[279]
where[579] God[185] does[565] not[518] reign[145] but[330] only[517] the[19] Captains[124] of[89] this[256] earth[513].
He[362] skulks[50] about[123] the[19] wharves[329] of[89] Joppa[189], and[236] seeks[168] a[10] ship[438] that[14]'s[76]
bound[108] for[190] Tarshish[103]. There[340] lurks[115], perhaps[75], a[10] hitherto[533] unheeded[208]
meaning[62] here[135]. By[406] all[145] accounts[311] Tarshish[103] could[375] have[254] been[185] no[235] other[282]
city[82] than[77] the[19] modern[446] Cadiz[83]. That[14]'s[76] the[19] opinion[316] of[89] learned[277] men[62].
And[236] where[579] is[487] Cadiz[83], shipmates[98]? Cadiz[83] is[487] in[107] Spain[20]; as[113] far[258] by[406] water[520],
from[316] Joppa[189], as[113] Jonah[41] could[375] possibly[201] have[254] sailed[248] in[107] those[427]
ancient[463] days[351], when[189] the[19] Atlantic[198] was[454] an[138] almost[518] unknown[10] sea[67].
Because[540] Joppa[189], the[19] modern[446] Jaffa[76], shipmates[98], is[487] on[392] the[19] most[216]
easterly[149] coast[287] of[89] the[19] Mediterranean[241], the[19] Syrian[314]; and[236] Tarshish[103]
or[519] Cadiz[83] more[348] than[77] two[527] thousand[586] miles[278] to[261] the[19] westward[381] from[316] that[14],
just[108] outside[75] the[19] Straits[273] of[89] Gibraltar[136]. See[370] ye[483] not[518] then[45], shipmates[98],
that[14] Jonah[41] sought[82] to[261] flee[440] worldwide[4] from[316] God[185]? Miserable[364] man[17]!
Oh[367]! most[216] contemptible[178] and[236] worthy[60] of[89] all[145] scorn[8]; with[449] slouched[364]
hat[107] and[236] guilty[290] eye[220], skulking[434] from[316] his[433] God[185]; prowling[12] among[483]
the[19] shipping[319] like[410] a[10] vile[221] burglar[189] hastening[248] to[261] cross[416] the[19] seas[350].
So[281] disordered[181], self[442]-condemning[27] is[487] his[433] look[523], that[14] had[364] there[340]
been[185] policemen[14] in[107] those[427] days[351], Jonah[41], on[392] the[19] mere[393] suspicion[368]
of[89] something[181] wrong[70], had[364] been[185] arrested[266] ere[83] he[362] touched[367] a[10] deck[505].
How[19] plainly[450] he[362]'s[483] a[10] fugitive[332]! no[235] baggage[80], not[518] a[10] hat[107]-box[434], valise[446],
or[519] carpet[446]-bag[41],--no[235] friends[169] accompany[361] him[248] to[261] the[19] wharf[545] with[449]
their[219] adieux[12]. At[65] last[436], after[358] much[61] dodging[213] search[352], he[362] finds[455]
the[19] Tarshish[103] ship[438] receiving[124] the[19] last[436] items[18] of[89] her[400] cargo[88];
and[236] as[113] he[362] steps[392] on[392] board[540] to[261] see[370] its[234] Captain[295] in[107] the[19] cabin[192],
all[145] the[19] sailors[64] for[190] the[19] moment[258] desist[472] from[316] hoisting[50] in[107] the[19] goods[121],
to[261] mark[169] the[19] stranger[233]'s[483] evil[2] eye[220]. Jonah[41] sees[187] this[256]; but[330] in[107] vain[216]
he[362] tries[279] to[261] look[523] all[145] ease[387] and[236] confidence[46]; in[107] vain[216] essays[272] his[433]
wretched[294] smile[265]. Strong[145] intuitions[396] of[89] the[19] man[17] assure[511] the[19] mariners[347]
he[362] can[450] be[341] no[235] innocent[156]. In[107] their[219] gamesome[110] but[330] still[278] serious[97] way[435],
one[470] whispers[336] to[261] the[19] other[282]--"Jack[299], he[362]'s[483] robbed[320] a[10] widow[231];"
or[519], "Joe[105], do[353] you[227] mark[169] him[248]; he[362]'s[483] a[10] bigamist[253];" or[519], "Harry[70] lad[342],
I[482] guess[304] he[362]'s[483] the[19] adulterer[129] that[14] broke[356] jail[3] in[107] old[447] Gomorrah[102],
or[519] belike[142], one[470] of[89] the[19] missing[210] murderers[205] from[316] Sodom[27]." Another[269] runs[399]
to[261] read[98] the[19] bill[338] that[14]'s[76] stuck[120] against[417] the[19] spile[415] upon[419] the[19] wharf[545]
to[261] which[16] the[19] ship[438] is[487] moored[379], offering[18] five[103] hundred[93] gold[231] coins[294]
for[190] the[19] apprehension[26] of[89] a[10] parricide[25], and[236] containing[247] a[10] description[396]
of[89] his[433] person[550]. He[362] reads[284], and[236] looks[150] from[316] Jonah[41] to[261] the[19] bill[338];
while[55] all[145] his[433] sympathetic[129] shipmates[98] now[20] crowd[16] round[287] Jonah[41],
prepared[59] to[261] lay[62] their[219] hands[87] upon[419] him[248]. Frighted[191] Jonah[41] trembles[175].
and[236] summoning[74] all[145] his[433] boldness[186] to[261] his[433] face[556], only[517] looks[150] so[281] much[61]
the[19] more[348] a[10] coward[92]. He[362] will[584] not[518] confess[315] himself[282] suspected[189];
but[330] that[14] itself[312] is[487] strong[145] suspicion[368]. So[281] he[362] makes[32] the[19] best[315] of[89] it[162];
and[236] when[189] the[19] sailors[64] find[138] him[248] not[518] to[261] be[341] the[19] man[17] that[14] is[487] advertised[405],
they[382] let[66] him[248] pass[153], and[236] he[362] descends[255] into[554] the[19] cabin[192].

"'Who[319]'s[483] there[340]?' cries[104] the[19] Captain[295] at[65] his[433] busy[130] desk[294], hurriedly[12] making[415]
out[66] his[433] papers[434] for[190] the[19] Customs[146]--'Who[319]'s[483] there[340]?' Oh[367]! how[19] that[14] harmless[268]
question[562] mangles[69] Jonah[41]! For[190] the[19] instant[279] he[362] almost[518] turns[136] to[261] flee[440] again[52].
But[330] he[362] rallies[301]. 'I[482] seek[292] a[10] passage[285] in[107] this[256] ship[438] to[261] Tarshish[103];
how[19] soon[18] sail[218] ye[483], sir[271]?' Thus[362] far[258] the[19] busy[130] Captain[295] had[364] not[518] looked[232] up[405]
to[261] Jonah[41], though[400] the[19] man[17] now[20] stands[256] before[344] him[248]; but[330] no[235] sooner[338] does[565]
he[362] hear[386] that[14] hollow[511] voice[233], than[77] he[362] darts[337] a[10] scrutinizing[122] glance[362].
'We[465] sail[218] with[449] the[19] next[27] coming[140] tide[523],' at[65] last[436] he[362] slowly[149] answered[100],
still[278] intently[258] eyeing[49] him[248]. 'No[235] sooner[338], sir[271]?'--'Soon[18] enough[217] for[190] any[501]
honest[287] man[17] that[14] goes[205] a[10] passenger[403].' Ha[387]! Jonah[41], that[14]'s[76] another[269] stab[21].
But[330] he[362] swiftly[441] calls[15] away[443] the[19] Captain[295] from[316] that[14] scent[355].

'I[482]'ll[300] sail[218] with[449] ye[483],'--he[362] says[424],--'the[19] passage[285] money[383] how[19] much[61] is[487] that[14]?--
I[482]'ll[300] pay[496] now[20].' For[190] it[162] is[487] particularly[106] written[388], shipmates[98], as[113] if[141] it[162]
were[324] a[10] thing[309] not[518] to[261] be[341] overlooked[183] in[107] this[256] history[183], 'that[14] he[362] paid[490]
the[19] fare[19] thereof[533]' ere[83] the[19] craft[187] did[444] sail[218]. And[236] taken[222] with[449] the[19] context[404],
this[256] is[487] full[414] of[89] meaning[62].

"Now[20] Jonah[41]'s[483] Captain[295], shipmates[98], was[454] one[470] whose[286] discernment[273] detects[166]
crime[455] in[107] any[501], but[330] whose[286] cupidity[181] exposes[13] it[162] only[517] in[107] the[19] penniless[221].
In[107] this[256] world[126], shipmates[98], sin[228] that[14] pays[86] its[234] way[435] can[450] travel[362]
freely[386] and[236] without[309] a[10] passport[509]; whereas[18] Virtue[16], if[141] a[10] pauper[51],
is[487] stopped[564] at[65] all[145] frontiers[264]. So[281] Jonah[41]'s[483] Captain[295] prepares[242]
to[261] test[124] the[19] length[202] of[89] Jonah[41]'s[483] purse[322], ere[83] he[362] judge[337] him[248] openly[196].
He[362] charges[255] him[248] thrice[282] the[19] usual[278] sum[213]; and[236] it[162]'s[483] assented[18] to[261].
Then[45] the[19] Captain[295] knows[286] that[14] Jonah[41] is[487] a[10] fugitive[332]; but[330] at[65] the[19] same[541]
time[577] resolves[31] to[261] help[526] a[10] flight[306] that[14] paves[348] its[234] rear[252] with[449] gold[231].
Yet[443] when[189] Jonah[41] fairly[211] takes[362] out[66] his[433] purse[322], prudent[183] suspicions[220] still[278]
molest[367] the[19] Captain[295]. He[362] rings[25] every[389] coin[77] to[261] find[138] a[10] counterfeit[522].
Not[518] a[10] forger[113], any[501] way[435], he[362] mutters[211]; and[236] Jonah[41] is[487] put[190] down[133] for[190] his[433] passage[285].
'Point[438] out[66] my[36] state[135]-room[122], Sir[271],' says[424] Jonah[41] now[20], 'I[482]'m[250] travel[362]-weary[306];
I[482] need[32] sleep[233]." "Thou[173] look[523]'st[193] like[410] it[162],' says[424] the[19] Captain[295],
'there[340]'s[483] thy[43] room[65].' Jonah[41] enters[157], and[236] would[282] lock[297] the[19] door[135],
but[330] the[19] lock[297] contains[81] no[235] key[140]. Hearing[325] him[248] foolishly[104] fumbling[14] there[340],
the[19] Captain[295] laughs[259] lowly[117] to[261] himself[282], and[236] mutters[211] something[181] about[123]
the[19] doors[77] of[89] convicts[248]' cells[102] being[264] never[206] allowed[339] to[261] be[341] locked[105] within[503].
All[145] dressed[321] and[236] dusty[271] as[113] he[362] is[487], Jonah[41] throws[53] himself[282] into[554] his[433] berth[283],
and[236] finds[455] the[19] little[554] state[135]-room[122] ceiling[30] almost[518] resting[455] on[392] his[433] forehead[380].
The[19] air[209] is[487] close[65], and[236] Jonah[41] gasps[439]. Then[45], in[107] that[14] contracted[355] hole[73],
sunk[336], too[11], beneath[320] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] water[520]-line[25], Jonah[41] feels[450] the[19] heralding[252]
presentiment[236] of[89] that[14] stifling[434] hour[384], when[189] the[19] whale[422] shall[66] hold[204] him[248]
in[107] the[19] smallest[443] of[89] his[433] bowels[499]' wards[65].

"Screwed[453] at[65] its[234] axis[20] against[417] the[19] side[246], a[10] swinging[379] lamp[330] slightly[238]
oscillates[229] in[107] Jonah[41]'s[483] room[65]; and[236] the[19] ship[438], heeling[83] over[82] towards[417] the[19] wharf[545]
with[449] the[19] weight[213] of[89] the[19] last[436] bales[445] received[12], the[19] lamp[330], flame[113] and[236] all[145],
though[400] in[107] slight[259] motion[544], still[278] maintains[261] a[10] permanent[339] obliquity[413] with[449]
reference[116] to[261] the[19] room[65]; though[400], in[107] truth[350], infallibly[426] straight[346] itself[312],
it[162] but[330] made[563] obvious[147] the[19] false[490], lying[204] levels[211] among[483] which[16] it[162] hung[479].
The[19] lamp[330] alarms[22] and[236] frightens[165] Jonah[41]; as[113] lying[204] in[107] his[433] berth[283]
his[433] tormented[256] eyes[125] roll[473] round[287] the[19] place[107], and[236] this[256] thus[362] far[258]
successful[1] fugitive[332] finds[455] no[235] refuge[154] for[190] his[433] restless[92] glance[362].
But[330] that[14] contradiction[127] in[107] the[19] lamp[330] more[348] and[236] more[348] appals[218] him[248].
The[19] floor[418], the[19] ceiling[30], and[236] the[19] side[246], are[314] all[145] awry[439].
'Oh[367]! so[281] my[36] conscience[75] hangs[170] in[107] me[2]!' he[362] groans[257], "straight[346] upward[557],
so[281] it[162] burns[160]; but[330] the[19] chambers[125] of[89] my[36] soul[428] are[314] all[145] in[107] crookedness[393]!'

"Like[410] one[470] who[319] after[358] a[10] night[108] of[89] drunken[314] revelry[279] hies[450] to[261] his[433] bed[273],
still[278] reeling[17], but[330] with[449] conscience[75] yet[443] pricking[490] him[248], as[113] the[19] plungings[12]
of[89] the[19] Roman[333] race[392]-horse[409] but[330] so[281] much[61] the[19] more[348] strike[374] his[433] steel[184] tags[356]
into[554] him[248]; as[113] one[470] who[319] in[107] that[14] miserable[364] plight[215] still[278] turns[136] and[236] turns[136]
in[107] giddy[19] anguish[75], praying[152] God[185] for[190] annihilation[138] until[316] the[19] fit[12] be[341] passed[87];
and[236] at[65] last[436] amid[240] the[19] whirl[111] of[89] woe[295] he[362] feels[450], a[10] deep[483] stupor[266] steals[282] over[82] him[248],
as[113] over[82] the[19] man[17] who[319] bleeds[180] to[261] death[543], for[190] conscience[75] is[487] the[19] wound[342],
and[236] there[340]'s[483] naught[80] to[261] staunch[393] it[162]; so[281], after[358] sore[446] wrestling[529] in[107] his[433] berth[283],
Jonah[41]'s[483] prodigy[13] of[89] ponderous[213] misery[395] drags[295] him[248] drowning[35] down[133] to[261] sleep[233].

"And[236] now[20] the[19] time[577] of[89] tide[523] has[399] come[420]; the[19] ship[438] casts[468] off[111] her[400] cables[25];
and[236] from[316] the[19] deserted[178] wharf[545] the[19] uncheered[385] ship[438] for[190] Tarshish[103],
all[145] careening[101], glides[29] to[261] sea[67]. That[14] ship[438], my[36] friends[169],
was[454] the[19] first[13] of[89] recorded[84] smugglers[124]! the[19] contraband[471]
was[454] Jonah[41]. But[330] the[19] sea[67] rebels[386]; he[362] will[584] not[518] bear[48] the[19] wicked[5] burden[382].
A[10] dreadful[405] storm[218] comes[268] on[392], the[19] ship[438] is[487] like[410] to[261] break[483].
But[330] now[20] when[189] the[19] boatswain[185] calls[15] all[145] hands[87] to[261] lighten[369] her[400];
when[189] boxes[381], bales[445], and[236] jars[230] are[314] clattering[406] overboard[247];
when[189] the[19] wind[262] is[487] shrieking[516], and[236] the[19] men[62] are[314] yelling[244], and[236] every[389]
plank[243] thunders[320] with[449] trampling[292] feet[349] right[499] over[82] Jonah[41]'s[483] head[219];
in[107] all[145] this[256] raging[173] tumult[269], Jonah[41] sleeps[136] his[433] hideous[298] sleep[233].
He[362] sees[187] no[235] black[581] sky[331] and[236] raging[173] sea[67], feels[450] not[518] the[19] reeling[17] timbers[125],
and[236] little[554] hears[561] he[362] or[519] heeds[290] he[362] the[19] far[258] rush[6] of[89] the[19] mighty[2] whale[422],
which[16] even[198] now[20] with[449] open[464] mouth[414] is[487] cleaving[403] the[19] seas[350] after[358] him[248].
Aye[86], shipmates[98], Jonah[41] was[454] gone[190] down[133] into[554] the[19] sides[331] of[89] the[19] ship[438]--
a[10] berth[283] in[107] the[19] cabin[192] as[113] I[482] have[254] taken[222] it[162], and[236] was[454] fast[208] asleep[492].
But[330] the[19] frightened[172] master[131] comes[268] to[261] him[248], and[236] shrieks[400] in[107] his[433] dead[568] ear[515],
'What[243] meanest[486] thou[173], O[24], sleeper[136]! arise[376]!' Startled[475] from[316] his[433] lethargy[283]
by[406] that[14] direful[137] cry[561], Jonah[41] staggers[241] to[261] his[433] feet[349], and[236] stumbling[354]
to[261] the[19] deck[505], grasps[192] a[10] shroud[260], to[261] look[523] out[66] upon[419] the[19] sea[67].
But[330] at[65] that[14] moment[258] he[362] is[487] sprung[376] upon[419] by[406] a[10] panther[51] billow[510] leaping[397]
over[82] the[19] bulwarks[411]. Wave[556] after[358] wave[556] thus[362] leaps[575] into[554] the[19] ship[438],
and[236] finding[350] no[235] speedy[282] vent[363] runs[399] roaring[182] fore[259] and[236] aft[2],
till[181] the[19] mariners[347] come[420] nigh[254] to[261] drowning[35] while[55] yet[443] afloat[2].
And[236] ever[208], as[113] the[19] white[82] moon[45] shows[364] her[400] affrighted[35] face[556] from[316]
the[19] steep[108] gullies[72] in[107] the[19] blackness[448] overhead[7], aghast[331] Jonah[41]
sees[187] the[19] rearing[251] bowsprit[120] pointing[295] high[361] upward[557], but[330] soon[18] beat[449]
downward[157] again[52] towards[417] the[19] tormented[256] deep[483].

"Terrors[192] upon[419] terrors[192] run[172] shouting[421] through[295] his[433] soul[428]. In[107] all[145] his[433]
cringing[103] attitudes[167], the[19] God[185]-fugitive[332] is[487] now[20] too[11] plainly[450] known[86].
The[19] sailors[64] mark[169] him[248]; more[348] and[236] more[348] certain[31] grow[163] their[219] suspicions[220]
of[89] him[248], and[236] at[65] last[436], fully[530] to[261] test[124] the[19] truth[350], by[406] referring[146]
the[19] whole[199] matter[176] to[261] high[361] Heaven[163], they[382] all[145]-outward[393] to[261] casting[19] lots[461],
to[261] see[370] for[190] whose[286] cause[220] this[256] great[259] tempest[125] was[454] upon[419] them[146].
The[19] lot[167] is[487] Jonah[41]'s[483]; that[14] discovered[36], then[45] how[19] furiously[252] they[382]
mob[308] him[248] with[449] their[219] questions[300]. 'What[243] is[487] thine[72] occupation[83]?
Whence[494] comest[422] thou[173]? Thy[43] country[362]? What[243] people[482]? But[330] mark[169] now[20],
my[36] shipmates[98], the[19] behavior[4] of[89] poor[533] Jonah[41]. The[19] eager[516] mariners[347]
but[330] ask[238] him[248] who[319] he[362] is[487], and[236] where[579] from[316]; whereas[18], they[382] not[518] only[517]
receive[327] an[138] answer[164] to[261] those[427] questions[300], but[330] likewise[193] another[269] answer[164]
to[261] a[10] question[562] not[518] put[190] by[406] them[146], but[330] the[19] unsolicited[26] answer[164] is[487]
forced[28] from[316] Jonah[41] by[406] the[19] hard[337] hand[252] of[89] God[185] that[14] is[487] upon[419] him[248].

"'I[482] am[375] a[10] Hebrew[99],' he[362] cries[104]--and[236] then[45]--'I[482] fear[103] the[19] Lord[106]
the[19] God[185] of[89] Heaven[163] who[319] hath[585] made[563] the[19] sea[67] and[236] the[19] dry[430] land[406]!'
Fear[103] him[248], O[24] Jonah[41]? Aye[86], well[263] mightest[475] thou[173] fear[103] the[19] Lord[106] God[185] then[45]!
Straightway[210], he[362] now[20] goes[205] on[392] to[261] make[175] a[10] full[414] confession[499];
whereupon[44] the[19] mariners[347] became[70] more[348] and[236] more[348] appalled[24], but[330] still[278]
are[314] pitiful[12]. For[190] when[189] Jonah[41], not[518] yet[443] supplicating[403] God[185] for[190] mercy[378],
since[374] he[362] but[330] too[11] well[263] knew[480] the[19] darkness[493] of[89] his[433] deserts[195],--
when[189] wretched[294] Jonah[41] cries[104] out[66] to[261] them[146] to[261] take[279] him[248] and[236] cast[99]
him[248] forth[152] into[554] the[19] sea[67], for[190] he[362] knew[480] that[14] for[190] his[433] sake[523] this[256]
great[259] tempest[125] was[454] upon[419] them[146]; they[382] mercifully[379] turn[17] from[316] him[248],
and[236] seek[292] by[406] other[282] means[502] to[261] save[556] the[19] ship[438]. But[330] all[145] in[107] vain[216];
the[19] indignant[367] gale[440] howls[516] louder[364]; then[45], with[449] one[470] hand[252] raised[493]
invokingly to[261] God[185], with[449] the[19] other[282] they[382] not[518] unreluctantly[83] lay[62]
hold[204] of[89] Jonah[41].

"And[236] now[20] behold[525] Jonah[41] taken[222] up[405] as[113] an[138] anchor[141] and[236] dropped[2] into[554] the[19] sea[67];
when[189] instantly[186] an[138] oily[212] calmness[232] floats[36] out[66] from[316] the[19] east[524],
and[236] the[19] sea[67] is[487] still[278], as[113] Jonah[41] carries[440] down[133] the[19] gale[440] with[449] him[248],
leaving[231] smooth[388] water[520] behind[80]. He[362] goes[205] down[133] in[107] the[19] whirling[122] heart[470] of[89] such[420]
a[10] masterless[25] commotion[155] that[14] he[362] scarce[462] heeds[290] the[19] moment[258] when[189] he[362] drops[6]
seething[261] into[554] the[19] yawning[480] jaws[341] awaiting[408] him[248]; and[236] the[19] whale[422] shoots[536]-to[261]
all[145] his[433] ivory[76] teeth[82], like[410] so[281] many[282] white[82] bolts[147], upon[419] his[433] prison[26].
Then[45] Jonah[41] prayed[460] unto[177] the[19] Lord[106] out[66] of[89] the[19] fish[187]'s[483] belly[511].
But[330] observe[213] his[433] prayer[377], and[236] so[281] many[282] white[82] bolts[147], upon[419] his[433] prison[26].
Then[45] Jonah[41] prayed[460] unto[177] learn[341] a[10] weighty[503] lesson[147]. For[190] sinful[291]
as[113] he[362] is[487], Jonah[41] does[565] not[518] weep[543] and[236] wail[86] for[190] direct[314] deliverance[283].
He[362] feels[450] that[14] his[433] dreadful[405] punishment[100] is[487] just[108]. He[362] leaves[441] all[145] his[433]
deliverance[283] to[261] God[185], contenting[263] himself[282] with[449] this[256], that[14] spite[431] of[89] all[145]
his[433] pains[97] and[236] pangs[290], he[362] will[584] still[278] look[523] towards[417] His[433] holy[61] temple[237].
And[236] here[135], shipmates[98], is[487] true[483] and[236] faithful[284] repentance[71];
not[518] clamorous[331] for[190] pardon[143], but[330] grateful[107] for[190] punishment[100].
And[236] how[19] pleasing[133] to[261] God[185] was[454] this[256] conduct[161] in[107] Jonah[41], is[487] shown[446]
in[107] the[19] eventual[263] deliverance[283] of[89] him[248] from[316] the[19] sea[67] and[236] the[19] whale[422].
Shipmates[98], I[482] do[353] not[518] place[107] Jonah[41] before[344] you[227] to[261] be[341] copied[129] for[190] his[433]
sin[228] but[330] I[482] do[353] place[107] him[248] before[344] you[227] as[113] a[10] model[413] for[190] repentance[71].
Sin[228] not[518]; but[330] if[141] you[227] do[353], take[279] heed[163] to[261] repent[489] of[89] it[162] like[410] Jonah[41]."

While[55] he[362] was[454] speaking[22] these[527] words[107], the[19] howling[204] of[89] the[19] shrieking[516],
slanting[522] storm[218] without[309] seemed[132] to[261] add[236] new[36] power[145] to[261] the[19] preacher[57], who[319],
when[189] describing[105] Jonah[41]'s[483] sea[67]-storm[218], seemed[132] tossed[227] by[406] a[10] storm[218] himself[282].
His[433] deep[483] chest[98] heaved[52] as[113] with[449] a[10] ground[127]-swell[280]; his[433] tossed[227] arms[536]
seemed[132] the[19] warring[84] elements[225] at[65] work[385]; and[236] the[19] thunders[320] that[14] rolled[226]
away[443] from[316] off[111] his[433] swarthy[335] brow[474], and[236] the[19] light[382] leaping[397] from[316] his[433] eye[220],
made[563] all[145] his[433] simple[271] hearers[440] look[523] on[392] him[248] with[449] a[10] quick[241] fear[103] that[14] was[454]
strange[440] to[261] them[146].

There[340] now[20] came[549] a[10] lull[118] in[107] his[433] look[523], as[113] he[362] silently[533] turned[492] over[82]
the[19] leaves[441] of[89] the[19] Book[230] once[248] more[348]; and[236], at[65] last[436], standing[144] motionless[498],
with[449] closed[523] eyes[125], for[190] the[19] moment[258], seemed[132] communing[21] with[449] God[185] and[236] himself[282].

But[330] again[52] he[362] leaned[265] over[82] towards[417] the[19] people[482], and[236] bowing[452] his[433]
head[219] lowly[117], with[449] an[138] aspect[147] of[89] the[19] deepest[494] yet[443] manliest[156] humility[165],
he[362] spake[511] these[527] words[107]:

"Shipmates[98], God[185] has[399] laid[181] but[330] one[470] hand[252] upon[419] you[227]; both[558] his[433] hands[87]
press[91] upon[419] me[2]. I[482] have[254] read[98] ye[483] by[406] what[243] murky[330] light[382] may[236] be[341] mine[482]
the[19] lesson[147] that[14] Jonah[41] teaches[202] to[261] all[145] sinners[196]; and[236] therefore[94] to[261] ye[483],
and[236] still[278] more[348] to[261] me[2], for[190] I[482] am[375] a[10] greater[505] sinner[132] than[77] ye[483].
And[236] now[20] how[19] gladly[27] would[282] I[482] come[420] down[133] from[316] this[256] mast[44]-head[116] and[236] sit[215]
on[392] the[19] hatches[4] there[340] where[579] you[227] sit[215], and[236] listen[417] as[113] you[227] listen[417],
while[55] some[265] one[470] of[89] you[227] reads[284] me[2] that[14] other[282] and[236] more[348] awful[539] lesson[147]
which[16] Jonah[41] teaches[202] to[261] me[2], as[113] a[10] pilot[559] of[89] the[19] living[117] God[185]. How[19] being[264]
an[138] anointed[327] pilot[559]-prophet[25], or[519] speaker[460] of[89] true[483] things[4] and[236] bidden[124]
by[406] the[19] Lord[106] to[261] sound[181] those[427] unwelcome[98] truths[297] in[107] the[19] ears[560] of[89] a[10]
wicked[5] Nineveh[375], Jonah[41], appalled[24] at[65] the[19] hostility[257] he[362] should[255] raise[265],
fled[434] from[316] his[433] mission[285], and[236] sought[82] to[261] escape[565] his[433] duty[468] and[236] his[433] God[185] by[406] taking[146]
ship[438] at[65] Joppa[189]. But[330] God[185] is[487] everywhere[469]; Tarshish[103] he[362] never[206] reached[386].
As[113] we[465] have[254] seen[154], God[185] came[549] upon[419] him[248] in[107] the[19] whale[422], and[236] swallowed[104]

him[248] down[133] to[261] living[117] gulfs[41] of[89] doom[73], and[236] with[449] swift[376] slantings tore[493]
him[248] along[423] 'into[554] the[19] midst[533] of[89] the[19] seas[350],' where[579] the[19] eddying[282] depths[416]
sucked[355] him[248] ten[198] thousand[586] fathoms[375] down[133], and[236] 'the[19] weeds[524] were[324] wrapped[99]
about[123] his[433] head[219],' and[236] all[145] the[19] watery[59] world[126] of[89] woe[295] bowled[202] over[82] him[248].
Yet[443] even[198] then[45] beyond[421] the[19] reach[43] of[89] any[501] plummet[204]--'out[66] of[89] the[19] belly[511]
of[89] hell[169]'--when[189] the[19] whale[422] grounded[52] upon[419] the[19] ocean[224]'s[483] utmost[43] bones[5],
even[198] then[45], God[185] heard[444] the[19] engulphed[417], repenting[160] prophet[25] when[189] he[362] cried[506].
Then[45] God[185] spake[511] unto[177] the[19] fish[187]; and[236] from[316] the[19] shuddering[143] cold[330]
and[236] blackness[448] of[89] the[19] sea[67], the[19] whale[422] came[549] breeching[406] up[405] towards[417]
the[19] warm[178] and[236] pleasant[233] sun[397], and[236] all[145] the[19] delights[274] of[89] air[209] and[236] earth[513];
and[236] 'vomited[367] out[66] Jonah[41] upon[419] the[19] dry[430] land[406];' when[189] the[19] word[486] of[89] the[19] Lord[106]
came[549] a[10] second[386] time[577]; and[236] Jonah[41], bruised[19] and[236] beaten[442]--his[433] ears[560],
like[410] two[527] sea[67]-shells[203], still[278] multitudinously[22] murmuring[169] of[89] the[19] ocean[224]--
Jonah[41] did[444] the[19] Almighty[473]'s[483] bidding[340]. And[236] what[243] was[454] that[14], shipmates[98]?
To[261] preach[18] the[19] Truth[350] to[261] the[19] face[556] of[89] Falsehood[48]! That[14] was[454] it[162]!

"This[256], shipmates[98], this[256] is[487] that[14] other[282] lesson[147]; and[236] woe[295] to[261] that[14]
pilot[559] of[89] the[19] living[117] God[185] who[319] slights[2] it[162]. Woe[295] to[261] him[248] whom[324] this[256]
world[126] charms[153] from[316] Gospel[77] duty[468]! Woe[295] to[261] him[248] who[319] seeks[168] to[261] pour[415]
oil[118] upon[419] the[19] waters[556] when[189] God[185] has[399] brewed[293] them[146] into[554] a[10] gale[440]!
Woe[295] to[261] him[248] who[319] seeks[168] to[261] please[153] rather[178] than[77] to[261] appal[180]!
Woe[295] to[261] him[248] whose[286] good[221] name[477] is[487] more[348] to[261] him[248] than[77] goodness[64]!
Woe[295] to[261] him[248] who[319], in[107] this[256] world[126], courts[363] not[518] dishonor[364]!
Woe[295] to[261] him[248] who[319] would[282] not[518] be[341] true[483], even[198] though[400] to[261] be[341] false[490]
were[324] salvation[346]! Yea[204], woe[295] to[261] him[248] who[319] as[113] the[19] great[259] Pilot[559] Paul[368]
has[399] it[162], while[55] preaching[304] to[261] others[317] is[487] himself[282] a[10] castaway[439]!

He[362] drooped[491] and[236] fell[421] away[443] from[316] himself[282] for[190] a[10] moment[258]; then[45] lifting[100]
his[433] face[556] to[261] them[146] again[52], showed[507] a[10] deep[483] joy[430] in[107] his[433] eyes[125],
as[113] he[362] cried[506] out[66] with[449] a[10] heavenly[375] enthusiasm[247],--"But[330] oh[367]! shipmates[98]!
on[392] the[19] starboard[309] hand[252] of[89] every[389] woe[295], there[340] is[487] a[10] sure[41] delight[25];
and[236] higher[574] the[19] top[70] of[89] that[14] delight[25], than[77] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] woe[295]
is[487] deep[483]. Is[487] not[518] the[19] main[501]-truck[120] higher[574] than[77] the[19] kelson[2] is[487] low[407]?
Delight[25] is[487] to[261] him[248]--a[10] far[258], far[258] upward[557], and[236] inward[337] delight[25]--
who[319] against[417] the[19] proud[108] gods[325] and[236] commodores[129] of[89] this[256] earth[513],
ever[208] stands[256] forth[152] his[433] own[248] inexorable[74] self[442]. Delight[25] is[487] to[261] him[248]
whose[286] strong[145] arms[536] yet[443] support[71] him[248], when[189] the[19] ship[438] of[89] this[256] base[258]
treacherous[166] world[126] has[399] gone[190] down[133] beneath[320] him[248]. Delight[25] is[487] to[261] him[248],
who[319] gives[529] no[235] quarter[6] in[107] the[19] truth[350], and[236] kills[261], burns[160], and[236] destroys[92]
all[145] sin[228] though[400] he[362] pluck[132] it[162] out[66] from[316] under[533] the[19] robes[463] of[89] Senators[503]
and[236] Judges[305]. Delight[25],--top[70]-gallant[323] delight[25] is[487] to[261] him[248], who[319] acknowledges[38]
no[235] law[231] or[519] lord[106], but[330] the[19] Lord[106] his[433] God[185], and[236] is[487] only[517] a[10] patriot[66] to[261] heaven[163].
Delight[25] is[487] to[261] him[248], whom[324] all[145] the[19] waves[443] of[89] the[19] billows[295] of[89] the[19] seas[350]
of[89] the[19] boisterous[439] mob[308] can[450] never[206] shake[180] from[316] this[256] sure[41] Keel[39]
of[89] the[19] Ages[146]. And[236] eternal[155] delight[25] and[236] deliciousness[4] will[584] be[341] his[433],
who[319] coming[140] to[261] lay[62] him[248] down[133], can[450] say[306] with[449] his[433] final[357] breath[150]--O[24] Father[339]!--
chiefly[90] known[86] to[261] me[2] by[406] Thy[43] rod[216]--mortal[371] or[519] immortal[15], here[135] I[482] die[229].
I[482] have[254] striven[136] to[261] be[341] Thine[72], more[348] than[77] to[261] be[341] this[256] world[126]'s[483], or[519] mine[482] own[248].
Yet[443] this[256] is[487] nothing[324]: I[482] leave[450] eternity[380] to[261] Thee[15]; for[190] what[243] is[487] man[17]
that[14] he[362] should[255] live[554] out[66] the[19] lifetime[3] of[89] his[433] God[185]?"

He[362] said[252] no[235] more[348], but[330] slowly[149] waving[364] a[10] benediction[26], covered[452] his[433] face[556] with[449]
his[433] hands[87], and[236] so[281] remained[72] kneeling[311], till[181] all[145] the[19] people[482] had[364] departed[467],
and[236] he[362] was[454] left[159] alone[2] in[107] the[19] place[107].

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A[10] Bosom[82] Friend[179]

Returning[53] to[261] the[19] Spouter[83]-Inn[190] from[316] the[19] Chapel[60], I[482] found[260] Queequeg there[340]
quite[327] alone[2]; he[362] having[69] left[159] the[19] Chapel[60] before[344] the[19] benediction[26] some[265] time[577].
He[362] was[454] sitting[136] on[392] a[10] bench[80] before[344] the[19] fire[559], with[449] his[433] feet[349] on[392]
the[19] stove[373] hearth[61], and[236] in[107] one[470] hand[252] was[454] holding[311] close[65] up[405] to[261] his[433]
face[556] that[14] little[554] negro[102] idol[191] of[89] his[433]; peering[446] hard[337] into[554] its[234] face[556],
and[236] with[449] a[10] jack[299]-knife[60] gently[284] whittling[225] away[443] at[65] its[234] nose[176],
meanwhile[282] humming[243] to[261] himself[282] in[107] his[433] heathenish[320] way[435].

But[330] being[264] now[20] interrupted[34], he[362] put[190] up[405] the[19] image[74]; and[236] pretty[252] soon[18], going[227] to[261]
the[19] table[572], took[68] up[405] a[10] large[385] book[230] there[340], and[236] placing[287] it[162] on[392] his[433] lap[294] began[132]
counting[345] the[19] pages[260] with[449] deliberate[29] regularity[165]; at[65] every[389] fiftieth[19] page[425]--
as[113] I[482] fancied[100]--stopping[406] for[190] a[10] moment[258], looking[318] vacantly[423] around[66] him[248],
and[236] giving[207] utterance[400] to[261] a[10] long[544]-drawn[564] gurgling[26] whistle[43] of[89] astonishment[5].
He[362] would[282] then[45] begin[183] again[52] at[65] the[19] next[27] fifty[406]; seeming[59] to[261] commence[308] at[65]
number[196] one[470] each[520] time[577], as[113] though[400] he[362] could[375] not[518] count[332] more[348] than[77] fifty[406],
and[236] it[162] was[454] only[517] by[406] such[420] a[10] large[385] number[196] of[89] fifties[127] being[264] found[260] together[440],
that[14] his[433] astonishment[5] at[65] the[19] multitude[170] of[89] pages[260] was[454] excited[283].

With[449] much[61] interest[323] I[482] sat[77] watching[330] him[248]. Savage[398] though[400] he[362] was[454],
and[236] hideously[248] marred[275] about[123] the[19] face[556]--at[65] least[453] to[261] my[36] taste[134]--
his[433] countenance[553] yet[443] had[364] a[10] something[181] in[107] it[162] which[16] was[454] by[406] no[235]
means[502] disagreeable[392]. You[227] cannot hide[266] the[19] soul[428]. Through[295] all[145] his[433]
unearthly[110] tattooings, I[482] thought[186] I[482] saw[113] the[19] traces[191] of[89] a[10] simple[271]

honest[287] heart[470]; and[236] in[107] his[433] large[385], deep[483] eyes[125], fiery[42] black[581] and[236] bold[356],
there[340] seemed[132] tokens[473] of[89] a[10] spirit[227] that[14] would[282] dare[11] a[10] thousand[586] devils[377].
And[236] besides[465] all[145] this[256], there[340] was[454] a[10] certain[31] lofty[161] bearing[354] about[123]
the[19] Pagan[118], which[16] even[198] his[433] uncouthness[273] could[375] not[518] altogether[31] maim[84].
He[362] looked[232] like[410] a[10] man[17] who[319] had[364] never[206] cringed[279] and[236] never[206] had[364] had[364] a[10] creditor[82].
Whether[454] it[162] was[454], too[11], that[14] his[433] head[219] being[264] shaved[446], his[433] forehead[380] was[454]
drawn[564] out[66] in[107] freer[377] and[236] brighter[260] relief[60], and[236] looked[232] more[348] expansive[44]
than[77] it[162] otherwise[542] would[282], this[256] I[482] will[584] not[518] venture[40] to[261] decide[354];
but[330] certain[31] it[162] was[454] his[433] head[219] was[454] phrenologically[282] an[138] excellent[161] one[470].
It[162] may[236] seem[404] ridiculous[92], but[330] it[162] reminded[25] me[2] of[89] General[37] Washington[413]'s[483] head[219],
as[113] seen[154] in[107] the[19] popular[229] busts[463] of[89] him[248]. It[162] had[364] the[19] same[541] long[544] regularly[37]
graded[557] retreating[106] slope[98] from[316] above[502] the[19] brows[259], which[16] were[324] likewise[193]
very[515] projecting[336], like[410] two[527] long[544] promontories[423] thickly[363] wooded[389] on[392] top[70].
Queequeg was[454] George[110] Washington[413] cannibalistically developed[396].

Whilst[20] I[482] was[454] thus[362] closely[218] scanning[505] him[248], half[119]-pretending[475] meanwhile[282] to[261] be[341]
looking[318] out[66] at[65] the[19] storm[218] from[316] the[19] casement[110], he[362] never[206] heeded[47] my[36] presence[492],
never[206] troubled[327] himself[282] with[449] so[281] much[61] as[113] a[10] single[77] glance[362]; but[330] appeared[88]
wholly[497] occupied[262] with[449] counting[345] the[19] pages[260] of[89] the[19] marvellous[35] book[230].
Considering[115] how[19] sociably[354] we[465] had[364] been[185] sleeping[341] together[440] the[19] night[108] previous[376],
and[236] especially[371] considering[115] the[19] affectionate[57] arm[25] I[482] had[364] found[260] thrown[359]
over[82] me[2] upon[419] waking[428] in[107] the[19] morning[417], I[482] thought[186] this[256] indifference[111]
of[89] his[433] very[515] strange[440]. But[330] savages[247] are[314] strange[440] beings[6]; at[65] times[121] you[227]
do[353] not[518] know[60] exactly[315] how[19] to[261] take[279] them[146]. At[65] first[13] they[382] are[314] overawing[136];
their[219] calm[39] self[442]-collectedness[507] of[89] simplicity[336] seems[19] as[113] Socratic[295] wisdom[380].
I[482] had[364] noticed[157] also[119] that[14] Queequeg never[206] consorted[330] at[65] all[145], or[519] but[330] very[515]
little[554], with[449] the[19] other[282] seamen[6] in[107] the[19] inn[190]. He[362] made[563] no[235] advances[510] whatever[38];
appeared[88] to[261] have[254] no[235] desire[241] to[261] enlarge[568] the[19] circle[282] of[89] his[433] acquaintances[222].
All[145] this[256] struck[441] me[2] as[113] mighty[2] singular[216]; yet[443], upon[419] second[386] thoughts[26],
there[340] was[454] something[181] almost[518] sublime[76] in[107] it[162]. Here[135] was[454] a[10] man[17] some[265]
twenty[433] thousand[586] miles[278] from[316] home[450], by[406] the[19] way[435] of[89] Cape[23] Horn[139], that[14] is[487]--
which[16] was[454] the[19] only[517] way[435] he[362] could[375] get[126] there[340]--thrown[359] among[483] people[482]
as[113] strange[440] to[261] him[248] as[113] though[400] he[362] were[324] in[107] the[19] planet[382] Jupiter[430]; and[236] yet[443]
he[362] seemed[132] entirely[148] at[65] his[433] ease[387]; preserving[129] the[19] utmost[43] serenity[27];
content[7] with[449] his[433] own[248] companionship[256]; always[367] equal[261] to[261] himself[282]. Surely[388] this[256]
was[454] a[10] touch[486] of[89] fine[333] philosophy[14]; though[400] no[235] doubt[71] he[362] had[364] never[206] heard[444]
there[340] was[454] such[420] a[10] thing[309] as[113] that[14]. But[330], perhaps[75], to[261] be[341] true[483] philosophers[529],
we[465] mortals[72] should[255] not[518] be[341] conscious[443] of[89] so[281] living[117] or[519] so[281] striving[388].
So[281] soon[18] as[113] I[482] hear[386] that[14] such[420] or[519] such[420] a[10] man[17] gives[529] himself[282] out[66] for[190]
a[10] philosopher[19], I[482] conclude[1] that[14], like[410] the[19] dyspeptic[156] old[447] woman[448],
he[362] must[226] have[254] "broken[255] his[433] digester."

As[113] I[482] sat[77] there[340] in[107] that[14] now[20] lonely[137] room[65]; the[19] fire[559] burning[70] low[407],
in[107] that[14] mild[117] stage[22] when[189], after[358] its[234] first[13] intensity[285] has[399] warmed[225] the[19] air[209],
it[162] then[45] only[517] glows[41] to[261] be[341] looked[232] at[65]; the[19] evening[581] shades[508] and[236] phantoms[13]
gathering[20] round[287] the[19] casements[212], and[236] peering[446] in[107] upon[419] us[569] silent[382],
solitary[407] twain[313]; the[19] storm[218] booming[379] without[309] in[107] solemn[303] swells[446];
I[482] began[132] to[261] be[341] sensible[154] of[89] strange[440] feelings[120]. I[482] felt[440] a[10] melting[59] in[107] me[2].
No[235] more[348] my[36] splintered[330] heart[470] and[236] maddened[273] hand[252] were[324] turned[492] against[417]
the[19] wolfish[178] world[126]. This[256] soothing[60] savage[398] had[364] redeemed[448] it[162].
There[340] he[362] sat[77], his[433] very[515] indifference[111] speaking[22] a[10] nature[159] in[107] which[16]
there[340] lurked[453] no[235] civilized[441] hypocrisies[410] and[236] bland[284] deceits[379].
Wild[230] he[362] was[454]; a[10] very[515] sight[365] of[89] sights[24] to[261] see[370]; yet[443] I[482] began[132] to[261] feel[461]
myself[99] mysteriously[275] drawn[564] towards[417] him[248]. And[236] those[427] same[541] things[4]
that[14] would[282] have[254] repelled[186] most[216] others[317], they[382] were[324] the[19] very[515] magnets[284]
that[14] thus[362] drew[175] me[2]. I[482]'ll[300] try[266] a[10] pagan[118] friend[179], thought[186] I[482],
since[374] Christian[235] kindness[376] has[399] proved[312] but[330] hollow[511] courtesy[239].
I[482] drew[175] my[36] bench[80] near[70] him[248], and[236] made[563] some[265] friendly[495] signs[211]
and[236] hints[260], doing[227] my[36] best[315] to[261] talk[173] with[449] him[248] meanwhile[282].
At[65] first[13] he[362] little[554] noticed[157] these[527] advances[510]; but[330] presently[166],
upon[419] my[36] referring[146] to[261] his[433] last[436] night[108]'s[483] hospitalities[11],
he[362] made[563] out[66] to[261] ask[238] me[2] whether[454] we[465] were[324] again[52] to[261] be[341] bedfellows[451].
I[482] told[82] him[248] yes[143]; whereat[279] I[482] thought[186] he[362] looked[232] pleased[282],
perhaps[75] a[10] little[554] complimented[379].

We[465] then[45] turned[492] over[82] the[19] book[230] together[440], and[236] I[482] endeavored[69] to[261] explain[349]
to[261] him[248] the[19] purpose[514] of[89] the[19] printing[102], and[236] the[19] meaning[62] of[89] the[19] few[49]
pictures[371] that[14] were[324] in[107] it[162]. Thus[362] I[482] soon[18] engaged[479] his[433] interest[323];
and[236] from[316] that[14] we[465] went[516] to[261] jabbering[101] the[19] best[315] we[465] could[375] about[123]
the[19] various[183] outer[359] sights[24] to[261] be[341] seen[154] in[107] this[256] famous[254] town[172].
Soon[18] I[482] proposed[328] a[10] social[149] smoke[99]; and[236], producing[1] his[433] pouch[380]
and[236] tomahawk[279], he[362] quietly[380] offered[336] me[2] a[10] puff[82]. And[236] then[45] we[465] sat[77]
exchanging[250] puffs[136] from[316] that[14] wild[230] pipe[124] of[89] his[433], and[236] keeping[482] it[162]
regularly[37] passing[147] between[77] us[569].

If[141] there[340] yet[443] lurked[453] any[501] ice[443] of[89] indifference[111] towards[417] me[2]
in[107] the[19] Pagan[118]'s[483] breast[272], this[256] pleasant[233], genial[173] smoke[99] we[465] had[364],
soon[18] thawed[374] it[162] out[66], and[236] left[159] us[569] cronies[92]. He[362] seemed[132] to[261] take[279]
to[261] me[2] quite[327] as[113] naturally[362] and[236] unbiddenly as[113] I[482] to[261] him[248];
and[236] when[189] our[234] smoke[99] was[454] over[82], he[362] pressed[323] his[433] forehead[380] against[417] mine[482],
clasped[202] me[2] round[287] the[19] waist[52], and[236] said[252] that[14] henceforth[515] we[465]
were[324] married[306]; meaning[62], in[107] his[433] country[362]'s[483] phrase[22], that[14] we[465] were[324]
bosom[82] friends[169]; he[362] would[282] gladly[27] die[229] for[190] me[2], if[141] need[32] should[255] be[341].

In[107] a[10] countryman[232], this[256] sudden[309] flame[113] of[89] friendship[140] would[282] have[254] seemed[132] far[258] too[11] premature[154], a[10] thing[309] to[261] be[341] much[61] distrusted[136]; but[330] in[107] this[256] simple[271] savage[398] those[427] old[447] rules[318] would[282] not[518] apply[555].

After[358] supper[4], and[236] another[269] social[149] chat[205] and[236] smoke[99], we[465] went[516] to[261] our[234] room[65] together[440]. He[362] made[563] me[2] a[10] present[112] of[89] his[433] embalmed[59] head[219]; took[68] out[66] his[433] enormous[327] tobacco[331] wallet[141], and[236] groping[127] under[533] the[19] tobacco[331], drew[175] out[66] some[265] thirty[521] dollars[201] in[107] silver[205]; then[45] spreading[85] them[146] on[392] the[19] table[572], and[236] mechanically[143] dividing[306] them[146] into[554] two[527] equal[261] portions[315], pushed[189] one[470] of[89] them[146] towards[417] me[2], and[236] said[252] it[162] was[454] mine[482]. I[482] was[454] going[227] to[261] remonstrate[273]; but[330] he[362] silenced[548] me[2] by[406] pouring[22] them[146] into[554] my[36] trowsers[206]' pockets[240]. I[482] let[66] them[146] stay[238]. He[362] then[45] went[516] about[123] his[433] evening[581] prayers[173], took[68] out[66] his[433] idol[191], and[236] removed[447] the[19] paper[401] firebrand[142]. By[406] certain[31] signs[211] and[236] symptoms[128], I[482] thought[186] he[362] seemed[132] anxious[256] for[190] me[2] to[261] join[61] him[248]; but[330] well[263] knowing[240] what[243] was[454] to[261] follow[408], I[482] deliberated[23] a[10] moment[258] whether[454], in[107] case[346] he[362] invited[230] me[2], I[482] would[282] comply[460] or[519] otherwise[542].

I[482] was[454] a[10] good[221] Christian[235]; born[236] and[236] bred[128] in[107] the[19] bosom[82] of[89] the[19] infallible[59] Presbyterian[90] Church[317]. How[19] then[45] could[375] I[482] unite[475] with[449] this[256] wild[230] idolator[4] in[107] worshipping[186] his[433] piece[121] of[89] wood[46]? But[330] what[243] is[487] worship[48]? thought[186] I[482]. Do[353] you[227] suppose[120] now[20], Ishmael[196], that[14] the[19] magnanimous[128] God[185] of[89] heaven[163] and[236] earth[513]--pagans[295] and[236] all[145] included[559]--can[450] possibly[201] be[341] jealous[125] of[89] an[138] insignificant[96] bit[72] of[89] black[581] wood[46]? Impossible[305]! But[330] what[243] is[487] worship[48]?--to[261] do[353] the[19] will[584] of[89] God[185]? that[14] is[487] worship[48]. And[236] what[243] is[487] the[19] will[584] of[89] God[185]?--to[261] do[353] to[261] my[36] fellow[369] man[17] what[243] I[482] would[282] have[254] my[36] fellow[369] man[17] to[261] do[353] to[261] me[2]--that[14] is[487] the[19] will[584] of[89] God[185]. Now[20], Queequeg is[487] my[36] fellow[369] man[17]. And[236] what[243] do[353] I[482] wish[95] that[14] this[256] Queequeg would[282] do[353] to[261] me[2]? Why[177], unite[475] with[449] me[2] in[107] my[36] particular[336] Presbyterian[90] form[238] of[89] worship[48]. Consequently[441], I[482] must[226] then[45] unite[475] with[449] him[248] in[107] his[433]; ergo[142], I[482] must[226] turn[17] idolator[4]. So[281] I[482] kindled[73] the[19] shavings[117]; helped[204] prop[153] up[405] the[19] innocent[156] little[554] idol[191]; offered[336] him[248] burnt[37] biscuit[369] with[449] Queequeg; salamed[51] before[344] him[248] twice[366] or[519] thrice[282]; kissed[35] his[433] nose[176]; and[236] that[14] done[135], we[465] undressed[14] and[236] went[516] to[261] bed[273], at[65] peace[216] with[449] our[234] own[248] consciences[303] and[236] all[145] the[19] world[126]. But[330] we[465] did[444] not[518] go[20] to[261] sleep[233] without[309] some[265] little[554] chat[205].

How[19] it[162] is[487] I[482] know[60] not[518]; but[330] there[340] is[487] no[235] place[107] like[410] a[10] bed[273] for[190] confidential[147] disclosures[292] between[77] friends[169]. Man[17] and[236] wife[37], they[382] say[306], there[340] open[464] the[19] very[515] bottom[461] of[89] their[219] souls[82] to[261] each[520] other[282]; and[236] some[265] old[447] couples[88] often[227] lie[212] and[236] chat[205] over[82] old[447] times[121] till[181] nearly[575] morning[417]. Thus[362], then[45], in[107] our[234] hearts[431]' honeymoon[235], lay[62] I[482] and[236] Queequeg--a[10] cosy[230], loving[309] pair[106].

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Nightgown[295]

We[465] had[364] lain[424] thus[362] in[107] bed[273], chatting[225] and[236] napping[83] at[65] short[522] intervals[295], and[236] Queequeg now[20] and[236] then[45] affectionately[167] throwing[120] his[433] brown[446] tattooed[101] legs[108] over[82] mine[482], and[236] then[45] drawing[407] them[146] back[457]; so[281] entirely[148] sociable[263] and[236] free[483] and[236] easy[281] were[324] we[465]; when[189], at[65] last[436], by[406] reason[238] of[89] our[234] confabulations[424], what[243] little[554] nappishness remained[72] in[107] us[569] altogether[31] departed[467], and[236] we[465] felt[440] like[410] getting[369] up[405] again[52], though[400] day[112]-break[327] was[454] yet[443] some[265] way[435] down[133] the[19] future[44].

Yes[143], we[465] became[70] very[515] wakeful[264]; so[281] much[61] so[281] that[14] our[234] recumbent[76] position[383] began[132] to[261] grow[163] wearisome[264], and[236] by[406] little[554] and[236] little[554] we[465] found[260] ourselves[15] sitting[136] up[405]; the[19] clothes[98] well[263] tucked[143] around[66] us[569], leaning[559] against[417] the[19] headboard[400] with[449] our[234] four[175] knees[214] drawn[564] up[405] close[65] together[440], and[236] our[234] two[527] noses[261] bending[252] over[82] them[146], as[113] if[141] our[234] knee[235]-pans[330] were[324] warming[250]-pans[152]. We[465] felt[440] very[515] nice[2] and[236] snug[310], the[19] more[348] so[281] since[374] it[162] was[454] so[281] chilly[76] out[66] of[89] doors[77]; indeed[522] out[66] of[89] bed[273]-clothes[98] too[11], seeing[426] that[14] there[340] was[454] no[235] fire[559] in[107] the[19] room[65]. The[19] more[348] so[281], I[482] say[306], because[540] truly[530] to[261] enjoy[173] bodily[172] warmth[284], some[265] small[350] part[207] of[89] you[227] must[226] be[341] cold[330], for[190] there[340] is[487] no[235] quality[127] in[107] this[256] world[126] that[14] is[487] not[518] what[243] it[162] is[487] merely[57] by[406] contrast[205]. Nothing[324] exists[393] in[107] itself[312]. If[141] you[227] flatter[255] yourself[176] that[14] you[227] are[314] all[145] over[82] comfortable[402], and[236] have[254] been[185] so[281] a[10] long[544] time[577], then[45] you[227] cannot be[341] said[252] to[261] be[341] comfortable[402] any[501] more[348]. But[330] if[141], like[410] Queequeg and[236] me[2] in[107] the[19] bed[273], the[19] tip[82] of[89] your[162] nose[176] or[519] the[19] crown[463] of[89] your[162] head[219] be[341] slightly[238] chilled[55], why[177] then[45], indeed[522], in[107] the[19] general[37] consciousness[539] you[227] feel[461] most[216] delightfully[222] and[236] unmistakably[99] warm[178]. For[190] this[256] reason[238] a[10] sleeping[341] apartment[18] should[255] never[206] be[341] furnished[201] with[449] a[10] fire[559], which[16] is[487] one[470] of[89] the[19] luxurious[279] discomforts[115] of[89] the[19] rich[531]. For[190] the[19] height[20] of[89] this[256] sort[42] of[89] deliciousness[4] is[487] to[261] have[254] nothing[324] but[330] the[19] blankets[363] between[77] you[227] and[236] your[162] snugness[253] and[236] the[19] cold[330] of[89] the[19] outer[359] air[209]. Then[45] there[340] you[227] lie[212] like[410] the[19] one[470] warm[178] spark[172] in[107] the[19] heart[470] of[89] an[138] arctic[364] crystal[344].

We[465] had[364] been[185] sitting[136] in[107] this[256] crouching[451] manner[153] for[190] some[265] time[577], when[189] all[145] at[65] once[248] I[482] thought[186] I[482] would[282] open[464] my[36] eyes[125]; for[190] when[189] between[77] sheets[281], whether[454] by[406] day[112] or[519] by[406] night[108], and[236] whether[454]

asleep[492] or[519] awake[255], I[482] have[254] a[10] way[435] of[89] always[367] keeping[482] my[36] eyes[125] shut[59], in[107] order[343] the[19] more[348] to[261] concentrate[15] the[19] snugness[253] of[89] being[264] in[107] bed[273]. Because[540] no[235] man[17] can[450] ever[208] feel[461] his[433] own[248] identity[124] aright[366] except[545] his[433] eyes[125] be[341] closed[523]; as[113] if[141], darkness[493] were[324] indeed[522] the[19] proper[249] element[38] of[89] our[234] essences[183], though[400] light[382] be[341] more[348] congenial[118] to[261] our[234] clayey[155] part[207]. Upon[419] opening[306] my[36] eyes[125] then[45], and[236] coming[140] out[66] of[89] my[36] own[248] pleasant[233] and[236] self[442]-created[37] darkness[493] into[554] the[19] imposed[409] and[236] coarse[261] outer[359] gloom[7] of[89] the[19] unilluminated[4] twelve[293]-o[24]'clock[489]-at[65]-night[108], I[482] experienced[93] a[10] disagreeable[392] revulsion[24]. Nor[137] did[444] I[482] at[65] all[145] object[100] to[261] the[19] hint[335] from[316] Queequeg that[14] perhaps[75] it[162] were[324] best[315] to[261] strike[374] a[10] light[382], seeing[426] that[14] we[465] were[324] so[281] wide[465] awake[255]; and[236] besides[465] he[362] felt[440] a[10] strong[145] desire[241] to[261] have[254] a[10] few[49] quiet[337] puffs[136] from[316] his[433] Tomahawk[279]. Be[341] it[162] said[252], that[14] though[400] I[482] had[364] felt[440] such[420] a[10] strong[145] repugnance[92] to[261] his[433] smoking[470] in[107] the[19] bed[273] the[19] night[108] before[344], yet[443] see[370] how[19] elastic[370] our[234] stiff[549] prejudices[86] grow[163] when[189] love[391] once[248] love[391] comes[268] to[261] bend[434] them[146]. For[190] now[20] I[482] liked[80] nothing[324] better[34] than[77] to[261] have[254] Queequeg smoking[470] by[406] me[2], even[198] in[107] bed[273], because[540] he[362] seemed[132] to[261] be[341] full[414] of[89] such[420] serene[18] household[67] joy[430] then[45]. I[482] no[235] more[348] felt[440] unduly[8] concerned[583] for[190] the[19] landlord[270]'s[483] policy[422] of[89] insurance[415]. I[482] was[454] only[517] alive[298] to[261] the[19] condensed[455] confidential[147] comfortableness[190] of[89] sharing[198] a[10] pipe[124] and[236] a[10] blanket[115] with[449] a[10] real[305] friend[179]. With[449] our[234] shaggy[200] jackets[140] drawn[564] about[123] our[234] shoulders[476], we[465] now[20] passed[87] the[19] Tomahawk[279] from[316] one[470] to[261] the[19] other[282], till[181] slowly[149] there[340] grew[5] over[82] us[569] a[10] blue[240] hanging[222] tester[159] of[89] smoke[99], illuminated[127] by[406] the[19] flame[113] of[89] the[19] new[36]-lit[70] lamp[330].

Whether[454] it[162] was[454] that[14] this[256] undulating[521] tester[159] rolled[226] the[19] savage[398] away[443] to[261] far[258] distant[353] scenes[339], I[482] know[60] not[518], but[330] he[362] now[20] spoke[185] of[89] his[433] native[399] island[516]; and[236], eager[516] to[261] hear[386] his[433] history[183], I[482] begged[345] him[248] to[261] go[20] on[392] and[236] tell[392] it[162]. He[362] gladly[27] complied[427]. Though[400] at[65] the[19] time[577] I[482] but[330] ill[236] comprehended[104] not[518] a[10] few[49] of[89] his[433] words[107], yet[443] subsequent[312] disclosures[292], when[189] I[482] had[364] become[548] more[348] familiar[139] with[449] his[433] broken[255] phraseology[172], now[20] enable[93] me[2] to[261] present[112] the[19] whole[199] story[197] such[420] as[113] it[162] may[236] prove[396] in[107] the[19] mere[393] skeleton[231] I[482] give[142].

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Biographical[161]

Queequeg was[454] a[10] native[399] of[89] Kokovoko, an[138] island[516] far[258] away[443] to[261] the[19] West[569] and[236] South[257]. It[162] is[487] not[518] down[133] on[392] any[501] map[38]; true[483] places[423] never[206] are[314].

When[189] a[10] new[36]-hatched[136] savage[398] running[296] wild[230] about[123] his[433] native[399] woodlands[75] in[107] a[10] grass[418] clout[450], followed[234] by[406] the[19] nibbling[259] goats[451], as[113] if[141] he[362] were[324] a[10] green[549] sapling[356]; even[198] then[45], in[107] Queequeg's[483] ambitious[28] soul[428], lurked[453] a[10] strong[145] desire[241] to[261] see[370] something[181] more[348] of[89] Christendom[400] than[77] a[10] specimen[155] whaler[91] or[519] two[527]. His[433] father[339] was[454] a[10] High[361] Chief[156], a[10] King[324]; his[433] uncle[178] a[10] High[361] Priest[60]; and[236] on[392] the[19] maternal[371] side[246] he[362] boasted[346] aunts[460] who[319] were[324] the[19] wives[473] of[89] unconquerable[398] warriors[144]. There[340] was[454] excellent[161] blood[208] in[107] his[433] veins[395]--royal[161] stuff[471]; though[400] sadly[75] vitiated[412], I[482] fear[103], by[406] the[19] cannibal[180] propensity[367] he[362] nourished[69] in[107] his[433] untutored[173] youth[327].

A[10] Sag[83] Harbor[289] ship[438] visited[16] his[433] father[339]'s[483] bay[279], and[236] Queequeg sought[82] a[10] passage[285] to[261] Christian[235] lands[436]. But[330] the[19] ship[438], having[69] her[400] full[414] complement[142] of[89] seamen[6], spurned[41] his[433] suit[373]; and[236] not[518] all[145] the[19] King[324] his[433] father[339]'s[483] influence[299] could[375] prevail[206]. But[330] Queequeg vowed[429] a[10] vow[159]. Alone[2] in[107] his[433] canoe[290], he[362] paddled[454] off[111] to[261] a[10] distant[353] strait[324], which[16] he[362] knew[480] the[19] ship[438] must[226] pass[153] through[295] when[189] she[391] quitted[137] the[19] island[516]. On[392] one[470] side[246] was[454] a[10] coral[22] reef[265]; on[392] the[19] other[282] a[10] low[407] tongue[375] of[89] land[406], covered[452] with[449] mangrove[206] thickets[2] that[14] grew[5] out[66] into[554] the[19] water[520]. Hiding[455] his[433] canoe[290], still[278] afloat[2], among[483] these[527] thickets[2], with[449] its[234] prow[451] seaward[246], he[362] sat[77] down[133] in[107] the[19] stern[442], paddle[39] low[407] in[107] hand[252]; and[236] when[189] the[19] ship[438] was[454] gliding[248] by[406], like[410] a[10] flash[424] he[362] darted[362] out[66]; gained[290] her[400] side[246]; with[449] one[470] backward[19] dash[355] of[89] his[433] foot[467] capsized[42] and[236] sank[310] his[433] canoe[290]; climbed[242] up[405] the[19] chains[446]; and[236] throwing[120] himself[282] at[65] full[414] length[202] upon[419] the[19] deck[505], grappled[227] a[10] ring[579]-bolt[156] there[340], and[236] swore[470] not[518] to[261] let[66] it[162] go[20], though[400] hacked[241] in[107] pieces[283].

In[107] vain[216] the[19] captain[295] threatened[110] to[261] throw[345] him[248] overboard[247]; suspended[245] a[10] cutlass[292] over[82] his[433] naked[70] wrists[260]; Queequeg was[454] the[19] son[26] of[89] a[10] King[324], and[236] Queequeg budged[552] not[518]. Struck[441] by[406] his[433] desperate[316] dauntlessness[83], and[236] his[433] wild[230] desire[241] to[261] visit[229] Christendom[400], the[19] captain[295] at[65] last[436] relented[314], and[236] told[82] him[248] he[362] might[496] make[175] himself[282] at[65] home[450]. But[330] this[256] fine[333] young[389] savage[398]--this[256] sea[67] Prince[63] of[89] Wales[21], never[206] saw[113] the[19] Captain[295]'s[483] cabin[192]. They[382] put[190] him[248] down[133] among[483] the[19] sailors[64], and[236] made[563] a[10] whaleman[98] of[89] him[248]. But[330] like[410] Czar[427] Peter[419] content[7] to[261] toil[89] in[107] the[19] shipyards[31] of[89] foreign[198] cities[346], Queequeg disdained[165] no[235] seeming[59] ignominy[363], if[141] thereby[190] he[362] might[496] happily[217] gain[101] the[19] power[145] of[89] enlightening[10] his[433] untutored[173] countrymen[303]. For[190] at[65] bottom[461]--so[281] he[362] told[82] me[2]--he[362] was[454] actuated[305] by[406] a[10] profound[371] desire[241] to[261] learn[341] among[483] the[19] Christians[13], the[19] arts[305] whereby[358] to[261] make[175] his[433] people[482] still[278] happier[387] than[77] they[382] were[324]; and[236] more[348] than[77] that[14],

still[278] better[34] than[77] they[382] were[324]. But[330], alas[129]! the[19] practices[19] of[89] whalemen[451]
soon[18] convinced[469] him[248] that[14] even[198] Christians[13] could[375] be[341] both[558] miserable[364]
and[236] wicked[5]; infinitely[70] more[348] so[281], than[77] all[145] his[433] father[339]'s[483] heathens[210].
Arrived[553] at[65] last[436] in[107] old[447] Sag[83] Harbor[289]; and[236] seeing[426] what[243] the[19] sailors[64]
did[444] there[340]; and[236] then[45] going[227] on[392] to[261] Nantucket[283], and[236] seeing[426] how[19] they[382] spent[329]
their[219] wages[460] in[107] that[14] place[107] also[119], poor[533] Queequeg gave[572] it[162] up[405] for[190] lost[308].
Thought[186] he[362], it[162]'s[483] a[10] wicked[5] world[126] in[107] all[145] meridians[258]; I[482]'ll[300] die[229] a[10] pagan[118].

And[236] thus[362] an[138] old[447] idolator[4] at[65] heart[470], he[362] yet[443] lived[415] among[483] these[527] Christians[13],
wore[92] their[219] clothes[98], and[236] tried[73] to[261] talk[173] their[219] gibberish[199].
Hence[503] the[19] queer[156] ways[101] about[123] him[248], though[400] now[20] some[265] time[577] from[316] home[450].

By[406] hints[260] I[482] asked[369] him[248] whether[454] he[362] did[444] not[518] propose[385] going[227] back[457],
and[236] having[69] a[10] coronation[239]; since[374] he[362] might[496] now[20] consider[259] his[433] father[339]
dead[568] and[236] gone[190], he[362] being[264] very[515] old[447] and[236] feeble[266] at[65] the[19] last[436] accounts[311].
He[362] answered[100] no[235], not[518] yet[443]; and[236] added[52] that[14] he[362] was[454] fearful[183] Christianity[103],
or[519] rather[178] Christians[13], had[364] unfitted[133] him[248] for[190] ascending[116] the[19] pure[61]
and[236] undefiled[417] throne[332] of[89] thirty[521] pagan[118] Kings[474] before[344] him[248].
But[330] by[406] and[236] by[406], he[362] said[252], he[362] would[282] return[407],--as[113] soon[18] as[113] he[362] felt[440]
himself[282] baptized[225] again[52]. For[190] the[19] nonce[251], however[44], he[362] proposed[328]
to[261] sail[218] about[123], and[236] sow[144] his[433] wild[230] oats[501] in[107] all[145] four[175] oceans[60].
They[382] had[364] made[563] a[10] harpooneer of[89] him[248], and[236] that[14] barbed[27] iron[169] was[454]
in[107] lieu[402] of[89] a[10] sceptre[439] now[20].

I[482] asked[369] him[248] what[243] might[496] be[341] his[433] immediate[388] purpose[514], touching[80] his[433]
future[44] movements[299]. He[362] answered[100], to[261] go[20] to[261] sea[67] again[52], in[107] his[433] old[447] vocation[408].
Upon[419] this[256], I[482] told[82] him[248] that[14] whaling[155] was[454] my[36] own[248] design[31], and[236] informed[16]
him[248] of[89] my[36] intention[272] to[261] sail[218] out[66] of[89] Nantucket[283], as[113] being[264] the[19] most[216]
promising[310] port[409] for[190] an[138] adventurous[499] whaleman[98] to[261] embark[296] from[316].
He[362] at[65] once[248] resolved[158] to[261] accompany[361] me[2] to[261] that[14] island[516], ship[438] aboard[298]
the[19] same[541] vessel[155], get[126] into[554] the[19] same[541] watch[89], the[19] same[541] boat[439],
the[19] same[541] mess[253] with[449] me[2], in[107] short[522] to[261] share[218] my[36] every[389] hap[224]; with[449] both[558]
my[36] hands[87] in[107] his[433], boldly[445] dip[19] into[554] the[19] Potluck[221] of[89] both[558] worlds[388].
To[261] all[145] this[256] I[482] joyously[315] assented[18]; for[190] besides[465] the[19] affection[35] I[482] now[20]
felt[440] for[190] Queequeg, he[362] was[454] an[138] experienced[93] harpooneer, and[236] as[113] such[420],
could[375] not[518] fail[126] to[261] be[341] of[89] great[259] usefulness[361] to[261] one[470], who[319], like[410] me[2],
was[454] wholly[497] ignorant[136] of[89] the[19] mysteries[445] of[89] whaling[155], though[400] well[263]
acquainted[78] with[449] the[19] sea[67], as[113] known[86] to[261] merchant[332] seamen[6].

His[433] story[197] being[264] ended[225] with[449] his[433] pipe[124]'s[483] last[436] dying[69] puff[82],
Queequeg embraced[393] me[2], pressed[323] his[433] forehead[380] against[417] mine[482],
and[236] blowing[248] out[66] the[19] light[382], we[465] rolled[226] over[82] from[316] each[520] other[282],
this[256] way[435] and[236] that[14], and[236] very[515] soon[18] were[324] sleeping[341].

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Wheelbarrow[29]

Next[27] morning[417], Monday[396], after[358] disposing[223] of[89] the[19] embalmed[59] head[219]
to[261] a[10] barber[19], for[190] a[10] block[275], I[482] settled[540] my[36] own[248] and[236] comrade[148]'s[483] bill[338];
using[14], however[44], my[36] comrade[148]'s[483] money[383]. The[19] grinning[424] landlord[270],
as[113] well[263] as[113] the[19] boarders[76], seemed[132] amazingly[364] tickled[156] at[65] the[19] sudden[309]
friendship[140] which[16] had[364] sprung[376] up[405] between[77] me[2] and[236] Queequeg--
especially[371] as[113] Peter[419] Coffin[284]'s[483] cock[519] and[236] bull[76] stories[264] about[123] him[248]
had[364] previously[250] so[281] much[61] alarmed[344] me[2] concerning[368] the[19] very[515] person[550]
whom[324] I[482] now[20] companied[82] with[449].

We[465] borrowed[199] a[10] wheelbarrow[29], and[236] embarking[191] our[234] things[4], including[123] my[36] own[248] poor[533]
carpet[446]-bag[41], and[236] Queequeg's[483] canvas[557] sack[74] and[236] hammock[323], away[443] we[465] went[516] down[133]
to[261] "the[19] Moss[83]," the[19] little[554] Nantucket[283] packet[339] schooner[92] moored[379] at[65] the[19] wharf[545].
As[113] we[465] were[324] going[227] along[423] the[19] people[482] stared[316]; not[518] at[65] Queequeg so[281] much[61]--
for[190] they[382] were[324] used[102] to[261] seeing[426] cannibals[27] like[410] him[248] in[107] their[219] streets[374],--
but[330] at[65] seeing[426] him[248] and[236] me[2] upon[419] such[420] confidential[147] terms[297]. But[330] we[465] heeded[47]
them[146] not[518], going[227] along[423] wheeling[434] the[19] barrow[215] by[406] turns[136], and[236] Queequeg
now[20] and[236] then[45] stopping[406] to[261] adjust[247] the[19] sheath[188] on[392] his[433] harpoon[67] barbs[226].
I[482] asked[369] him[248] why[177] he[362] carried[232] such[420] a[10] troublesome[475] thing[309] with[449] him[248] ashore[122],
and[236] whether[454] all[145] whaling[155] ships[21] did[444] not[518] find[138] their[219] own[248] harpoons[6].
To[261] this[256], in[107] substance[316], he[362] replied[163], that[14] though[400] what[243] I[482] hinted[253] was[454]
true[483] enough[217], yet[443] he[362] had[364] a[10] particular[336] affection[35] for[190] his[433] own[248] harpoon[67],
because[540] it[162] was[454] of[89] assured[557] stuff[471], well[263] tried[73] in[107] many[282] a[10] mortal[371] combat[154],
and[236] deeply[225] intimate[155] with[449] the[19] hearts[431] of[89] whales[331]. In[107] short[522], like[410] many[282]
inland[146] reapers[292] and[236] mowers[99], who[319] go[20] into[554] the[19] farmer[67]'s[483] meadows[42] armed[299]
with[449] their[219] own[248] scythes[259]--though[400] in[107] no[235] wise[16] obliged[206] to[261] furnish[160] them[146]--
even[198] so[281], Queequeg, for[190] his[433] own[248] private[541] reasons[186], preferred[107] his[433] own[248] harpoon[67].

Shifting[253] the[19] barrow[215] from[316] my[36] hand[252] to[261] his[433], he[362] told[82] me[2] a[10] funny[96]
story[197] about[123] the[19] first[13] wheelbarrow[29] he[362] had[364] ever[208] seen[154].
It[162] was[454] in[107] Sag[83] Harbor[289]. The[19] owners[208] of[89] his[433] ship[438], it[162] seems[19], had[364] lent[97]
him[248] one[470], in[107] which[16] to[261] carry[160] his[433] heavy[421] chest[98] to[261] his[433] boarding[155] house[499].
Not[518] to[261] seem[404] ignorant[136] about[123] the[19] thing[309]--though[400] in[107] truth[350] he[362] was[454]
entirely[148] so[281], concerning[368] the[19] precise[158] way[435] in[107] which[16] to[261] manage[345]
the[19] barrow[215]--Queequeg puts[146] his[433] chest[98] upon[419] it[162]; lashes[180] it[162] fast[208];

and[236] then[45] shoulders[476] the[19] barrow[215] and[236] marches[530] up[405] the[19] wharf[545].
"Why[177]," said[252] I[482], "Queequeg, you[227] might[496] have[254] known[86] better[34] than[77] that[14],
one[470] would[282] think[424]. Didn't[500] the[19] people[482] laugh[559]?"

Upon[419] this[256], he[362] told[82] me[2] another[269] story[197]. The[19] people[482] of[89] his[433] island[516]
of[89] Rokovoko, it[162] seems[19], at[65] their[219] wedding[377] feasts[44] express[91] the[19] fragrant[336]
water[520] of[89] young[389] cocoanuts[76] into[554] a[10] large[385] stained[224] calabash[451] like[410] a[10] punchbowl[282];
and[236] this[256] punchbowl[282] always[367] forms[48] the[19] great[259] central[229] ornament[486] on[392]
the[19] braided[261] mat[316] where[579] the[19] feast[330] is[487] held[212]. Now[20] a[10] certain[31] grand[229] merchant[332]
ship[438] once[248] touched[367] at[65] Rokovoko, and[236] its[234] commander[108]--from[316] all[145] accounts[311],
a[10] very[515] stately[344] punctilious[4] gentleman[399], at[65] least[453] for[190] a[10] sea[67] captain[295]--
this[256] commander[108] was[454] invited[230] to[261] the[19] wedding[377] feast[330] of[89] Queequeg's[483] sister[126],
a[10] pretty[252] young[389] princess[476] just[108] turned[492] of[89] ten[198]. Well[263]; when[189] all[145]
the[19] wedding[377] guests[320] were[324] assembled[170] at[65] the[19] bride[115]'s[483] bamboo[41] cottage[29],
this[256] Captain[295] marches[530] in[107], and[236] being[264] assigned[457] the[19] post[2] of[89] honor[497],
placed[556] himself[282] over[82] against[417] the[19] punchbowl[282], and[236] between[77]
the[19] High[361] Priest[60] and[236] his[433] majesty[268] the[19] King[324], Queequeg's[483] father[339].
Grace[174] being[264] said[252],--for[190] those[427] people[482] have[254] their[219] grace[174] as[113] well[263] as[113] we[465]--
though[400] Queequeg told[82] me[2] that[14] unlike[406] us[569], who[319] at[65] such[420] times[121] look[523]
downwards[468] to[261] our[234] platters[376], they[382], on[392] the[19] contrary[166], copying[214] the[19] ducks[557],
glance[362] upwards[110] to[261] the[19] great[259] Giver[170] of[89] all[145] feasts[44]--Grace[174], I[482] say[306],
being[264] said[252], the[19] High[361] Priest[60] opens[189] the[19] banquet[105] by[406] the[19] immemorial[52] ceremony[37]
of[89] the[19] island[516]; that[14] is[487], dipping[199] his[433] consecrated[257] and[236] consecrating[144]
fingers[345] into[554] the[19] bowl[418] before[344] the[19] blessed[473] beverage[26] circulates[277].
Seeing[426] himself[282] placed[556] next[27] the[19] Priest[60], and[236] noting[72] the[19] ceremony[37],
and[236] thinking[385] himself[282]--being[264] Captain[295] of[89] a[10] ship[438]--as[113] having[69] plain[28]
precedence[227] over[82] a[10] mere[393] island[516] King[324], especially[371] in[107] the[19] King[324]'s[483] own[248] house[499]--
the[19] Captain[295] coolly[156] proceeds[215] to[261] wash[160] his[433] hands[87] in[107] the[19] punch[117] bowl[418];--
taking[146] it[162] I[482] suppose[120] for[190] a[10] huge[132] finger[190]-glass[27]. "Now[20]," said[252] Queequeg,
"what[243] you[227] tink[4] now[20]?--Didn't[500] our[234] people[482] laugh[559]?"

At[65] last[436], passage[285] paid[490], and[236] luggage[172] safe[520], we[465] stood[1] on[392] board[540] the[19] schooner[92].
Hoisting[50] sail[218], it[162] glided[152] down[133] the[19] Acushnet river[201]. On[392] one[470] side[246],
New[36] Bedford[83] rose[449] in[107] terraces[75] of[89] streets[374], their[219] ice[443]-covered[452] trees[354] all[145]
glittering[144] in[107] the[19] clear[408], cold[330] air[209]. Huge[132] hills[352] and[236] mountains[202] of[89] casks[213]
on[392] casks[213] were[324] piled[126] upon[419] her[400] wharves[329], and[236] side[246] by[406] side[246] the[19] world[126]-wandering[110]
whale[422] ships[21] lay[62] silent[382] and[236] safely[206] moored[379] at[65] last[436]; while[55] from[316] others[317] came[549]
a[10] sound[181] of[89] carpenters[185] and[236] coopers[26], with[449] blended[366] noises[72] of[89] fires[75] and[236] forges[102]
to[261] melt[493] the[19] pitch[115], all[145] betokening[350] that[14] new[36] cruises[231] were[324] on[392] the[19] start[117];
that[14] one[470] most[216] perilous[141] and[236] long[544] voyage[137] ended[225], only[517] begins[374] a[10] second[386];
and[236] a[10] second[386] ended[225], only[517] begins[374] a[10] third[301], and[236] so[281] on[392], for[190] ever[208] and[236] for[190] aye[86].
Such[420] is[487] the[19] endlessness[4], yea[204], the[19] intolerableness of[89] all[145] earthly[64] effort[314].

Gaining[225] the[19] more[348] open[464] water[520], the[19] bracing[336] breeze[227] waxed[88] fresh[540]; the[19] little[554]
Moss[83] tossed[227] the[19] quick[241] foam[160] from[316] her[400] bows[460], as[113] a[10] young[389] colt[230] his[433] snortings[23].
How[19] I[482] snuffed[250] that[14] Tartar[21] air[209]!--how[19] I[482] spurned[41] that[14] turnpike[92] earth[513]!--
that[14] common[304] highway[249] all[145] over[82] dented[19] with[449] the[19] marks[226] of[89] slavish[297] heels[368]
and[236] hoofs[524]; and[236] turned[492] me[2] to[261] admire[399] the[19] magnanimity[38] of[89] the[19] sea[67] which[16] will[584]
permit[256] no[235] records[11].

At[65] the[19] same[541] foam[160]-fountain[524], Queequeg seemed[132] to[261] drink[117] and[236] reel[315] with[449] me[2].
His[433] dusky[98] nostrils[42] swelled[213] apart[526]; he[362] showed[507] his[433] filed[225] and[236] pointed[413] teeth[82].
On[392], on[392] we[465] flew[424], and[236] our[234] offing[463] gained[290], the[19] Moss[83] did[444] homage[92] to[261] the[19] blast[13];
ducked[83] and[236] dived[149] her[400] bows[460] as[113] a[10] slave[126] before[344] the[19] Sultan[107]. Sideways[496] leaning[559],
we[465] sideways[496] darted[362]; every[389] ropeyarn tingling[14] like[410] a[10] wire[269];
the[19] two[527] tall[373] masts[212] buckling[263] like[410] Indian[303] canes[165] in[107] land[406] tornadoes[451].
So[281] full[414] of[89] this[256] reeling[17] scene[228] were[324] we[465], as[113] we[465] stood[1] by[406] the[19]
plunging[93] bowsprit[120], that[14] for[190] some[265] time[577] we[465] did[444] not[518] notice[76] the[19] jeering[40]
glances[363] of[89] the[19] passengers[368], a[10] lubber[191]-like[410] assembly[223], who[319] marvelled[34]
that[14] two[527] fellow[369] beings[6] should[255] be[341] so[281] companionable[289]; as[113] though[400]
a[10] white[82] man[17] were[324] anything[480] more[348] dignified[339] than[77] a[10] whitewashed[270] negro[102].
But[330] there[340] were[324] some[265] boobies[19] and[236] bumpkins[260] there[340], who[319], by[406] their[219] intense[89]
greenness[149], must[226] have[254] come[420] from[316] the[19] heart[470] and[236] centre[389] of[89] all[145] verdure[329].
Queequeg caught[105] one[470] of[89] these[527] young[389] saplings[96] mimicking[40] him[248] behind[80]
his[433] back[457]. I[482] thought[186] the[19] bumpkin[26]'s[483] hour[384] of[89] doom[73] was[454] come[420].
Dropping[279] his[433] harpoon[67], the[19] brawny[364] savage[398] caught[105] him[248] in[107] his[433] arms[536],
and[236] by[406] an[138] almost[518] miraculous[276] dexterity[101] and[236] strength[168], sent[411] him[248] high[361] up[405]
bodily[172] into[554] the[19] air[209]; then[45] slightly[238] tapping[202] his[433] stern[442] in[107] mid[84]-somerset[271],
the[19] fellow[369] landed[451] with[449] bursting[288] lungs[40] upon[419] his[433] feet[349], while[55] Queequeg,
turning[69] his[433] back[457] upon[419] him[248], lighted[422] his[433] tomahawk[279] pipe[124] and[236] passed[87] it[162]
to[261] me[2] for[190] a[10] puff[82].

"Capting[331]! Capting[331]! yelled[61] the[19] bumpkin[26], running[296] toward[273] that[14] officer[70];
"Capting[331], Capting[331], here[135]'s[483] the[19] devil[411]."

"Hallo[167], you[227] sir[271]," cried[506] the[19] Captain[295], a[10] gaunt[62] rib[84] of[89] the[19] sea[67],
stalking[241] up[405] to[261] Queequeg, "what[243] in[107] thunder[356] do[353] you[227] mean[504] by[406] that[14]?
Don[280]'t[500] you[227] know[60] you[227] might[496] have[254] killed[409] that[14] chap[287]?"

"What[243] him[248] say[306]?" said[252] Queequeg, as[113] he[362] mildly[115] turned[492] to[261] me[2].

"He[362] say[306]," said[252] I[482], "that[14] you[227] came[549] near[70] kill[219]-e[443] that[14] man[17] there[340],"
pointing[295] to[261] the[19] still[278] shivering[559] greenhorn[41].

"Kill[219]-e[443]," cried[506] Queequeg, twisting[445] his[433] tattooed[101] face[556] into[554] an[138] unearthly[110] expression[115] of[89] disdain[256], "ah[132]! him[248] bevy[68] small[350]-e[443] fish[187]-e[443]; Queequeg no[235] kill[219]-e[443] so[281] small[350]-e[443] fish[187]-e[443]; Queequeg kill[219]-e[443] big[245] whale[422]!"

"Look[523] you[227]," roared[315] the[19] Captain[295], "I[482]'ll[300] kill[219]-e[443] you[227], you[227] cannibal[180], if[141] you[227] try[266] any[501] more[348] of[89] your[162] tricks[110] aboard[298] here[135]; so[281] mind[118] your[162] eye[220]."

But[330] it[162] so[281] happened[156] just[108] then[45], that[14] it[162] was[454] high[361] time[577] for[190] the[19] Captain[295] to[261] mind[118] his[433] own[248] eye[220]. The[19] prodigious[223] strain[468] upon[419] the[19] main[501]-sail[218] had[364] parted[201] the[19] weather[405]-sheet[327], and[236] the[19] tremendous[376] boom[333] was[454] now[20] flying[354] from[316] side[246] to[261] side[246], completely[385] sweeping[61] the[19] entire[230] after[358] part[207] of[89] the[19] deck[505]. The[19] poor[533] fellow[369] whom[324] Queequeg had[364] handled[241] so[281] roughly[44], was[454] swept[305] overboard[247]; all[145] hands[87] were[324] in[107] a[10] panic[285]; and[236] to[261] attempt[385] snatching[111] at[65] the[19] boom[333] to[261] stay[238] it[162], seemed[132] madness[282]. It[162] flew[424] from[316] right[499] to[261] left[159], and[236] back[457] again[52], almost[518] in[107] one[470] ticking[181] of[89] a[10] watch[89], and[236] every[389] instant[279] seemed[132] on[392] the[19] point[438] of[89] snapping[88] into[554] splinters[30]. Nothing[324] was[454] done[135], and[236] nothing[324] seemed[132] capable[424] of[89] being[264] done[135]; those[427] on[392] deck[505] rushed[199] toward[273] the[19] bows[460], and[236] stood[1] eyeing[49] the[19] boom[333] as[113] if[141] it[162] were[324] the[19] lower[47] jaw[213] of[89] an[138] exasperated[190] whale[422]. In[107] the[19] midst[533] of[89] this[256] consternation[52], Queequeg dropped[2] deftly[115] to[261] his[433] knees[214], and[236] crawling[318] under[533] the[19] path[234] of[89] the[19] boom[333], whipped[531] hold[204] of[89] a[10] rope[265], secured[284] one[470] end[149] to[261] the[19] bulwarks[411], and[236] then[45] flinging[389] the[19] other[282] like[410] a[10] lasso[51], caught[105] it[162] round[287] the[19] boom[333] as[113] it[162] swept[305] over[82] his[433] head[219], and[236] at[65] the[19] next[27] jerk[451], the[19] spar[14] was[454] that[14] way[435] trapped[31], and[236] all[145] was[454] safe[520]. The[19] schooner[92] was[454] run[172] into[554] the[19] wind[262], and[236] while[55] the[19] hands[87] were[324] clearing[84] away[443] the[19] stern[442] boat[439], Queequeg, stripped[301] to[261] the[19] waist[52], darted[362] from[316] the[19] side[246] with[449] a[10] long[544] living[117] arc[174] of[89] a[10] leap[342]. For[190] three[329] minutes[368] or[519] more[348] he[362] was[454] seen[154] swimming[367] like[410] a[10] dog[322], throwing[120] his[433] long[544] arms[536] straight[346] out[66] before[344] him[248], and[236] by[406] turns[136] revealing[451] his[433] brawny[364] shoulders[476] through[295] the[19] freezing[460] foam[160]. I[482] looked[232] at[65] the[19] grand[229] and[236] glorious[466] fellow[369], but[330] saw[113] no[235] one[470] to[261] be[341] saved[446]. The[19] greenhorn[41] had[364] gone[190] down[133]. Shooting[225] himself[282] perpendicularly[41] from[316] the[19] water[520], Queequeg, now[20] took[68] an[138] instant[279]'s[483] glance[362] around[66] him[248], and[236] seeming[59] to[261] see[370] just[108] how[19] matters[515] were[324], dived[149] down[133] and[236] disappeared[5]. A[10] few[49] minutes[368] more[348], and[236] he[362] rose[449] again[52], one[470] arm[25] still[278] striking[22] out[66], and[236] with[449] the[19] other[282] dragging[248] a[10] lifeless[19] form[238]. The[19] boat[439] soon[18] picked[129] them[146] up[405]. The[19] poor[533] bumpkin[26] was[454] restored[384]. All[145] hands[87] voted[265] Queequeg a[10] noble[226] trump[25]; the[19] captain[295] begged[345] his[433] pardon[143]. From[316] that[14] hour[384] I[482] clove[330] to[261] Queequeg like[410] a[10] barnacle[258]; yea[204], till[181] poor[533] Queequeg took[68] his[433] last[436] long[544] dive[316].

Was[454] there[340] ever[208] such[420] unconsciousness[292]? He[362] did[444] not[518] seem[404] to[261] think[424] that[14] he[362] at[65] all[145] deserved[111] a[10] medal[279] from[316] the[19] Humane[365] and[236] Magnanimous[128] Societies[403]. He[362] only[517] asked[369] for[190] water[520]--fresh[540] water[520]--something[181] to[261] wipe[109] the[19] brine[488] off[111]; that[14] done[135], he[362] put[190] on[392] dry[430] clothes[98], lighted[422] his[433] pipe[124], and[236] leaning[559] against[417] the[19] bulwarks[411], and[236] mildly[115] eyeing[49] those[427] around[66] him[248], seemed[132] to[261] be[341] saying[9] to[261] himself[282]--"It[162]'s[483] a[10] mutual[35], joint[65]-stock[437] world[126], in[107] all[145] meridians[258]. We[465] cannibals[27] must[226] help[526] these[527] Christians[13]."

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Nantucket[283]

Nothing[324] more[348] happened[156] on[392] the[19] passage[285] worthy[60] the[19] mentioning[124]; so[281], after[358] a[10] fine[333] run[172], we[465] safely[206] arrived[553] in[107] Nantucket[283].

Nantucket[283]! Take[279] out[66] your[162] map[38] and[236] look[523] at[65] it[162]. See[370] what[243] a[10] real[305] corner[204] of[89] the[19] world[126] it[162] occupies[264]; how[19] it[162] stands[256] there[340], away[443] off[111] shore[280], more[348] lonely[137] than[77] the[19] Eddystone[463] lighthouse[127]. Look[523] at[65] it[162]--a[10] mere[393] hillock[296], and[236] elbow[60] of[89] sand[380]; all[145] beach[183], without[309] a[10] background[397]. There[340] is[487] more[348] sand[380] there[340] than[77] you[227] would[282] use[176] in[107] twenty[433] years[116] as[113] a[10] substitute[53] for[190] blotting[434] paper[401]. Some[265] gamesome[110] wights[160] will[584] tell[392] you[227] that[14] they[382] have[254] to[261] plant[8] weeds[524] there[340], they[382] don[280]'t[500] grow[163] naturally[362]; that[14] they[382] import[188] Canada[287] thistles[390]; that[14] they[382] have[254] to[261] send[536] beyond[421] seas[350] for[190] a[10] spile[415] to[261] stop[48] a[10] leak[41] in[107] an[138] oil[118] cask[503]; that[14] pieces[283] of[89] wood[46] in[107] Nantucket[283] are[314] carried[232] about[123] like[410] bits[256] of[89] the[19] true[483] cross[416] in[107] Rome[401]; that[14] people[482] there[340] plant[8] toadstools[110] before[344] their[219] houses[166], to[261] get[126] under[533] the[19] shade[116] in[107] summer[408] time[577]; that[14] one[470] blade[83] of[89] grass[418] makes[32] an[138] oasis[236], three[329] blades[141] in[107] a[10] day[112]'s[483] walk[405] a[10] prairie[214]; that[14] they[382] wear[250] quicksand[4] shoes[436], something[181] like[410] Laplander[102] snow[498]-shoes[436]; that[14] they[382] are[314] so[281] shut[59] up[405], belted[114] about[123], every[389] way[435] inclosed[88], surrounded[75], and[236] made[563] an[138] utter[270] island[516] of[89] by[406] the[19] ocean[224], that[14] to[261] their[219] very[515] chairs[19] and[236] tables[13] small[350] clams[263] will[584] sometimes[77] be[341] found[260] adhering[163] as[113] to[261] the[19] backs[480] of[89] sea[67] turtles[271]. But[330] these[527] extravaganzas[27] only[517] show[460] that[14] Nantucket[283] is[487] no[235] Illinois[5].

Look[523] now[20] at[65] the[19] wondrous[30] traditional[94] story[197] of[89] how[19] this[256] island[516] was[454] settled[540] by[406] the[19] red[293]-men[62]. Thus[362] goes[205] the[19] legend[188]. In[107] olden[427] times[121] an[138] eagle[319] swooped[249] down[133] upon[419] the[19] New[36] England[348] coast[287] and[236] carried[232] off[111] an[138] infant[154] Indian[303] in[107] his[433] talons[253]. With[449] loud[556] lament[189] the[19] parents[195] saw[113] their[219] child[451] borne[493] out[66] of[89] sight[365] over[82] the[19] wide[465] waters[556]. They[382] resolved[158] to[261] follow[408] in[107] the[19] same[541] direction[67].

Setting[151] out[66] in[107] their[219] canoes[471], after[358] a[10] perilous[141] passage[285] they[382] discovered[36] the[19] island[516], and[236] there[340] they[382] found[260] an[138] empty[450] ivory[76] casket[167],--the[19] poor[533] little[554] Indian[303]'s[483] skeleton[231].

What[243] wonder[76], then[45], that[14] these[527] Nantucketers, born[236] on[392] a[10] beach[183], should[255] take[279] to[261] the[19] sea[67] for[190] a[10] livelihood[189]! They[382] first[13] caught[105] crabs[331] and[236] quahogs in[107] the[19] sand[380]; grown[299] bolder[285], they[382] waded[461] out[66] with[449] nets[517] for[190] mackerel[243]; more[348] experienced[93], they[382] pushed[189] off[111] in[107] boats[83] and[236] captured[126] cod[94]; and[236] at[65] last[436], launching[231] a[10] navy[83] of[89] great[259] ships[21] on[392] the[19] sea[67], explored[299] this[256] watery[59] world[126]; put[190] an[138] incessant[91] belt[323] of[89] circumnavigations[135] round[287] it[162]; peeped[236] in[107] at[65] Behring[227]'s[483] Straits[273]; and[236] in[107] all[145] seasons[192] and[236] all[145] oceans[60] declared[29] everlasting[249] war[169] with[449] the[19] mightiest[395] animated[143] mass[36] that[14] has[399] survived[77] the[19] flood[167]; most[216] monstrous[395] and[236] most[216] mountainous[273]! That[14] Himmalehan, salt[183]-sea[67], Mastodon[270], clothed[63] with[449] such[420] portentousness[136] of[89] unconscious[152] power[145], that[14] his[433] very[515] panics[365] are[314] more[348] to[261] be[341] dreaded[15] than[77] his[433] most[216] fearless[132] and[236] malicious[361] assaults[91]!

And[236] thus[362] have[254] these[527] naked[70] Nantucketers, these[527] sea[67] hermits[428], issuing[309] from[316] their[219] ant[106]-hill[219] in[107] the[19] sea[67], overrun[282] and[236] conquered[140] the[19] watery[59] world[126] like[410] so[281] many[282] Alexanders[25]; parcelling[336] out[66] among[483] them[146] the[19] Atlantic[198], Pacific[294], and[236] Indian[303] oceans[60], as[113] the[19] three[329] pirate[214] powers[140] did[444] Poland[285]. Let[66] America[133] add[236] Mexico[529] to[261] Texas[561], and[236] pile[312] Cuba[281] upon[419] Canada[287]; let[66] the[19] English[69] overswarm all[145] India[258], and[236] hang[253] out[66] their[219] blazing[232] banner[75] from[316] the[19] sun[397]; two[527] thirds[141] of[89] this[256] terraqueous[438] globe[23] are[314] the[19] Nantucketer's[483]. For[190] the[19] sea[67] is[487] his[433]; he[362] owns[496] it[162], as[113] Emperors[247] own[248] empires[83]; other[282] seamen[6] having[69] but[330] a[10] right[499] of[89] way[435] through[295] it[162]. Merchant[332] ships[21] are[314] but[330] extension[507] bridges[270]; armed[299] ones[396] but[330] floating[30] forts[216]; even[198] pirates[19] and[236] privateers[367], though[400] following[181] the[19] sea[67] as[113] highwaymen[270] the[19] road[533]. they[382] but[330] plunder[59] other[282] ships[21], other[282] fragments[430] of[89] the[19] land[406] like[410] themselves[510], without[309] seeking[427] to[261] draw[106] their[219] living[117] from[316] the[19] bottomless[376] deep[483] itself[312]. The[19] Nantucketer, he[362] alone[2] resides[83] and[236] riots[425] on[392] the[19] sea[67]; he[362] alone[2], in[107] Bible[253] language[322], goes[205] down[133] to[261] it[162] in[107] ships[21]; to[261] and[236] fro[183] ploughing[140] it[162] as[113] his[433] own[248] special[326] plantation[3]. There[340] is[487] his[433] home[450]; there[340] lies[27] his[433] business[168] which[16] a[10] Noah[69]'s[483] flood[167] would[282] not[518] interrupt[322], though[400] it[162] overwhelmed[224] all[145] the[19] millions[208] in[107] China[253]. He[362] lives[245] on[392] the[19] sea[67], as[113] prairie[214] cocks[42] in[107] the[19] prairie[214]; he[362] hides[454] among[483] the[19] waves[443], he[362] climbs[157] them[146] as[113] chamois[204] hunters[423] climb[80] the[19] Alps[214]. For[190] years[116] he[362] knows[286] not[518] the[19] land[406]; so[281] that[14] when[189] he[362] comes[268] to[261] it[162] at[65] last[436], it[162] smells[422] like[410] another[269] world[126], more[348] strangely[155] than[77] the[19] moon[45] would[282] to[261] an[138] Earthsman. With[449] the[19] landless[54] gull[8], that[14] at[65] sunset[305] folds[367] her[400] wings[175] and[236] is[487] rocked[157] to[261] sleep[233] between[77] billows[295]; so[281] at[65] nightfall[182], the[19] Nantucketer, out[66] of[89] sight[365] of[89] land[406], furls[246] his[433] sails[344], and[236] lays[361] him[248] to[261] his[433] rest[302], while[55] under[533] his[433] very[515] pillow[376] rush[6] herds[341] of[89] walruses[111] and[236] whales[331].

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Chowder[479]

It[162] was[454] quite[327] late[351] in[107] the[19] evening[581] when[189] the[19] little[554] Moss[83] came[549] snugly[392] to[261] anchor[141], and[236] Queequeg and[236] I[482] went[516] ashore[122]; so[281] we[465] could[375] attend[120] to[261] no[235] business[168] that[14] day[112], at[65] least[453] none[365] but[330] a[10] supper[4] and[236] a[10] bed[273]. The[19] landlord[270] of[89] the[19] Spouter[83]-Inn[190] had[364] recommended[181] us[569] to[261] his[433] cousin[50] Hosea[150] Hussey[192] of[89] the[19] Try[266] Pots[184], whom[324] he[362] asserted[128] to[261] be[341] the[19] proprietor[287] of[89] one[470] of[89] the[19] best[315] kept[290] hotels[183] in[107] all[145] Nantucket[283], and[236] moreover[326] he[362] had[364] assured[557] us[569] that[14] Cousin[50] Hosea[150], as[113] he[362] called[237] him[248], was[454] famous[254] for[190] his[433] chowders. In[107] short[522], he[362] plainly[450] hinted[253] that[14] we[465] could[375] not[518] possibly[201] do[353] better[34] than[77] try[266] pot[209]-luck[453] at[65] the[19] Try[266] Pots[184]. But[330] the[19] directions[124] he[362] had[364] given[141] us[569] about[123] keeping[482] a[10] yellow[95] warehouse[365] on[392] our[234] starboard[309] hand[252] till[181] we[465] opened[461] a[10] white[82] church[317] to[261] the[19] larboard[203], and[236] then[45] keeping[482] that[14] on[392] the[19] larboard[203] hand[252] till[181] we[465] made[563] a[10] corner[204] three[329] points[245] to[261] the[19] starboard[309], and[236] that[14] done[135], then[45] ask[238] the[19] first[13] man[17] we[465] met[130] where[579] the[19] place[107] was[454]; these[527] crooked[236] directions[124] of[89] his[433] very[515] much[61] puzzled[236] us[569] at[65] first[13], especially[371] as[113], at[65] the[19] outset[350], Queequeg insisted[138] that[14] the[19] yellow[95] warehouse[365]--our[234] first[13] point[438] of[89] departure[46]--must[226] be[341] left[159] on[392] the[19] larboard[203] hand[252], whereas[18] I[482] had[364] understood[473] Peter[419] Coffin[284] to[261] say[306] it[162] was[454] on[392] the[19] starboard[309]. However[44], by[406] dint[75] of[89] beating[124] about[123] a[10] little[554] in[107] the[19] dark[471], and[236] now[20] and[236] then[45] knocking[82] up[405] a[10] peaceable[31] inhabitant[4] to[261] inquire[41] the[19] way[435], we[465] at[65] last[436] came[549] to[261] something[181] which[16] there[340] was[454] no[235] mistaking[243].

Two[527] enormous[327] wooden[35] pots[184] painted[340] black[581], and[236] suspended[245] by[406] asses[526]' ears[560], swung[205] from[316] the[19] cross[416]-trees[354] of[89] an[138] old[447] top[70]-mast[44], planted[82] in[107] front[196] of[89] an[138] old[447] doorway[366]. The[19] horns[450] of[89] the[19] cross[416]-trees[354] were[324] sawed[337] off[111] on[392] the[19] other[282] side[246], so[281] that[14] this[256] old[447] top[70]-mast[44] looked[232] not[518] a[10] little[554] like[410] a[10] gallows[486]. Perhaps[75] I[482] was[454] over[82] sensitive[81] to[261] such[420] impressions[110] at[65] the[19] time[577], but[330] I[482] could[375] not[518] help[526] staring[523] at[65] this[256] gallows[486] with[449] a[10] vague[70] misgiving[102]. A[10] sort[42] of[89] crick[369] was[454] in[107] my[36] neck[239] as[113] I[482] gazed[13] up[405] to[261] the[19] two[527] remaining[64] horns[450]; yes[143], two[527] of[89] them[146], one[470] for[190] Queequeg, and[236] one[470] for[190] me[2]. It[162]'s[483] ominous[70], thinks[344] I[482]. A[10] Coffin[284] my[36] Innkeeper[264] upon[419] landing[83] in[107] my[36] first[13] whaling[155] port[409]; tombstones[26] staring[523] at[65] me[2] in[107] the[19] whalemen[451]'s[483] chapel[60],

and[236] here[135] a[10] gallows[486]! and[236] a[10] pair[106] of[89] prodigious[223] black[581] pots[184] too[11]!
Are[314] these[527] last[436] throwing[120] out[66] oblique[212] hints[260] touching[80] Tophet[210]?

I[482] was[454] called[237] from[316] these[527] reflections[104] by[406] the[19] sight[365] of[89] a[10] freckled[516]
woman[448] with[449] yellow[95] hair[237] and[236] a[10] yellow[95] gown[162], standing[144] in[107] the[19] porch[337]
of[89] the[19] inn[190], under[533] a[10] dull[546] red[293] lamp[330] swinging[379] there[340], that[14] looked[232] much[61]
like[410] an[138] injured[298] eye[220], and[236] carrying[103] on[392] a[10] brisk[142] scolding[57] with[449] a[10] man[17]
in[107] a[10] purple[167] woollen[27] shirt[413].

"Get[126] along[423] with[449] ye[483]," said[252] she[391] to[261] the[19] man[17], "or[519] I[482]'ll[300] be[341] combing[99] ye[483]!"

"Come[420] on[392], Queequeg," said[252] I[482], "all[145] right[499]. There[340]'s[483] Mrs[316]. Hussey[192]."

And[236] so[281] it[162] turned[492] out[66]; Mr[219]. Hosea[150] Hussey[192] being[264] from[316] home[450], but[330] leaving[231]
Mrs[316]. Hussey[192] entirely[148] competent[348] to[261] attend[120] to[261] all[145] his[433] affairs[492].
Upon[419] making[415] known[86] our[234] desires[401] for[190] a[10] supper[4] and[236] a[10] bed[273],
Mrs[316]. Hussey[192], postponing[121] further[53] scolding[57] for[190] the[19] present[112],
ushered[509] us[569] into[554] a[10] little[554] room[65], and[236] seating[122] us[569] at[65] a[10] table[572] spread[348]
with[449] the[19] relics[361] of[89] a[10] recently[128] concluded[157] repast[192], turned[492] round[287]
to[261] us[569] and[236] said[252]--"Clam[152] or[519] Cod[94]?"

"What[243]'s[483] that[14] about[123] Cods[26], ma'am[470]?" said[252] I[482], with[449] much[61] politeness[147].

"Clam[152] or[519] Cod[94]?" she[391] repeated[381].

"A[10] clam[152] for[190] supper[4]? a[10] cold[330] clam[152]; is[487] that[14] what[243] you[227] mean[504], Mrs[316]. Hussey[192]?"
says[424] I[482], "but[330] that[14]'s[76] a[10] rather[178] cold[330] and[236] clammy[331] reception[111] in[107] the[19] winter[317] time[577],
ain't[500] it[162], Mrs[316]. Hussey[192]?"

But[330] being[264] in[107] a[10] great[259] hurry[183] to[261] resume[369] scolding[57] the[19] man[17] in[107] the[19] purple[167]
shirt[413] who[319] was[454] waiting[201] for[190] it[162] in[107] the[19] entry[282], and[236] seeming[59] to[261] hear[386] nothing[324]
but[330] the[19] word[486] "clam[152]," Mrs[316]. Hussey[192] hurried[335] towards[417] an[138] open[464] door[135] leading[59]
to[261] the[19] kitchen[152], and[236] bawling[350] out[66] "clam[152] for[190] two[527]," disappeared[5].

"Queequeg," said[252] I[482], "do[353] you[227] think[424] that[14] we[465] can[450] make[175] out[66] a[10] supper[4]
for[190] us[569] both[558] on[392] one[470] clam[152]?"

However[44], a[10] warm[178] savory[451] steam[106] from[316] the[19] kitchen[152] served[460] to[261] belie[119]
the[19] apparently[261] cheerless[336] prospect[198] before[344] us[569]. But[330] when[189] that[14]
smoking[470] chowder[479] came[549] in[107], the[19] mystery[254] was[454] delightfully[222] explained[492].
Oh[367]! sweet[417] friends[169], hearken[297] to[261] me[2]. It[162] was[454] made[563] of[89] small[350] juicy[374] clams[263],
scarcely[71] bigger[17] than[77] hazel[247] nuts[111], mixed[459] with[449] pounded[159] ship[438] biscuits[104],
and[236] salted[212] pork[3] cut[310] up[405] into[554] little[554] flakes[120]! the[19] whole[199] enriched[402]
with[449] butter[536], and[236] plentifully[540] seasoned[4] with[449] pepper[316] and[236] salt[183].
Our[234] appetites[249] being[264] sharpened[78] by[406] the[19] frosty[58] voyage[137], and[236] in[107] particular[336],
Queequeg seeing[426] his[433] favourite[476] fishing[260] food[248] before[344] him[248], and[236] the[19] chowder[479]
being[264] surpassingly[283] excellent[161], we[465] despatched[55] it[162] with[449] great[259] expedition[308]:
when[189] leaning[559] back[457] a[10] moment[258] and[236] bethinking[40] me[2] of[89] Mrs[316]. Hussey[192]'s[483] clam[152]
and[236] cod[94] announcement[457], I[482] thought[186] I[482] would[282] try[266] a[10] little[554] experiment[40].
Stepping[299] to[261] the[19] kitchen[152] door[135], I[482] uttered[454] the[19] word[486] "cod[94]" with[449]
great[259] emphasis[6], and[236] resumed[7] my[36] seat[88]. In[107] a[10] few[49] moments[434] the[19] savoury[12]
steam[106] came[549] forth[152] again[52], but[330] with[449] a[10] different[276] flavor[69], and[236] in[107] good[221]
time[577] a[10] fine[333] cod[94]-chowder[479] was[454] placed[556] before[344] us[569].

We[465] resumed[7] business[168]; and[236] while[55] plying[78] our[234] spoons[188] in[107] the[19] bowl[418], thinks[344] I[482]
to[261] myself[99], I[482] wonder[76] now[20] if[141] this[256] here[135] has[399] any[501] effect[215] on[392] the[19] head[219]?
What[243]'s[483] that[14] stultifying[22] saying[9] about[123] chowder[479]-headed[124] people[482]?
"But[330] look[523], Queequeg, ain't[500] that[14] a[10] live[554] eel[86] in[107] your[162] bowl[418]?
Where[579]'s[483] your[162] harpoon[67]?"

Fishiest[2] of[89] all[145] fishy[369] places[423] was[454] the[19] Try[266] Pots[184], which[16] well[263] deserved[111]
its[234] name[477]; for[190] the[19] pots[184] there[340] were[324] always[367] boiling[99] chowders.
Chowder[479] for[190] breakfast[408], and[236] chowder[479] for[190] dinner[322], and[236] chowder[479] for[190] supper[4],
till[181] you[227] began[132] to[261] look[523] for[190] fish[187]-bones[5] coming[140] through[295] your[162] clothes[98].
The[19] area[472] before[344] the[19] house[499] was[454] paved[97] with[449] clam[152]-shells[398]. Mrs[316]. Hussey[192]
wore[92] a[10] polished[370] necklace[327] of[89] codfish[415] vertebra[55]; and[236] Hosea[150] Hussey[192] had[364]
his[433] account[102] books[525] bound[108] in[107] superior[479] old[447] shark[4]-skin[428]. There[340] was[454] a[10] fishy[369]
flavor[69] to[261] the[19] milk[362], too[11], which[16] I[482] could[375] not[518] at[65] all[145] account[102] for[190],
till[181] one[470] morning[417] happening[106] to[261] take[279] a[10] stroll[115] along[423] the[19] beach[183] among[483] some[265]
fishermen[24]'s[483] boats[83], I[482] saw[113] Hosea[150]'s[483] brindled[280] cow[327] feeding[367] on[392] fish[187] remnants[157],
and[236] marching[57] along[423] the[19] sand[380] with[449] each[520] foot[467] in[107] a[10] cod[94]'s[483] decapitated[18] head[219],
looking[318] very[515] slipshod[44], I[482] assure[511] ye[483].

Supper[4] concluded[157], we[465] received[12] a[10] lamp[330], and[236] directions[124] from[316] Mrs[316]. Hussey[192]
concerning[368] the[19] nearest[26] way[435] to[261] bed[273]; but[330], as[113] Queequeg was[454] about[123]
to[261] precede[243] me[2] up[405] the[19] stairs[330], the[19] lady[14] reached[386] forth[152] her[400] arm[25],
and[236] demanded[223] his[433] harpoon[67]; she[391] allowed[339] no[235] harpoon[67] in[107] her[400] chambers[125].
"Why[177] not[518]? said[252] I[482]; "every[389] true[483] whaleman[98] sleeps[136] with[449] his[433] harpoon[67]--
but[330] why[177] not[518]?" "Because[540] it[162]'s[483] dangerous[2]," says[424] she[391].
"Ever[208] since[374] young[389] Stiggs coming[140] from[316] that[14] unfort'nt v[303]'y'ge of[89] his[433],
when[189] he[362] was[454] gone[190] four[175] years[116] and[236] a[10] half[119], with[449] only[517] three[329] barrels[368]
of[89] ile[223], was[454] found[260] dead[568] in[107] my[36] first[13] floor[418] back[457], with[449] his[433] harpoon[67]
in[107] his[433] side[246]; ever[208] since[374] then[45] I[482] allow[368] no[235] boarders[76] to[261] take[279] sich[86]
dangerous[2] weepons[17] in[107] their[219] rooms[133] at[65] night[108]. So[281], Mr[219]. Queequeg"
(for[190] she[391] had[364] learned[277] his[433] name[477]), "I[482] will[584] just[108] take[279] this[256] here[135] iron[169],

and[236] keep[381] it[162] for[190] you[227] till[181] morning[417]. But[330] the[19] chowder[479]; clam[152] or[519] cod[94] to[261]-morrow[376] for[190] breakfast[408], men[62]?"

"Both[558]," says[424] I[482]; "and[236] let[66]'s[483] have[254] a[10] couple[261] of[89] smoked[60] herring[26] by[406] way[435] of[89] variety[78]."

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In[107] bed[273] we[465] concocted[95] our[234] plans[49] for[190] the[19] morrow[376]. But[330] to[261] my[36] surprise[125] and[236] no[235] small[350] concern[180], Queequeg now[20] gave[572] me[2] to[261] understand[111], that[14] he[362] had[364] been[185] diligently[344] consulting[251] Yojo--the[19] name[477] of[89] his[433] black[581] little[554] god[185]--and[236] Yojo had[364] told[82] him[248] two[527] or[519] three[329] times[121] over[82], and[236] strongly[168] insisted[138] upon[419] it[162] everyway[174], that[14] instead[398] of[89] our[234] going[227] together[440] among[483] the[19] whaling[155]-fleet[206] in[107] harbor[289], and[236] in[107] concert[159] selecting[489] our[234] craft[187]; instead[398] of[89] this[256], I[482] say[306], Yojo earnestly[98] enjoined[196] that[14] the[19] selection[143] of[89] the[19] ship[438] should[255] rest[302] wholly[497] with[449] me[2], inasmuch[110] as[113] Yojo purposed[82] befriending[136] us[569]; and[236], in[107] order[343] to[261] do[353] so[281], had[364] already[93] pitched[101] upon[419] a[10] vessel[155], which[16], if[141] left[159] to[261] myself[99], I[482], Ishmael[196], should[255] infallibly[426] light[382] upon[419], for[190] all[145] the[19] world[126] as[113] though[400] it[162] had[364] turned[492] out[66] by[406] chance[292]; and[236] in[107] that[14] vessel[155] I[482] must[226] immediately[172] ship[438] myself[99], for[190] the[19] present[112] irrespective[218] of[89] Queequeg.

I[482] have[254] forgotten[170] to[261] mention[510] that[14], in[107] many[282] things[4], Queequeg placed[556] great[259] confidence[46] in[107] the[19] excellence[27] of[89] Yojo's[483] judgment[83] and[236] surprising[359] forecast[375] of[89] things[4]; and[236] cherished[117] Yojo with[449] considerable[75] esteem[304], as[113] a[10] rather[178] good[221] sort[42] of[89] god[185], who[319] perhaps[75] meant[157] well[263] enough[217] upon[419] the[19] whole[199], but[330] in[107] all[145] cases[108] did[444] not[518] succeed[441] in[107] his[433] benevolent[67] designs[18].

Now[20], this[256] plan[99] of[89] Queequeg's[483] or[519] rather[178] Yojo's[483], touching[80] the[19] selection[143] of[89] our[234] craft[187]; I[482] did[444] not[518] like[410] that[14] plan[99] at[65] all[145]. I[482] had[364] not[518] a[10] little[554] relied[332] on[392] Queequeg's[483] sagacity[10] to[261] point[438] out[66] the[19] whaler[91] best[315] fitted[200] to[261] carry[160] us[569] and[236] our[234] fortunes[322] securely[342]. But[330] as[113] all[145] my[36] remonstrances[420] produced[258] no[235] effect[215] upon[419] Queequeg, I[482] was[454] obliged[206] to[261] acquiesce[59]; and[236] accordingly[249] prepared[59] to[261] set[422] about[123] this[256] business[168] with[449] a[10] determined[339] rushing[344] sort[42] of[89] energy[182] and[236] vigor[178], that[14] should[255] quickly[183] settle[92] that[14] trifling[255] little[554] affair[388].
Next[27] morning[417] early[92], leaving[231] Queequeg shut[59] up[405] with[449] Yojo in[107] our[234] little[554] bedroom[259]--for[190] it[162] seemed[132] that[14] it[162] was[454] some[265] sort[42] of[89] Lent[97] or[519] Ramadan[69], or[519] day[112] of[89] fasting[65], humiliation[92], and[236] prayer[377] with[449] Queequeg and[236] Yojo that[14] day[112]; how[19] it[162] was[454] I[482] never[206] could[375] find[138] out[66], for[190], though[400] I[482] applied[122] myself[99] to[261] it[162] several[479] times[121], I[482] never[206] could[375] master[131] his[433] liturgies[128] and[236] XXXIX[25] Articles[259]--leaving[231] Queequeg, then[45], fasting[65] on[392] his[433] tomahawk[279] pipe[124], and[236] Yojo warming[250] himself[282] at[65] his[433] sacrificial[37] fire[559] of[89] shavings[117], I[482] sallied[183] out[66] among[483] the[19] shipping[319]. After[358] much[61] prolonged[246] sauntering[107], and[236] many[282] random[439] inquiries[64], I[482] learnt[473] that[14] there[340] were[324] three[329] ships[21] up[405] for[190] three[329]-years[92]' voyages[368]--The[19] Devil[411]-Dam[434] the[19] Tit-bit[72], and[236] the[19] Pequod[288]. Devil[411]-dam[434], I[482] do[353] not[518] know[60] the[19] origin[233] of[89]; Tit-bit[72] is[487] obvious[147]; Pequod[288] you[227] will[584] no[235] doubt[71] remember[499], was[454] the[19] name[477] of[89] a[10] celebrated[27] tribe[273] of[89] Massachusetts[376] Indians[99]; now[20] extinct[105] as[113] the[19] ancient[463] Medes[160]. I[482] peered[446] and[236] pryed[107] about[123] the[19] Devil[411]-Dam[434]; from[316] her[400], hopped[127] over[82] to[261] the[19] Tit-bit[72]; and[236] finally[69], going[227] on[392] board[540] the[19] Pequod[288], looked[232] around[66] her[400] for[190] a[10] moment[258], and[236] then[45] decided[74] that[14] this[256] was[454] the[19] very[515] ship[438] for[190] us[569].

You[227] may[236] have[254] seen[154] many[282] a[10] quaint[315] craft[187] in[107] your[162] day[112], for[190] aught[26] I[482] know[60];--square[302]-toed luggers; mountainous[273] Japanese[364] junks[300]; butter[536]-box[226] galliots[83], and[236] what[243] not[518]; but[330] take[279] my[36] word[486] for[190] it[162], you[227] never[206] saw[113] such[420] a[10] rare[296] old[447] craft[187] as[113] this[256] same[541] rare[296] old[447] Pequod[288]. She[391] was[454] a[10] ship[438] of[89] the[19] old[447] school[315], rather[178] small[350] if[141] anything[480]; with[449] an[138] old[447]-fashioned[432] claw[58]-footed[449] look[523] about[123] her[400]. Long[544] seasoned[4] and[236] weather[405]-stained[224] in[107] the[19] typhoons[445] and[236] calms[98] of[89] all[145] four[175] oceans[60], her[400] old[447] hull[323]'s[483] complexion[243] was[454] darkened[21] like[410] a[10] French[491] grenadier[4]'s[483], who[319] has[399] alike[122] fought[66] in[107] Egypt[116] and[236] Siberia[239]. Her[400] venerable[57] bows[460] looked[232] bearded[364]. Her[400] masts[212]--cut[310] somewhere[201] on[392] the[19] coast[287] of[89] Japan[53], where[579] her[400] original[463] ones[396] were[324] lost[308] overboard[247] in[107] a[10] gale[440]--her[400] masts[212] stood[1] stiffly[292] up[405] like[410] the[19] spines[516] of[89] the[19] three[329] old[447] kings[474] of[89] Cologne[427]. Her[400] ancient[463] decks[386] were[324] worn[174] and[236] wrinkled[259], like[410] the[19] pilgrim[253]-worshipped[499] flag[270]-stone[398] in[107] Canterbury[282] Cathedral[231] where[579] Beckett[444] bled[52]. But[330] to[261] all[145] these[527] her[400] old[447] antiquities[166], were[324] added[52] new[36] and[236] marvellous[35] features[150], pertaining[375] to[261] the[19] wild[230] business[168] that[14] for[190] more[348] than[77] half[119] a[10] century[149] she[391] had[364] followed[234]. Old[447] Captain[295] Peleg[375], many[282] years[116] her[400] chief[156]-mate[508], before[344] he[362] commanded[571] another[269] vessel[155] of[89] his[433] own[248], and[236] now[20] a[10] retired[158] seaman[166], and[236] one[470] of[89] the[19] principal[550] owners[208] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288],--this[256] old[447] Peleg[375], during[309] the[19] term[416] of[89] his[433] chief[156]-mateship, had[364] built[20] upon[419] her[400] original[463] grotesqueness[371], and[236] inlaid[6] it[162], all[145] over[82], with[449] a[10] quaintness[363] both[558] of[89] material[161] and[236] device[191], unmatched[133] by[406] anything[480] except[545] it[162] be[341] Thorkill-Hake's[483] carved[455] buckler[215] or[519] bedstead[127]. She[391] was[454] apparelled[398] like[410] any[501] barbaric[559] Ethiopian[305] emperor[262], his[433] neck[239] heavy[421] with[449] pendants[454] of[89] polished[370] ivory[76]. She[391] was[454] a[10] thing[309] of[89] trophies[197]. A[10] cannibal[180] of[89] a[10] craft[187], tricking[5] herself[263] forth[152] in[107] the[19] chased[389] bones[5]

of[89] her[400] enemies[62]. All[145] round[287], her[400] unpanelled, open[464] bulwarks[411] were[324] garnished[364] like[410] one[470] continuous[447] jaw[213], with[449] the[19] long[544] sharp[427] teeth[82] of[89] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422], inserted[102] there[340] for[190] pins[290], to[261] fasten[476] her[400] old[447] hempen[451] thews[132] and[236] tendons[454] to[261]. Those[427] thews[132] ran[391] not[518] through[295] base[258] blocks[6] of[89] land[406] wood[46], but[330] deftly[115] travelled[452] over[82] sheaves[149] of[89] sea[67]-ivory[76]. Scorning[485] a[10] turnstile[86] wheel[135] at[65] her[400] reverend[11] helm[285], she[391] sported[355] there[340] a[10] tiller[445]; and[236] that[14] tiller[445] was[454] in[107] one[470] mass[36], curiously[261] carved[455] from[316] the[19] long[544] narrow[140] lower[47] jaw[213] of[89] her[400] hereditary[125] foe[479]. The[19] helmsman[457] who[319] steered[106] by[406] that[14] tiller[445] in[107] a[10] tempest[125], felt[440] like[410] the[19] Tartar[21], when[189] he[362] holds[92] back[457] his[433] fiery[42] steed[249] by[406] clutching[248] its[234] jaw[213]. A[10] noble[226] craft[187], but[330] somehow[425] a[10] most[216] melancholy[398]! All[145] noble[226] things[4] are[314] touched[367] with[449] that[14].

Now[20] when[189] I[482] looked[232] about[123] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505], for[190] some[265] one[470] having[69] authority[146], in[107] order[343] to[261] propose[385] myself[99] as[113] a[10] candidate[368] for[190] the[19] voyage[137], at[65] first[13] I[482] saw[113] nobody[41]; but[330] I[482] could[375] not[518] well[263] overlook[117] a[10] strange[440] sort[42] of[89] tent[359], or[519] rather[178] wigwam[318], pitched[101] a[10] little[554] behind[80] the[19] main[501]-mast[44]. It[162] seemed[132] only[517] a[10] temporary[235] erection[247] used[102] in[107] port[409]. It[162] was[454] of[89] a[10] conical[398] shape[99], some[265] ten[198] feet[349] high[361]; consisting[399] of[89] the[19] long[544], huge[132] slabs[231] of[89] limber[227] black[581] bone[184] taken[222] from[316] the[19] middle[39] and[236] highest[575] part[207] of[89] the[19] jaws[341] of[89] the[19] right[499]-whale[422]. Planted[82] with[449] their[219] broad[267] ends[301] on[392] the[19] deck[505], a[10] circle[282] of[89] these[527] slabs[231] laced[26] together[440], mutually[250] sloped[19] towards[417] each[520] other[282], and[236] at[65] the[19] apex[43] united[419] in[107] a[10] tufted[272] point[438], where[579] the[19] loose[159] hairy[284] fibres[45] waved[366] to[261] and[236] fro[183] like[410] a[10] top[70]-knot[445] on[392] some[265] old[447] Pottowotamie Sachem[279]'s[483] head[219]. A[10] triangular[498] opening[306] faced[115] towards[417] the[19] bows[460] of[89] the[19] ship[438], so[281] that[14] the[19] insider[150] commanded[571] a[10] complete[191] view[370] forward[364].

And[236] half[119] concealed[97] in[107] this[256] queer[156] tenement[330], I[482] at[65] length[202] found[260] one[470] who[319] by[406] his[433] aspect[147] seemed[132] to[261] have[254] authority[146]; and[236] who[319], it[162] being[264] noon[445], and[236] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] work[385] suspended[245], was[454] now[20] enjoying[261] respite[124] from[316] the[19] burden[382] of[89] command[190]. He[362] was[454] seated[158] on[392] an[138] old[447]-fashioned[432] oaken[492] chair[253], wriggling[305] all[145] over[82] with[449] curious[264] carving[54]; and[236] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] which[16] was[454] formed[294] of[89] a[10] stout[29] interlacing[193] of[89] the[19] same[541] elastic[370] stuff[471] of[89] which[16] the[19] wigwam[318] was[454] constructed[126].

There[340] was[454] nothing[324] so[281] very[515] particular[336], perhaps[75], about[123] the[19] appearance[138] of[89] the[19] elderly[170] man[17] I[482] saw[113]; he[362] was[454] brown[446] and[236] brawny[364], like[410] most[216] old[447] seamen[6], and[236] heavily[227] rolled[226] up[405] in[107] blue[240] pilot[559]-cloth[285], cut[310] in[107] the[19] Quaker[388] style[303]; only[517] there[340] was[454] a[10] fine[333] and[236] almost[518] microscopic[385] net[23]-work[208] of[89] the[19] minutest[332] wrinkles[318] interlacing[193] round[287] his[433] eyes[125], which[16] must[226] have[254] arisen[497] from[316] his[433] continual[222] sailings[31] in[107] many[282] hard[337] gales[42], and[236] always[367] looking[318] to[261] windward[170];-- for[190] this[256] causes[427] the[19] muscles[101] about[123] the[19] eyes[125] to[261] become[548] pursed[434] together[440]. Such[420] eye[220]-wrinkles[318] are[314] very[515] effectual[337] in[107] a[10] scowl[292].

"Is[487] this[256] the[19] Captain[295] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288]?" said[252] I[482], advancing[444] to[261] the[19] door[135] of[89] the[19] tent[359].

"Supposing[247] it[162] be[341] the[19] Captain[295] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288], what[243] dost[306] thou[173] want[350] of[89] him[248]?" he[362] demanded[223].

"I[482] was[454] thinking[385] of[89] shipping[319]."

"Thou[173] wast[485], wast[485] thou[173]? I[482] see[370] thou[173] art[462] no[235] Nantucketer-- ever[208] been[185] in[107] a[10] stove[373] boat[439]?"

"No[235], Sir[271], I[482] never[206] have[254]."

"Dost[306] know[60] nothing[324] at[65] all[145] about[123] whaling[155], I[482] dare[11] say[306]--eh[76]?

"Nothing[324], Sir[271]; but[330] I[482] have[254] no[235] doubt[71] I[482] shall[66] soon[18] learn[341]. I[482]'ve[149] been[185] several[479] voyages[368] in[107] the[19] merchant[332] service[343], and[236] I[482] think[424] that[14]-"

"Merchant[332] service[343] be[341] damned[572]. Talk[173] not[518] that[14] lingo[320] to[261] me[2]. Dost[306] see[370] that[14] leg[331]?--I[482]'ll[300] take[279] that[14] leg[331] away[443] from[316] thy[43] stern[442], if[141] ever[208] thou[173] talkest[292] of[89] the[19] merchant[332] service[343] to[261] me[2] again[52]. Marchant[500] service[343] indeed[522]! I[482] suppose[120] now[20] ye[483] feel[461] considerable[75] proud[108] of[89] having[69] served[460] in[107] those[427] marchant[500] ships[21]. But[330] flukes[155]! man[17], what[243] makes[32] thee[15] want[350] to[261] go[20] a[10] whaling[155], eh[76]?--it[162] looks[150] a[10] little[554] suspicious[312], don[280]'t[500] it[162], eh[76]?--Hast[174] not[518] been[185] a[10] pirate[214], hast[174] thou[173]?-- Didst[317] not[518] rob[533] thy[43] last[436] Captain[295], didst[317] thou[173]?--Dost[306] not[518] think[424] of[89] murdering[141] the[19] officers[439] when[189] thou[173] gettest[461] to[261] sea[67]?"

I[482] protested[75] my[36] innocence[236] of[89] these[527] things[4]. I[482] saw[113] that[14] under[533] the[19] mask[86] of[89] these[527] half[119] humorous[7] innuendoes[247], this[256] old[447] seaman[166], as[113] an[138] insulated[350] Quakerish[22] Nantucketer, was[454] full[414] of[89] his[433] insular[129] prejudices[86], and[236] rather[178] distrustful[46] of[89] all[145] aliens[92], unless[54] they[382] hailed[411] from[316] Cape[23] Cod[94] or[519] the[19] Vineyard[92].

"But[330] what[243] takes[362] thee[15] a[10]-whaling[155]? I[482] want[350] to[261] know[60] that[14] before[344] I[482] think[424] of[89] shipping[319] ye[483]."

"Well[263], sir[271], I[482] want[350] to[261] see[370] what[243] whaling[155] is[487]. I[482] want[350] to[261] see[370] the[19] world[126]."

"Want[350] to[261] see[370] what[243] whaling[155] is[487], eh[76]? Have[254] ye[483] clapped[423] eye[220] on[392] Captain[295] Ahab[232]?"

"Who[319] is[487] Captain[295] Ahab[232], sir[271]?"

"Aye[86], aye[86], I[482] thought[186] so[281]. Captain[295] Ahab[232] is[487] the[19] Captain[295] of[89] this[256] ship[438]."

"I[482] am[375] mistaken[49] then[45]. I[482] thought[186] I[482] was[454] speaking[22] to[261] the[19] Captain[295] himself[282]."

"Thou[173] art[462] speaking[22] to[261] Captain[295] Peleg[375]--that[14]'s[76] who[319] ye[483] are[314] speaking[22] to[261], young[389] man[17]. It[162] belongs[402] to[261] me[2] and[236] Captain[295] Bildad[492] to[261] see[370] the[19] Pequod[288] fitted[200] out[66] for[190] the[19] voyage[137], and[236] supplied[338] with[449] all[145] her[400] needs[41], including[123] crew[126]. We[465] are[314] part[207] owners[208] and[236] agents[242]. But[330] as[113] I[482] was[454] going[227] to[261] say[306], if[141] thou[173] wantest[280] to[261] know[60] what[243] whaling[155] is[487], as[113] thou[173] tellest[280] ye[483] do[353], I[482] can[450] put[190] ye[483] in[107] a[10] way[435] of[89] finding[350] it[162] out[66] before[344] ye[483] bind[316] yourself[176] to[261] it[162], past[111] backing[223] out[66]. Clap[225] eye[220] on[392] Captain[295] Ahab[232], young[389] man[17], and[236] thou[173] wilt[401] find[138] that[14] he[362] has[399] only[517] one[470] leg[331]."

"What[243] do[353] you[227] mean[504], sir[271]? Was[454] the[19] other[282] one[470] lost[308] by[406] a[10] whale[422]?"

"Lost[308] by[406] a[10] whale[422]! Young[389] man[17], come[420] nearer[303] to[261] me[2]: it[162] was[454] devoured[161], chewed[225] up[405], crunched[315] by[406] the[19] monstrousest parmacetty that[14] ever[208] chipped[17] a[10] boat[439]!--ah[132], ah[132]!"

I[482] was[454] a[10] little[554] alarmed[344] by[406] his[433] energy[182], perhaps[75] also[119] a[10] little[554] touched[367] at[65] the[19] hearty[140] grief[318] in[107] his[433] concluding[84] exclamation[156], but[330] said[252] as[113] calmly[170] as[113] I[482] could[375], "What[243] you[227] say[306] is[487] no[235] doubt[71] true[483] enough[217], sir[271]; but[330] how[19] could[375] I[482] know[60] there[340] was[454] any[501] peculiar[291] ferocity[424] in[107] that[14] particular[336] whale[422], though[400] indeed[522] I[482] might[496] have[254] inferred[165] as[113] much[61] from[316] the[19] simple[271] fact[12] of[89] the[19] accident[210]."

"Look[523] ye[483] now[20], young[389] man[17], thy[43] lungs[40] are[314] a[10] sort[42] of[89] soft[226], d[67]'ye[163] see[370]; thou[173] dost[306] not[518] talk[173] shark[4] a[10] bit[72]. Sure[41], ye[483]'ve[477] been[185] to[261] sea[67] before[344] now[20]; sure[41] of[89] that[14]?"

"Sir[271]," said[252] I[482], "I[482] thought[186] I[482] told[82] you[227] that[14] I[482] had[364] been[185] four[175] voyages[368] in[107] the[19] merchant[332]-"

"Hard[337] down[133] out[66] of[89] that[14]! Mind[118] what[243] I[482] said[252] about[123] the[19] marchant[500] service[343]-- don[280]'t[500] aggravate[25] me[2]--I[482] won't[500] have[254] it[162]. But[330] let[66] us[569] understand[111] each[520] other[282]. I[482] have[254] given[141] thee[15] a[10] hint[335] about[123] what[243] whaling[155] is[487]! do[353] ye[483] yet[443] feel[461] inclined[76] for[190] it[162]?"

"I[482] do[353], sir[271]."

"Very[515] good[221]. Now[20], art[462] thou[173] the[19] man[17] to[261] pitch[115] a[10] harpoon[67] down[133] a[10] live[554] whale[422]'s[483] throat[461], and[236] then[45] jump[50] after[358] it[162]? Answer[164], quick[241]!"

"I[482] am[375], sir[271], if[141] it[162] should[255] be[341] positively[121] indispensable[470] to[261] do[353] so[281]; not[518] to[261] be[341] got[286] rid[367] of[89], that[14] is[487]; which[16] I[482] don[280]'t[500] take[279] to[261] be[341] the[19] fact[12]."

"Good[221] again[52]. Now[20] then[45], thou[173] not[518] only[517] wantest[280] to[261] go[20] a[10]-whaling[155], to[261] find[138] out[66] by[406] experience[127] what[243] whaling[155] is[487], but[330] ye[483] also[119] want[350] to[261] go[20] in[107] order[343] to[261] see[370] the[19] world[126]? Was[454] not[518] that[14] what[243] ye[483] said[252]? I[482] thought[186] so[281]. Well[263] then[45], just[108] step[204] forward[364] there[340], and[236] take[279] a[10] peep[222] over[82] the[19] weather[405] bow[146], and[236] then[45] back[457] to[261] me[2] and[236] tell[392] me[2] what[243] ye[483] see[370] there[340]."

For[190] a[10] moment[258] I[482] stood[1] a[10] little[554] puzzled[236] by[406] this[256] curious[264] request[116], not[518] knowing[240] exactly[315] how[19] to[261] take[279] it[162], whether[454] humorously[265] or[519] in[107] earnest[495]. But[330] concentrating[348] all[145] his[433] crow[151]'s[483] feet[349] into[554] one[470] scowl[292], Captain[295] Peleg[375] started[492] me[2] on[392] the[19] errand[264].

Going[227] forward[364] and[236] glancing[18] over[82] the[19] weather[405] bow[146], I[482] perceived[76] that[14] the[19] ship[438] swinging[379] to[261] her[400] anchor[141] with[449] the[19] flood[167]-tide[395], was[454] now[20] obliquely[122] pointing[295] towards[417] the[19] open[464] ocean[224]. The[19] prospect[198] was[454] unlimited[101], but[330] exceedingly[257] monotonous[209] and[236] forbidding[147]; not[518] the[19] slightest[44] variety[78] that[14] I[482] could[375] see[370].

"Well[263], what[243]'s[483] the[19] report[238]?" said[252] Peleg[375] when[189] I[482] came[549] back[457]; "what[243] did[444] ye[483] see[370]?"

"Not[518] much[61]," I[482] replied[163]--"nothing[324] but[330] water[520]; considerable[75] horizon[516] though[400], and[236] there[340]'s[483] a[10] squall[467] coming[140] up[405], I[482] think[424]."

"Well[263], what[243] dost[306] thou[173] think[424] then[45] of[89] seeing[426] the[19] world[126]? Do[353] ye[483] wish[95] to[261] go[20] round[287] Cape[23] Horn[139] to[261] see[370] any[501] more[348] of[89] it[162], eh[76]? Can[450]'t[500] ye[483] see[370] the[19] world[126] where[579] you[227] stand[530]?"

I[482] was[454] a[10] little[554] staggered[259], but[330] go[20] a[10]-whaling[155] I[482] must[226], and[236] I[482] would[282]; and[236] the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] as[113] good[221] a[10] ship[438] as[113] any[501]--I[482] thought[186] the[19] best[315]-- and[236] all[145] this[256] I[482] now[20] repeated[381] to[261] Peleg[375]. Seeing[426] me[2] so[281] determined[339], he[362] expressed[21] his[433] willingness[325] to[261] ship[438] me[2].

"And[236] thou[173] mayest[75] as[113] well[263] sign[8] the[19] papers[434] right[499] off[111]," he[362] added[52]--"come[420] along[423] with[449] ye[483]." And[236] so[281] saying[9], he[362] led[46] the[19] way[435] below[397] deck[505] into[554] the[19] cabin[192].

Seated[158] on[392] the[19] transom[379] was[454] what[243] seemed[132] to[261] me[2] a[10] most[216] uncommon[88] and[236] surprising[359] figure[55]. It[162] turned[492] out[66] to[261] be[341] Captain[295] Bildad[492] who[319] along[423] with[449] Captain[295] Peleg[375] was[454] one[470] of[89] the[19] largest[139] owners[208] of[89] the[19] vessel[155];

the[19] other[282] shares[29], as[113] is[487] sometimes[77] the[19] case[346] in[107] these[527] ports[92], being[264] held[212] by[406] a[10] crowd[16] of[89] old[447] annuitants[287]; widows[342], fatherless[80] children[374], and[236] chancery[95] wards[65]; each[520] owning[136] about[123] the[19] value[567] of[89] a[10] timber[59] head[219], or[519] a[10] foot[467] of[89] plank[243], or[519] a[10] nail[367] or[519] two[527] in[107] the[19] ship[438]. People[482] in[107] Nantucket[283] invest[308] their[219] money[383] in[107] whaling[155] vessels[150], the[19] same[541] way[435] that[14] you[227] do[353] yours[256] in[107] approved[392] state[135] stocks[425] bringing[9] in[107] good[221] interest[323].

Now[20], Bildad[492], like[410] Peleg[375], and[236] indeed[522] many[282] other[282] Nantucketers, was[454] a[10] Quaker[388], the[19] island[516] having[69] been[185] originally[367] settled[540] by[406] that[14] sect[165]; and[236] to[261] this[256] day[112] its[234] inhabitants[110] in[107] general[37] retain[153] in[107] an[138] uncommon[88] measure[520] the[19] peculiarities[38] of[89] the[19] Quaker[388], only[517] variously[215] and[236] anomalously modified[564] by[406] things[4] altogether[31] alien[8] and[236] heterogeneous[506]. For[190] some[265] of[89] these[527] same[541] Quakers[499] are[314] the[19] most[216] sanguinary[229] of[89] all[145] sailors[64] and[236] whale[422]-hunters[423]. They[382] are[314] fighting[292] Quakers[499]; they[382] are[314] Quakers[499] with[449] a[10] vengeance[72].

So[281] that[14] there[340] are[314] instances[252] among[483] them[146] of[89] men[62], who[319], named[312] with[449] Scripture[27] names[360]--a[10] singularly[389] common[304] fashion[467] on[392] the[19] island[516]-- and[236] in[107] childhood[379] naturally[362] imbibing[122] the[19] stately[344] dramatic[317] thee[15] and[236] thou[173] of[89] the[19] Quaker[388] idiom[191]; still[278], from[316] the[19] audacious[142], daring[322], and[236] boundless[386] adventure[44] of[89] their[219] subsequent[312] lives[245], strangely[155] blend[22] with[449] these[527] unoutgrown peculiarities[38], a[10] thousand[586] bold[356] dashes[453] of[89] character[239], not[518] unworthy[280] a[10] Scandinavian[69] sea[67]-king[324], or[519] a[10] poetical[93] Pagan[118] Roman[333]. And[236] when[189] these[527] things[4] unite[475] in[107] a[10] man[17] of[89] greatly[460] superior[479] natural[298] force[406], with[449] a[10] globular[203] brain[158] and[236] a[10] ponderous[213] heart[470]; who[319] has[399] also[119] by[406] the[19] stillness[516] and[236] seclusion[124] of[89] many[282] long[544] night[108]-watches[192] in[107] the[19] remotest[95] waters[556], and[236] beneath[320] constellations[224] never[206] seen[154] here[135] at[65] the[19] north[174], been[185] led[46] to[261] think[424] untraditionally and[236] independently[263]; receiving[124] all[145] nature[159]'s[483] sweet[417] or[519] savage[398] impressions[110] fresh[540] from[316] her[400] own[248] virgin[317] voluntary[142] and[236] confiding[295] breast[272], and[236] thereby[190] chiefly[90], but[330] with[449] some[265] help[526] from[316] accidental[46] advantages[392], to[261] learn[341] a[10] bold[356] and[236] nervous[154] lofty[161] language[322]--that[14] man[17] makes[32] one[470] in[107] a[10] whole[199] nation[466]'s[483] census[198]-- a[10] mighty[2] pageant[125] creature[82], formed[294] for[190] noble[226] tragedies[225]. Nor[137] will[584] it[162] at[65] all[145] detract[138] from[316] him[248], dramatically[443] regarded[393], if[141] either[45] by[406] birth[215] or[519] other[282] circumstances[267], he[362] have[254] what[243] seems[19] a[10] half[119] wilful[160] overruling[165] morbidness[25] at[65] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] his[433] nature[159]. For[190] all[145] men[62] tragically[364] great[259] are[314] made[563] so[281] through[295] a[10] certain[31] morbidness[25]. Be[341] sure[41] of[89] this[256], O[24] young[389] ambition[90], all[145] mortal[371] greatness[309] is[487] but[330] disease[261]. But[330], as[113] yet[443] we[465] have[254] not[518] to[261] do[353] with[449] such[420] an[138] one[470], but[330] with[449] quite[327] another[269]; and[236] still[278] a[10] man[17], who[319], if[141] indeed[522] peculiar[291], it[162] only[517] results[229] again[52] from[316] another[269] phase[278] of[89] the[19] Quaker[388], modified[564] by[406] individual[233] circumstances[267].

Like[410] Captain[295] Peleg[375], Captain[295] Bildad[492] was[454] a[10] well[263]-to[261]-do[498], retired[158] whaleman[98]. But[330] unlike[406] Captain[295] Peleg[375]--who[319] cared[95] not[518] a[10] rush[6] for[190] what[243] are[314] called[237] serious[97] things[4], and[236] indeed[522] deemed[17] those[427] self[442]-same[541] serious[97] things[4] the[19] veriest[192] of[89] all[145] trifles[78]--Captain[295] Bildad[492] had[364] not[518] only[517] been[185] originally[367] educated[25] according[281] to[261] the[19] strictest[154] sect[165] of[89] Nantucket[283] Quakerism[136], but[330] all[145] his[433] subsequent[312] ocean[224] life[71], and[236] the[19] sight[365] of[89] many[282] unclad[202], lovely[126] island[516] creatures[5], round[287] the[19] Horn[139]--all[145] that[14] had[364] not[518] moved[492] this[256] native[399] born[236] Quaker[388] one[470] single[77] jot[9], had[364] not[518] so[281] much[61] as[113] altered[124] one[470] angle[205] of[89] his[433] vest[315]. Still[278], for[190] all[145] this[256] immutableness, was[454] there[340] some[265] lack[92] of[89] common[304] consistency[138] about[123] worthy[60] Captain[295] Bildad[492]. Though[400] refusing[275], from[316] conscientious[196] scruples[298], to[261] bear[48] arms[536] against[417] land[406] invaders[208], yet[443] himself[282] had[364] illimitably[202] invaded[309] the[19] Atlantic[198] and[236] Pacific[294]; and[236] though[400] a[10] sworn[376] foe[479] to[261] human[43] bloodshed[32], yet[443] had[364] he[362] in[107] his[433] straight[346]-bodied coat[7], spilled[434] tuns[129] upon[419] tuns[129] of[89] leviathan[384] gore[551]. How[19] now[20] in[107] the[19] contemplative[44] evening[581] of[89] his[433] days[351], the[19] pious[237] Bildad[492] reconciled[190] these[527] things[4] in[107] the[19] reminiscence[453], I[482] do[353] not[518] know[60]; but[330] it[162] did[444] not[518] seem[404] to[261] concern[180] him[248] much[61], and[236] very[515] probably[244] he[362] had[364] long[544] since[374] come[420] to[261] the[19] sage[500] and[236] sensible[154] conclusion[330] that[14] a[10] man[17]'s[415] religion[354] is[487] one[470] thing[309], and[236] this[256] practical[74] world[126] quite[327] another[269]. This[256] world[126] pays[86] dividends[550]. Rising[464] from[316] a[10] little[554] cabin[192] boy[110] in[107] short[522] clothes[98] of[89] the[19] drabbest drab[49], to[261] a[10] harpooneer in[107] a[10] broad[267] shad[8]-bellied waistcoat[498]; from[316] that[14] becoming[460] boat[439]-header, chief[156] mate[508], and[236] captain[295], and[236] finally[69] a[10] shipowner[117]; Bildad[492], as[113] I[482] hinted[253] before[344], had[364] concluded[157] his[433] adventurous[499] career[165] by[406] wholly[497] retiring[251] from[316] active[54] life[71] at[65] the[19] goodly[151] age[157] of[89] sixty[332], and[236] dedicating[330] his[433] remaining[64] days[351] to[261] the[19] quiet[337] receiving[124] of[89] his[433] well[263]-earned[523] income[358].

Now[20], Bildad[492], I[482] am[375] sorry[147] to[261] say[306], had[364] the[19] reputation[193] of[89] being[264] an[138] incorrigible[141] old[447] hunks[110], and[236] in[107] his[433] sea[67]-going[227] days[351], a[10] bitter[236], hard[337] task[482]-master[413]. They[382] told[82] me[2] in[107] Nantucket[283], though[400] it[162] certainly[124] seems[19] a[10] curious[264] story[197], that[14] when[189] he[362] sailed[248] the[19] old[447] Categut whaleman[98], his[433] crew[126], upon[419] arriving[102] home[450], were[324] mostly[190] all[145] carried[232] ashore[122] to[261] the[19] hospital[143], sore[446] exhausted[552] and[236] worn[174] out[66]. For[190] a[10] pious[237] man[17], especially[371] for[190] a[10] Quaker[388], he[362] was[454] certainly[124] rather[178] hard[337]-hearted[157], to[261] say[306] the[19] least[453]. He[362] never[206] used[102] to[261] swear[322], though[400], at[65] his[433] men[62], they[382] said[252]; but[330] somehow[425] he[362] got[286] an[138] inordinate[4] quantity[316] of[89] cruel[529], unmitigated[413] hard[337] work[385] out[66] of[89] them[146]. When[189] Bildad[492] was[454] a[10] chief[156]-mate[508], to[261] have[254] his[433] drab[49]-colored[213] eye[220]

intently[258] looking[318] at[65] you[227], made[563] you[227] feel[461] completely[385] nervous[154],
till[181] you[227] could[375] clutch[14] something[181]--a[10] hammer[364] or[519] a[10] marling-spike[445],
and[236] go[20] to[261] work[385] like[410] mad[235], at[65] something[181] or[519] other[282], never[206] mind[118] what[243].
Indolence[84] and[236] idleness[191] perished[264] from[316] before[344] him[248]. His[433] own[248]
person[550] was[454] the[19] exact[408] embodiment[87] of[89] his[433] utilitarian[67] character[239].
On[392] his[433] long[544], gaunt[62] body[348], he[362] carried[232] no[235] spare[295] flesh[331],
no[235] superfluous[152] beard[23], his[433] chin[49] having[69] a[10] soft[226], economical[115] nap[484] to[261] it[162],
like[410] the[19] worn[174] nap[484] of[89] his[433] broad[267]-brimmed[156] hat[107].

Such[420], then[45], was[454] the[19] person[550] that[14] I[482] saw[113] seated[158] on[392] the[19] transom[379]
when[189] I[482] followed[234] Captain[295] Peleg[375] down[133] into[554] the[19] cabin[192].
The[19] space[468] between[77] the[19] decks[386] was[454] small[350]; and[236] there[340], bolt[156] upright[145],
sat[77] old[447] Bildad[492], who[319] always[367] sat[77] so[281], and[236] never[206] leaned[265], and[236] this[256]
to[261] save[556] his[433] coat[7]-tails[490]. His[433] broad[267]-brim[84] was[454] placed[556] beside[276] him[248];
his[433] legs[108] were[324] stiffly[292] crossed[202]; his[433] drab[49] vesture[20] was[454] buttoned[235]
up[405] to[261] his[433] chin[49]; and[236] spectacles[410] on[392] nose[176], he[362] seemed[132] absorbed[116]
in[107] reading[210] from[316] a[10] ponderous[213] volume[295].

"Bildad[492]," cried[506] Captain[295] Peleg[375], "at[65] it[162] again[52], Bildad[492], eh[76]? Ye[483] have[254]
been[185] studying[67] those[427] Scriptures[134], now[20], for[190] the[19] last[436] thirty[521] years[116],
to[261] my[36] certain[31] knowledge[270]. How[19] far[258] ye[483] got[286], Bildad[492]?"

As[113] if[141] long[544] habituated[389] to[261] such[420] profane[535] talk[173] from[316] his[433] old[447] shipmate[283],
Bildad[492], without[309] noticing[332] his[433] present[112] irreverence[170], quietly[380] looked[232] up[405],
and[236] seeing[426] me[2], glanced[411] again[52] inquiringly[547] towards[417] Peleg[375].

"He[362] says[424] he[362]'s[483] our[234] man[17], Bildad[492]," said[252] Peleg[375], "he[362] wants[418] to[261] ship[438]."

"Dost[306] thee[15]?" said[252] Bildad[492], in[107] a[10] hollow[511] tone[13], and[236] turning[69] round[287] to[261] me[2].

"I[482] dost[306]," said[252] I[482] unconsciously[59], he[362] was[454] so[281] intense[89] a[10] Quaker[388].

"What[243] do[353] ye[483] think[424] of[89] him[248], Bildad[492]?" said[252] Peleg[375].

"He[362]'ll[300] do[353]," said[252] Bildad[492], eyeing[49] me[2], and[236] then[45] went[516] on[392] spelling[481]
away[443] at[65] his[433] book[230] in[107] a[10] mumbling[278] tone[13] quite[327] audible[367].

I[482] thought[186] him[248] the[19] queerest[452] old[447] Quaker[388] I[482] ever[208] saw[113], especially[371] as[113] Peleg[375],
his[433] friend[179] and[236] old[447] shipmate[283], seemed[132] such[420] a[10] blusterer[350].
But[330] I[482] said[252] nothing[324], only[517] looking[318] round[287] me[2] sharply[135].
Peleg[375] now[20] threw[459] open[464] a[10] chest[98], and[236] drawing[407] forth[152] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] articles[259],
placed[556] pen[105] and[236] ink[442] before[344] him[248], and[236] seated[158] himself[282] at[65] a[10] little[554] table[572].
I[482] began[132] to[261] think[424] it[162] was[454] high[361] time[577] to[261] settle[92] with[449] myself[99]
at[65] what[243] terms[297] I[482] would[282] be[341] willing[514] to[261] engage[134] for[190] the[19] voyage[137].
I[482] was[454] already[93] aware[174] that[14] in[107] the[19] whaling[155] business[168] they[382]
paid[490] no[235] wages[460]; but[330] all[145] hands[87], including[123] the[19] captain[295],
received[12] certain[31] shares[29] of[89] the[19] profits[14] called[237] lays[361], and[236] that[14]
these[527] lays[361] were[324] proportioned[310] to[261] the[19] degree[209] of[89] importance[579]
pertaining[375] to[261] the[19] respective[348] duties[137] of[89] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] company[280].
I[482] was[454] also[119] aware[174] that[14] being[264] a[10] green[549] hand[252] at[65] whaling[155], my[36] own[248]
lay[62] would[282] not[518] be[341] very[515] large[385]; but[330] considering[115] that[14] I[482] was[454] used[102]
to[261] the[19] sea[67], could[375] steer[426] a[10] ship[438], splice[4] a[10] rope[265], and[236] all[145] that[14],
I[482] made[563] no[235] doubt[71] that[14] from[316] all[145] I[482] had[364] heard[444] I[482] should[255] be[341] offered[336]
at[65] least[453] the[19] 275th lay[62]--that[14] is[487], the[19] 275th part[207] of[89] the[19] clear[408] net[23]
proceeds[215] of[89] the[19] voyage[137], whatever[38] that[14] might[496] eventually[163] amount[11] to[261].
And[236] though[400] the[19] 275th lay[62] was[454] what[243] they[382] call[259] a[10] rather[178] long[544] lay[62],
yet[443] it[162] was[454] better[34] than[77] nothing[324]; and[236] if[141] we[465] had[364] a[10] lucky[439] voyage[137],
might[496] pretty[252] nearly[575] pay[496] for[190] the[19] clothing[217] I[482] would[282] wear[250] out[66] on[392] it[162],
not[518] to[261] speak[337] of[89] my[36] three[329] years[116]' beef[303] and[236] board[540], for[190] which[16] I[482]
would[282] not[518] have[254] to[261] pay[496] one[470] stiver[43].

It[162] might[496] be[341] thought[186] that[14] this[256] was[454] a[10] poor[533] way[435] to[261] accumulate[427]
a[10] princely[509] fortune[256]--and[236] so[281] it[162] was[454], a[10] very[515] poor[533] way[435] indeed[522].
But[330] I[482] am[375] one[470] of[89] those[427] that[14] never[206] take[279] on[392] about[123] princely[509] fortunes[322],
and[236] am[375] quite[327] content[7] if[141] the[19] world[126] is[487] ready[464] to[261] board[540] and[236] lodge[272] me[2], while[55] I[482]
am[375] putting[243] up[405] at[65] this[256] grim[19] sign[8] of[89] the[19] Thunder[356] Cloud[218]. Upon[419] the[19] whole[199],
I[482] thought[186] that[14] the[19] 275th lay[62] would[282] be[341] about[123] the[19] fair[320] thing[309],
but[330] would[282] not[518] have[254] been[185] surprised[55] had[364] I[482] been[185] offered[336] the[19] 200th[31],
considering[115] I[482] was[454] of[89] a[10] broad[267]-shouldered[6] make[175].

But[330] one[470] thing[309], nevertheless[104], that[14] made[563] me[2] a[10] little[554] distrustful[46] about[123]
receiving[124] a[10] generous[355] share[218] of[89] the[19] profits[14] was[454] this[256]: Ashore[122], I[482] had[364] heard[444]
something[181] of[89] both[558] Captain[295] Peleg[375] and[236] his[433] unaccountable[316] old[447] crony[83] Bildad[492];
how[19] that[14] they[382] being[264] the[19] principal[550] proprietors[506] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288],
therefore[94] the[19] other[282] and[236] more[348] inconsiderable[568] and[236] scattered[17] owners[208],
left[159] nearly[575] the[19] whole[199] management[97] of[89] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] affairs[492] to[261] these[527] two[527].
And[236] I[482] did[444] not[518] know[60] but[330] what[243] the[19] stingy[97] old[447] Bildad[492] might[496] have[254] a[10] mighty[2]
deal[543] to[261] say[306] about[123] shipping[319] hands[87], especially[371] as[113] I[482] now[20] found[260] him[248] on[392] board[540]
the[19] Pequod[288], quite[327] at[65] home[450] there[340] in[107] the[19] cabin[192], and[236] reading[210] his[433] Bible[253]
as[113] if[141] at[65] his[433] own[248] fireside[21]. Now[20] while[55] Peleg[375] was[454] vainly[116] trying[83] to[261] mend[220]
a[10] pen[105] with[449] his[433] jack[299]-knife[60], old[447] Bildad[492], to[261] my[36] no[235] small[350] surprise[125],
considering[115] that[14] he[362] was[454] such[420] an[138] interested[42] party[314] in[107] these[527] proceedings[121];
Bildad[492] never[206] heeded[47] us[569], but[330] went[516] on[392] mumbling[278] to[261] himself[282] out[66] of[89] his[433] book[230],
"Lay[62] not[518] up[405] for[190] yourselves[192] treasures[202] upon[419] earth[513], where[579] moth[67]-"

"Well[263], Captain[295] Bildad[492]," interrupted[34] Peleg[375], "what[243] d[67]'ye[163] say[306], what[243] lay[62] shall[66] we[465] give[142] this[256] young[389] man[17]?"

"Thou[173] knowest[82] best[315]," was[454] the[19] sepulchral[15] reply[271], "the[19] seven[188] hundred[93] and[236] seventy[156]-seventh[280] wouldn't[500] be[341] too[11] much[61], would[282] it[162]?--'where[579] moth[67] and[236] rust[19] do[353] corrupt[501], but[330] lay[62]-'"

Lay[62], indeed[522], thought[186] I[482], and[236] such[420] a[10] lay[62]! the[19] seven[188] hundred[93] and[236] seventy[156]-seventh[280]! Well[263], old[447] Bildad[492], you[227] are[314] determined[339] that[14] I[482], for[190] one[470], shall[66] not[518] lay[62] up[405] many[282] lays[361] here[135] below[397], where[579] moth[67] and[236] rust[19] do[353] corrupt[501]. It[162] was[454] an[138] exceedingly[257] long[544] lay[62] that[14], indeed[522]; and[236] though[400] from[316] the[19] magnitude[203] of[89] the[19] figure[55] it[162] might[496] at[65] first[13] deceive[446] a[10] landsman[331], yet[443] the[19] slightest[44] consideration[196] will[584] show[460] that[14] though[400] seven[188] hundred[93] and[236] seventy[156]-seven[188] is[487] a[10] pretty[252] large[385] number[196], yet[443], when[189] you[227] come[420] to[261] make[175] a[10] teenth[226] of[89] it[162], you[227] will[584] then[45] see[370], I[482] say[306], that[14] the[19] seven[188] hundred[93] and[236] seventy[156]-seventh[280] part[207] of[89] a[10] farthing[5] is[487] a[10] good[221] deal[543] less[261] than[77] seven[188] hundred[93] and[236] seventy[156]-seven[188] gold[231] doubloons[292]; and[236] so[281] I[482] thought[186] at[65] the[19] time[577].

"Why[177], blast[13] your[162] eyes[125], Bildad[492]," cried[506] Peleg[375], Thou[173] dost[306] not[518] want[350] to[261] swindle[104] this[256] young[389] man[17]! he[362] must[226] have[254] more[348] than[77] that[14]."

"Seven[188] hundred[93] and[236] seventy[156]-seventh[280]," again[52] said[252] Bildad[492], without[309] lifting[100] his[433] eyes[125]; and[236] then[45] went[516] on[392] mumbling[278]--"for[190] where[579] your[162] treasure[31] is[487], there[340] will[584] your[162] heart[470] be[341] also[119]."

"I[482] am[375] going[227] to[261] put[190] him[248] down[133] for[190] the[19] three[329] hundredth[387]," said[252] Peleg[375], "do[353] ye[483] hear[386] that[14], Bildad[492]! The[19] three[329] hundredth[387] lay[62], I[482] say[306]."

Bildad[492] laid[181] down[133] his[433] book[230], and[236] turning[69] solemnly[200] towards[417] him[248] said[252], "Captain[295] Peleg[375], thou[173] hast[174] a[10] generous[355] heart[470]; but[330] thou[173] must[226] consider[259] the[19] duty[468] thou[173] owest[142] to[261] the[19] other[282] owners[208] of[89] this[256] ship[438]--widows[342] and[236] orphans[27], many[282] of[89] them[146]-- and[236] that[14] if[141] we[465] too[11] abundantly[76] reward[116] the[19] labors[426] of[89] this[256] young[389] man[17], we[465] may[236] be[341] taking[146] the[19] bread[387] from[316] those[427] widows[342] and[236] those[427] orphans[27]. The[19] seven[188] hundred[93] and[236] seventy[156]-seventh[280] lay[62], Captain[295] Peleg[375]."

"Thou[173] Bildad[492]!" roared[315] Peleg[375], starting[423] up[405] and[236] clattering[406] about[123] the[19] cabin[192]. "Blast[13] ye[483], Captain[295] Bildad[492], if[141] I[482] had[364] followed[234] thy[43] advice[481] in[107] these[527] matters[515], I[482] would[282] afore[462] now[20] had[364] a[10] conscience[75] to[261] lug[455] about[123] that[14] would[282] be[341] heavy[421] enough[217] to[261] founder[120] the[19] largest[139] ship[438] that[14] ever[208] sailed[248] round[287] Cape[23] Horn[139]."

"Captain[295] Peleg[375]," said[252] Bildad[492] steadily[379], "thy[43] conscience[75] may[236] be[341] drawing[407] ten[198] inches[301] of[89] water[520], or[519] ten[198] fathoms[375], I[482] can[450]'t[500] tell[392]; but[330] as[113] thou[173] art[462] still[278] an[138] impenitent[375] man[17], Captain[295] Peleg[375], I[482] greatly[460] fear[103] lest[499] thy[43] conscience[75] be[341] but[330] a[10] leaky[299] one[470]; and[236] will[584] in[107] the[19] end[149] sink[190] thee[15] foundering[283] down[133] to[261] the[19] fiery[42] pit[223], Captain[295] Peleg[375]."

"Fiery[42] pit[223]! fiery[42] pit[223]! ye[483] insult[38] me[2], man[17]; past[111] all[145] natural[298] bearing[354], ye[483] insult[38] me[2]. It[162]'s[483] an[138] all[145]-fired[31] outrage[16] to[261] tell[392] any[501] human[43] creature[82] that[14] he[362]'s[483] bound[108] to[261] hell[169]. Flukes[155] and[236] flames[74]! Bildad[492], say[306] that[14] again[52] to[261] me[2], and[236] start[117] my[36] soulbolts, but[330] I[482]'ll[300]--I[482]'ll[300]--yes[143], I[482]'ll[300] swallow[195] a[10] live[554] goat[113] with[449] all[145] his[433] hair[237] and[236] horns[450] on[392]. Out[66] of[89] the[19] cabin[192], ye[483] canting[21], drab[49]-colored[213] son[26] of[89] a[10] wooden[35] gun[152]--a[10] straight[346] wake[205] with[449] ye[483]!"

As[113] he[362] thundered[253] out[66] this[256] he[362] made[563] a[10] rush[6] at[65] Bildad[492], but[330] with[449] a[10] marvellous[35] oblique[212], sliding[540] celerity[69], Bildad[492] for[190] that[14] time[577] eluded[40] him[248].

Alarmed[344] at[65] this[256] terrible[132] outburst[235] between[77] the[19] two[527] principal[550] and[236] responsible[364] owners[208] of[89] the[19] ship[438], and[236] feeling[384] half[119] a[10] mind[118] to[261] give[142] up[405] all[145] idea[250] of[89] sailing[232] in[107] a[10] vessel[155] so[281] questionably[261] owned[196] and[236] temporarily[22] commanded[571], I[482] stepped[306] aside[408] from[316] the[19] door[135] to[261] give[142] egress[213] to[261] Bildad[492], who[319], I[482] made[563] no[235] doubt[71], was[454] all[145] eagerness[275] to[261] vanish[479] from[316] before[344] the[19] awakened[390] wrath[450] of[89] Peleg[375]. But[330] to[261] my[36] astonishment[5], he[362] sat[77] down[133] again[52] on[392] the[19] transom[379] very[515] quietly[380], and[236] seemed[132] to[261] have[254] not[518] the[19] slightest[44] intention[272] of[89] withdrawing[152]. He[362] seemed[132] quite[327] used[102] to[261] impenitent[375] Peleg[375] and[236] his[433] ways[101]. As[113] for[190] Peleg[375], after[358] letting[122] off[111] his[433] rage[293] as[113] he[362] had[364], there[340] seemed[132] no[235] more[348] left[159] in[107] him[248], and[236] he[362], too[11], sat[77] down[133] like[410] a[10] lamb[89], though[400] he[362] twitched[364] a[10] little[554] as[113] if[141] still[278] nervously[547] agitated[140]. "Whew[26]!" he[362] whistled[247] at[65] last[436]--"the[19] squall[467]'s[483] gone[190] off[111] to[261] leeward[265], I[482] think[424]. Bildad[492], thou[173] used[102] to[261] be[341] good[221] at[65] sharpening[46] a[10] lance[76], mend[220] that[14] pen[105], will[584] ye[483]. My[36] jack[299]-knife[60] here[135] needs[41] the[19] grindstone[83]. That[14]'s[76] he[362]; thank[166] ye[483], Bildad[492]. Now[20] then[45], my[36] young[389] man[17], Ishmael[196]'s[483] thy[43] name[477], didn't[500] ye[483] say[306]? Well[263] then[45], down[133] ye[483] go[20] here[135], Ishmael[196], for[190] the[19] three[329] hundredth[387] lay[62]."

"Captain[295] Peleg[375]," said[252] I[482], "I[482] have[254] a[10] friend[179] with[449] me[2] who[319] wants[418] to[261] ship[438] too[11]-- shall[66] I[482] bring[173] him[248] down[133] to[261]-morrow[376]?"

"To[261] be[341] sure[41]," said[252] Peleg[375]. "Fetch[261] him[248] along[423], and[236] we[465]'ll[300] look[523] at[65] him[248]."

"What[243] lay[62] does[565] he[362] want[350]?" groaned[233] Bildad[492], glancing[18] up[405] from[316] the[19] Book[230] in[107] which[16] he[362] had[364] again[52] been[185] burying[435] himself[282].

"Oh[367]! never[206] thee[15] mind[118] about[123] that[14], Bildad[492]," said[252] Peleg[375]. "Has[399] he[362] ever[208]

whaled[303] it[162] any[501]?" turning[69] to[261] me[2].

"Killed[409] more[348] whales[331] than[77] I[482] can[450] count[332], Captain[295] Peleg[375]."

"Well[263], bring[173] him[248] along[423] then[45]."

And[236], after[358] signing[271] the[19] papers[434], off[111] I[482] went[516]; nothing[324] doubting[16] but[330] that[14] I[482] had[364] done[135] a[10] good[221] morning[417]'s[483] work[385], and[236] that[14] the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] the[19] identical[351] ship[438] that[14] Yojo had[364] provided[100] to[261] carry[160] Queequeg and[236] me[2] round[287] the[19] Cape[23].

But[330] I[482] had[364] not[518] proceeded[121] far[258], when[189] I[482] began[132] to[261] bethink[51] me[2] that[14] the[19] Captain[295] with[449] whom[324] I[482] was[454] to[261] sail[218] yet[443] remained[72] unseen[173] by[406] me[2]; though[400], indeed[522], in[107] many[282] cases[108], a[10] whale[422]-ship[98] will[584] be[341] completely[385] fitted[200] out[66], and[236] receive[327] all[145] her[400] crew[126] on[392] board[540], ere[83] the[19] captain[295] makes[32] himself[282] visible[94] by[406] arriving[102] to[261] take[279] command[190]; for[190] sometimes[77] these[527] voyages[368] are[314] so[281] prolonged[246], and[236] the[19] shore[280] intervals[295] at[65] home[450] so[281] exceedingly[257] brief[59], that[14] if[141] the[19] captain[295] have[254] a[10] family[347], or[519] any[501] absorbing[263] concernment[217] of[89] that[14] sort[42], he[362] does[565] not[518] trouble[328] himself[282] much[61] about[123] his[433] ship[438] in[107] port[409], but[330] leaves[441] her[400] to[261] the[19] owners[208] till[181] all[145] is[487] ready[464] for[190] sea[67]. However[44], it[162] is[487] always[367] as[113] well[263] to[261] have[254] a[10] look[523] at[65] him[248] before[344] irrevocably[83] committing[24] yourself[176] into[554] his[433] hands[87]. Turning[69] back[457] I[482] accosted[137] Captain[295] Peleg[375], inquiring[24] where[579] Captain[295] Ahab[232] was[454] to[261] be[341] found[260].

"And[236] what[243] dost[306] thou[173] want[350] of[89] Captain[295] Ahab[232]? It[162]'s[483] all[145] right[499] enough[217]; thou[173] art[462] shipped[26]."

"Yes[143], but[330] I[482] should[255] like[410] to[261] see[370] him[248]."

"But[330] I[482] don[280]'t[500] think[424] thou[173] wilt[401] be[341] able[362] to[261] at[65] present[112]. I[482] don[280]'t[500] know[60] exactly[315] what[243]'s[483] the[19] matter[176] with[449] him[248]; but[330] he[362] keeps[20] close[65] inside[438] the[19] house[499]; a[10] sort[42] of[89] sick[250], and[236] yet[443] he[362] don[280]'t[500] look[523] so[281]. In[107] fact[12], he[362] ain't[500] sick[250]; but[330] no[235], he[362] isn't[500] well[263] either[45]. Any[501] how[19], young[389] man[17], he[362] won't[500] always[367] see[370] me[2], so[281] I[482] don[280]'t[500] suppose[120] he[362] will[584] thee[15]. He[362]'s[483] a[10] queer[156] man[17], Captain[295] Ahab[232]--so[281] some[265] think[424]--but[330] a[10] good[221] one[470]. Oh[367], thou[173]'lt[80] like[410] him[248] well[263] enough[217]; no[235] fear[103], no[235] fear[103]. He[362]'s[483] a[10] grand[229], ungodly[144], god[185]-like[410] man[17], Captain[295] Ahab[232]; doesn't[500] speak[337] much[61]; but[330], when[189] he[362] does[565] speak[337], then[45] you[227] may[236] well[263] listen[417]. Mark[169] ye[483], be[341] forewarned[31]; Ahab[232]'s[483] above[502] the[19] common[304]; Ahab[232]'s[483] been[185] in[107] colleges[144], as[113] well[263] as[113] 'mong the[19] cannibals[27]; been[185] used[102] to[261] deeper[253] wonders[115] than[77] the[19] waves[443]; fixed[564] his[433] fiery[42] lance[76] in[107] mightier[403], stranger[233] foes[247] than[77] whales[331]. His[433] lance[76]! aye[86], the[19] keenest[347] and[236] the[19] surest[206] that[14] out[66] of[89] all[145] our[234] isle[41]! Oh[367]! he[362] ain't[500] Captain[295] Bildad[492]; no[235], and[236] he[362] ain't[500] Captain[295] Peleg[375]; he[362]'s[483] Ahab[232], boy[110]; and[236] Ahab[232] of[89] old[447], thou[173] knowest[82], was[454] a[10] crowned[527] king[324]!"

"And[236] a[10] very[515] vile[221] one[470]. When[189] that[14] wicked[5] king[324] was[454] slain[268], the[19] dogs[393], did[444] they[382] not[518] lick[526] his[433] blood[208]?"

"Come[420] hither[342] to[261] me[2]--hither[342], hither[342]," said[252] Peleg[375], with[449] a[10] significance[330] in[107] his[433] eye[220] that[14] almost[518] startled[475] me[2]. "Look[523] ye[483], lad[342]; never[206] say[306] that[14] on[392] board[540] the[19] Pequod[288]. Never[206] say[306] it[162] anywhere[436]. Captain[295] Ahab[232] did[444] not[518] name[477] himself[282] .'Twas a[10] foolish[509], ignorant[136] whim[44] of[89] his[433] crazy[418], widowed[301] mother[276], who[319] died[575] when[189] he[362] was[454] only[517] a[10] twelvemonth[160] old[447]. And[236] yet[443] the[19] old[447] squaw[193] Tistig, at[65] Gayhead, said[252] that[14] the[19] name[477] would[282] somehow[425] prove[396] prophetic[183]. And[236], perhaps[75], other[282] fools[379] like[410] her[400] may[236] tell[392] thee[15] the[19] same[541]. I[482] wish[95] to[261] warn[453] thee[15]. It[162]'s[483] a[10] lie[212]. I[482] know[60] Captain[295] Ahab[232] well[263]; I[482]'ve[149] sailed[248] with[449] him[248] as[113] mate[508] years[116] ago[141]; I[482] know[60] what[243] he[362] is[487]--a[10] good[221] man[17]--not[518] a[10] pious[237], good[221] man[17], like[410] Bildad[492], but[330] a[10] swearing[40] good[221] man[17]--something[181] like[410] me[2]--only[517] there[340]'s[483] a[10] good[221] deal[543] more[348] of[89] him[248]. Aye[86], aye[86], I[482] know[60] that[14] he[362] was[454] never[206] very[515] jolly[50]; and[236] I[482] know[60] that[14] on[392] the[19] passage[285] home[450] he[362] was[454] a[10] little[554] out[66] of[89] his[433] mind[118] for[190] a[10] spell[416]; but[330] it[162] was[454] the[19] sharp[427] shooting[225] pains[97] in[107] his[433] bleeding[230] stump[277] that[14] brought[85] that[14] about[123], as[113] any[501] one[470] might[496] see[370]. I[482] know[60], too[11], that[14] ever[208] since[374] he[362] lost[308] his[433] leg[331] last[436] voyage[137] by[406] that[14] accursed[203] whale[422], he[362]'s[483] been[185] a[10] kind[451] of[89] moody[447]--desperate[316] moody[447], and[236] savage[398] sometimes[77]; but[330] that[14] will[584] all[145] pass[153] off[111]. And[236] once[248] for[190] all[145], let[66] me[2] tell[392] thee[15] and[236] assure[511] thee[15], young[389] man[17], it[162]'s[483] better[34] to[261] sail[218] with[449] a[10] moody[447] good[221] captain[295] than[77] a[10] laughing[83] bad[458] one[470]. So[281] good[221]-bye[356] to[261] thee[15]--and[236] wrong[70] not[518] Captain[295] Ahab[232], because[540] he[362] happens[143] to[261] have[254] a[10] wicked[5] name[477]. Besides[465], my[36] boy[110], he[362] has[399] a[10] wife[37]--not[518] three[329] voyages[368] wedded[489]--a[10] sweet[417], resigned[410] girl[30]. Think[424] of[89] that[14]; by[406] that[14] sweet[417] girl[30] that[14] old[447] man[17] had[364] a[10] child[451]: hold[204] ye[483] then[45] there[340] can[450] be[341] any[501] utter[270], hopeless[189] harm[191] in[107] Ahab[232]? No[235], no[235], my[36] lad[342]; stricken[328], blasted[253], if[141] he[362] be[341], Ahab[232] has[399] his[433] humanities[253]!"

As[113] I[482] walked[92] away[443], I[482] was[454] full[414] of[89] thoughtfulness[392]; what[243] had[364] been[185] incidentally[261] revealed[530] to[261] me[2] of[89] Captain[295] Ahab[232], filled[232] me[2] with[449] a[10] certain[31] wild[230] vagueness[4] of[89] painfulness[198] concerning[368] him[248]. And[236] somehow[425], at[65] the[19] time[577], I[482] felt[440] a[10] sympathy[242] and[236] a[10] sorrow[174] for[190] him[248], but[330] for[190] I[482] don[280]'t[500] know[60] what[243], unless[54] it[162] was[454] the[19] cruel[529] loss[223] of[89] his[433] leg[331]. And[236] yet[443] I[482] also[119] felt[440] a[10] strange[440] awe[305] of[89] him[248]; but[330] that[14] sort[42] of[89] awe[305], which[16] I[482] cannot at[65] all[145] describe[54], was[454] not[518] exactly[315] awe[305]; I[482] do[353] not[518] know[60] what[243] it[162] was[454]. But[330] I[482] felt[440] it[162]; and[236] it[162] did[444] not[518] disincline[4]

me[2] towards[417] him[248]; though[400] I[482] felt[440] impatience[153] at[65] what[243] seemed[132] like[410]
mystery[254] in[107] him[248], so[281] imperfectly[413] as[113] he[362] was[454] known[86] to[261] me[2] then[45].
However[44], my[36] thoughts[26] were[324] at[65] length[202] carried[232] in[107] other[282] directions[124],
so[281] that[14] for[190] the[19] present[112] dark[471] Ahab[232] slipped[227] my[36] mind[118].

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The[19] Ramadan[69]

As[113] Queequeg's[483] Ramadan[69], or[519] Fasting[65] and[236] Humiliation[92], was[454] to[261] continue[225]
all[145] day[112], I[482] did[444] not[518] choose[147] to[261] disturb[340] him[248] till[181] towards[417] night[108]-fall[90];
for[190] I[482] cherish[181] the[19] greatest[479] respect[441] towards[417] everybody[77]'s[483] religious[572]
obligations[462], never[206] mind[118] how[19] comical[135], and[236] could[375] not[518] find[138] it[162] in[107] my[36] heart[470]
to[261] undervalue[332] even[198] a[10] congregation[23] of[89] ants[85] worshipping[186] a[10] toad-stool[350];
or[519] those[427] other[282] creatures[5] in[107] certain[31] parts[470] of[89] our[234] earth[513], who[319] with[449]
a[10] degree[209] of[89] footmanism quite[327] unprecedented[54] in[107] other[282] planets[110],
bow[146] down[133] before[344] the[19] torso[198] of[89] a[10] deceased[259] landed[451] proprietor[287] merely[57]
on[392] account[102] of[89] the[19] inordinate[4] possessions[38] yet[443] owned[196] and[236] rented[166]
in[107] his[433] name[477].

I[482] say[306], we[465] good[221] Presbyterian[90] Christians[13] should[255] be[341] charitable[495]
in[107] these[527] things[4], and[236] not[518] fancy[396] ourselves[15] so[281] vastly[31] superior[479]
to[261] other[282] mortals[72], pagans[295] and[236] what[243] not[518], because[540] of[89] their[219] half[119]-crazy[243]
conceits[217] on[392] these[527] subjects[122]. There[340] was[454] Queequeg, now[20], certainly[124]
entertaining[41] the[19] most[216] absurd[142] notions[1] about[123] Yojo and[236] his[433] Ramadan[69];--
but[330] what[243] of[89] that[14]? Queequeg thought[186] he[362] knew[480] what[243] he[362] was[454] about[123],
I[482] suppose[120]; he[362] seemed[132] to[261] be[341] content[7]; and[236] there[340] let[66] him[248] rest[302].
All[145] our[234] arguing[447] with[449] him[248] would[282] not[518] avail[337]; let[66] him[248] be[341], I[482] say[306]:
and[236] Heaven[163] have[254] mercy[378] on[392] us[569] all[145]--Presbyterians[161] and[236] Pagans[295] alike[122]--
for[190] we[465] are[314] all[145] somehow[425] dreadfully[98] cracked[423] about[123] the[19] head[219],
and[236] sadly[75] need[32] mending[271].

Towards[417] evening[581], when[189] I[482] felt[440] assured[557] that[14] all[145] his[433] performances[11] and[236]
rituals[43] must[226] be[341] over[82], I[482] went[516] up[405] to[261] his[433] room[65] and[236] knocked[49] at[65] the[19] door[135];
but[330] no[235] answer[164]. I[482] tried[73] to[261] open[464] it[162], but[330] it[162] was[454] fastened[426] inside[438].
"Queequeg," said[252] I[482] softly[461] through[295] the[19] key[140]-hole[73]:--all[145] silent[382].
"I[482] say[306], Queequeg! why[177] don[280]'t[500] you[227] speak[337]? It[162]'s[483] I[482]--Ishmael[196]." But[330] all[145]
remained[72] still[278] as[113] before[344]. I[482] began[132] to[261] grow[163] alarmed[344]. I[482] had[364] allowed[339] him[248]
such[420] abundant[17] time[577]; I[482] thought[186] he[362] might[496] have[254] had[364] an[138] apoplectic[2] fit[12].
I[482] looked[232] through[295] the[19] key[140]-hole[73]; but[330] the[19] door[135] opening[306] into[554] an[138] odd[19] corner[204]
of[89] the[19] room[65], the[19] key[140]-hole[73] prospect[198] was[454] but[330] a[10] crooked[236] and[236] sinister[412] one[470].
I[482] could[375] only[517] see[370] part[207] of[89] the[19] foot[467]-board[540] of[89] the[19] bed[273] and[236] a[10] line[25] of[89] the[19] wall[509],
but[330] nothing[324] more[348]. I[482] was[454] surprised[55] to[261] behold[525] resting[455] against[417] the[19] wall[509]
the[19] wooden[35] shaft[56] of[89] Queequeg's[483] harpoon[67], which[16] the[19] landlady[29] the[19] evening[581]
previous[376] had[364] taken[222] from[316] him[248], before[344] our[234] mounting[473] to[261] the[19] chamber[330].
That[14]'s[76] strange[440], thought[186] I[482]; but[330] at[65] any[501] rate[515], since[374] the[19] harpoon[67]
stands[256] yonder[41], and[236] he[362] seldom[140] or[519] never[206] goes[205] abroad[504] without[309] it[162],
therefore[94] he[362] must[226] be[341] inside[438] here[135], and[236] no[235] possible[277] mistake[471].

"Queequeg!--Queequeg!"--all[145] still[278]. Something[181] must[226]
have[254] happened[156]. Apoplexy[111]! I[482] tried[73] to[261] burst[174] open[464] the[19] door[135];
but[330] it[162] stubbornly[12] resisted[253]. Running[296] down[133] stairs[330], I[482] quickly[183]
stated[543] my[36] suspicions[220] to[261] the[19] first[13] person[550] I[482] met[130]--the[19] chamber[330]-maid[5].
"La[417]! la[417]!" she[391] cried[506], "I[482] thought[186] something[181] must[226] be[341] the[19] matter[176].
I[482] went[516] to[261] make[175] the[19] bed[273] after[358] breakfast[408], and[236] the[19] door[135] was[454] locked[105];
and[236] not[518] a[10] mouse[86] to[261] be[341] heard[444]; and[236] it[162]'s[483] been[185] just[108] so[281] silent[382] ever[208] since[374].
But[330] I[482] thought[186], may[236] be[341], you[227] had[364] both[558] gone[190] off[111] and[236] locked[105] your[162]
baggage[80] in[107] for[190] safe[520] keeping[482]. La[417]! La[417], ma'am[470]!--Mistress[380]! murder[448]!
Mrs[316]. Hussey[192]! apoplexy[111]!"--and[236] with[449] these[527] cries[104] she[391] ran[391] towards[417]
the[19] kitchen[152], I[482] following[181].

Mrs[316]. Hussey[192] soon[18] appeared[88], with[449] a[10] mustard-pot[209] in[107] one[470] hand[252]
and[236] a[10] vinegar-cruet in[107] the[19] other[282], having[69] just[108] broken[255] away[443]
from[316] the[19] occupation[83] of[89] attending[416] to[261] the[19] castors[264], and[236] scolding[57]
her[400] little[554] black[581] boy[110] meantime[210].

"Wood[46]-house[499]!" cried[506] I[482], "which[16] way[435] to[261] it[162]? Run[172] for[190] God[185]'s[483] sake[523], and[236] fetch[261]
something[181] to[261] pry[505] open[464] the[19] door[135]--the[19] axe[288]!--the[19] axe[288]! he[362]'s[483] had[364] a[10] stroke[436];
depend[236] upon[419] it[162]!"--and[236] so[281] saying[9] I[482] was[454] unmethodically rushing[344] up[405] stairs[330]
again[52] empty[450]-handed[189], when[189] Mrs[316]. Hussey[192] interposed[478] the[19] mustard-pot[209] and[236]
vinegar-cruet, and[236] the[19] entire[230] castor[110] of[89] her[400] countenance[553].

"What[243]'s[483] the[19] matter[176] with[449] you[227], young[389] man[17]?"

"Get[126] the[19] axe[288]! For[190] God[185]'s[483] sake[523], run[172] for[190] the[19] doctor[81], some[265] one[470],
while[55] I[482] pry[505] it[162] open[464]!"

"Look[523] here[135]," said[252] the[19] landlady[29], quickly[183] putting[243] down[133]
the[19] vinegar-cruet, so[281] as[113] to[261] have[254] one[470] hand[252] free[483]; "look[523] here[135];
are[314] you[227] talking[513] about[123] prying[513] open[464] any[501] of[89] my[36] doors[77]?"--
and[236] with[449] that[14] she[391] seized[337] my[36] arm[25]. "What[243]'s[483] the[19] matter[176] with[449] you[227]?
What[243]'s[483] the[19] matter[176] with[449] you[227], shipmate[283]?"

In[107] as[113] calm[39], but[330] rapid[321] a[10] manner[153] as[113] possible[277], I[482] gave[572] her[400] to[261] understand[111]
the[19] whole[199] case[346]. Unconsciously[59] clapping[152] the[19] vinegar-cruet
to[261] one[470] side[246] of[89] her[400] nose[176], she[391] ruminated[315] for[190] an[138] instant[279];
then[45] exclaimed[281]--"No[235]! I[482] haven[432]'t[500] seen[154] it[162] since[374] I[482] put[190] it[162] there[340]."
Running[296] to[261] a[10] little[554] closet[437] under[533] the[19] landing[83] of[89] the[19] stairs[330], she[391] glanced[411]
in[107], and[236] returning[53], told[82] me[2] that[14] Queequeg's[483] harpoon[67] was[454] missing[210].
"He[362]'s[483] killed[409] himself[282]," she[391] cried[506]. "It[162]'s[483] unfort'nate[2] Stiggs done[135]
over[82] again[52] there[340] goes[205] another[269] counterpane[65]--God[185] pity[270] his[433] poor[533] mother[276]!--
it[162] will[584] be[341] the[19] ruin[462] of[89] my[36] house[499]. Has[399] the[19] poor[533] lad[342] a[10] sister[126]?
Where[579]'s[483] that[14] girl[30]?--there[340], Betty[60], go[20] to[261] Snarles the[19] Painter[270],
and[236] tell[392] him[248] to[261] paint[94] me[2] a[10] sign[8], with[449]--"no[235] suicides[83] permitted[120] here[135],
and[236] no[235] smoking[470] in[107] the[19] parlor[522];"--might[496] as[113] well[263] kill[219] both[558]
birds[332] at[65] once[248]. Kill[219]? The[19] Lord[106] be[341] merciful[22] to[261] his[433] ghost[246]!
What[243]'s[483] that[14] noise[254] there[340]? You[227], young[389] man[17], avast[279] there[340]!"

And[236] running[296] up[405] after[358] me[2], she[391] caught[105] me[2] as[113] I[482] was[454] again[52] trying[83] to[261] force[406]
open[464] the[19] door[135].

"I[482] won't[500] allow[368] it[162]; I[482] won't[500] have[254] my[36] premises[143] spoiled[282].
Go[20] for[190] the[19] locksmith[205], there[340]'s[483] one[470] about[123] a[10] mile[295] from[316] here[135]. But[330] avast[279]!"
putting[243] her[400] hand[252] in[107] her[400] side[246] pocket[461], "here[135]'s[483] a[10] key[140] that[14]'ll[300] fit[12], I[482] guess[304];
let[66]'s[483] see[370]." And[236] with[449] that[14], she[391] turned[492] it[162] in[107] the[19] lock[297]; but[330] alas[129]!
Queequeg's[483] supplemental[154] bolt[156] remained[72] unwithdrawn within[503].

"Have[254] to[261] burst[174] it[162] open[464]," said[252] I[482], and[236] was[454] running[296] down[133] the[19] entry[282]
a[10] little[554], for[190] a[10] good[221] start[117], when[189] the[19] landlady[29] caught[105] at[65] me[2],
again[52] vowing[181] I[482] should[255] not[518] break[483] down[133] her[400] premises[143]; but[330] I[482] tore[493]
from[316] her[400], and[236] with[449] a[10] sudden[309] bodily[172] rush[6] dashed[304] myself[99] full[414]
against[417] the[19] mark[169].

With[449] a[10] prodigious[223] noise[254] the[19] door[135] flew[424] open[464], and[236] the[19] knob[522]
slamming[479] against[417] the[19] wall[509], sent[411] the[19] plaster[113] to[261] the[19] ceiling[30];
and[236] there[340], good[221] heavens[494]! there[340] sat[77] Queequeg, altogether[31] cool[102]
and[236] self[442]-collected[472]; right[499] in[107] the[19] middle[39] of[89] the[19] room[65];
squatting[42] on[392] his[433] hams[65], and[236] holding[311] Yojo on[392] top[70] of[89] his[433] head[219].
He[362] looked[232] neither[74] one[470] way[435] nor[137] the[19] other[282] way[435] but[330] sat[77] like[410] a[10] carved[455]
image[74] with[449] scarce[462] a[10] sign[8] of[89] active[54] life[71].

"Queequeg," said[252] I[482], going[227] up[405] to[261] him[248], "Queequeg, what[243]'s[483]
the[19] matter[176] with[449] you[227]?"

"He[362] hain't[500] been[185] a[10] sittin[455]' so[281] all[145] day[112], has[399] he[362]?" said[252] the[19] landlady[29].

But[330] all[145] we[465] said[252], not[518] a[10] word[486] could[375] we[465] drag[426] out[66] of[89] him[248];
I[482] almost[518] felt[440] like[410] pushing[39] him[248] over[82], so[281] as[113] to[261] change[386] his[433] position[383],
for[190] it[162] was[454] almost[518] intolerable[304], it[162] seemed[132] so[281] painfully[547] and[236]
unnaturally[222] constrained[471]; especially[371], as[113] in[107] all[145] probability[377]
he[362] had[364] been[185] sitting[136] so[281] for[190] upwards[110] of[89] eight[316] or[519] ten[198] hours[127],
going[227] too[11] without[309] his[433] regular[400] meals[419].

"Mrs[316]. Hussey[192]," said[252] I[482], "he[362]'s[483] alive[298] at[65] all[145] events[390]; so[281] leave[450] us[569],
if[141] you[227] please[153], and[236] I[482] will[584] see[370] to[261] this[256] strange[440] affair[388] myself[99]."

Closing[533] the[19] door[135] upon[419] the[19] landlady[29], I[482] endeavored[69] to[261] prevail[206]
upon[419] Queequeg to[261] take[279] a[10] chair[253]; but[330] in[107] vain[216]. There[340] he[362] sat[77];
and[236] all[145] he[362] could[375] do[353]--for[190] all[145] my[36] polite[499] arts[305] and[236] blandishments[125]--
he[362] would[282] not[518] move[361] a[10] peg[223], nor[137] say[306] a[10] single[77] word[486], nor[137] even[198] look[523]
at[65] me[2], nor[137] notice[76] my[36] presence[492] in[107] any[501] the[19] slightest[44] way[435].

I[482] wonder[76], thought[186] I[482], if[141] this[256] can[450] possibly[201] be[341] a[10] part[207] of[89] his[433] Ramadan[69];
do[353] they[382] fast[208] on[392] their[219] hams[65] that[14] way[435] in[107] his[433] native[399] island[516].
It[162] must[226] be[341] so[281]; yes[143], it[162]'s[483] a[10] part[207] of[89] his[433] creed[61], I[482] suppose[120];
well[263], then[45], let[66] him[248] rest[302]; he[362]'ll[300] get[126] up[405] sooner[338] or[519] later[87], no[235] doubt[71].
It[162] can[450]'t[500] last[436] for[190] ever[208], thank[166] God[185], and[236] his[433] Ramadan[69] only[517] comes[268]
once[248] a[10] year[347]; and[236] I[482] don[280]'t[500] believe[191] it[162]'s[483] very[515] punctual[364] then[45].

I[482] went[516] down[133] to[261] supper[4]. After[358] sitting[136] a[10] long[544] time[577] listening[19] to[261] the[19] long[544]
stories[264] of[89] some[265] sailors[64] who[319] had[364] just[108] come[420] from[316] a[10] plum-pudding[176] voyage[137],
as[113] they[382] called[237] it[162] (that[14] is[487], a[10] short[522] whaling[155]-voyage[137] in[107] a[10] schooner[92] or[519] brig[98],
confined[185] to[261] the[19] north[174] of[89] the[19] line[25], in[107] the[19] Atlantic[198] Ocean[224] only[517]);
after[358] listening[19] to[261] these[527] plum-puddingers till[181] nearly[575] eleven[556] o[24]'clock[489], I[482]
went[516] up[405] stairs[330] to[261] go[20] to[261] bed[273], feeling[384] quite[327] sure[41] by[406] this[256] time[577] Queequeg
must[226] certainly[124] have[254] brought[85] his[433] Ramadan[69] to[261] a[10] termination[87]. But[330] no[235];
there[340] he[362] was[454] just[108] where[579] I[482] had[364] left[159] him[248]; he[362] had[364] not[518] stirred[101] an[138] inch[65].
I[482] began[132] to[261] grow[163] vexed[340] with[449] him[248]; it[162] seemed[132] so[281] downright[402] senseless[245]
and[236] insane[416] to[261] be[341] sitting[136] there[340] all[145] day[112] and[236] half[119] the[19] night[108] on[392] his[433] hams[65]
in[107] a[10] cold[330] room[65], holding[311] a[10] piece[121] of[89] wood[46] on[392] his[433] head[219].

"For[190] heaven[163]'s[483] sake[523], Queequeg, get[126] up[405] and[236] shake[180] yourself[176]; get[126] up[405] and[236] have[254]
some[265] supper[4]. You[227]'ll[300] starve[353]; you[227]'ll[300] kill[219] yourself[176], Queequeg." But[330] not[518]
a[10] word[486] did[444] he[362] reply[271].

Despairing[341] of[89] him[248], therefore[94], I[482] determined[339] to[261] go[20] to[261] bed[273] and[236] to[261] sleep[233];
and[236] no[235] doubt[71], before[344] a[10] great[259] while[55], he[362] would[282] follow[408] me[2].

But[330] previous[376] to[261] turning[69] in[107], I[482] took[68] my[36] heavy[421] bearskin[445] jacket[481],
and[236] threw[459] it[162] over[82] him[248], as[113] it[162] promised[466] to[261] be[341] a[10] very[515] cold[330] night[108];
and[236] he[362] had[364] nothing[324] but[330] his[433] ordinary[225] round[287] jacket[481] on[392].
For[190] some[265] time[577], do[353] all[145] I[482] would[282], I[482] could[375] not[518] get[126] into[554] the[19] faintest[302] doze[260].
I[482] had[364] blown[147] out[66] the[19] candle[248]; and[236] the[19] mere[393] thought[186] of[89] Queequeg--
not[518] four[175] feet[349] off[111]--sitting[136] there[340] in[107] that[14] uneasy[137] position[383],
stark[376] alone[2] in[107] the[19] cold[330] and[236] dark[471]; this[256] made[563] me[2] really[406] wretched[294].
Think[424] of[89] it[162]; sleeping[341] all[145] night[108] in[107] the[19] same[541] room[65] with[449] a[10] wide[465]
awake[255] pagan[118] on[392] his[433] hams[65] in[107] this[256] dreary[445], unaccountable[316] Ramadan[69]!

But[330] somehow[425] I[482] dropped[2] off[111] at[65] last[436], and[236] knew[480] nothing[324] more[348] till[181]
break[483] of[89] day[112]; when[189], looking[318] over[82] the[19] bedside[221], there[340] squatted[455]
Queequeg, as[113] if[141] he[362] had[364] been[185] screwed[453] down[133] to[261] the[19] floor[418].
But[330] as[113] soon[18] as[113] the[19] first[13] glimpse[12] of[89] sun[397] entered[447] the[19] window[8],
up[405] he[362] got[286], with[449] stiff[549] and[236] grating[451] joints[401], but[330] with[449] a[10] cheerful[391] look[523];
limped[253] towards[417] me[2] where[579] I[482] lay[62]; pressed[323] his[433] forehead[380] again[52]
against[417] mine[482]; and[236] said[252] his[433] Ramadan[69] was[454] over[82].

Now[20], as[113] I[482] before[344] hinted[253], I[482] have[254] no[235] objection[431] to[261] any[501] person[550]'s[483] religion[354],
be[341] it[162] what[243] it[162] may[236], so[281] long[544] as[113] that[14] person[550] does[565] not[518] kill[219] or[519] insult[38]
any[501] other[282] person[550], because[540] that[14] other[282] person[550] don[280]'t[500] believe[191] it[162] also[119].
But[330] when[189] a[10] man[17]'s[415] religion[354] becomes[314] really[406] frantic[211]; when[189] it[162] is[487] a[10] positive[31]
torment[275] to[261] him[248]; and[236], in[107] fine[333], makes[32] this[256] earth[513] of[89] ours[94] an[138] uncomfortable[72]
inn[190] to[261] lodge[272] in[107]; then[45] I[482] think[424] it[162] high[361] time[577] to[261] take[279] that[14] individual[233]
aside[408] and[236] argue[69] the[19] point[438] with[449] him[248].

And[236] just[108] so[281] I[482] now[20] did[444] with[449] Queequeg. "Queequeg," said[252] I[482],
"get[126] into[554] bed[273] now[20], and[236] lie[212] and[236] listen[417] to[261] me[2]." I[482] then[45] went[516] on[392],
beginning[188] with[449] the[19] rise[251] and[236] progress[538] of[89] the[19] primitive[489] religions[206],
and[236] coming[140] down[133] to[261] the[19] various[183] religions[206] of[89] the[19] present[112] time[577],
during[309] which[16] time[577] I[482] labored[198] to[261] show[460] Queequeg that[14] all[145]
these[527] Lents[125], Ramadans, and[236] prolonged[246] ham-squattings in[107] cold[330],
cheerless[336] rooms[133] were[324] stark[376] nonsense[581]; bad[458] for[190] the[19] health[231];
useless[327] for[190] the[19] soul[428]; opposed[213], in[107] short[522], to[261] the[19] obvious[147] laws[68]
of[89] Hygiene[270] and[236] common[304] sense[85]. I[482] told[82] him[248], too[11], that[14] he[362] being[264]
in[107] other[282] things[4] such[420] an[138] extremely[330] sensible[154] and[236] sagacious[10] savage[398],
it[162] pained[232] me[2], very[515] badly[36] pained[232] me[2], to[261] see[370] him[248] now[20] so[281] deplorably[295]
foolish[509] about[123] this[256] ridiculous[92] Ramadan[69] of[89] his[433]. Besides[465], argued[19] I[482],
fasting[65] makes[32] the[19] body[348] cave[84] in[107]; hence[503] the[19] spirit[227] caves[203] in[107];
and[236] all[145] thoughts[26] born[236] of[89] a[10] fast[208] must[226] necessarily[136] be[341]
half[119]-starved. This[256] is[487] the[19] reason[238] why[177] most[216] dyspeptic[156] religionists[152]
cherish[181] such[420] melancholy[398] notions[1] about[123] their[219] hereafters.
In[107] one[470] word[486], Queequeg, said[252] I[482], rather[178] digressively;
hell[169] is[487] an[138] idea[250] first[13] born[236] on[392] an[138] undigested[58] apple[501]-dumpling;
and[236] since[374] then[45] perpetuated[214] through[295] the[19] hereditary[125] dyspepsias
nurtured[31] by[406] Ramadans.

I[482] then[45] asked[369] Queequeg whether[454] he[362] himself[282] was[454] ever[208] troubled[327] with[449] dyspepsia[83];
expressing[469] the[19] idea[250] very[515] plainly[450], so[281] that[14] he[362] could[375] take[279] it[162] in[107].
He[362] said[252] no[235]; only[517] upon[419] one[470] memorable[154] occasion[211]. It[162] was[454] after[358] a[10] great[259] feast[330]
given[141] by[406] his[433] father[339] the[19] king[324] on[392] the[19] gaining[225] of[89] a[10] great[259] battle[105] wherein[396]
fifty[406] of[89] the[19] enemy[431] had[364] been[185] killed[409] by[406] about[123] two[527] o[24]'clock[489] in[107] the[19] afternoon[128],
and[236] all[145] cooked[191] and[236] eaten[172] that[14] very[515] evening[581].

"No[235] more[348], Queequeg," said[252] I[482], shuddering[143]; "that[14] will[584] do[353];"
for[190] I[482] knew[480] the[19] inferences[400] without[309] his[433] further[53] hinting[73] them[146].
I[482] had[364] seen[154] a[10] sailor[561] who[319] had[364] visited[16] that[14] very[515] island[516], and[236] he[362] told[82] me[2]
that[14] it[162] was[454] the[19] custom[544], when[189] a[10] great[259] battle[105] had[364] been[185] gained[290] there[340],
to[261] barbecue[4] all[145] the[19] slain[268] in[107] the[19] yard[258] or[519] garden[121] of[89] the[19] victor[310];
and[236] then[45], one[470] by[406] one[470], they[382] were[324] placed[556] in[107] great[259] wooden[35] trenchers[12],
and[236] garnished[364] round[287] like[410] a[10] pilau[269], with[449] breadfruit[4] and[236] cocoanuts[76];
and[236] with[449] some[265] parsley[231] in[107] their[219] mouths[26], were[324] sent[411] round[287] with[449]
the[19] victor[310]'s[483] compliments[11] to[261] all[145] his[433] friends[169], just[108] as[113] though[400]
these[527] presents[256] were[324] so[281] many[282] Christmas[206] turkeys[279].

After[358] all[145], I[482] do[353] not[518] think[424] that[14] my[36] remarks[512] about[123] religion[354] made[563]
much[61] impression[219] upon[419] Queequeg. Because[540], in[107] the[19] first[13] place[107],
he[362] somehow[425] seemed[132] dull[546] of[89] hearing[325] on[392] that[14] important[104] subject[382],
unless[54] considered[484] from[316] his[433] own[248] point[438] of[89] view[370]; and[236], in[107] the[19]
second[386] place[107], he[362] did[444] not[518] more[348] than[77] one[470] third[301] understand[111] me[2],
couch[19] my[36] ideas[264] simply[142] as[113] I[482] would[282]; and[236], finally[69], he[362] no[235] doubt[71] thought[186]
he[362] knew[480] a[10] good[221] deal[543] more[348] about[123] the[19] true[483] religion[354] than[77] I[482] did[444].
He[362] looked[232] at[65] me[2] with[449] a[10] sort[42] of[89] condescending[138] concern[180] and[236] compassion[537],
as[113] though[400] he[362] thought[186] it[162] a[10] great[259] pity[270] that[14] such[420] a[10] sensible[154] young[389]
man[17] should[255] be[341] so[281] hopelessly[367] lost[308] to[261] evangelical[26] pagan[118] piety[389].

At[65] last[436] we[465] rose[449] and[236] dressed[321]; and[236] Queequeg, taking[146] a[10] prodigiously[83] hearty[140]
breakfast[408] of[89] chowders of[89] all[145] sorts[354], so[281] that[14] the[19] landlady[29] should[255] not[518] make[175]
much[61] profit[498] by[406] reason[238] of[89] his[433] Ramadan[69], we[465] sallied[183] out[66] to[261] board[540] the[19] Pequod[288],
sauntering[107] along[423], and[236] picking[331] our[234] teeth[82] with[449] halibut[152] bones[5].

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His[433] Mark[169]

As[113] we[465] were[324] walking[523] down[133] the[19] end[149] of[89] the[19] wharf[545] towards[417] the[19] ship[438], Queequeg carrying[103] his[433] harpoon[67], Captain[295] Peleg[375] in[107] his[433] gruff[156] voice[233] loudly[275] hailed[411] us[569] from[316] his[433] wigwam[318], saying[9] he[362] had[364] not[518] suspected[189] my[36] friend[179] was[454] a[10] cannibal[180], and[236] furthermore[181] announcing[337] that[14] he[362] let[66] no[235] cannibals[27] on[392] board[540] that[14] craft[187], unless[54] they[382] previously[250] produced[258] their[219] papers[434].

"What[243] do[353] you[227] mean[504] by[406] that[14], Captain[295] Peleg[375]?" said[252] I[482], now[20] jumping[286] on[392] the[19] bulwarks[411], and[236] leaving[231] my[36] comrade[148] standing[144] on[392] the[19] wharf[545].

"I[482] mean[504]," he[362] replied[163], "he[362] must[226] show[460] his[433] papers[434]."

"Yes[143]," said[252] Captain[295] Bildad[492] in[107] his[433] hollow[511] voice[233], sticking[457] his[433] head[219] from[316] behind[80] Peleg[375]'s[483], out[66] of[89] the[19] wigwam[318]. "He[362] must[226] show[460] that[14] he[362]'s[483] converted[260]. Son[26] of[89] darkness[493]," he[362] added[52], turning[69] to[261] Queequeg, "art[462] thou[173] at[65] present[112] in[107] communion[192] with[449] any[501] Christian[235] church[317]?"

"Why[177]," said[252] I[482], "he[362]'s[483] a[10] member[333] of[89] the[19] first[13] Congregational[25] Church[317]." Here[135] be[341] it[162] said[252], that[14] many[282] tattooed[101] savages[247] sailing[232] in[107] Nantucket[283] ships[21] at[65] last[436] come[420] to[261] be[341] converted[260] into[554] the[19] churches[44].

"First[13] Congregational[25] Church[317]," cried[506] Bildad[492], "what[243]! that[14] worships[332] in[107] Deacon[497] Deuteronomy[112] Coleman[117]'s[483] meeting[183]-house[499]?" and[236] so[281] saying[9], taking[146] out[66] his[433] spectacles[410], he[362] rubbed[14] them[146] with[449] his[433] great[259] yellow[95] bandana[221] handkerchief[286], and[236] putting[243] them[146] on[392] very[515] carefully[374], came[549] out[66] of[89] the[19] wigwam[318], and[236] leaning[559] stiffly[292] over[82] the[19] bulwarks[411], took[68] a[10] good[221] long[544] look[523] at[65] Queequeg.

"How[19] long[544] hath[585] he[362] been[185] a[10] member[333]?" he[362] then[45] said[252], turning[69] to[261] me[2]; "not[518] very[515] long[544], I[482] rather[178] guess[304], young[389] man[17]."

"No[235]," said[252] Peleg[375], "and[236] he[362] hasn't[500] been[185] baptized[225] right[499] either[45], or[519] it[162] would[282] have[254] washed[479] some[265] of[89] that[14] devil[411]'s[483] blue[240] off[111] his[433] face[556]."

"Do[353] tell[392], now[20]," cried[506] Bildad[492], "is[487] this[256] Philistine[97] a[10] regular[400] member[333] of[89] Deacon[497] Deuteronomy[112]'s[483] meeting[183]? I[482] never[206] saw[113] him[248] going[227] there[340], and[236] I[482] pass[153] it[162] every[389] Lord[106]'s[483] day[112]."

"I[482] don[280]'t[500] know[60] anything[480] about[123] Deacon[497] Deuteronomy[112] or[519] his[433] meeting[183]," said[252] I[482]; "all[145] I[482] know[60] is[487], that[14] Queequeg here[135] is[487] a[10] born[236] member[333] of[89] the[19] First[13] Congregational[25] Church[317]. He[362] is[487] a[10] deacon[497] himself[282], Queequeg is[487]."

"Young[389] man[17]," said[252] Bildad[492] sternly[247], "thou[173] art[462] skylarking[364] with[449] me[2]-- explain[349] thyself[402], thou[173] young[389] Hittite[25]. What[243] church[317] dost[306] thee[15] mean[504]? answer[164] me[2]."

Finding[350] myself[99] thus[362] hard[337] pushed[189], I[482] replied[163], "I[482] mean[504], sir[271], the[19] same[541] ancient[463] Catholic[197] Church[317] to[261] which[16] you[227] and[236] I[482], and[236] Captain[295] Peleg[375] there[340], and[236] Queequeg here[135], and[236] all[145] of[89] us[569], and[236] every[389] mother[276]'s[483] son[26] and[236] soul[428] of[89] us[569] belong[243]; the[19] great[259] and[236] everlasting[249] First[13] Congregation[23] of[89] this[256] whole[199] worshipping[186] world[126]; we[465] all[145] belong[243] to[261] that[14]; only[517] some[265] of[89] us[569] cherish[181] some[265] queer[156] crotchets[142] no[235] ways[101] touching[80] the[19] grand[229] belief[85]; in[107] that[14] we[465] all[145] join[61] hands[87]."

"Splice[4], thou[173] mean[504]'st[193] splice[4] hands[87]," cried[506] Peleg[375], drawing[407] nearer[303]. "Young[389] man[17], you[227]'d[67] better[34] ship[438] for[190] a[10] missionary[170], instead[398] of[89] a[10] fore[259]-mast[98] hand[252]; I[482] never[206] heard[444] a[10] better[34] sermon[167]. Deacon[497] Deuteronomy[112]--why[177] Father[339] Mapple himself[282] couldn't[500] beat[449] it[162], and[236] he[362]'s[483] reckoned[356] something[181]. Come[420] aboard[298], come[420] aboard[298]: never[206] mind[118] about[123] the[19] papers[434]. I[482] say[306], tell[392] Quohog there[340]-- what[243]'s[483] that[14] you[227] call[259] him[248]? tell[392] Quohog to[261] step[204] along[423]. By[406] the[19] great[259] anchor[141], what[243] a[10] harpoon[67] he[362]'s[483] got[286] there[340]! looks[150] like[410] good[221] stuff[471] that[14]; and[236] he[362] handles[314] it[162] about[123] right[499]. I[482] say[306], Quohog, or[519] whatever[38] your[162] name[477] is[487], did[444] you[227] ever[208] stand[530] in[107] the[19] head[219] of[89] a[10] whale[422]-boat[439]? did[444] you[227] ever[208] strike[374] a[10] fish[187]?"

Without[309] saying[9] a[10] word[486], Queequeg, in[107] his[433] wild[230] sort[42] of[89] way[435], jumped[499] upon[419] the[19] bulwarks[411], from[316] thence[158] into[554] the[19] bows[460] of[89] one[470] of[89] the[19] whale[422]-boats[83] hanging[222] to[261] the[19] side[246]; and[236] then[45] bracing[336] his[433] left[159] knee[235], and[236] poising[218] his[433] harpoon[67], cried[506] out[66] in[107] some[265] such[420] way[435] as[113] this[256]:--

"Cap[328]'ain, you[227] see[370] him[248] small[350] drop[22] tar[59] on[392] water[520] dere[44]? You[227] see[370] him[248]? well[263], spose[50] him[248] one[470] whale[422] eye[220], well[263], den[299]!" and[236] taking[146] sharp[427] aim[176] at[65] it[162], he[362] darted[362] the[19] iron[169] right[499] over[82] old[447] Bildad[492]'s[483] broad[267] brim[84], clean[26] across[129] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] decks[386], and[236] struck[441] the[19] glistening[24] tar[59] spot[46] out[66] of[89] sight[365].

"Now[20]," said[252] Queequeg, quietly[380], hauling[149] in[107] the[19] line[25], "spos-ee him[248] whale[422]-e[443] eye[220]; why[177], dad[18] whale[422] dead[568]."

"Quick[241], Bildad[492]," said[252] Peleg[375], his[433] partner[284], who[319], aghast[331] at[65] the[19] close[65] vicinity[208] of[89] the[19] flying[354] harpoon[67], had[364] retreated[173] towards[417] the[19] cabin[192] gangway[240]. "Quick[241], I[482] say[306], you[227] Bildad[492], and[236] get[126] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] papers[434]. We[465] must[226] have[254] Hedgehog[233] there[340], I[482] mean[504] Quohog, in[107] one[470] of[89] our[234] boats[83].

Look[523] ye[483], Quohog, we[465]'ll[300] give[142] ye[483] the[19] ninetieth[97] lay[62], and[236] that[14]'s[76] more[348] than[77] ever[208] was[454] given[141] a[10] harpooneer yet[443] out[66] of[89] Nantucket[283]."

So[281] down[133] we[465] went[516] into[554] the[19] cabin[192], and[236] to[261] my[36] great[259] joy[430] Queequeg was[454] soon[18] enrolled[13] among[483] the[19] same[541] ship[438]'s[483] company[280] to[261] which[16] I[482] myself[99] belonged[455].

When[189] all[145] preliminaries[133] were[324] over[82] and[236] Peleg[375] had[364] got[286] everything[233] ready[464] for[190] signing[271], he[362] turned[492] to[261] me[2] and[236] said[252], "I[482] guess[304], Quohog there[340] don[280]'t[500] know[60] how[19] to[261] write[570], does[565] he[362]? I[482] say[306], Quohog, blast[13] ye[483]! dost[306] thou[173] sign[8] thy[43] name[477] or[519] make[175] thy[43] mark[169]?

But[330] at[65] this[256] question[562], Queequeg, who[319] had[364] twice[366] or[519] thrice[282] before[344] taken[222] part[207] in[107] similar[101] ceremonies[181], looked[232] no[235] ways[101] abashed[497]; but[330] taking[146] the[19] offered[336] pen[105], copied[129] upon[419] the[19] paper[401], in[107] the[19] proper[249] place[107], an[138] exact[408] counterpart[350] of[89] a[10] queer[156] round[287] figure[55] which[16] was[454] tattooed[101] upon[419] his[433] arm[25]; so[281] that[14] through[295] Captain[295] Peleg[375]'s[483] obstinate[64] mistake[471] touching[80] his[433] appellative[160], it[162] stood[1] something[181] like[410] this[256]:--

Quohog.
his[433] X[148] mark[169].

Meanwhile[282] Captain[295] Bildad[492] sat[77] earnestly[98] and[236] steadfastly[106] eyeing[49] Queequeg, and[236] at[65] last[436] rising[464] solemnly[200] and[236] fumbling[14] in[107] the[19] huge[132] pockets[240] of[89] his[433] broadskirted drab[49] coat[7] took[68] out[66] a[10] bundle[57] of[89] tracts[136], and[236] selecting[489] one[470] entitled[189] "The[19] Latter[497] Day[112] Coming[140]; or[519] No[235] Time[577] to[261] Lose[247]," placed[556] it[162] in[107] Queequeg's[483] hands[87], and[236] then[45] grasping[427] them[146] and[236] the[19] book[230] with[449] both[558] his[433], looked[232] earnestly[98] into[554] his[433] eyes[125], and[236] said[252], "Son[26] of[89] darkness[493], I[482] must[226] do[353] my[36] duty[468] by[406] thee[15]; I[482] am[375] part[207] owner[260] of[89] this[256] ship[438], and[236] feel[461] concerned[583] for[190] the[19] souls[82] of[89] all[145] its[234] crew[126]; if[141] thou[173] still[278] clingest to[261] thy[43] Pagan[118] ways[101], which[16] I[482] sadly[75] fear[103], I[482] beseech[532] thee[15], remain[326] not[518] for[190] aye[86] a[10] Belial[107] bondsman[83]. Spurn[225] the[19] idol[191] Bell[28], and[236] the[19] hideous[298] dragon[225]; turn[17] from[316] the[19] wrath[450] to[261] come[420]; mind[118] thine[72] eye[220], I[482] say[306]; oh[367]! goodness[64] gracious[375]! steer[426] clear[408] of[89] the[19] fiery[42] pit[223]!"

Something[181] of[89] the[19] salt[183] sea[67] yet[443] lingered[127] in[107] old[447] Bildad[492]'s[483] language[322], heterogeneously mixed[459] with[449] Scriptural[196] and[236] domestic[303] phrases[291].

"Avast[279] there[340], avast[279] there[340], Bildad[492], avast[279] now[20] spoiling[188] our[234] harpooneer, cried[506] Peleg[375]. "Pious[237] harpooneers never[206] make[175] good[221] voyagers[306]-- it[162] takes[362] the[19] shark[4] out[66] of[89] 'em; no[235] harpooneer is[487] worth[84] a[10] straw[152] who[319] aint[142] pretty[252] sharkish[51]. There[340] was[454] young[389] Nat[13] Swaine[325], once[248] the[19] bravest[175] boat[439]-header out[66] of[89] all[145] Nantucket[283] and[236] the[19] Vineyard[92]; he[362] joined[210] the[19] meeting[183], and[236] never[206] came[549] to[261] good[221]. He[362] got[286] so[281] frightened[172] about[123] his[433] plaguy[415] soul[428], that[14] he[362] shrinked and[236] sheered[323] away[443] from[316] whales[331], for[190] fear[103] of[89] after[358]-claps[468], in[107] case[346] he[362] got[286] stove[373] and[236] went[516] to[261] Davy[136] Jones[573]."

"Peleg[375]! Peleg[375]!" said[252] Bildad[492], lifting[100] his[433] eyes[125] and[236] hands[87], "thou[173] thyself[402], as[113] I[482] myself[99], hast[174] seen[154] many[282] a[10] perilous[141] time[577]; thou[173] knowest[82], Peleg[375], what[243] it[162] is[487] to[261] have[254] the[19] fear[103] of[89] death[543]; how[19], then[45], can[450]'st[193] thou[173] prate[377] in[107] this[256] ungodly[144] guise[110]. Thou[173] beliest[131] thine[72] own[248] heart[470], Peleg[375]. Tell[392] me[2], when[189] this[256] same[541] Pequod[288] here[135] had[364] her[400] three[329] masts[212] overboard[247] in[107] that[14] typhoon[364] on[392] Japan[53], that[14] same[541] voyage[137] when[189] thou[173] went[516] mate[508] with[449] Captain[295] Ahab[232], did[444]'st[193] thou[173] not[518] think[424] of[89] Death[543] and[236] the[19] Judgment[83] then[45]?"

"Hear[386] him[248], hear[386] him[248] now[20]," cried[506] Peleg[375], marching[57] across[129] the[19] cabin[192], and[236] thrusting[100] his[433] hands[87] far[258] down[133] into[554] his[433] pockets[240],--"hear[386] him[248], all[145] of[89] ye[483]. Think[424] of[89] that[14]! When[189] every[389] moment[258] we[465] thought[186] the[19] ship[438] would[282] sink[190]! Death[543] and[236] the[19] Judgment[83] then[45]? What[243]? With[449] all[145] three[329] masts[212] making[415] such[420] an[138] everlasting[249] thundering[136] against[417] the[19] side[246]; and[236] every[389] sea[67] breaking[6] over[82] us[569], fore[259] and[236] aft[2]. Think[424] of[89] Death[543] and[236] the[19] Judgment[83] then[45]? No[235]! no[235] time[577] to[261] think[424] about[123] Death[543] then[45]. Life[71] was[454] what[243] Captain[295] Ahab[232] and[236] I[482] was[454] thinking[385] of[89]; and[236] how[19] to[261] save[556] all[145] hands[87] how[19] to[261] rig[415] jury[294]-masts[212] how[19] to[261] get[126] into[554] the[19] nearest[26] port[409]; that[14] was[454] what[243] I[482] was[454] thinking[385] of[89]."

Bildad[492] said[252] no[235] more[348], but[330] buttoning[181] up[405] his[433] coat[7], stalked[279] on[392] deck[505], where[579] we[465] followed[234] him[248]. There[340] he[362] stood[1], very[515] quietly[380] overlooking[253] some[265] sailmakers[25] who[319] were[324] mending[271] a[10] top[70]-sail[218] in[107] the[19] waist[52]. Now[20] and[236] then[45] he[362] stooped[14] to[261] pick[447] up[405] a[10] patch[445], or[519] save[556] an[138] end[149] of[89] tarred[489] twine[104], which[16] otherwise[542] might[496] have[254] been[185] wasted[465].

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The[19] Prophet[25]

"Shipmates[98], have[254] ye[483] shipped[26] in[107] that[14] ship[438]?"

Queequeg and[236] I[482] had[364] just[108] left[159] the[19] Pequod[288], and[236] were[324] sauntering[107] away[443] from[316] the[19] water[520], for[190] the[19] moment[258] each[520] occupied[262] with[449] his[433] own[248] thoughts[26], when[189] the[19] above[502] words[107] were[324] put[190] to[261] us[569] by[406] a[10] stranger[233], who[319], pausing[19] before[344] us[569], levelled[126] his[433] massive[232] forefinger[43] at[65] the[19] vessel[155] in[107] question[562]. He[362] was[454] but[330] shabbily[149] apparelled[398] in[107] faded[69] jacket[481] and[236] patched[435] trowsers[206];

a[10] rag[479] of[89] a[10] black[581] handkerchief[286] investing[69] his[433] neck[239]. A[10] confluent[25] smallpox[183] had[364] in[107] all[145] directions[124] flowed[261] over[82] his[433] face[556], and[236] left[159] it[162] like[410] the[19] complicated[64] ribbed[246] bed[273] of[89] a[10] torrent[529], when[189] the[19] rushing[344] waters[556] have[254] been[185] dried[331] up[405].

"Have[254] ye[483] shipped[26] in[107] her[400]?" he[362] repeated[381].

"You[227] mean[504] the[19] ship[438] Pequod[288], I[482] suppose[120]," said[252] I[482], trying[83] to[261] gain[101] a[10] little[554] more[348] time[577] for[190] an[138] uninterrupted[165] look[523] at[65] him[248].

"Aye[86], the[19] Pequod[288]--that[14] ship[438] there[340]," he[362] said[252], drawing[407] back[457] his[433] whole[199] arm[25] and[236] then[45] rapidly[116] shoving[331] it[162] straight[346] out[66] from[316] him[248]-, with[449] the[19] fixed[564] bayonet[364] of[89] his[433] pointed[413] finger[190] darted[362] full[414] at[65] the[19] object[100].

"Yes[143]," said[252] I[482], "we[465] have[254] just[108] signed[181] the[19] articles[259]."

"Anything[480] down[133] there[340] about[123] your[162] souls[82]?"

"About[123] what[243]?"

"Oh[367], perhaps[75] you[227] hav[367]'n[422]'t[500] got[286] any[501]," he[362] said[252] quickly[183].
"No[235] matter[176] though[400], I[482] know[60] many[282] chaps[280] that[14] hav[367]'n[422]'t[500] got[286] any[501],--
good[221] luck[453] to[261] 'em; and[236] they[382] are[314] all[145] the[19] better[34] off[111] for[190] it[162].
A[10] soul[428]'s[483] a[10] sort[42] of[89] a[10] fifth[403] wheel[135] to[261] a[10] wagon[69]."

"What[243] are[314] you[227] jabbering[101] about[123], shipmate[283]?" said[252] I[482].

"He[362]'s[483] got[286] enough[217], though[400], to[261] make[175] up[405] for[190] all[145] deficiencies[305] of[89] that[14] sort[42] in[107] other[282] chaps[280]," abruptly[506] said[252] the[19] stranger[233], placing[287] a[10] nervous[154] emphasis[6] upon[419] the[19] word[486] he[362].

"Queequeg," said[252] I[482], "let[66]'s[483] go[20]; this[256] fellow[369] has[399] broken[255] loose[159] from[316] somewhere[201]; he[362]'s[483] talking[513] about[123] something[181] and[236] somebody[387] we[465] don[280]'t[500] know[60]."

"Stop[48]!" cried[506] the[19] stranger[233]. "Ye[483] said[252] true[483]--ye[483] hav[367]'n[422]'t[500] seen[154] Old[447] Thunder[356] yet[443], have[254] ye[483]?"

"Who[319]'s[483] Old[447] Thunder[356]?" said[252] I[482], again[52] riveted[264] with[449] the[19] insane[416] earnestness[256] of[89] his[433] manner[153].

"Captain[295] Ahab[232]."

"What[243]! the[19] captain[295] of[89] our[234] ship[438], the[19] Pequod[288]?"

"Aye[86], among[483] some[265] of[89] us[569] old[447] sailor[561] chaps[280], he[362] goes[205] by[406] that[14] name[477]. Ye[483] hav[367]'n[422]'t[500] seen[154] him[248] yet[443], have[254] ye[483]?"

"No[235], we[465] hav[367]'n[422]'t[500]. He[362]'s[483] sick[250] they[382] say[306], but[330] is[487] getting[369] better[34], and[236] will[584] be[341] all[145] right[499] again[52] before[344] long[544]."

"All[145] right[499] again[52] before[344] long[544]!" laughed[166] the[19] stranger[233], with[449] a[10] solemnly[200] derisive[204] sort[42] of[89] laugh[559]. "Look[523] ye[483]; when[189] Captain[295] Ahab[232] is[487] all[145] right[499], then[45] this[256] left[159] arm[25] of[89] mine[482] will[584] be[341] all[145] right[499]; not[518] before[344]."

"What[243] do[353] you[227] know[60] about[123] him[248]?"

"What[243] did[444] they[382] tell[392] you[227] about[123] him[248]? Say[306] that[14]!"

"They[382] didn't[500] tell[392] much[61] of[89] anything[480] about[123] him[248]; only[517] I[482]'ve[149] heard[444] that[14] he[362]'s[483] a[10] good[221] whale[422]-hunter[287], and[236] a[10] good[221] captain[295] to[261] his[433] crew[126]."

"That[14]'s[76] true[483], that[14]'s[76] true[483]--yes[143], both[558] true[483] enough[217].
But[330] you[227] must[226] jump[50] when[189] he[362] gives[529] an[138] order[343]. Step[204] and[236] growl[275]; growl[275] and[236] go[20]--that[14]'s[76] the[19] word[486] with[449] Captain[295] Ahab[232]. But[330] nothing[324] about[123] that[14] thing[309] that[14] happened[156] to[261] him[248] off[111] Cape[23] Horn[139], long[544] ago[141], when[189] he[362] lay[62] like[410] dead[568] for[190] three[329] days[351] and[236] nights[224]; nothing[324] about[123] that[14] deadly[49] skrimmage with[449] the[19] Spaniard[336] afore[462] the[19] altar[273] in[107] Santa[494]?--
heard[444] nothing[324] about[123] that[14], eh[76]? Nothing[324] about[123] the[19] silver[205] calabash[451] he[362] spat[115] into[554]? And[236] nothing[324] about[123] his[433] losing[205] his[433] leg[331] last[436] voyage[137], according[281] to[261] the[19] prophecy[147]. Didn't[500] ye[483] hear[386] a[10] word[486] about[123] them[146] matters[515] and[236] something[181] more[348], eh[76]? No[235], I[482] don[280]'t[500] think[424] ye[483] did[444]; how[19] could[375] ye[483]? Who[319] knows[286] it[162]? Not[518] all[145] Nantucket[283], I[482] guess[304].
But[330] hows'ever[208], mayhap[421], ye[483]'ve[477] heard[444] tell[392] about[123] the[19] leg[331], and[236] how[19] he[362] lost[308] it[162]; aye[86], ye[483] have[254] heard[444] of[89] that[14], I[482] dare[11] say[306].
Oh[367], yes[143], that[14] every[389] one[470] knows[286] a[10]'most[221]--I[482] mean[504] they[382] know[60] he[362]'s[483] only[517] one[470] leg[331]; and[236] that[14] a[10] parmacetti took[68] the[19] other[282] off[111]."

"My[36] friend[179]," said[252] I[482], "what[243] all[145] this[256] gibberish[199] of[89] yours[256] is[487] about[123], I[482] don[280]'t[500] know[60], and[236] I[482] don[280]'t[500] much[61] care[307]; for[190] it[162] seems[19] to[261] me[2] that[14] you[227] must[226] be[341] a[10] little[554] damaged[416] in[107] the[19] head[219].
But[330] if[141] you[227] are[314] speaking[22] of[89] Captain[295] Ahab[232], of[89] that[14] ship[438] there[340], the[19] Pequod[288], then[45] let[66] me[2] tell[392] you[227], that[14] I[482] know[60] all[145] about[123] the[19] loss[223] of[89] his[433] leg[331]."

"All[145] about[123] it[162], eh[76]--sure[41] you[227] do[353]? all[145]?

"Pretty[252] sure[41]."

With[449] finger[190] pointed[413] and[236] eye[220] levelled[126] at[65] the[19] Pequod[288], the[19] beggar[327]-like[410] stranger[233] stood[1] a[10] moment[258], as[113] if[141] in[107] a[10] troubled[327] reverie[70]; then[45] starting[423] a[10] little[554], turned[492] and[236] said[252]:--"Ye[483]'ve[477] shipped[26], have[254] ye[483]? Names[360] down[133] on[392] the[19] papers[434]? Well[263], well[263], what[243]'s[483] signed[181], is[487] signed[181]; and[236] what[243]'s[483] to[261] be[341], will[584] be[341]; and[236] then[45] again[52], perhaps[75] it[162] won't[500] be[341], after[358] all[145]. Any[501] how[19], it[162]'s[483] all[145] fixed[564] and[236] arranged[198] a[10]'ready[464]; and[236] some[265] sailors[64] or[519] other[282] must[226] go[20] with[449] him[248], I[482] suppose[120]; as[113] well[263] these[527] as[113] any[501] other[282] men[62], God[185] pity[270] 'em! Morning[417] to[261] ye[483], shipmates[98], morning[417]; the[19] ineffable[285] heavens[494] bless[128] ye[483]; I[482]'m[250] sorry[147] I[482] stopped[564] ye[483]."

"Look[523] here[135], friend[179]," said[252] I[482], "if[141] you[227] have[254] anything[480] important[104] to[261] tell[392] us[569], out[66] with[449] it[162]; but[330] if[141] you[227] are[314] only[517] trying[83] to[261] bamboozle[102] us[569], you[227] are[314] mistaken[49] in[107] your[162] game[233]; that[14]'s[76] all[145] I[482] have[254] to[261] say[306]."

"And[236] it[162]'s[483] said[252] very[515] well[263], and[236] I[482] like[410] to[261] hear[386] a[10] chap[287] talk[173] up[405] that[14] way[435]; you[227] are[314] just[108] the[19] man[17] for[190] him[248]--the[19] likes[93] of[89] ye[483]. Morning[417] to[261] ye[483], shipmates[98], morning[417]! Oh[367]! when[189] ye[483] get[126] there[340], tell[392] 'em I[482]'ve[149] concluded[157] not[518] to[261] make[175] one[470] of[89] 'em."

"Ah[132], my[36] dear[333] fellow[369], you[227] can[450]'t[500] fool[5] us[569] that[14] way[435]--you[227] can[450]'t[500] fool[5] us[569]. It[162] is[487] the[19] easiest[396] thing[309] in[107] the[19] world[126] for[190] a[10] man[17] to[261] look[523] as[113] if[141] he[362] had[364] a[10] great[259] secret[409] in[107] him[248]."

"Morning[417] to[261] ye[483], shipmates[98], morning[417]."

"Morning[417] it[162] is[487]," said[252] I[482]. "Come[420] along[423], Queequeg, let[66]'s[483] leave[450] this[256] crazy[418] man[17]. But[330] stop[48], tell[392] me[2] your[162] name[477], will[584] you[227]?"

"Elijah[160]."

Elijah[160]! thought[186] I[482], and[236] we[465] walked[92] away[443], both[558] commenting[368], after[358] each[520] other[282]'s[483] fashion[467], upon[419] this[256] ragged[244] old[447] sailor[561]; and[236] agreed[481] that[14] he[362] was[454] nothing[324] but[330] a[10] humbug[223], trying[83] to[261] be[341] a[10] bugbear[468]. But[330] we[465] had[364] not[518] gone[190] perhaps[75] above[502] a[10] hundred[93] yards[386], when[189] chancing[40] to[261] turn[17] a[10] corner[204], and[236] looking[318] back[457] as[113] I[482] did[444] so[281], who[319] should[255] be[341] seen[154] but[330] Elijah[160] following[181] us[569], though[400] at[65] a[10] distance[264]. Somehow[425], the[19] sight[365] of[89] him[248] struck[441] me[2] so[281], that[14] I[482] said[252] nothing[324] to[261] Queequeg of[89] his[433] being[264] behind[80], but[330] passed[87] on[392] with[449] my[36] comrade[148], anxious[256] to[261] see[370] whether[454] the[19] stranger[233] would[282] turn[17] the[19] same[541] corner[204] that[14] we[465] did[444]. He[362] did[444]; and[236] then[45] it[162] seemed[132] to[261] me[2] that[14] he[362] was[454] dogging[523] us[569], but[330] with[449] what[243] intent[359] I[482] could[375] not[518] for[190] the[19] life[71] of[89] me[2] imagine[385]. This[256] circumstance[407], coupled[83] with[449] his[433] ambiguous[46], half[119]-hinting[73], half[119]-revealing[451], shrouded[465] sort[42] of[89] talk[173], now[20] begat[217] in[107] me[2] all[145] kinds[200] of[89] vague[70] wonderments[83] and[236] half[119]-apprehensions[361], and[236] all[145] connected[202] with[449] the[19] Pequod[288]; and[236] Captain[295] Ahab[232]; and[236] the[19] leg[331] he[362] had[364] lost[308]; and[236] the[19] Cape[23] Horn[139] fit[12]; and[236] the[19] silver[205] calabash[451]; and[236] what[243] Captain[295] Peleg[375] had[364] said[252] of[89] him[248], when[189] I[482] left[159] the[19] ship[438] the[19] day[112] previous[376]; and[236] the[19] prediction[94] of[89] the[19] squaw[193] Tistig; and[236] the[19] voyage[137] we[465] had[364] bound[108] ourselves[15] to[261] sail[218]; and[236] a[10] hundred[93] other[282] shadowy[203] things[4].

I[482] was[454] resolved[158] to[261] satisfy[75] myself[99] whether[454] this[256] ragged[244] Elijah[160] was[454] really[406] dogging[523] us[569] or[519] not[518], and[236] with[449] that[14] intent[359] crossed[202] the[19] way[435] with[449] Queequeg, and[236] on[392] that[14] side[246] of[89] it[162] retraced[398] our[234] steps[392]. But[330] Elijah[160] passed[87] on[392], without[309] seeming[59] to[261] notice[76] us[569]. This[256] relieved[158] me[2]; and[236] once[248] more[348], and[236] finally[69] as[113] it[162] seemed[132] to[261] me[2], I[482] pronounced[429] him[248] in[107] my[36] heart[470], a[10] humbug[223].

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All[145] Astir[506]

A[10] day[112] or[519] two[527] passed[87], and[236] there[340] was[454] great[259] activity[293] aboard[298] the[19] Pequod[288]. Not[518] only[517] were[324] the[19] old[447] sails[344] being[264] mended[88], but[330] new[36] sails[344] were[324] coming[140] on[392] board[540], and[236] bolts[147] of[89] canvas[557], and[236] coils[259] of[89] rigging[516]; in[107] short[522], everything[233] betokened[205] that[14] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] preparations[3] were[324] hurrying[339] to[261] a[10] close[65]. Captain[295] Peleg[375] seldom[140] or[519] never[206] went[516] ashore[122], but[330] sat[77] in[107] his[433] wigwam[318] keeping[482] a[10] sharp[427] look[523]-out[66] upon[419] the[19] hands[87]: Bildad[492] did[444] all[145] the[19] purchasing[213] and[236] providing[7] at[65] the[19] stores[292]; and[236] the[19] men[62] employed[263] in[107] the[19] hold[204] and[236] on[392] the[19] rigging[516] were[324] working[113] till[181] long[544] after[358] night[108]-fall[90].

On[392] the[19] day[112] following[181] Queequeg's[483] signing[271] the[19] articles[259], word[486] was[454] given[141] at[65] all[145] the[19] inns[281] where[579] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] company[280] were[324] stopping[406], that[14] their[219] chests[340] must[226] be[341] on[392] board[540] before[344] night[108], for[190] there[340] was[454] no[235] telling[196] how[19] soon[18] the[19] vessel[155] might[496] be[341] sailing[232]. So[281] Queequeg and[236] I[482] got[286] down[133] our[234] traps[336], resolving[295], however[44], to[261] sleep[233] ashore[122] till[181] the[19] last[436]. But[330] it[162] seems[19] they[382] always[367] give[142] very[515] long[544] notice[76] in[107] these[527] cases[108], and[236] the[19] ship[438] did[444] not[518] sail[218] for[190] several[479] days[351]. But[330] no[235] wonder[76]; there[340] was[454] a[10] good[221] deal[543] to[261] be[341] done[135], and[236] there[340] is[487]

no[235] telling[196] how[19] many[282] things[4] to[261] be[341] thought[186] of[89], before[344] the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] fully[530] equipped[104].

Every[389] one[470] knows[286] what[243] a[10] multitude[170] of[89] things[4]--beds[41], sauce[510]-pans[330], knives[140] and[236] forks[282], shovels[39] and[236] tongs[127], napkins[261], nut[142]-crackers, and[236] what[243] not[518], are[314] indispensable[470] to[261] the[19] business[168] of[89] housekeeping[71]. Just[108] so[281] with[449] whaling[155], which[16] necessitates[425] a[10] three[329]-years[92]' housekeeping[71] upon[419] the[19] wide[465] ocean[224], far[258] from[316] all[145] grocers[117], costermongers[399], doctors[407], bakers[119], and[236] bankers[41]. And[236] though[400] this[256] also[119] holds[92] true[483] of[89] merchant[332] vessels[150], yet[443] not[518] by[406] any[501] means[502] to[261] the[19] same[541] extent[144] as[113] with[449] whalemen[451]. For[190] besides[465] the[19] great[259] length[202] of[89] the[19] whaling[155] voyage[137], the[19] numerous[558] articles[259] peculiar[291] to[261] the[19] prosecution[480] of[89] the[19] fishery[136], and[236] the[19] impossibility[430] of[89] replacing[78] them[146] at[65] the[19] remote[141] harbors[348] usually[211] frequented[359], it[162] must[226] be[341] remembered[66], that[14] of[89] all[145] ships[21], whaling[155] vessels[150] are[314] the[19] most[216] exposed[356] to[261] accidents[122] of[89] all[145] kinds[200], and[236] especially[371] to[261] the[19] destruction[423] and[236] loss[223] of[89] the[19] very[515] things[4] upon[419] which[16] the[19] success[197] of[89] the[19] voyage[137] most[216] depends[568]. Hence[503], the[19] spare[295] boats[83], spare[295] spars[15], and[236] spare[295] lines[241] and[236] harpoons[6], and[236] spare[295] everythings, almost[518], but[330] a[10] spare[295] Captain[295] and[236] duplicate[294] ship[438].

At[65] the[19] period[196] of[89] our[234] arrival[274] at[65] the[19] Island[516], the[19] heaviest[280] storage[205] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288] had[364] been[185] almost[518] completed[102]; comprising[243] her[400] beef[303], bread[387], water[520], fuel[84], and[236] iron[169] hoops[170] and[236] staves[203]. But[330], as[113] before[344] hinted[253], for[190] some[265] time[577] there[340] was[454] a[10] continual[222] fetching[320] and[236] carrying[103] on[392] board[540] of[89] divers[213] odds[250] and[236] ends[301] of[89] things[4], both[558] large[385] and[236] small[350].

Chief[156] among[483] those[427] who[319] did[444] this[256] fetching[320] and[236] carrying[103] was[454] Captain[295] Bildad[492]'s[483] sister[126], a[10] lean[279] old[447] lady[14] of[89] a[10] most[216] determined[339] and[236] indefatigable[117] spirit[227], but[330] withal[157] very[515] kindhearted[410], who[319] seemed[132] resolved[158] that[14], if[141] she[391] could[375] help[526] it[162], nothing[324] should[255] be[341] found[260] wanting[361] in[107] the[19] Pequod[288], after[358] once[248] fairly[211] getting[369] to[261] sea[67]. At[65] one[470] time[577] she[391] would[282] come[420] on[392] board[540] with[449] a[10] jar[408] of[89] pickles[364] for[190] the[19] steward[82]'s[483] pantry[26]; another[269] time[577] with[449] a[10] bunch[100] of[89] quills[508] for[190] the[19] chief[156] mate[508]'s[483] desk[294], where[579] he[362] kept[290] his[433] log[127]; a[10] third[301] time[577] with[449] a[10] roll[473] of[89] flannel[364] for[190] the[19] small[350] of[89] some[265] one[470]'s[483] rheumatic[238] back[457]. Never[206] did[444] any[501] woman[448] better[34] deserve[391] her[400] name[477], which[16] was[454] Charity[221]--Aunt[272] Charity[221], as[113] everybody[77] called[237] her[400]. And[236] like[410] a[10] sister[126] of[89] charity[221] did[444] this[256] charitable[495] Aunt[272] Charity[221] bustle[26] about[123] hither[342] and[236] thither[118], ready[464] to[261] turn[17] her[400] hand[252] and[236] heart[470] to[261] anything[480] that[14] promised[466] to[261] yield[39] safety[388], comfort[364], and[236] consolation[292] to[261] all[145] on[392] board[540] a[10] ship[438] in[107] which[16] her[400] beloved[169] brother[46] Bildad[492] was[454] concerned[583], and[236] in[107] which[16] she[391] herself[263] owned[196] a[10] score[124] or[519] two[527] of[89] well[263]-saved[104] dollars[201].

But[330] it[162] was[454] startling[221] to[261] see[370] this[256] excellent[161] hearted[83] Quakeress[253] coming[140] on[392] board[540], as[113] she[391] did[444] the[19] last[436] day[112], with[449] a[10] long[544] oil[118]-ladle[377] in[107] one[470] hand[252], and[236] a[10] still[278] longer[559] whaling[155] lance[76] in[107] the[19] other[282]. Nor[137] was[454] Bildad[492] himself[282] nor[137] Captain[295] Peleg[375] at[65] all[145] backward[19]. As[113] for[190] Bildad[492], he[362] carried[232] about[123] with[449] him[248] a[10] long[544] list[576] of[89] the[19] articles[259] needed[133], and[236] at[65] every[389] fresh[540] arrival[274], down[133] went[516] his[433] mark[169] opposite[107] that[14] article[58] upon[419] the[19] paper[401]. Every[389] once[248] in[107] a[10] while[55] Peleg[375] came[549] hobbling[402] out[66] of[89] his[433] whalebone[290] den[299], roaring[182] at[65] the[19] men[62] down[133] the[19] hatchways[379], roaring[182] up[405] to[261] the[19] riggers[2] at[65] the[19] mast[44]-head[116], and[236] then[45] concluded[157] by[406] roaring[182] back[457] into[554] his[433] wigwam[318].

During[309] these[527] days[351] of[89] preparation[40], Queequeg and[236] I[482] often[227] visited[16] the[19] craft[187], and[236] as[113] often[227] I[482] asked[369] about[123] Captain[295] Ahab[232], and[236] how[19] he[362] was[454], and[236] when[189] he[362] was[454] going[227] to[261] come[420] on[392] board[540] his[433] ship[438]. To[261] these[527] questions[300] they[382] would[282] answer[164], that[14] he[362] was[454] getting[369] better[34] and[236] better[34], and[236] was[454] expected[96] aboard[298] every[389] day[112]; meantime[210], the[19] two[527] Captains[124], Peleg[375] and[236] Bildad[492], could[375] attend[120] to[261] everything[233] necessary[145] to[261] fit[12] the[19] vessel[155] for[190] the[19] voyage[137]. If[141] I[482] had[364] been[185] downright[402] honest[287] with[449] myself[99], I[482] would[282] have[254] seen[154] very[515] plainly[450] in[107] my[36] heart[470] that[14] I[482] did[444] but[330] half[119] fancy[396] being[264] committed[327] this[256] way[435] to[261] so[281] long[544] a[10] voyage[137], without[309] once[248] laying[116] my[36] eyes[125] on[392] the[19] man[17] who[319] was[454] to[261] be[341] the[19] absolute[105] dictator[388] of[89] it[162], so[281] soon[18] as[113] the[19] ship[438] sailed[248] out[66] upon[419] the[19] open[464] sea[67]. But[330] when[189] a[10] man[17] suspects[117] any[501] wrong[70], it[162] sometimes[77] happens[143] that[14] if[141] he[362] be[341] already[93] involved[149] in[107] the[19] matter[176], he[362] insensibly[433] strives[83] to[261] cover[172] up[405] his[433] suspicions[220] even[198] from[316] himself[282]. And[236] much[61] this[256] way[435] it[162] was[454] with[449] me[2]. I[482] said[252] nothing[324], and[236] tried[73] to[261] think[424] nothing[324].

At[65] last[436] it[162] was[454] given[141] out[66] that[14] some[265] time[577] next[27] day[112] the[19] ship[438] would[282] certainly[124] sail[218]. So[281] next[27] morning[417], Queequeg and[236] I[482] took[68] a[10] very[515] early[92] start[117].

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Going[227] Aboard[298]

It[162] was[454] nearly[575] six[415] o[24]'clock[489], but[330] only[517] grey[491] imperfect[30] misty[350] dawn[72], when[189] we[465] drew[175] nigh[254] the[19] wharf[545].

"There[340] are[314] some[265] sailors[64] running[296] ahead[5] there[340], if[141] I[482] see[370] right[499]," said[252] I[482] to[261] Queequeg, "it[162] can[450]'t[500] be[341] shadows[480]; she[391]'s[483] off[111] by[406] sunrise[445], I[482] guess[304]; come[420] on[392]!"

"Avast[279]!" cried[506] a[10] voice[233], whose[286] owner[260] at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577] coming[140] close[65] behind[80] us[569], laid[181] a[10] hand[252] upon[419] both[558] our[234] shoulders[476], and[236] then[45] insinuating[384] himself[282] between[77] us[569], stood[1] stooping[492] forward[364] a[10] little[554], in[107] the[19] uncertain[396] twilight[158], strangely[155] peering[446] from[316] Queequeg to[261] me[2]. It[162] was[454] Elijah[160].

"Going[227] aboard[298]?"

"Hands[87] off[111], will[584] you[227]," said[252] I[482].

"Lookee[320] here[135]," said[252] Queequeg, shaking[206] himself[282], "go[20] 'way[435]!"

"Aint[142] going[227] aboard[298], then[45]?"

"Yes[143], we[465] are[314]," said[252] I[482], "but[330] what[243] business[168] is[487] that[14] of[89] yours[256]? Do[353] you[227] know[60], Mr[219]. Elijah[160], that[14] I[482] consider[259] you[227] a[10] little[554] impertinent[241]?"

"No[235], no[235], no[235]; I[482] wasn't[500] aware[174] of[89] that[14]," said[252] Elijah[160], slowly[149] and[236] wonderingly[259] looking[318] from[316] me[2] to[261] Queequeg, with[449] the[19] most[216] unaccountable[316] glances[363].

"Elijah[160]," said[252] I[482], "you[227] will[584] oblige[144] my[36] friend[179] and[236] me[2] by[406] withdrawing[152]. We[465] are[314] going[227] to[261] the[19] Indian[303] and[236] Pacific[294] Oceans[60], and[236] would[282] prefer[473] not[518] to[261] be[341] detained[57]."

"Ye[483] be[341], be[341] ye[483]? Coming[140] back[457] afore[462] breakfast[408]?"

"He[362]'s[483] cracked[423], Queequeg," said[252] I[482], "come[420] on[392]."

"Holloa[243]!" cried[506] stationary[360] Elijah[160], hailing[400] us[569] when[189] we[465] had[364] removed[447] a[10] few[49] paces[212].

"Never[206] mind[118] him[248]," said[252] I[482], "Queequeg, come[420] on[392]."

But[330] he[362] stole[135] up[405] to[261] us[569] again[52], and[236] suddenly[193] clapping[152] his[433] hand[252] on[392] my[36] shoulder[168], said[252]--"Did[444] ye[483] see[370] anything[480] looking[318] like[410] men[62] going[227] towards[417] that[14] ship[438] a[10] while[55] ago[141]?"

Struck[441] by[406] this[256] plain[28] matter[176]-of[89]-fact[12] question[562], I[482] answered[100], saying[9], "Yes[143], I[482] thought[186] I[482] did[444] see[370] four[175] or[519] five[103] men[62]; but[330] it[162] was[454] too[11] dim[14] to[261] be[341] sure[41]."

"Very[515] dim[14], very[515] dim[14]," said[252] Elijah[160]. "Morning[417] to[261] ye[483]."

Once[248] more[348] we[465] quitted[137] him[248]; but[330] once[248] more[348] he[362] came[549] softly[461] after[358] us[569]; and[236] touching[80] my[36] shoulder[168] again[52], said[252], "See[370] if[141] you[227] can[450] find[138] 'em now[20], will[584] ye[483]?

"Find[138] who[319]?"

"Morning[417] to[261] ye[483]! morning[417] to[261] ye[483]!" he[362] rejoined[147], again[52] moving[316] off[111]. "Oh[367]! I[482] was[454] going[227] to[261] warn[453] ye[483] against[417]--but[330] never[206] mind[118], never[206] mind[118]-- it[162]'s[483] all[145] one[470], all[145] in[107] the[19] family[347] too[11];--sharp[427] frost[113] this[256] morning[417], ain't[500] it[162]? Good[221]-bye[356] to[261] ye[483]. Shan't[500] see[370] ye[483] again[52] very[515] soon[18], I[482] guess[304]; unless[54] it[162]'s[483] before[344] the[19] Grand[229] Jury[294]." And[236] with[449] these[527] cracked[423] words[107] he[362] finally[69] departed[467], leaving[231] me[2], for[190] the[19] moment[258], in[107] no[235] small[350] wonderment[183] at[65] his[433] frantic[211] impudence[167].

At[65] last[436], stepping[299] on[392] board[540] the[19] Pequod[288], we[465] found[260] everything[233] in[107] profound[371] quiet[337], not[518] a[10] soul[428] moving[316]. The[19] cabin[192] entrance[237] was[454] locked[105] within[503]; the[19] hatches[4] were[324] all[145] on[392], and[236] lumbered[443] with[449] coils[259] of[89] rigging[516]. Going[227] forward[364] to[261] the[19] forecastle[367], we[465] found[260] the[19] slide[118] of[89] the[19] scuttle[27] open[464]. Seeing[426] a[10] light[382], we[465] went[516] down[133], and[236] found[260] only[517] an[138] old[447] rigger[39] there[340], wrapped[99] in[107] a[10] tattered[203] pea[212]-jacket[481]. He[362] was[454] thrown[359] at[65] whole[199] length[202] upon[419] two[527] chests[340], his[433] face[556] downwards[468] and[236] inclosed[88] in[107] his[433] folded[305] arms[536]. The[19] profoundest[320] slumber[428] slept[172] upon[419] him[248].

"Those[427] sailors[64] we[465] saw[113], Queequeg, where[579] can[450] they[382] have[254] gone[190] to[261]?" said[252] I[482], looking[318] dubiously[3] at[65] the[19] sleeper[136]. But[330] it[162] seemed[132] that[14], when[189] on[392] the[19] wharf[545], Queequeg had[364] not[518] at[65] all[145] noticed[157] what[243] I[482] now[20] alluded[231] to[261]; hence[503] I[482] would[282] have[254] thought[186] myself[99] to[261] have[254] been[185] optically[83] deceived[241] in[107] that[14] matter[176], were[324] it[162] not[518] for[190] Elijah[160]'s[483] otherwise[542] inexplicable[367] question[562]. But[330] I[482] beat[449] the[19] thing[309] down[133]; and[236] again[52] marking[279] the[19] sleeper[136], jocularly[81] hinted[253] to[261] Queequeg that[14] perhaps[75] we[465] had[364] best[315] sit[215] up[405] with[449] the[19] body[348]; telling[196] him[248] to[261] establish[426] himself[282] accordingly[249]. He[362] put[190] his[433] hand[252] upon[419] the[19] sleeper[136]'s[483] rear[252], as[113] though[400] feeling[384] if[141] it[162] was[454] soft[226] enough[217]; and[236] then[45], without[309] more[348] ado[124], sat[77] quietly[380] down[133] there[340].

"Gracious[375]! Queequeg, don[280]'t[500] sit[215] there[340]," said[252] I[482].

"Oh[367]; perry[479] dood[576] seat[88]," said[252] Queequeg, "my[36] country[362] way[435]; won't[500] hurt[145] him[248] face[556]."

"Face[556]!" said[252] I[482], "call[259] that[14] his[433] face[556]? very[515] benevolent[67] countenance[553] then[45]; but[330] how[19] hard[337] he[362] breathes[410], he[362]'s[483] heaving[174] himself[282]; get[126] off[111],

Queequeg, you[227] are[314] heavy[421], it[162]'s[483] grinding[98] the[19] face[556] of[89] the[19] poor[533].
Get[126] off[111], Queequeg! Look[523], he[362]'ll[300] twitch[127] you[227] off[111] soon[18].
I[482] wonder[76] he[362] don[280]'t[500] wake[205]."

Queequeg removed[447] himself[282] to[261] just[108] beyond[421] the[19] head[219] of[89] the[19] sleeper[136],
and[236] lighted[422] his[433] tomahawk[279] pipe[124]. I[482] sat[77] at[65] the[19] feet[349].
We[465] kept[290] the[19] pipe[124] passing[147] over[82] the[19] sleeper[136], from[316] one[470] to[261] the[19] other[282].
Meanwhile[282], upon[419] questioning[165] him[248] in[107] his[433] broken[255] fashion[467], Queequeg gave[572]
me[2] to[261] understand[111] that[14], in[107] his[433] land[406], owing[98] to[261] the[19] absence[484] of[89] settees[455]
and[236] sofas[217] of[89] all[145] sorts[354], the[19] king[324], chiefs[61], and[236] great[259] people[482] generally[402],
were[324] in[107] the[19] custom[544] of[89] fattening[27] some[265] of[89] the[19] lower[47] orders[199] for[190] ottomans[25];
and[236] to[261] furnish[160] a[10] house[499] comfortably[147] in[107] that[14] respect[441], you[227] had[364] only[517]
to[261] buy[105] up[405] eight[316] or[519] ten[198] lazy[182] fellows[131], and[236] lay[62] them[146] round[287] in[107] the[19] piers[78]
and[236] alcoves[445]. Besides[465], it[162] was[454] very[515] convenient[470] on[392] an[138] excursion[227];
much[61] better[34] than[77] those[427] garden[121]-chairs[19] which[16] are[314] convertible[181] into[554]
walking[523] sticks[335]; upon[419] occasion[211], a[10] chief[156] calling[56] his[433] attendant[13],
and[236] desiring[251] him[248] to[261] make[175] a[10] settee[294] of[89] himself[282] under[533] a[10] spreading[85] tree[482],
perhaps[75] in[107] some[265] damp[264] marshy[308] place[107].

While[55] narrating[170] these[527] things[4], every[389] time[577] Queequeg received[12] the[19] tomahawk[279]
from[316] me[2], he[362] flourished[102] the[19] hatchet[273]-side[246] of[89] it[162] over[82] the[19] sleeper[136]'s[483] head[219].

"What[243]'s[483] that[14] for[190], Queequeg?"

"Perry[479] easy[281], kill[219]-e[443]; oh[367]! perry[479] easy[281]!

He[362] was[454] going[227] on[392] with[449] some[265] wild[230] reminiscences[252] about[123] his[433] tomahawk[279]-pipe[124]
which[16], it[162] seemed[132], had[364] in[107] its[234] two[527] uses[282] both[558] brained[110] his[433] foes[247] and[236] soothed[436]
his[433] soul[428], when[189] we[465] were[324] directly[58] attracted[36] to[261] the[19] sleeping[341] rigger[39].
The[19] strong[145] vapor[85] now[20] completely[385] filling[330] the[19] contracted[355] hole[73],
it[162] began[132] to[261] tell[392] upon[419] him[248]. He[362] breathed[89] with[449] a[10] sort[42] of[89] muffledness;
then[45] seemed[132] troubled[327] in[107] the[19] nose[176]; then[45] revolved[75] over[82] once[248] or[519] twice[366];
then[45] sat[77] up[405] and[236] rubbed[14] his[433] eyes[125].

"Holloa[243]!" he[362] breathed[89] at[65] last[436], "who[319] be[341] ye[483] smokers[92]?"

"Shipped[26] men[62]," answered[100] I[482], "when[189] does[565] she[391] sail[218]?"

"Aye[86], aye[86], ye[483] are[314] going[227] in[107] her[400], be[341] ye[483]? She[391] sails[344] to[261]-day[112]. The[19] Captain[295]
came[549] aboard[298] last[436] night[108]."

"What[243] Captain[295]?--Ahab[232]?"

"Who[319] but[330] him[248] indeed[522]?"

I[482] was[454] going[227] to[261] ask[238] him[248] some[265] further[53] questions[300] concerning[368] Ahab[232],
when[189] we[465] heard[444] a[10] noise[254] on[392] deck[505].

"Holloa[243]! Starbuck's[483] astir[506]," said[252] the[19] rigger[39]. "He[362]'s[483] a[10] lively[272] chief[156]
mate[508] that[14]; good[221] man[17], and[236] a[10] pious[237]; but[330] all[145] alive[298] now[20], I[482] must[226] turn[17] to[261]."
And[236] so[281] saying[9] he[362] went[516] on[392] deck[505], and[236] we[465] followed[234].

It[162] was[454] now[20] clear[408] sunrise[445]. Soon[18] the[19] crew[126] came[549] on[392] board[540] in[107] twos[18] and[236] threes[169];
the[19] riggers[2] bestirred[275] themselves[510]; the[19] mates[264] were[324] actively[434] engaged[479];
and[236] several[479] of[89] the[19] shore[280] people[482] were[324] busy[130] in[107] bringing[9] various[183] last[436]
things[4] on[392] board[540]. Meanwhile[282] Captain[295] Ahab[232] remained[72] invisibly[552] enshrined[282]
within[503] his[433] cabin[192].

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Merry[486] Christmas[206]

At[65] length[202], towards[417] noon[445], upon[419] the[19] final[357] dismissal[282] of[89] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] riggers[2],
and[236] after[358] the[19] Pequod[288] had[364] been[185] hauled[80] out[66] from[316] the[19] wharf[545], and[236] after[358] the[19]
ever[208]-thoughtful[46] Charity[221] had[364] come[420] off[111] in[107] a[10] whale[422]-boat[439], with[449] her[400] last[436] gift[213]--
a[10] nightcap[156] for[190] Stubb, the[19] second[386] mate[508], her[400] brother[46]-in[107]-law[231], and[236] a[10] spare[295]
Bible[253] for[190] the[19] steward[82]--after[358] all[145] this[256], the[19] two[527] Captains[124], Peleg[375] and[236] Bildad[492],
issued[146] from[316] the[19] cabin[192], and[236] turning[69] to[261] the[19] chief[156] mate[508], Peleg[375] said[252]:

"Now[20], Mr[219]. Starbuck, are[314] you[227] sure[41] everything[233] is[487] right[499]?
Captain[295] Ahab[232] is[487] all[145] ready[464]--just[108] spoke[185] to[261] him[248]--nothing[324] more[348]
to[261] be[341] got[286] from[316] shore[280], eh[76]? Well[263], call[259] all[145] hands[87], then[45].
Muster[209] 'em aft[2] here[135]--blast[13] 'em!"

"No[235] need[32] of[89] profane[535] words[107], however[44] great[259] the[19] hurry[183], Peleg[375]," said[252] Bildad[492],
"but[330] away[443] with[449] thee[15], friend[179] Starbuck, and[236] do[353] our[234] bidding[340]."

How[19] now[20]! Here[135] upon[419] the[19] very[515] point[438] of[89] starting[423] for[190] the[19] voyage[137],
Captain[295] Peleg[375] and[236] Captain[295] Bildad[492] were[324] going[227] it[162] with[449] a[10] high[361] hand[252] on[392]
the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505], just[108] as[113] if[141] they[382] were[324] to[261] be[341] joint[65]-commanders[117] at[65] sea[67],
as[113] well[263] as[113] to[261] all[145] appearances[14] in[107] port[409]. And[236], as[113] for[190] Captain[295] Ahab[232],
no[235] sign[8] of[89] him[248] was[454] yet[443] to[261] be[341] seen[154]; Only[517], they[382] said[252] he[362] was[454] in[107] the[19] cabin[192].
But[330] then[45], the[19] idea[250] was[454], that[14] his[433] presence[492] was[454] by[406] no[235] means[502] necessary[145]
in[107] getting[369] the[19] ship[438] under[533] weigh[8], and[236] steering[252] her[400] well[263] out[66] to[261] sea[67].

Indeed[522], as[113] that[14] was[454] not[518] at[65] all[145] his[433] proper[249] business[168], but[330] the[19] pilot[559]'s[483]; and[236] as[113] he[362] was[454] not[518] yet[443] completely[385] recovered[234]--so[281] they[382] said[252]--therefore[94], Captain[295] Ahab[232] stayed[117] below[397]. And[236] all[145] this[256] seemed[132] natural[298] enough[217]; especially[371] as[113] in[107] the[19] merchant[332] service[343] many[282] captains[124] never[206] show[460] themselves[510] on[392] deck[505] for[190] a[10] considerable[75] time[577] after[358] heaving[174] up[405] the[19] anchor[141], but[330] remain[326] over[82] the[19] cabin[192] table[572], having[69] a[10] farewell[283] merry[486]-making[415] with[449] their[219] shore[280] friends[169], before[344] they[382] quit[295] the[19] ship[438] for[190] good[221] with[449] the[19] pilot[559].

But[330] there[340] was[454] not[518] much[61] chance[292] to[261] think[424] over[82] the[19] matter[176], for[190] Captain[295] Peleg[375] was[454] now[20] all[145] alive[298]. He[362] seemed[132] to[261] do[353] most[216] of[89] the[19] talking[513] and[236] commanding[76], and[236] not[518] Bildad[492].

"Aft[2] here[135], ye[483] sons[250] of[89] bachelors[271]," he[362] cried[506], as[113] the[19] sailors[64] lingered[127] at[65] the[19] main[501]-mast[44]. "Mr[219]. Starbuck, drive[548] aft[2]."

"Strike[374] the[19] tent[359] there[340]!"--was[454] the[19] next[27] order[343]. As[113] I[482] hinted[253] before[344], this[256] whalebone[290] marquee[97] was[454] never[206] pitched[101] except[545] in[107] port[409]; and[236] on[392] board[540] the[19] Pequod[288], for[190] thirty[521] years[116], the[19] order[343] to[261] strike[374] the[19] tent[359] was[454] well[263] known[86] to[261] be[341] the[19] next[27] thing[309] to[261] heaving[174] up[405] the[19] anchor[141].

"Man[17] the[19] capstan[241]! Blood[208] and[236] thunder[356]!--jump[50]!"--was[454] the[19] next[27] command[190], and[236] the[19] crew[126] sprang[253] for[190] the[19] handspikes[209].

Now[20] in[107] getting[369] under[533] weigh[8], the[19] station[80] generally[402] occupied[262] by[406] the[19] pilot[559] is[487] the[19] forward[364] part[207] of[89] the[19] ship[438]. And[236] here[135] Bildad[492], who[319], with[449] Peleg[375], be[341] it[162] known[86], in[107] addition[187] to[261] his[433] other[282] offices[257], was[454] one[470] of[89] the[19] licensed[552] pilots[493] of[89] the[19] port[409]--he[362] being[264] suspected[189] to[261] have[254] got[286] himself[282] made[563] a[10] pilot[559] in[107] order[343] to[261] save[556] the[19] Nantucket[283] pilot[559]-fee to[261] all[145] the[19] ships[21] he[362] was[454] concerned[583] in[107], for[190] he[362] never[206] piloted[481] any[501] other[282] craft[187]--Bildad[492], I[482] say[306], might[496] now[20] be[341] seen[154] actively[434] engaged[479] in[107] looking[318] over[82] the[19] bows[460] for[190] the[19] approaching[271] anchor[141], and[236] at[65] intervals[295] singing[288] what[243] seemed[132] a[10] dismal[110] stave[416] of[89] psalmody[402], to[261] cheer[337] the[19] hands[87] at[65] the[19] windlass[231], who[319] roared[315] forth[152] some[265] sort[42] of[89] a[10] chorus[98] about[123] the[19] girls[388] in[107] Booble Alley[88], with[449] hearty[140] good[221] will[584]. Nevertheless[104], not[518] three[329] days[351] previous[376], Bildad[492] had[364] told[82] them[146] that[14] no[235] profane[535] songs[78] would[282] be[341] allowed[339] on[392] board[540] the[19] Pequod[288], particularly[106] in[107] getting[369] under[533] weigh[8]; and[236] Charity[221], his[433] sister[126], had[364] placed[556] a[10] small[350] choice[340] copy[380] of[89] Watts[367] in[107] each[520] seaman[166]'s[483] berth[283].

Meantime[210], overseeing[12] the[19] other[282] part[207] of[89] the[19] ship[438], Captain[295] Peleg[375] ripped[279] and[236] swore[470] astern[39] in[107] the[19] most[216] frightful[190] manner[153]. I[482] almost[518] thought[186] he[362] would[282] sink[190] the[19] ship[438] before[344] the[19] anchor[141] could[375] be[341] got[286] up[405]; involuntarily[124] I[482] paused[390] on[392] my[36] handspike[301], and[236] told[82] Queequeg to[261] do[353] the[19] same[541], thinking[385] of[89] the[19] perils[140] we[465] both[558] ran[391], in[107] starting[423] on[392] the[19] voyage[137] with[449] such[420] a[10] devil[411] for[190] a[10] pilot[559]. I[482] was[454] comforting[462] myself[99], however[44], with[449] the[19] thought[186] that[14] in[107] pious[237] Bildad[492] might[496] be[341] found[260] some[265] salvation[346], spite[431] of[89] his[433] seven[188] hundred[93] and[236] seventy[156]-seventh[280] lay[62]; when[189] I[482] felt[440] a[10] sudden[309] sharp[427] poke[213] in[107] my[36] rear[252], and[236] turning[69] round[287], was[454] horrified[21] at[65] the[19] apparition[143] of[89] Captain[295] Peleg[375] in[107] the[19] act[10] of[89] withdrawing[152] his[433] leg[331] from[316] my[36] immediate[388] vicinity[208]. That[14] was[454] my[36] first[13] kick[16].

"Is[487] that[14] the[19] way[435] they[382] heave[308] in[107] the[19] marchant[500] service[343]?" he[362] roared[315]. "Spring[148], thou[173] sheep[45]-head[219]; spring[148], and[236] break[483] thy[43] backbone[25]! Why[177] don[280]'t[500] ye[483] spring[148], I[482] say[306], all[145] of[89] ye[483]--spring[148]! Quohog! spring[148], thou[173] chap[287] with[449] the[19] red[293] whiskers[42]; spring[148] there[340], Scotch[481]-cap[328]; spring[148], thou[173] green[549] pants[60]. Spring[148], I[482] say[306], all[145] of[89] ye[483], and[236] spring[148] your[162] eyes[125] out[66]!" And[236] so[281] saying[9], he[362] moved[492] along[423] the[19] windlass[231], here[135] and[236] there[340] using[14] his[433] leg[331] very[515] freely[386], while[55] imperturbable[363] Bildad[492] kept[290] leading[59] off[111] with[449] his[433] psalmody[402]. Thinks[344] I[482], Captain[295] Peleg[375] must[226] have[254] been[185] drinking[453] something[181] to[261]-day[112].

At[65] last[436] the[19] anchor[141] was[454] up[405], the[19] sails[344] were[324] set[422], and[236] off[111] we[465] glided[152]. It[162] was[454] a[10] short[522], cold[330] Christmas[206]; and[236] as[113] the[19] short[522] northern[252] day[112] merged[210] into[554] night[108], we[465] found[260] ourselves[15] almost[518] broad[267] upon[419] the[19] wintry[41] ocean[224], whose[286] freezing[460] spray[76] cased[249] us[569] in[107] ice[443], as[113] in[107] polished[370] armor[127]. The[19] long[544] rows[375] of[89] teeth[82] on[392] the[19] bulwarks[411] glistened[424] in[107] the[19] moonlight[122]; and[236] like[410] the[19] white[82] ivory[76] tusks[85] of[89] some[265] huge[132] elephant[72], vast[43] curving[23] icicles[374] depended[178] from[316] the[19] bows[460].

Lank[1] Bildad[492], as[113] pilot[559], headed[124] the[19] first[13] watch[89], and[236] ever[208] and[236] anon[88], as[113] the[19] old[447] craft[187] deep[483] dived[149] into[554] the[19] green[549] seas[350], and[236] sent[411] the[19] shivering[559] frost[113] all[145] over[82] her[400], and[236] the[19] winds[399] howled[333], and[236] the[19] cordage[218] rang[418], his[433] steady[21] notes[45] were[324] heard[444],--

"Sweet[417] fields[64] beyond[421] the[19] swelling[414] flood[167],
Stand[530] dressed[321] in[107] living[117] green[549].
So[281] to[261] the[19] Jews[147] old[447] Canaan[492] stood[1],
While[55] Jordan[107] rolled[226] between[77]."

Never[206] did[444] those[427] sweet[417] words[107] sound[181] more[348] sweetly[92] to[261] me[2] than[77] then[45]. They[382] were[324] full[414] of[89] hope[211] and[236] fruition[211]. Spite[431] of[89] this[256] frigid[499] winter[317] night[108] in[107] the[19] boisterous[439] Atlantic[198], spite[431] of[89] my[36] wet[299] feet[349] and[236] wetter[574] jacket[481], there[340] was[454] yet[443], it[162] then[45] seemed[132] to[261] me[2], many[282] a[10] pleasant[233] haven[432] in[107] store[420];

and[236] meads[18] and[236] glades[83] so[281] eternally[86] vernal[29], that[14] the[19] grass[418] shot[443] up[405] by[406] the[19] spring[148], untrodden[341], unwilted, remains[324] at[65] midsummer[285].

At[65] last[436] we[465] gained[290] such[420] an[138] offing[463], that[14] the[19] two[527] pilots[493] were[324] needed[133] no[235] longer[559]. The[19] stout[29] sail[218]-boat[28] that[14] had[364] accompanied[26] us[569] began[132] ranging[261] alongside[540].

It[162] was[454] curious[264] and[236] not[518] unpleasing[95], how[19] Peleg[375] and[236] Bildad[492] were[324] affected[283] at[65] this[256] juncture[53], especially[371] Captain[295] Bildad[492]. For[190] loath[473] to[261] depart[297], yet[443]; very[515] loath[473] to[261] leave[450], for[190] good[221], a[10] ship[438] bound[108] on[392] so[281] long[544] and[236] perilous[141] a[10] voyage[137]--beyond[421] both[558] stormy[115] Capes[259]; a[10] ship[438] in[107] which[16] some[265] thousands[7] of[89] his[433] hardearned[26] dollars[201] were[324] invested[60]; a[10] ship[438], in[107] which[16] an[138] old[447] shipmate[283] sailed[248] as[113] captain[295]; a[10] man[17] almost[518] as[113] old[447] as[113] he[362], once[248] more[348] starting[423] to[261] encounter[250] all[145] the[19] terrors[192] of[89] the[19] pitiless[76] jaw[213]; loath[473] to[261] say[306] good[221]-bye[356] to[261] a[10] thing[309] so[281] every[389] way[435] brimful[262] of[89] every[389] interest[323] to[261] him[248],--poor[533] old[447] Bildad[492] lingered[127] long[544]; paced[145] the[19] deck[505] with[449] anxious[256] strides[423]; ran[391] down[133] into[554] the[19] cabin[192] to[261] speak[337] another[269] farewell[283] word[486] there[340]; again[52] came[549] on[392] deck[505], and[236] looked[232] to[261] windward[170]; looked[232] towards[417] the[19] wide[465] and[236] endless[489] waters[556], only[517] bounded[239] by[406] the[19] far[258]-off[111] unseen[173] Eastern[86] Continents[155]; looked[232] towards[417] the[19] land[406]; looked[232] aloft[276]; looked[232] right[499] and[236] left[159]; looked[232] everywhere[469] and[236] nowhere[209]; and[236] at[65] last[436], mechanically[143] coiling[105] a[10] rope[265] upon[419] its[234] pin[486], convulsively[19] grasped[101] stout[29] Peleg[375] by[406] the[19] hand[252], and[236] holding[311] up[405] a[10] lantern[220], for[190] a[10] moment[258] stood[1] gazing[117] heroically[41] in[107] his[433] face[556], as[113] much[61] as[113] to[261] say[306], "Nevertheless[104], friend[179] Peleg[375], I[482] can[450] stand[530] it[162]; yes[143], I[482] can[450]."

As[113] for[190] Peleg[375] himself[282], he[362] took[68] it[162] more[348] like[410] a[10] philosopher[19]; but[330] for[190] all[145] his[433] philosophy[14], there[340] was[454] a[10] tear[146] twinkling[335] in[107] his[433] eye[220], when[189] the[19] lantern[220] came[549] too[11] near[70]. And[236] he[362], too[11], did[444] not[518] a[10] little[554] run[172] from[316] the[19] cabin[192] to[261] deck[505]--now[20] a[10] word[486] below[397], and[236] now[20] a[10] word[486] with[449] Starbuck, the[19] chief[156] mate[508].

But[330], at[65] last[436], he[362] turned[492] to[261] his[433] comrade[148], with[449] a[10] final[357] sort[42] of[89] look[523] about[123] him[248],--"Captain[295] Bildad[492]--come[420], old[447] shipmate[283], we[465] must[226] go[20]. Back[457] the[19] mainyard[191] there[340]! Boat[439] ahoy[26]! Stand[530] by[406] to[261] come[420] close[65] alongside[540], now[20]! Careful[252], careful[252]!--come[420], Bildad[492], boy[110]--say[306] your[162] last[436]. Luck[453] to[261] ye[483], Starbuck--luck[453] to[261] ye[483], Mr[219]. Stubb--luck[453] to[261] ye[483], Mr[219]. Flask[199]--good[221]-bye[356] and[236] good[221] luck[453] to[261] ye[483] all[145]--and[236] this[256] day[112] three[329] years[116] I[482]'ll[300] have[254] a[10] hot[424] supper[4] smoking[470] for[190] ye[483] in[107] old[447] Nantucket[283]. Hurrah[277] and[236] away[443]!"

"God[185] bless[128] ye[483], and[236] have[254] ye[483] in[107] His[433] holy[61] keeping[482], men[62]," murmured[238] old[447] Bildad[492], almost[518] incoherently[27]. "I[482] hope[211] ye[483]'ll[300] have[254] fine[333] weather[405] now[20], so[281] that[14] Captain[295] Ahab[232] may[236] soon[18] be[341] moving[316] among[483] ye[483]--a[10] pleasant[233] sun[397] is[487] all[145] he[362] needs[41], and[236] ye[483]'ll[300] have[254] plenty[406] of[89] them[146] in[107] the[19] tropic[303] voyage[137] ye[483] go[20]. Be[341] careful[252] in[107] the[19] hunt[418], ye[483] mates[264]. Don[280]'t[500] stave[416] the[19] boats[83] needlessly[147], ye[483] harpooneers; good[221] white[82] cedar[330] plank[243] is[487] raised[493] full[414] three[329] per[47] cent[443] within[503] the[19] year[347]. Don[280]'t[500] forget[426] your[162] prayers[173], either[45]. Mr[219]. Starbuck, mind[118] that[14] cooper[35] don[280]'t[500] waste[232] the[19] spare[295] staves[203]. Oh[367]! the[19] sail[218]-needles[379] are[314] in[107] the[19] green[549] locker[26]. Don[280]'t[500] whale[422] it[162] too[11] much[61] a[10]' Lord[106]'s[483] days[351], men[62]; but[330] don[280]'t[500] miss[89] a[10] fair[320] chance[292] either[45], that[14]'s[76] rejecting[388] Heaven[163]'s[483] good[221] gifts[219]. Have[254] an[138] eye[220] to[261] the[19] molasses[541] tierce[384], Mr[219]. Stubb; it[162] was[454] a[10] little[554] leaky[299], I[482] thought[186]. If[141] ye[483] touch[486] at[65] the[19] islands[59], Mr[219]. Flask[199], beware[255] of[89] fornication[4]. Good[221]-bye[356], good[221]-bye[356]! Don[280]'t[500] keep[381] that[14] cheese[10] too[11] long[544] down[133] in[107] the[19] hold[204], Mr[219]. Starbuck; it[162]'ll[300] spoil[181]. Be[341] careful[252] with[449] the[19] butter[536]--twenty[433] cents[250] the[19] pound[77] it[162] was[454], and[236] mind[118] ye[483], if[141]--"

"Come[420], come[420], Captain[295] Bildad[492]; stop[48] palavering[315],--away[443]!" and[236] with[449] that[14], Peleg[375] hurried[335] him[248] over[82] the[19] side[246], and[236] both[558] dropt[174] into[554] the[19] boat[439].

Ship[438] and[236] boat[439] diverged[10]; the[19] cold[330], damp[264] night[108] breeze[227] blew[234] between[77]; a[10] screaming[64] gull[8] flew[424] overhead[7]; the[19] two[527] hulls[133] wildly[356] rolled[226]; we[465] gave[572] three[329] heavy[421]-hearted[141] cheers[416], and[236] blindly[219] plunged[340] like[410] fate[74] into[554] the[19] lone[19] Atlantic[198].

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The[19] Lee[472] Shore[280]

Some[265] chapters[185] back[457], one[470] Bulkington was[454] spoken[507] of[89], a[10] tall[373], newlanded mariner[265], encountered[102] in[107] New[36] Bedford[83] at[65] the[19] inn[190].

When[189] on[392] that[14] shivering[559] winter[317]'s[483] night[108], the[19] Pequod[288] thrust[379] her[400] vindictive[35] bows[460] into[554] the[19] cold[330] malicious[361] waves[443], who[319] should[255] I[482] see[370] standing[144] at[65] her[400] helm[285] but[330] Bulkington! I[482] looked[232] with[449] sympathetic[129] awe[305] and[236] fearfulness[177] upon[419] the[19] man[17], who[319] in[107] mid[84]-winter[317] just[108] landed[451] from[316] a[10] four[175] years[116]' dangerous[2] voyage[137], could[375] so[281] unrestingly[136] push[278] off[111] again[52] for[190] still[278] another[269] tempestuous[431] term[416]. The[19] land[406] seemed[132] scorching[251] to[261] his[433] feet[349]. Wonderfullest things[4] are[314] ever[208] the[19] unmentionable[83]; deep[483] memories[347] yield[39] no[235] epitaphs[329]; this[256] six[415]-inch[386] chapter[293] is[487] the[19] stoneless[336] grave[344]

of[89] Bulkington. Let[66] me[2] only[517] say[306] that[14] it[162] fared[499] with[449] him[248] as[113] with[449]
the[19] storm[218]-tossed[227] ship[438], that[14] miserably[233] drives[269] along[423] the[19] leeward[265] land[406].
The[19] port[409] would[282] fain[264] give[142] succor[243]; the[19] port[409] is[487] pitiful[12];
in[107] the[19] port[409] is[487] safety[388], comfort[364], hearthstone[157], supper[4],
warm[178] blankets[363], friends[169], all[145] that[14]'s[76] kind[451] to[261] our[234] mortalities[129].
But[330] in[107] that[14] gale[440], the[19] port[409], the[19] land[406], is[487] that[14] ship[438]'s[483] direst[122] jeopardy[95];
she[391] must[226] fly[324] all[145] hospitality[137]; one[470] touch[486] of[89] land[406], though[400] it[162]
but[330] graze[154] the[19] keel[39], would[282] make[175] her[400] shudder[17] through[295] and[236] through[295].
With[449] all[145] her[400] might[496] she[391] crowds[451] all[145] sail[218] off[111] shore[280]; in[107] so[281] doing[227],
fights[295] 'gainst the[19] very[515] winds[399] that[14] fain[264] would[282] blow[230] her[400] homeward[282];
seeks[168] all[145] the[19] lashed[97] sea[67]'s[483] landlessness again[52]; for[190] refuge[154]'s[483] sake[523]
forlornly[286] rushing[344] into[554] peril[565]; her[400] only[517] friend[179] her[400] bitterest[197] foe[479]!

Know[60] ye[483] now[20], Bulkington? Glimpses[446] do[353] ye[483] seem[404] to[261] see[370] of[89] that[14] mortally[261]
intolerable[304] truth[350]; that[14] all[145] deep[483], earnest[495] thinking[385] is[487] but[330] the[19] intrepid[127]
effort[314] of[89] the[19] soul[428] to[261] keep[381] the[19] open[464] independence[7] of[89] her[400] sea[67];
while[55] the[19] wildest[356] winds[399] of[89] heaven[163] and[236] earth[513] conspire[181] to[261] cast[99] her[400] on[392]
the[19] treacherous[166], slavish[297] shore[280]?

But[330] as[113] in[107] landlessness alone[2] resides[83] the[19] highest[575] truth[350], shoreless[4],
indefinite[376] as[113] God[185]--so[281] better[34] is[487] it[162] to[261] perish[441] in[107] that[14] howling[204] infinite[503],
than[77] be[341] ingloriously[218] dashed[304] upon[419] the[19] lee[472], even[198] if[141] that[14] were[324] safety[388]!
For[190] worm[128]-like[410], then[45], oh[367]! who[319] would[282] craven[429] crawl[445] to[261] land[406]!
Terrors[192] of[89] the[19] terrible[132]! is[487] all[145] this[256] agony[242] so[281] vain[216]?
Take[279] heart[470], take[279] heart[470], O[24] Bulkington! Bear[48] thee[15] grimly[226], demigod[266]!
Up[405] from[316] the[19] spray[76] of[89] thy[43] ocean[224]-perishing[60]--straight[346] up[405],
leaps[575] thy[43] apotheosis[229]!

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The[19] Advocate[147]

As[113] Queequeg and[236] I[482] are[314] now[20] fairly[211] embarked[262] in[107] this[256] business[168] of[89] whaling[155];
and[236] as[113] this[256] business[168] of[89] whaling[155] has[399] somehow[425] come[420] to[261] be[341] regarded[393] among[483]
landsmen[117] as[113] a[10] rather[178] unpoetical[161] and[236] disreputable[55] pursuit[305]; therefore[94], I[482] am[375]
all[145] anxiety[221] to[261] convince[154] ye[483], ye[483] landsmen[117], of[89] the[19] injustice[380] hereby[196] done[135]
to[261] us[569] hunters[423] of[89] whales[331].

In[107] the[19] first[13] place[107], it[162] may[236] be[341] deemed[17] almost[518] superfluous[152] to[261] establish[426]
the[19] fact[12], that[14] among[483] people[482] at[65] large[385], the[19] business[168] of[89] whaling[155] is[487] not[518]
accounted[480] on[392] a[10] level[378] with[449] what[243] are[314] called[237] the[19] liberal[125] professions[295].
If[141] a[10] stranger[233] were[324] introduced[265] into[554] any[501] miscellaneous[557] metropolitan[169] society[520],
it[162] would[282] but[330] slightly[238] advance[70] the[19] general[37] opinion[316] of[89] his[433] merits[446], were[324] he[362]
presented[320] to[261] the[19] company[280] as[113] a[10] harpooneer, say[306]; and[236] if[141] in[107] emulation[221] of[89] the[19]
naval[152] officers[439] he[362] should[255] append[507] the[19] initials[426] S[483].W.F. (Sperm[26] Whale[422] Fishery[136])
to[261] his[433] visiting[402] card[351], such[420] a[10] procedure[276] would[282] be[341] deemed[17] preeminently[93]
presuming[216] and[236] ridiculous[92].

Doubtless[101] one[470] leading[59] reason[238] why[177] the[19] world[126] declines[422] honoring[23]
us[569] whalemen[451], is[487] this[256]: they[382] think[424] that[14], at[65] best[315], our[234] vocation[408]
amounts[203] to[261] a[10] butchering[134] sort[42] of[89] business[168]; and[236] that[14] when[189] actively[434]
engaged[479] therein[68], we[465] are[314] surrounded[75] by[406] all[145] manner[153] of[89] defilements[395].
Butchers[102] we[465] are[314], that[14] is[487] true[483]. But[330] butchers[102], also[119], and[236] butchers[102]
of[89] the[19] bloodiest[218] badge[361] have[254] been[185] all[145] Martial[43] Commanders[117] whom[324]
the[19] world[126] invariably[55] delights[274] to[261] honor[497]. And[236] as[113] for[190] the[19] matter[176]
of[89] the[19] alleged[163] uncleanliness[25] of[89] our[234] business[168], ye[483] shall[66] soon[18] be[341]
initiated[161] into[554] certain[31] facts[484] hitherto[533] pretty[252] generally[402] unknown[10],
and[236] which[16], upon[419] the[19] whole[199], will[584] triumphantly[388] plant[8] the[19] sperm[26]
whale[422]-ship[98] at[65] least[453] among[483] the[19] cleanliest[511] things[4] of[89] this[256] tidy[225] earth[513].
But[330] even[198] granting[235] the[19] charge[308] in[107] question[562] to[261] be[341] true[483]; what[243] disordered[181]
slippery[204] decks[386] of[89] a[10] whale[422]-ship[98] are[314] comparable[173] to[261] the[19] unspeakable[4]
carrion[111] of[89] those[427] battle[105]-fields[64] from[316] which[16] so[281] many[282] soldiers[416] return[407]
to[261] drink[117] in[107] all[145] ladies[66]' plaudits[110]? And[236] if[141] the[19] idea[250] of[89] peril[565]
so[281] much[61] enhances[69] the[19] popular[229] conceit[58] of[89] the[19] soldier[274]'s[483] profession[202];
let[66] me[2] assure[511] ye[483] that[14] many[282] a[10] veteran[122] who[319] has[399] freely[386] marched[158] up[405]
to[261] a[10] battery[451], would[282] quickly[183] recoil[516] at[65] the[19] apparition[143] of[89] the[19] sperm[26]
whale[422]'s[483] vast[43] tail[102], fanning[363] into[554] eddies[354] the[19] air[209] over[82] his[433] head[219].
For[190] what[243] are[314] the[19] comprehensible[255] terrors[192] of[89] man[17] compared[357] with[449]
the[19] interlinked[83] terrors[192] and[236] wonders[115] of[89] God[185]!

But[330], though[400] the[19] world[126] scouts[252] at[65] us[569] whale[422] hunters[423], yet[443] does[565] it[162]
unwittingly[413] pay[496] us[569] the[19] profoundest[320] homage[92]; yea[204], an[138] all[145]-abounding[143]
adoration[225]! for[190] almost[518] all[145] the[19] tapers[362], lamps[310], and[236] candles[457]
that[14] burn[118] round[287] the[19] globe[23], burn[118], as[113] before[344] so[281] many[282] shrines[292],
to[261] our[234] glory[173]!

But[330] look[523] at[65] this[256] matter[176] in[107] other[282] lights[59]; weigh[8] it[162] in[107] all[145] sorts[354] of[89] scales[543];
see[370] what[243] we[465] whalemen[451] are[314], and[236] have[254] been[185].

Why[177] did[444] the[19] Dutch[325] in[107] De[404] Witt[416]'s[483] time[577] have[254] admirals[572] of[89] their[219]
whaling[155] fleets[29]? Why[177] did[444] Louis[264] XVI[8] of[89] France[54], at[65] his[433] own[248]
personal[492] expense[465], fit[12] out[66] whaling[155] ships[21] from[316] Dunkirk[102], and[236] politely[322]

invite[78] to[261] that[14] town[172] some[265] score[124] or[519] two[527] of[89] families[197] from[316] our[234] own[248] island[516]
of[89] Nantucket[283]? Why[177] did[444] Britain[199] between[77] the[19] years[116] 1750[444] and[236] 1788[201]
pay[496] to[261] her[400] whalemen[451] in[107] bounties[83] upwards[110] of[89] 1[53],000,000[447] pounds[74]?
And[236] lastly[265], how[19] comes[268] it[162] that[14] we[465] whalemen[451] of[89] America[133] now[20] outnumber[403]
all[145] the[19] rest[302] of[89] the[19] banded[9] whalemen[451] in[107] the[19] world[126]; sail[218] a[10] navy[83] of[89]
upwards[110] of[89] seven[188] hundred[93] vessels[150]; manned[282] by[406] eighteen[387] thousand[586] men[62];
yearly[424] consuming[246] 00824,000,000 of[89] dollars[201]; the[19] ships[21] worth[84],
at[65] the[19] time[577] of[89] sailing[232], 20[406],000,000 dollars[201]; and[236] every[389] year[347] importing[92]
into[554] our[234] harbors[348] a[10] well[263] reaped[19] harvest[38] of[89] 00847,000,000 dollars[201].
How[19] comes[268] all[145] this[256], if[141] there[340] be[341] not[518] something[181] puissant[500] in[107] whaling[155]?

But[330] this[256] is[487] not[518] the[19] half[119]; look[523] again[52].

I[482] freely[386] assert[354], that[14] the[19] cosmopolite[83] philosopher[19] cannot,
for[190] his[433] life[71], point[438] out[66] one[470] single[77] peaceful[319] influence[299],
which[16] within[503] the[19] last[436] sixty[332] years[116] has[399] operated[201] more[348] potentially[112]
upon[419] the[19] whole[199] broad[267] world[126], taken[222] in[107] one[470] aggregate[136],
than[77] the[19] high[361] and[236] mighty[2] business[168] of[89] whaling[155]. One[470] way[435]
and[236] another[269], it[162] has[399] begotten[22] events[390] so[281] remarkable[381] in[107] themselves[510],
and[236] so[281] continuously[410] momentous[150] in[107] their[219] sequential[193] issues[364],
that[14] whaling[155] may[236] well[263] be[341] regarded[393] as[113] that[14] Egyptian[358] mother[276],
who[319] bore[27] offspring[32] themselves[510] pregnant[182] from[316] her[400] womb[355].
It[162] would[282] be[341] a[10] hopeless[189], endless[489] task[482] to[261] catalogue[29] all[145] these[527] things[4].
Let[66] a[10] handful[330] suffice[137]. For[190] many[282] years[116] past[111] the[19] whale[422]-ship[98] has[399]
been[185] the[19] pioneer[165] in[107] ferreting[506] out[66] the[19] remotest[95] and[236] least[453] known[86]
parts[470] of[89] the[19] earth[513]. She[391] has[399] explored[299] seas[350] and[236] archipelagoes[83]
which[16] had[364] no[235] chart[102], where[579] no[235] Cooke[454] or[519] Vancouver[31] had[364] ever[208] sailed[248].
If[141] American[272] and[236] European[15] men[62]-of[89]-war[169] now[20] peacefully[121] ride[197]
in[107] once[248] savage[398] harbors[348], let[66] them[146] fire[559] salutes[240] to[261] the[19] honor[497]
and[236] glory[173] of[89] the[19] whale[422]-ship[98], which[16] originally[367] showed[507] them[146]
the[19] way[435], and[236] first[13] interpreted[386] between[77] them[146] and[236] the[19] savages[247].
They[382] may[236] celebrate[41] as[113] they[382] will[584] the[19] heroes[295] of[89] Exploring[451] Expeditions[356],
your[162] Cookes[142], Your[162] Krusensterns; but[330] I[482] say[306] that[14] scores[316] of[89] anonymous[474]
Captains[124] have[254] sailed[248] out[66] of[89] Nantucket[283], that[14] were[324] as[113] great[259],
and[236] greater[505], than[77] your[162] Cooke[454] and[236] your[162] Krusenstern. For[190] in[107]
their[219] succorless empty[450]-handedness, they[382], in[107] the[19] heathenish[320]
sharked waters[556], and[236] by[406] the[19] beaches[364] of[89] unrecorded[337], javelin[161] islands[59],
battled[359] with[449] virgin[317] wonders[115] and[236] terrors[192] that[14] Cooke[454] with[449] all[145] his[433]
marines[294] and[236] muskets[399] would[282] not[518] willingly[390] have[254] willingly[390] dared[294].
All[145] that[14] is[487] made[563] such[420] a[10] flourish[473] of[89] in[107] the[19] old[447] South[257] Sea[67] Voyages[368],
those[427] things[4] were[324] but[330] the[19] life[71]-time[54] commonplaces[95] of[89] our[234]
heroic[402] Nantucketers. Often[227], adventures[266] which[16] Vancouver[31]
dedicates[31] three[329] chapters[185] to[261], these[527] men[62] accounted[480] unworthy[280]
of[89] being[264] set[422] down[133] in[107] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] common[304] log[127]. Ah[132], the[19] world[126]!
Oh[367], the[19] world[126]!

Until[316] the[19] whale[422] fishery[136] rounded[23] Cape[23] Horn[139], no[235] commerce[292] but[330] colonial[262],
scarcely[71] any[501] intercourse[31] but[330] colonial[262], was[454] carried[232] on[392] between[77] Europe[153]
and[236] the[19] long[544] line[25] of[89] the[19] opulent[137] Spanish[124] provinces[415] on[392] the[19] Pacific[294] coast[287].
It[162] was[454] the[19] whalemen[451] who[319] first[13] broke[356] through[295] the[19] jealous[125] policy[422] of[89]
the[19] Spanish[124] crown[463], touching[80] those[427] colonies[323]; and[236], if[141] space[468] permitted[120],
it[162] might[496] be[341] distinctly[26] shown[446] how[19] from[316] those[427] whalemen[451] at[65] last[436] eventuated[117]
the[19] liberation[41] of[89] Peru[19], Chili[399], and[236] Bolivia[107] from[316] the[19] yoke[29] of[89] Old[447] Spain[20],
and[236] the[19] establishment[205] of[89] the[19] eternal[155] democracy[386] in[107] those[427] parts[470].

That[14] great[259] America[133] on[392] the[19] other[282] side[246] of[89] the[19] sphere[329], Australia[254],
was[454] given[141] to[261] the[19] enlightened[29] world[126] by[406] the[19] whaleman[98].
After[358] its[234] first[13] blunder[12]-born[236] discovery[416] by[406] a[10] Dutchman[26], all[145] other[282] ships[21],
long[544] shunned[46] those[427] shores[116] as[113] pestiferously barbarous[38];
but[330] the[19] whale[422]-ship[98] touched[367] there[340]. The[19] whale[422]-ship[98] is[487] the[19] true[483]
mother[276] of[89] that[14] now[20] mighty[2] colony[267]. Moreover[326], in[107] the[19] infancy[371]
of[89] the[19] first[13] Australian[52] settlement[323], the[19] emigrants[498] were[324] several[479]
times[121] saved[446] from[316] starvation[251] by[406] the[19] benevolent[67] biscuit[369] of[89]
the[19] whale[422]-ship[98] luckily[443] dropping[279] an[138] anchor[141] in[107] their[219] waters[556].
The[19] uncounted[391] isles[425] of[89] all[145] Polynesia[210] confess[315] the[19] same[541] truth[350],
and[236] do[353] commercial[551] homage[92] to[261] the[19] whale[422]-ship[98], that[14] cleared[241] the[19] way[435]
for[190] the[19] missionary[170] and[236] the[19] merchant[332], and[236] in[107] many[282] cases[108] carried[232]
the[19] primitive[489] missionaries[208] to[261] their[219] first[13] destinations[240].
If[141] that[14] double[20]-bolted[74] land[406], Japan[53], is[487] ever[208] to[261] become[548] hospitable[468],
it[162] is[487] the[19] whale[422]-ship[98] alone[2] to[261] whom[324] the[19] credit[78] will[584] be[341] due[266];
for[190] already[93] she[391] is[487] on[392] the[19] threshold[21].

But[330] if[141], in[107] the[19] face[556] of[89] all[145] this[256], you[227] still[278] declare[167] that[14] whaling[155]
has[399] no[235] aesthetically[25] noble[226] associations[212] connected[202] with[449] it[162],
then[45] am[375] I[482] ready[464] to[261] shiver[452] fifty[406] lances[8] with[449] you[227] there[340],
and[236] unhorse[23] you[227] with[449] a[10] split[148] helmet[159] every[389] time[577].

The[19] whale[422] has[399] no[235] famous[254] author[470], and[236] whaling[155] no[235] famous[254] chronicler[13],
you[227] will[584] say[306].

The[19] whale[422] no[235] famous[254] author[470], and[236] whaling[155] no[235] famous[254] chronicler[13]?
Who[319] wrote[69] the[19] first[13] account[102] of[89] our[234] Leviathan[384]? Who[319] but[330] mighty[2] Job[269]?
And[236] who[319] composed[339] the[19] first[13] narrative[81] of[89] a[10] whaling[155]-voyage[137]? Who[319],
but[330] no[235] less[261] a[10] prince[63] than[77] Alfred[41] the[19] Great[259], who[319], with[449] his[433] own[248]

royal[161] pen[105], took[68] down[133] the[19] words[107] from[316] Other[282], the[19] Norwegian[55] whale[422]-hunter[287] of[89] those[427] times[121]! And[236] who[319] pronounced[429] our[234] glowing[160] eulogy[282] in[107] Parliament[221]? Who[319], but[330] Edmund[492] Burke[544]!

True[483] enough[217], but[330] then[45] whalemen[451] themselves[510] are[314] poor[533] devils[377]; they[382] have[254] no[235] good[221] blood[208] in[107] their[219] veins[395].

No[235] good[221] blood[208] in[107] their[219] veins[395]? They[382] have[254] something[181] better[34] than[77] royal[161] blood[208] there[340]. The[19] grandmother[519] of[89] Benjamin[448] Franklin[66] was[454] Mary[221] Morrel[19]; afterwards[418], by[406] marriage[361], Mary[221] Folger[471], one[470] of[89] the[19] old[447] settlers[80] of[89] Nantucket[283], and[236] the[19] ancestress[59] to[261] a[10] long[544] line[25] of[89] Folgers and[236] harpooneers--all[145] kith[377] and[236] kin[197] to[261] noble[226] Benjamin[448]--this[256] day[112] darting[147] the[19] barbed[27] iron[169] from[316] one[470] side[246] of[89] the[19] world[126] to[261] the[19] other[282].

Good[221] again[52]; but[330] then[45] all[145] confess[315] that[14] somehow[425] whaling[155] is[487] not[518] respectable[376].

Whaling[155] not[518] respectable[376]? Whaling[155] is[487] imperial[249]! By[406] old[447] English[69] statutory[360] law[231], the[19] whale[422] is[487] declared[29] "a[10] royal[161] fish[187]."

Oh[367], that[14]'s[76] only[517] nominal[336]! The[19] whale[422] himself[282] has[399] never[206] figured[201] in[107] any[501] grand[229] imposing[365] way[435].

The[19] whale[422] never[206] figured[201] in[107] any[501] grand[229] imposing[365] way[435]? In[107] one[470] of[89] the[19] mighty[2] triumphs[116] given[141] to[261] a[10] Roman[333] general[37] upon[419] his[433] entering[423] the[19] world[126]'s[483] capital[154], the[19] bones[5] of[89] a[10] whale[422], brought[85] all[145] the[19] way[435] from[316] the[19] Syrian[314] coast[287], were[324] the[19] most[216] conspicuous[460] object[100] in[107] the[19] cymballed procession[116].*

*See[370] subsequent[312] chapters[185] for[190] something[181] more[348] on[392] this[256] head[219].

Grant[328] it[162], since[374] you[227] cite[426] it[162]; but[330] say[306] what[243] you[227] will[584], there[340] is[487] no[235] real[305] dignity[338] in[107] whaling[155].

No[235] dignity[338] in[107] whaling[155]? The[19] dignity[338] of[89] our[234] calling[56] the[19] very[515] heavens[494] attest[410]. Cetus[225] is[487] a[10] constellation[246] in[107] the[19] South[257]! No[235] more[348]! Drive[548] down[133] your[162] hat[107] in[107] presence[492] of[89] the[19] Czar[427], and[236] take[279] it[162] off[111] to[261] Queequeg! No[235] more[348]! I[482] know[60] a[10] man[17] that[14], in[107] his[433] lifetime[3] has[399] taken[222] three[329] hundred[93] and[236] fifty[406] whales[331]. I[482] account[102] that[14] man[17] more[348] honorable[15] than[77] that[14] great[259] captain[295] of[89] antiquity[354] who[319] boasted[346] of[89] taking[146] as[113] many[282] walled[8] towns[120].

And[236], as[113] for[190] me[2], if[141], by[406] any[501] possibility[237], there[340] be[341] any[501] as[113] yet[443] undiscovered[136] prime[425] thing[309] in[107] me[2]; if[141] I[482] shall[66] ever[208] deserve[391] any[501] real[305] repute[174] in[107] that[14] small[350] but[330] high[361] hushed[305] world[126] which[16] I[482] might[496] not[518] be[341] unreasonably[213] ambitious[28] of[89]; if[141] hereafter[479] I[482] shall[66] do[353] anything[480] that[14], upon[419] the[19] whole[199], a[10] man[17] might[496] rather[178] have[254] done[135] than[77] to[261] have[254] left[159] undone[421]; if[141], at[65] my[36] death[543], my[36] executors[14], or[519] more[348] properly[93] my[36] creditors[322], find[138] any[501] precious[234] MSS[359]. in[107] my[36] desk[294], then[45] here[135] I[482] prospectively[285] ascribe[1] all[145] the[19] honor[497] and[236] the[19] glory[173] to[261] whaling[155]; for[190] a[10] whale[422]-ship[98] was[454] my[36] Yale[564] College[400] and[236] my[36] Harvard[395].

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In[107] behalf[189] of[89] the[19] dignity[338] of[89] whaling[155], I[482] would[282] fain[264] advance[70] naught[80] but[330] substantiated[484] facts[484]. But[330] after[358] embattling his[433] facts[484], an[138] advocate[147] who[319] should[255] wholly[497] suppress[208] a[10] not[518] unreasonable[70] surmise[159], which[16] might[496] tell[392] eloquently[396] upon[419] his[433] cause[220]--such[420] an[138] advocate[147], would[282] he[362] not[518] be[341] blame[337]-worthy[60]?

It[162] is[487] well[263] known[86] that[14] at[65] the[19] coronation[239] of[89] kings[474] and[236] queens[431], even[198] modern[446] ones[396], a[10] certain[31] curious[264] process[29] of[89] seasoning[249] them[146] for[190] their[219] functions[82] is[487] gone[190] through[295]. There[340] is[487] a[10] saltcellar[13] of[89] state[135], so[281] called[237], and[236] there[340] may[236] be[341] a[10] caster[51] of[89] state[135]. How[19] they[382] use[176] the[19] salt[183], precisely[217]--who[319] knows[286]? Certain[31] I[482] am[375], however[44], that[14] a[10] king[324]'s[483] head[219] is[487] solemnly[200] oiled[134] at[65] his[433] coronation[239], even[198] as[113] a[10] head[219] of[89] salad[455]. Can[450] it[162] be[341], though[400], that[14] they[382] anoint[257] it[162] with[449] a[10] view[370] of[89] making[415] its[234] interior[163] run[172] well[263], as[113] they[382] anoint[257] machinery[196]? Much[61] might[496] be[341] ruminated[315] here[135], concerning[368] the[19] essential[124] dignity[338] of[89] this[256] regal[203] process[29], because[540] in[107] common[304] life[71] we[465] esteem[304] but[330] meanly[499] and[236] contemptibly[38] a[10] fellow[369] who[319] anoints[282] his[433] hair[237], and[236] palpably[95] smells[422] of[89] that[14] anointing[144]. In[107] truth[350], a[10] mature[368] man[17] who[319] uses[282] hairoil[26], unless[54] medicinally[147], that[14] man[17] has[399] probably[244] got[286] a[10] quoggy spot[46] in[107] him[248] somewhere[201]. As[113] a[10] general[37] rule[393], he[362] can[450]'t[500] amount[11] to[261] much[61] in[107] his[433] totality[160].

But[330] the[19] only[517] thing[309] to[261] be[341] considered[484] here[135] is[487] this[256]--what[243] kind[451] of[89] oil[118] is[487] used[102] at[65] coronations[7]? Certainly[124] it[162] cannot be[341] olive[75] oil[118], nor[137] macassar[83] oil[118], nor[137] castor[110] oil[118], nor[137] bear[48]'s[483] oil[118], nor[137] train[127] oil[118], nor[137] cod[94]-liver[442] oil[118]. What[243] then[45] can[450] it[162] possibly[201] be[341], but[330] the[19] sperm[26] oil[118] in[107] its[234] unmanufactured[386],

unpolluted[273] state[135], the[19] sweetest[115] of[89] all[145] oils[115]?

Think[424] of[89] that[14], ye[483] loyal[146] Britons[136]! we[465] whalemen[451] supply[283] your[162] kings[474] and[236] queens[431] with[449] coronation[239] stuff[471]!

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Knights[468] and[236] Squires[10]

The[19] chief[156] mate[508] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] Starbuck, a[10] native[399] of[89] Nantucket[283], and[236] a[10] Quaker[388] by[406] descent[181]. He[362] was[454] a[10] long[544], earnest[495] man[17], and[236] though[400] born[236] on[392] an[138] icy[155] coast[287], seemed[132] well[263] adapted[263] to[261] endure[161] hot[424] latitudes[267], his[433] flesh[331] being[264] hard[337] as[113] twice[366]-baked[115] biscuit[369]. Transported[546] to[261] the[19] Indies[181], his[433] live[554] blood[208] would[282] not[518] spoil[181] like[410] bottled[320] ale[213]. He[362] must[226] have[254] been[185] born[236] in[107] some[265] time[577] of[89] general[37] drought[36] and[236] famine[460], or[519] upon[419] one[470] of[89] those[427] fast[208] days[351] for[190] which[16] his[433] state[135] is[487] famous[254]. Only[517] some[265] thirty[521] arid[11] summers[392] had[364] he[362] seen[154]; those[427] summers[392] had[364] dried[331] up[405] all[145] his[433] physical[43] superfluousness[83]. But[330] this[256], his[433] thinness[217], so[281] to[261] speak[337], seemed[132] no[235] more[348] the[19] token[502] of[89] wasting[291] anxieties[316] and[236] cares[40], than[77] it[162] seemed[132] the[19] indication[557] of[89] any[501] bodily[172] blight[303]. It[162] was[454] merely[57] the[19] condensation[165] of[89] the[19] man[17]. He[362] was[454] by[406] no[235] means[502] ill[236]-looking[318]; quite[327] the[19] contrary[166]. His[433] pure[61] tight[369] skin[428] was[454] an[138] excellent[161] fit[12]; and[236] closely[218] wrapped[99] up[405] in[107] it[162], and[236] embalmed[59] with[449] inner[204] health[231] and[236] strength[168], like[410] a[10] revivified[199] Egyptian[358], this[256] Starbuck seemed[132] prepared[59] to[261] endure[161] for[190] long[544] ages[146] to[261] come[420], and[236] to[261] endure[161] always[367], as[113] now[20]; for[190] be[341] it[162] Polar[25] snow[498] or[519] torrid[42] sun[397], like[410] a[10] patent[69] chronometer[4], his[433] interior[163] vitality[204] was[454] warranted[367] to[261] do[353] well[263] in[107] all[145] climates[181]. Looking[318] into[554] his[433] eyes[125], you[227] seemed[132] to[261] see[370] there[340] the[19] yet[443] lingering[186] images[87] of[89] those[427] thousand[586]-fold[142] perils[140] he[362] had[364] calmly[170] confronted[250] through[295] life[71]. A[10] staid[419], steadfast[246] man[17], whose[286] life[71] for[190] the[19] most[216] part[207] was[454] a[10] telling[196] pantomime[410] of[89] action[102], and[236] not[518] a[10] tame[13] chapter[293] of[89] sounds[394]. Yet[443], for[190] all[145] his[433] hardy[241] sobriety[59] and[236] fortitude[14], there[340] were[324] certain[31] qualities[21] in[107] him[248] which[16] at[65] times[121] affected[283], and[236] in[107] some[265] cases[108] seemed[132] well[263] nigh[254] to[261] overbalance[413] all[145] the[19] rest[302]. Uncommonly[194] conscientious[196] for[190] a[10] seaman[166], and[236] endued[314] with[449] a[10] deep[483] natural[298] reverence[255], the[19] wild[230] watery[59] loneliness[75] of[89] his[433] life[71] did[444] therefore[94] strongly[168] incline[204] him[248] to[261] superstition[268]; but[330] to[261] that[14] sort[42] of[89] superstition[268], which[16] in[107] some[265] organizations[549] seems[19] rather[178] to[261] spring[148], somehow[425], from[316] intelligence[30] than[77] from[316] ignorance[211]. Outward[393] portents[306] and[236] inward[337] presentiments[88] were[324] his[433]. And[236] if[141] at[65] times[121] these[527] things[4] bent[406] the[19] welded[102] iron[169] of[89] his[433] soul[428], much[61] more[348] did[444] his[433] far[258]-away[443] domestic[303] memories[347] of[89] his[433] young[389] Cape[23] wife[37] and[236] child[451], tend[151] to[261] bend[434] him[248] still[278] more[348] from[316] the[19] original[463] ruggedness[29] of[89] his[433] nature[159], and[236] open[464] him[248] still[278] further[53] to[261] those[427] latent[70] influences[232] which[16], in[107] some[265] honest[287]-hearted[83] men[62], restrain[357] the[19] gush[203] of[89] dare[11]-devil[41] daring[322], so[281] often[227] evinced[94] by[406] others[317] in[107] the[19] more[348] perilous[141] vicissitudes[124] of[89] the[19] fishery[136]. "I[482] will[584] have[254] no[235] man[17] in[107] my[36] boat[439]," said[252] Starbuck, "who[319] is[487] not[518] afraid[248] of[89] a[10] whale[422]." By[406] this[256], he[362] seemed[132] to[261] mean[504], not[518] only[517] that[14] the[19] most[216] reliable[111] and[236] useful[212] courage[48] was[454] that[14] which[16] arises[262] from[316] the[19] fair[320] estimation[287] of[89] the[19] encountered[102] peril[565], but[330] that[14] an[138] utterly[46] fearless[132] man[17] is[487] a[10] far[258] more[348] dangerous[2] comrade[148] than[77] a[10] coward[92].

"Aye[86], aye[86]," said[252] Stubb, the[19] second[386] mate[508], "Starbuck, there[340], is[487] as[113] careful[252] a[10] man[17] as[113] you[227]'ll[300] find[138] anywhere[436] in[107] this[256] fishery[136]." But[330] we[465] shall[66] ere[83] long[544] see[370] what[243] that[14] word[486] "careful[252]" precisely[217] means[502] when[189] used[102] by[406] a[10] man[17] like[410] Stubb, or[519] almost[518] any[501] other[282] whale[422] hunter[287].

Starbuck was[454] no[235] crusader[97] after[358] perils[140]; in[107] him[248] courage[48] was[454] not[518] a[10] sentiment[44]; but[330] a[10] thing[309] simply[142] useful[212] to[261] him[248], and[236] always[367] at[65] hand[252] upon[419] all[145] mortally[261] practical[74] occasions[115]. Besides[465], he[362] thought[186], perhaps[75], that[14] in[107] this[256] business[168] of[89] whaling[155], courage[48] was[454] one[470] of[89] the[19] great[259] staple[41] outfits[88] of[89] the[19] ship[438], like[410] her[400] beef[303] and[236] her[400] bread[387], and[236] not[518] to[261] be[341] foolishly[104] wasted[465]. Wherefore[220] he[362] had[364] no[235] fancy[396] for[190] lowering[240] for[190] whales[331] after[358] sun[397]-down[133]; nor[137] for[190] persisting[301] in[107] fighting[292] a[10] fish[187] that[14] too[11] much[61] persisted[248] in[107] fighting[292] him[248]. For[190], thought[186] Starbuck, I[482] am[375] here[135] in[107] this[256] critical[38] ocean[224] to[261] kill[219] whales[331] for[190] my[36] living[117], and[236] not[518] to[261] be[341] killed[409] by[406] them[146] for[190] theirs[137]; and[236] that[14] hundreds[458] of[89] men[62] had[364] been[185] so[281] killed[409] Starbuck well[263] knew[480]. What[243] doom[73] was[454] his[433] own[248] father[339]'s[483]? Where[579], in[107] the[19] bottomless[376] deeps[192], could[375] he[362] find[138] the[19] torn[237] limbs[315] of[89] his[433] brother[46]?

With[449] memories[347] like[410] these[527] in[107] him[248], and[236], moreover[326], given[141] to[261] a[10] certain[31] superstitiousness[261], as[113] has[399] been[185] said[252]; the[19] courage[48] of[89] this[256] Starbuck, which[16] could[375], nevertheless[104], still[278] flourish[473], must[226] indeed[522] have[254] been[185] extreme[31]. But[330] it[162] was[454] not[518] in[107] reasonable[88] nature[159] that[14] a[10] man[17] so[281] organized[95], and[236] with[449] such[420] terrible[132] experiences[93] and[236] remembrances[122] as[113] he[362] had[364]; it[162] was[454] not[518] in[107] nature[159] that[14] these[527] things[4] should[255] fail[126] in[107] latently engendering[419] an[138] element[38] in[107] him[248], which[16], under[533] suitable[116] circumstances[267], would[282] break[483] out[66] from[316] its[234] confinement[223], and[236] burn[118] all[145] his[433] courage[48] up[405]. And[236] brave[218] as[113] he[362] might[496] be[341], it[162] was[454] that[14] sort[42] of[89] bravery[288] chiefly[90],

visible[94] in[107] some[265] intrepid[127] men[62], which[16], while[55] generally[402] abiding[217] firm[415]
in[107] the[19] conflict[13] with[449] seas[350], or[519] winds[399], or[519] whales[331], or[519] any[501] of[89] the[19] ordinary[225]
irrational[229] horrors[403] of[89] the[19] world[126], yet[443] cannot withstand[263] those[427] more[348] terrific[315],
because[540] more[348] spiritual[467] terrors[192], which[16] sometimes[77] menace[11] you[227] from[316]
the[19] concentrating[348] brow[474] of[89] an[138] enraged[19] and[236] mighty[2] man[17].

But[330] were[324] the[19] coming[140] narrative[81] to[261] reveal[25] in[107] any[501] instance[141],
the[19] complete[191] abasement[27] of[89] poor[533] Starbuck's[483] fortitude[14], scarce[462] might[496]
I[482] have[254] the[19] heart[470] to[261] write[570] it[162]; for[190] it[162] is[487] a[10] thing[309] most[216] sorrowful[323],
nay[358] shocking[270], to[261] expose[58] the[19] fall[90] of[89] valor[138] in[107] the[19] soul[428].
Men[62] may[236] seem[404] detestable[95] as[113] joint[65] stock[437]-companies[201] and[236] nations[274];
knaves[495], fools[379], and[236] murderers[205] there[340] may[236] be[341]; men[62] may[236] have[254] mean[504] and[236]
meagre[438] faces[97]; but[330], man[17], in[107] the[19] ideal[229], is[487] so[281] noble[226] and[236] so[281] sparkling[42],
such[420] a[10] grand[229] and[236] glowing[160] creature[82], that[14] over[82] any[501] ignominious[70] blemish[404]
in[107] him[248] all[145] his[433] fellows[131] should[255] run[172] to[261] throw[345] their[219] costliest[301] robes[463].
That[14] immaculate[129] manliness[323] we[465] feel[461] within[503] ourselves[15], so[281] far[258] within[503] us[569],
that[14] it[162] remains[324] intact[86] though[400] all[145] the[19] outer[359] character[239] seem[404] gone[190];
bleeds[180] with[449] keenest[347] anguish[75] at[65] the[19] undraped[8] spectacle[250] of[89] a[10]
valor[138]-ruined man[17]. Nor[137] can[450] piety[389] itself[312], at[65] such[420] a[10] shameful[442] sight[365],
completely[385] stifle[10] her[400] upbraidings[92] against[417] the[19] permitting[66] stars[286].
But[330] this[256] august[29] dignity[338] I[482] treat[270] of[89], is[487] not[518] the[19] dignity[338] of[89] kings[474]
and[236] robes[463], but[330] that[14] abounding[143] dignity[338] which[16] has[399] no[235] robed[28] investiture[256].
Thou[173] shalt[510] see[370] it[162] shining[40] in[107] the[19] arm[25] that[14] wields[80] a[10] pick[447] or[519]
drives[269] a[10] spike[445]; that[14] democratic[122] dignity[338] which[16], on[392] all[145] hands[87],
radiates[430] without[309] end[149] from[316] God[185]; Himself[282]! The[19] great[259] God[185] absolute[105]!
The[19] centre[389] and[236] circumference[417] of[89] all[145] democracy[386]! His[433] omnipresence[16],
our[234] divine[216] equality[518]!

If[141], then[45], to[261] meanest[486] mariners[347], and[236] renegades[20] and[236] castaways[6],
I[482] shall[66] hereafter[479] ascribe[1] high[361] qualities[21], though[400] dark[471];
weave[46] round[287] them[146] tragic[140] graces[493]; if[141] even[198] the[19] most[216] mournful[113],
perchance[306] the[19] most[216] abased[364], among[483] them[146] all[145], shall[66] at[65] times[121] lift[229]
himself[282] to[261] the[19] exalted[13] mounts[280]; if[141] I[482] shall[66] touch[486] that[14] workman[94]'s[483]
arm[25] with[449] some[265] ethereal[410] light[382]; if[141] I[482] shall[66] spread[348] a[10] rainbow[174]
over[82] his[433] disastrous[311] set[422] of[89] sun[397]; then[45] against[417] all[145] mortal[371]
critics[322] bear[48] me[2] out[66] in[107] it[162], thou[173] just[108] Spirit[227] of[89] Equality[518],
which[16] hast[174] spread[348] one[470] royal[161] mantle[409] of[89] humanity[95] over[82] all[145] my[36] kind[451]!
Bear[48] me[2] out[66] in[107] it[162], thou[173] great[259] democratic[122] God[185]! who[319] didst[317] not[518]
refuse[337] to[261] the[19] swart[32] convict[130], Bunyan[22], the[19] pale[292], poetic[314] pearl[357];
Thou[173] who[319] didst[317] clothe[258] with[449] doubly[346] hammered[193] leaves[441] of[89] finest[66] gold[231],
the[19] stumped[335] and[236] paupered[306] arm[25] of[89] old[447] Cervantes[191]; Thou[173] who[319] didst[317]
pick[447] up[405] Andrew[199] Jackson[117] from[316] the[19] pebbles[122]; who[319] didst[317] hurl[36] him[248]
upon[419] a[10] war[169]-horse[366]; who[319] didst[317] thunder[356] him[248] higher[574] than[77] a[10] throne[332]!
Thou[173] who[319], in[107] all[145] Thy[43] mighty[2], earthly[64] marchings[229], ever[208] cullest
Thy[43] selectest[224] champions[132] from[316] the[19] kingly[110] commoners[83]; bear[48] me[2]
out[66] in[107] it[162], O[24] God[185]!

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Knights[468] and[236] Squires[10]

Stubb was[454] the[19] second[386] mate[508]. He[362] was[454] a[10] native[399] of[89] Cape[23] Cod[94];
and[236] hence[503], according[281] to[261] local[10] usage[454], was[454] called[237] a[10]
Cape[23]-Cod[94]-man[17]. A[10] happy[416]-go[20]-lucky[439]; neither[74] craven[429] nor[137] valiant[359];
taking[146] perils[140] as[113] they[382] came[549] with[449] an[138] indifferent[255] air[209]; and[236] while[55]
engaged[479] in[107] the[19] most[216] imminent[22] crisis[350] of[89] the[19] chase[89], toiling[371] away[443],
calm[39] and[236] collected[472] as[113] a[10] journeyman[59] joiner[7] engaged[479] for[190] the[19] year[347].
Good[221]-humored, easy[281], and[236] careless[27], he[362] presided[88] over[82] his[433]
whaleboat[39] as[113] if[141] the[19] most[216] deadly[49] encounter[250] were[324] but[330] a[10] dinner[322],
and[236] his[433] crew[126] all[145] invited[230] guests[320]. He[362] was[454] as[113] particular[336]
about[123] the[19] comfortable[402] arrangements[116] of[89] his[433] part[207] of[89] the[19] boat[439],
as[113] an[138] old[447] stage[22]-driver[49] is[487] about[123] the[19] snugness[253] of[89] his[433] box[226].
When[189] close[65] to[261] the[19] whale[422], in[107] the[19] very[515] death[543]-lock[297] of[89] the[19] fight[330],
he[362] handled[241] his[433] unpitying[132] lance[76] coolly[156] and[236] off[111]-handedly, as[113] a[10]
whistling[28] tinker[44] his[433] hammer[364]. He[362] would[282] hum[345] over[82] his[433] old[447] rigadig
tunes[484] while[55] flank[434] and[236] flank[434] with[449] the[19] most[216] exasperated[190] monster[480].
Long[544] usage[454] had[364], for[190] this[256] Stubb, converted[260] the[19] jaws[341] of[89] death[543]
into[554] an[138] easy[281] chair[253]. What[243] he[362] thought[186] of[89] death[543] itself[312],
there[340] is[487] no[235] telling[196]. Whether[454] he[362] ever[208] thought[186] of[89] it[162] at[65] all[145],
might[496] be[341] a[10] question[562]; but[330], if[141] he[362] ever[208] did[444] chance[292] to[261] cast[99] his[433] mind[118]
that[14] way[435] after[358] a[10] comfortable[402] dinner[322], no[235] doubt[71], like[410] a[10] good[221] sailor[561],
he[362] took[68] it[162] to[261] be[341] a[10] sort[42] of[89] call[259] of[89] the[19] watch[89] to[261] tumble[553] aloft[276],
and[236] bestir[320] themselves[510] there[340], about[123] something[181] which[16] he[362] would[282]
find[138] out[66] when[189] he[362] obeyed[311] the[19] order[343], and[236] not[518] sooner[338].

What[243], perhaps[75], with[449] other[282] things[4], made[563] Stubb such[420] an[138] easy[281]-going[227],
unfearing[454] man[17], so[281] cheerily[282] trudging[241] off[111] with[449] the[19] burden[382] of[89] life[71] in[107] a[10]
world[126] full[414] of[89] grave[344] peddlers[102], all[145] bowed[26] to[261] the[19] ground[127] with[449] their[219] packs[92];
what[243] helped[204] to[261] bring[173] about[123] that[14] almost[518] impious[15] good[221]-humor[368] of[89] his[433];
that[14] thing[309] must[226] have[254] been[185] his[433] pipe[124]. For[190], like[410] his[433] nose[176], his[433] short[522],
black[581] little[554] pipe[124] was[454] one[470] of[89] the[19] regular[400] features[150] of[89] his[433] face[556].

You[227] would[282] almost[518] as[113] soon[18] have[254] expected[96] him[248] to[261] turn[17] out[66] of[89] his[433] bunk[305] without[309] his[433] nose[176] as[113] without[309] his[433] pipe[124]. He[362] kept[290] a[10] whole[199] row[328] of[89] pipes[17] there[340] ready[464] loaded[55], stuck[120] in[107] a[10] rack[415], within[503] easy[281] reach[43] of[89] his[433] hand[252]; and[236], whenever[15] he[362] turned[492] in[107], he[362] smoked[60] them[146] all[145] out[66] in[107] succession[17], lighting[31] one[470] from[316] the[19] other[282] to[261] the[19] end[149] of[89] the[19] chapter[293]; then[45] loading[23] them[146] again[52] to[261] be[341] in[107] readiness[420] anew[262]. For[190], when[189] Stubb dressed[321], instead[398] of[89] first[13] putting[243] his[433] legs[108] into[554] his[433] trowsers[206], he[362] put[190] his[433] pipe[124] into[554] his[433] mouth[414].

I[482] say[306] this[256] continual[222] smoking[470] must[226] have[254] been[185] one[470] cause[220], at[65] least[453] of[89] his[433] peculiar[291] disposition[131]; for[190] every[389] one[470] knows[286] that[14] this[256] earthly[64] air[209], whether[454] ashore[122] or[519] afloat[2], is[487] terribly[356] infected[410] with[449] the[19] nameless[427] miseries[237] of[89] the[19] numberless[4] mortals[72] who[319] have[254] died[575] exhaling[21] it[162]; and[236] as[113] in[107] time[577] of[89] the[19] cholera[41], some[265] people[482] go[20] about[123] with[449] a[10] camphorated[26] handkerchief[286] to[261] their[219] mouths[26]; so[281], likewise[193], against[417] all[145] mortal[371] tribulations[160], Stubb's[483] tobacco[331] smoke[99] might[496] have[254] operated[201] as[113] a[10] sort[42] of[89] disinfecting[25] agent[360].

The[19] third[301] mate[508] was[454] Flask[199], a[10] native[399] of[89] Tisbury, in[107] Martha[253]'s[483] Vineyard[92]. A[10] short[522], stout[29], ruddy[359] young[389] fellow[369], very[515] pugnacious[201] concerning[368] whales[331], who[319] somehow[425] seemed[132] to[261] think[424] that[14] the[19] great[259] Leviathans[336] had[364] personally[64] and[236] hereditarily[203] affronted[320] him[248]; and[236] therefore[94] it[162] was[454] a[10] sort[42] of[89] point[438] of[89] honor[497] with[449] him[248], to[261] destroy[387] them[146] whenever[15] encountered[102]. So[281] utterly[46] lost[308] was[454] he[362] to[261] all[145] sense[85] of[89] reverence[255] for[190] the[19] many[282] marvels[25] of[89] their[219] majestic[13] bulk[181] and[236] mystic[455] ways[101]; and[236] so[281] dead[568] to[261] anything[480] like[410] an[138] apprehension[26] of[89] any[501] possible[277] danger[383] from[316] encountering[332] them[146]; that[14] in[107] his[433] poor[533] opinion[316], the[19] wondrous[30] whale[422] was[454] but[330] a[10] species[69] of[89] magnified[140] mouse[86], or[519] at[65] least[453] water[520]-rat[170], requiring[94] only[517] a[10] little[554] circumvention[43] and[236] some[265] small[350] application[258] of[89] time[577] and[236] trouble[328] in[107] order[343] to[261] kill[219] and[236] boil[217]. This[256] ignorant[136], unconscious[152] fearlessness[359] of[89] his[433] made[563] him[248] a[10] little[554] waggish[21] in[107] the[19] matter[176] of[89] whales[331]; he[362] followed[234] these[527] fish[187] for[190] the[19] fun[347] of[89] it[162]; and[236] a[10] three[329] years[116]' voyage[137] round[287] Cape[23] Horn[139] was[454] only[517] a[10] jolly[50] joke[568] that[14] lasted[135] that[14] length[202] of[89] time[577]. As[113] a[10] carpenter[262]'s[483] nails[174] are[314] divided[469] into[554] wrought[22] nails[174] and[236] cut[310] nails[174]; so[281] mankind[40] may[236] be[341] similarly[143] divided[469]. Little[554] Flask[199] was[454] one[470] of[89] the[19] wrought[22] ones[396]; made[563] to[261] clinch[66] tight[369] and[236] last[436] long[544]. They[382] called[237] him[248] King[324]-Post[2] on[392] board[540] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288]; because[540], in[107] form[238], he[362] could[375] be[341] well[263] likened[356] to[261] the[19] short[522], square[302] timber[59] known[86] by[406] that[14] name[477] in[107] Arctic[364] whalers[116]; and[236] which[16] by[406] the[19] means[502] of[89] many[282] radiating[41] side[246] timbers[125] inserted[102] into[554] it[162], serves[294] to[261] brace[403] the[19] ship[438] against[417] the[19] icy[155] concussions[21] of[89] those[427] battering[193] seas[350].

Now[20] these[527] three[329] mates[264]--Starbuck, Stubb and[236] Flask[199], were[324] momentous[150] men[62]. They[382] it[162] was[454] who[319] by[406] universal[397] prescription[107] commanded[571] three[329] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] boats[83] as[113] headsmen[51]. In[107] that[14] grand[229] order[343] of[89] battle[105] in[107] which[16] Captain[295] Ahab[232] would[282] probably[244] marshal[192] his[433] forces[292] to[261] descend[252] on[392] the[19] whales[331], these[527] three[329] headsmen[51] were[324] as[113] captains[124] of[89] companies[13]. Or[519], being[264] armed[299] with[449] their[219] long[544] keen[202] whaling[155] spears[450], they[382] were[324] as[113] a[10] picked[129] trio[322] of[89] lancers[129]; even[198] as[113] the[19] harpooneers were[324] flingers[141] of[89] javelins[245].

And[236] since[374] in[107] this[256] famous[254] fishery[136], each[520] mate[508] or[519] headsman[143], like[410] a[10] Gothic[157] Knight[176] of[89] old[447], is[487] always[367] accompanied[26] by[406] his[433] boat[439]-steerer[217] or[519] harpooneer, who[319] in[107] certain[31] conjunctures[211] provides[166] him[248] with[449] a[10] fresh[540] lance[76], when[189] the[19] former[157] one[470] has[399] been[185] badly[36] twisted[279], or[519] elbowed[41] in[107] the[19] assault[223]; and[236] moreover[326], as[113] there[340] generally[402] subsists[480] between[77] the[19] two[527], a[10] close[65] intimacy[46] and[236] friendliness[299]; it[162] is[487] therefore[94] but[330] meet[16], that[14] in[107] this[256] place[107] we[465] set[422] down[133] who[319] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] harpooneers were[324], and[236] to[261] what[243] headsman[143] each[520] of[89] them[146] belonged[455].

First[13] of[89] all[145] was[454] Queequeg, whom[324] Starbuck, the[19] chief[156] mate[508], had[364] selected[286] for[190] his[433] squire[527]. But[330] Queequeg is[487] already[93] known[86].

Next[27] was[454] Tashtego, an[138] unmixed[246] Indian[303] from[316] Gay[323] Head[219], the[19] most[216] westerly[342] promontory[273] of[89] Martha[253]'s[483] Vineyard[92], where[579] there[340] still[278] exists[393] the[19] last[436] remnant[42] of[89] a[10] village[218] of[89] red[293] men[62], which[16] has[399] long[544] supplied[338] the[19] neighboring[399] island[516] of[89] Nantucket[283] with[449] many[282] of[89] her[400] most[216] daring[322] harpooneers. In[107] the[19] fishery[136], they[382] usually[211] go[20] by[406] the[19] generic[152] name[477] of[89] Gay[323]-Headers. Tashtego's[483] long[544], lean[279], sable[275] hair[237], his[433] high[361] cheek[327] bones[5], and[236] black[581] rounding[314] eyes[125]--for[190] an[138] Indian[303], Oriental[147] in[107] their[219] largeness[73], but[330] Antarctic[141] in[107] their[219] glittering[144] expression[115]--all[145] this[256] sufficiently[12] proclaimed[473] him[248] an[138] inheritor[110] of[89] the[19] unvitiated[110] blood[208] of[89] those[427] proud[108] warrior[140] hunters[423], who[319], in[107] quest[36] of[89] the[19] great[259] New[36] England[348] moose[415], had[364] scoured[23], bow[146] in[107] hand[252], the[19] aboriginal[15] forests[238] of[89] the[19] main[501]. But[330] no[235] longer[559] snuffing[107] in[107] the[19] trail[3] of[89] the[19] wild[230] beasts[359] of[89] the[19] woodland[83], Tashtego now[20] hunted[439] in[107] the[19] wake[205] of[89] the[19] great[259] whales[331] of[89] the[19] sea[67]; the[19] unerring[110] harpoon[67] of[89] the[19] son[26] fitly[104] replacing[78] the[19] infallible[59] arrow[44] of[89] the[19] sires[246]. To[261] look[523] at[65] the[19] tawny[398] brawn[359] of[89] his[433] lithe[275] snaky[110] limbs[315], you[227] would[282] almost[518] have[254] credited[66] the[19] superstitions[128] of[89] some[265] of[89] the[19] earlier[56] Puritans[243] and[236] half[119]-believed[214] this[256] wild[230] Indian[303] to[261] be[341] a[10] son[26] of[89] the[19] Prince[63] of[89] the[19] Powers[140] of[89] the[19] Air[209]. Tashtego was[454] Stubb the[19] second[386] mate[508]'s[483] squire[527].

Third[301] among[483] the[19] harpooneers was[454] Daggoo, a[10] gigantic[157], coal[127]-black[581] negro[102]-savage[398], with[449] a[10] lion[84]-like[410] tread[252]--an[138] Ahasuerus[196] to[261] behold[525].

Suspended[245] from[316] his[433] ears[560] were[324] two[527] golden[508] hoops[170], so[281] large[385] that[14] the[19] sailors[64]
called[237] them[146] ringbolts[282], and[236] would[282] talk[173] of[89] securing[93] the[19] top[70]-sail[218]
halyards[145] to[261] them[146]. In[107] his[433] youth[327] Daggoo had[364] voluntarily[64] shipped[26]
on[392] board[540] of[89] a[10] whaler[91], lying[204] in[107] a[10] lonely[137] bay[279] on[392] his[433] native[399] coast[287].
And[236] never[206] having[69] been[185] anywhere[436] in[107] the[19] world[126] but[330] in[107] Africa[269], Nantucket[283],
and[236] the[19] pagan[118] harbors[348] most[216] frequented[359] by[406] the[19] whalemen[451]; and[236] having[69]
now[20] led[46] for[190] many[282] years[116] the[19] bold[356] life[71] of[89] the[19] fishery[136] in[107] the[19] ships[21]
of[89] owners[208] uncommonly[194] heedful[133] of[89] what[243] manner[153] of[89] men[62] they[382] shipped[26];
Daggoo retained[155] all[145] his[433] barbaric[559] virtues[325], and[236] erect[245] as[113] a[10] giraffe[173],
moved[492] about[123] the[19] decks[386] in[107] all[145] the[19] pomp[134] of[89] six[415] feet[349] five[103] in[107] his[433] socks[479].
There[340] was[454] a[10] corporeal[355] humility[165] in[107] looking[318] up[405] at[65] him[248]; and[236] a[10] white[82] man[17]
standing[144] before[344] him[248] seemed[132] a[10] white[82] flag[270] come[420] to[261] beg[399] truce[328] of[89] a[10] fortress[149].
Curious[264] to[261] tell[392], this[256] imperial[249] negro[102], Ahasuerus[196] Daggoo, was[454] the[19]
Squire[527] of[89] little[554] Flask[199], who[319] looked[232] like[410] a[10] chess-man[17] beside[276] him[248].
As[113] for[190] the[19] residue[77] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] company[280], be[341] it[162] said[252],
that[14] at[65] the[19] present[112] day[112] not[518] one[470] in[107] two[527] of[89] the[19] many[282] thousand[586]
men[62] before[344] the[19] mast[44] employed[263] in[107] the[19] American[272] whale[422] fishery[136],
are[314] Americans[81] born[236], though[400] pretty[252] nearly[575] all[145] the[19] officers[439] are[314].
Herein[264] it[162] is[487] the[19] same[541] with[449] the[19] American[272] whale[422] fishery[136] as[113] with[449] the[19]
American[272] army[32] and[236] military[317] and[236] merchant[332] navies[27], and[236] the[19] engineering[29]
forces[292] employed[263] in[107] the[19] construction[22] of[89] the[19] American[272] Canals[87]
and[236] Railroads[322]. The[19] same[541], I[482] say[306], because[540] in[107] all[145] these[527] cases[108]
the[19] native[399] American[272] literally[37] provides[166] the[19] brains[279], the[19] rest[302]
of[89] the[19] world[126] as[113] generously[403] supplying[447] the[19] muscles[101]. No[235] small[350] number[196]
of[89] these[527] whaling[155] seamen[6] belong[243] to[261] the[19] Azores[273], where[579] the[19] outward[393]
bound[108] Nantucket[283] whalers[116] frequently[475] touch[486] to[261] augment[41] their[219] crews[559]
from[316] the[19] hardy[241] peasants[89] of[89] those[427] rocky[218] shores[116]. In[107] like[410] manner[153],
the[19] Greenland[110] whalers[116] sailing[232] out[66] of[89] Hull[323] or[519] London[41], put[190] in[107] at[65]
the[19] Shetland[155] Islands[59], to[261] receive[327] the[19] full[414] complement[142] of[89] their[219] crew[126].
Upon[419] the[19] passage[285] homewards[290], they[382] drop[22] them[146] there[340] again[52]. How[19] it[162] is[487],
there[340] is[487] no[235] telling[196], but[330] Islanders[279] seem[404] to[261] make[175] the[19] best[315] whalemen[451].
They[382] were[324] nearly[575] all[145] Islanders[279] in[107] the[19] Pequod[288], Isolatoes too[11],
I[482] call[259] such[420], not[518] acknowledging[117] the[19] common[304] continent[120] of[89] men[62],
but[330] each[520] Isolato living[117] on[392] a[10] separate[495] continent[120] of[89] his[433] own[248].
Yet[443] now[20], federated[44] along[423] one[470] keel[39], what[243] a[10] set[422] these[527] Isolatoes were[324]!
An[138] Anacharsis[25] Clootz[29] deputation[121] from[316] all[145] the[19] isles[425] of[89] the[19] sea[67],
and[236] all[145] the[19] ends[301] of[89] the[19] earth[513], accompanying[371] Old[447] Ahab[232] in[107]
the[19] Pequod[288] to[261] lay[62] the[19] world[126]'s[483] grievances[143] before[344] that[14] bar[144] from[316]
which[16] not[518] very[515] many[282] of[89] them[146] ever[208] come[420] back[457]. Black[581] Little[554] Pip[238]--
he[362] never[206] did[444]--oh[367], no[235]! he[362] went[516] before[344]. Poor[533] Alabama[175] boy[110]!
On[392] the[19] grim[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] forecastle[367], ye[483] shall[66] ere[83] long[544] see[370] him[248],
beating[124] his[433] tambourine[197]; prelusive[140] of[89] the[19] eternal[155] time[577], when[189] sent[411] for[190],
to[261] the[19] great[259] quarter[6]-deck[505] on[392] high[361], he[362] was[454] bid[171] strike[374] in[107] with[449] angels[29],
and[236] beat[449] his[433] tambourine[197] in[107] glory[173]; called[237] a[10] coward[92] here[135],
hailed[411] a[10] hero[213] there[340]!

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For[190] several[479] days[351] after[358] leaving[231] Nantucket[283], nothing[324] above[502] hatches[4]
was[454] seen[154] of[89] Captain[295] Ahab[232]. The[19] mates[264] regularly[37] relieved[158] each[520] other[282]
at[65] the[19] watches[458], and[236] for[190] aught[26] that[14] could[375] be[341] seen[154] to[261] the[19] contrary[166],
they[382] seemed[132] to[261] be[341] the[19] only[517] commanders[117] of[89] the[19] ship[438]; only[517] they[382]
sometimes[77] issued[146] from[316] the[19] cabin[192] with[449] orders[199] so[281] sudden[309] and[236] peremptory[212],
that[14] after[358] all[145] it[162] was[454] plain[28] they[382] but[330] commanded[571] vicariously[356].
Yes[143], their[219] supreme[160] lord[106] and[236] dictator[388] was[454] there[340], though[400] hitherto[533]
unseen[173] by[406] any[501] eyes[125] not[518] permitted[120] to[261] penetrate[140] into[554] the[19] now[20] sacred[32]
retreat[506] of[89] the[19] cabin[192].

Every[389] time[577] I[482] ascended[302] to[261] the[19] deck[505] from[316] my[36] watches[458] below[397],
I[482] instantly[186] gazed[13] aft[2] to[261] mark[169] if[141] any[501] strange[440] face[556] were[324] visible[94];
for[190] my[36] first[13] vague[70] disquietude[340] touching[80] the[19] unknown[10] captain[295],
now[20] in[107] the[19] seclusion[124] of[89] the[19] sea[67] became[70] almost[518] a[10] perturbation[261].
This[256] was[454] strangely[155] heightened[53] at[65] times[121] by[406] the[19] ragged[244] Elijah[160]'s[483]
diabolical[340] incoherences[41] uninvitedly recurring[252] to[261] me[2],
with[449] a[10] subtle[143] energy[182] I[482] could[375] not[518] have[254] before[344] conceived[276] of[89].
But[330] poorly[128] could[375] I[482] withstand[263] them[146], much[61] as[113] in[107] other[282] moods[4]
I[482] was[454] almost[518] ready[464] to[261] smile[265] at[65] the[19] solemn[303] whimsicalities[336]
of[89] that[14] outlandish[292] prophet[25] of[89] the[19] wharves[329]. But[330] whatever[38]
it[162] was[454] of[89] apprehensiveness[4] or[519] uneasiness[307]--to[261] call[259] it[162] so[281]--
which[16] I[482] felt[440], yet[443] whenever[15] I[482] came[549] to[261] look[523] about[123] me[2] in[107] the[19] ship[438],
it[162] seemed[132] against[417] all[145] warranty[347] to[261] cherish[181] such[420] emotions[205].
For[190] though[400] the[19] harpooneers, with[449] the[19] great[259] body[348] of[89] the[19] crew[126],
were[324] a[10] far[258] more[348] barbaric[559], heathenish[320], and[236] motley[122] set[422] than[77] any[501]
of[89] the[19] tame[13] merchant[332]-ship[438] companies[13] which[16] my[36] previous[376] experiences[93]
had[364] made[563] me[2] acquainted[78] with[449], still[278] I[482] ascribed[344] this[256]--and[236] rightly[90]
ascribed[344] it[162]--to[261] the[19] fierce[394] uniqueness[31] of[89] the[19] very[515] nature[159] of[89] that[14] wild[230]
Scandinavian[69] vocation[408] in[107] which[16] I[482] had[364] so[281] abandonedly[186] embarked[262].
But[330] it[162] was[454] especially[371] the[19] aspect[147] of[89] the[19] three[329] chief[156] officers[439]
of[89] the[19] ship[438], the[19] mates[264], which[16] was[454] most[216] forcibly[252] calculated[321]

to[261] allay[84] these[527] colorless[305] misgivings[217], and[236] induce[237] confidence[46]
and[236] cheerfulness[42] in[107] every[389] presentment[534] of[89] the[19] voyage[137].
Three[329] better[34], more[348] likely[181] sea[67]-officers[439] and[236] men[62], each[520] in[107] his[433]
own[248] different[276] way[435], could[375] not[518] readily[467] be[341] found[260], and[236] they[382] were[324]
every[389] one[470] of[89] them[146] Americans[81]; a[10] Nantucketer, a[10] Vineyarder,
a[10] Cape[23] man[17]. Now[20], it[162] being[264] Christmas[206] when[189] the[19] ship[438] shot[443]
from[316] out[66] her[400] harbor[289], for[190] a[10] space[468] we[465] had[364] biting[29] Polar[25] weather[405],
though[400] all[145] the[19] time[577] running[296] away[443] from[316] it[162] to[261] the[19] southward[161];
and[236] by[406] every[389] degree[209] and[236] minute[236] of[89] latitude[258] which[16] we[465] sailed[248],
gradually[355] leaving[231] that[14] merciless[439] winter[317], and[236] all[145] its[234] intolerable[304]
weather[405] behind[80] us[569]. It[162] was[454] one[470] of[89] those[427] less[261] lowering[240],
but[330] still[278] grey[491] and[236] gloomy[340] enough[217] mornings[144] of[89] the[19] transition[59],
when[189] with[449] a[10] fair[320] wind[262] the[19] ship[438] was[454] rushing[344] through[295] the[19] water[520]
with[449] a[10] vindictive[35] sort[42] of[89] leaping[397] and[236] melancholy[398] rapidity[266],
that[14] as[113] I[482] mounted[191] to[261] the[19] deck[505] at[65] the[19] call[259] of[89] the[19] forenoon[92] watch[89],
so[281] soon[18] as[113] I[482] levelled[126] my[36] glance[362] towards[417] the[19] taffrail[83],
foreboding[243] shivers[127] ran[391] over[82] me[2]. Reality[214] outran[266] apprehension[26];
Captain[295] Ahab[232] stood[1] upon[419] his[433] quarter[6]-deck[505].

There[340] seemed[132] no[235] sign[8] of[89] common[304] bodily[172] illness[219] about[123] him[248],
nor[137] of[89] the[19] recovery[405] from[316] any[501]. He[362] looked[232] like[410] a[10] man[17] cut[310] away[443]
from[316] the[19] stake[156], when[189] the[19] fire[559] has[399] overrunningly wasted[465] all[145]
the[19] limbs[315] without[309] consuming[246] them[146], or[519] taking[146] away[443] one[470] particle[26]
from[316] their[219] compacted[137] aged[361] robustness[9]. His[433] whole[199] high[361], broad[267] form[238],
seemed[132] made[563] of[89] solid[494] bronze[25], and[236] shaped[151] in[107] an[138] unalterable[27] mould[208],
like[410] Cellini[35]'s[483] cast[99] Perseus[170]. Threading[143] its[234] way[435] out[66] from[316] among[483]
his[433] grey[491] hairs[47], and[236] continuing[215] right[499] down[133] one[470] side[246] of[89] his[433] tawny[398]
scorched[253] face[556] and[236] neck[239], till[181] it[162] disappeared[5] in[107] his[433] clothing[217],
you[227] saw[113] a[10] slender[122] rod[216]-like[410] mark[169], lividly[41] whitish[362].
It[162] resembled[172] that[14] perpendicular[83] seam[414] sometimes[77] made[563] in[107] the[19] straight[346],
lofty[161] trunk[389] of[89] a[10] great[259] tree[482], when[189] the[19] upper[403] lightning[171] tearingly
darts[337] down[133] it[162], and[236] without[309] wrenching[361] a[10] single[77] twig[25], peels[143] and[236]
grooves[189] out[66] the[19] bark[223] from[316] top[70] to[261] bottom[461] ere[83] running[296] off[111] into[554]
the[19] soil[430], leaving[231] the[19] tree[482] still[278] greenly[422] alive[298], but[330] branded[474].
Whether[454] that[14] mark[169] was[454] born[236] with[449] him[248], or[519] whether[454] it[162] was[454] the[19] scar[101]
left[159] by[406] some[265] desperate[316] wound[342], no[235] one[470] could[375] certainly[124] say[306].
By[406] some[265] tacit[180] consent[55], throughout[159] the[19] voyage[137] little[554]
or[519] no[235] allusion[88] was[454] made[563] to[261] it[162], especially[371] by[406] the[19] mates[264].
But[330] once[248] Tashtego's[483] senior[52], an[138] old[447] Gay[323]-Head[219] Indian[303] among[483] the[19] crew[126],
superstitiously[253] asserted[128] that[14] not[518] till[181] he[362] was[454] full[414] forty[525] years[116]
old[447] did[444] Ahab[232] become[548] that[14] way[435] branded[474], and[236] then[45] it[162] came[549] upon[419] him[248],
not[518] in[107] the[19] fury[30] of[89] any[501] mortal[371] fray[92], but[330] in[107] an[138] elemental[419] strife[557]
at[65] sea[67]. Yet[443], this[256] wild[230] hint[335] seemed[132] inferentially[444] negatived[210],
by[406] what[243] a[10] grey[491] Manxman insinuated[471], an[138] old[447] sepulchral[15] man[17],
who[319], having[69] never[206] before[344] sailed[248] out[66] of[89] Nantucket[283], had[364] never[206]
ere[83] this[256] laid[181] eye[220] upon[419] wild[230] Ahab[232]. Nevertheless[104], the[19] old[447]
sea[67]-traditions[489], the[19] immemorial[52] credulities[83], popularly[301] invested[60]
this[256] old[447] Manxman with[449] preternatural[385] powers[140] of[89] discernment[273].
So[281] that[14] no[235] white[82] sailor[561] seriously[378] contradicted[142] him[248] when[189] he[362] said[252]
that[14] if[141] ever[208] Captain[295] Ahab[232] should[255] be[341] tranquilly[83] laid[181] out[66]--
which[16] might[496] hardly[182] come[420] to[261] pass[153], so[281] he[362] muttered[180]--then[45], whoever[23] should[255]
do[353] that[14] last[436] office[256] for[190] the[19] dead[568], would[282] find[138] a[10] birth[215]-mark[202] on[392] him[248]
from[316] crown[463] to[261] sole[462].

So[281] powerfully[83] did[444] the[19] whole[199] grim[19] aspect[147] of[89] Ahab[232] affect[298] me[2],
and[236] the[19] livid[283] brand[441] which[16] streaked[389] it[162], that[14] for[190] the[19] first[13] few[49] moments[434]
I[482] hardly[182] noted[414] that[14] not[518] a[10] little[554] of[89] this[256] overbearing[285] grimness[70]
was[454] owing[98] to[261] the[19] barbaric[559] white[82] leg[331] upon[419] which[16] he[362] partly[311] stood[1].
It[162] had[364] previously[250] come[420] to[261] me[2] that[14] this[256] ivory[76] leg[331] had[364] at[65] sea[67] been[185]
fashioned[432] from[316] the[19] polished[370] bone[184] of[89] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422]'s[483] jaw[213].
"Aye[86], he[362] was[454] dismasted[331] off[111] Japan[53]," said[252] the[19] old[447] Gay[323]-Head[219] Indian[303] once[248];
"but[330] like[410] his[433] dismasted[331] craft[187], he[362] shipped[26] another[269] mast[44] without[309]
coming[140] home[450] for[190] it[162]. He[362] has[399] a[10] quiver[38] of[89] 'em."

I[482] was[454] struck[441] with[449] the[19] singular[216] posture[347] he[362] maintained[345].
Upon[419] each[520] side[246] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] quarter[6] deck[505], and[236] pretty[252] close[65]
to[261] the[19] mizzen[4] shrouds[264], there[340] was[454] an[138] auger[327] hole[73], bored[480] about[123] half[119]
an[138] inch[65] or[519] so[281], into[554] the[19] plank[243]. His[433] bone[184] leg[331] steadied[26] in[107] that[14] hole[73];
one[470] arm[25] elevated[541], and[236] holding[311] by[406] a[10] shroud[260]; Captain[295] Ahab[232] stood[1] erect[245],
looking[318] straight[346] out[66] beyond[421] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] ever[208]-pitching[143] prow[451].
There[340] was[454] an[138] infinity[259] of[89] firmest[57] fortitude[14], a[10] determinate[102],
unsurrenderable wilfulness[460], in[107] the[19] fixed[564] and[236] fearless[132],
forward[364] dedication[503] of[89] that[14] glance[362]. Not[518] a[10] word[486] he[362] spoke[185];
nor[137] did[444] his[433] officers[439] say[306] aught[26] to[261] him[248]; though[400] by[406] all[145] their[219]
minutest[332] gestures[258] and[236] expressions[292], they[382] plainly[450] showed[507] the[19] uneasy[137],
if[141] not[518] painful[355], consciousness[539] of[89] being[264] under[533] a[10] troubled[327]
master[131]-eye[220]. And[236] not[518] only[517] that[14], but[330] moody[447] stricken[328] Ahab[232] stood[1]
before[344] them[146] with[449] a[10] crucifixion[460] in[107] his[433] face[556]; in[107] all[145] the[19] nameless[427]
regal[203] overbearing[285] dignity[338] of[89] some[265] mighty[2] woe[295].

Ere[83] long[544], from[316] his[433] first[13] visit[229] in[107] the[19] air[209], he[362] withdrew[400] into[554] his[433] cabin[192].
But[330] after[358] that[14] morning[417], he[362] was[454] every[389] day[112] visible[94] to[261] the[19] crew[126];
either[45] standing[144] in[107] his[433] pivot-hole[73], or[519] seated[158] upon[419] an[138] ivory[76] stool[144] he[362] had[364];

or[519] heavily[227] walking[523] the[19] deck[505]. As[113] the[19] sky[331] grew[5] less[261] gloomy[340]; indeed[522], began[132]
to[261] grow[163] a[10] little[554] genial[173], he[362] became[70] still[278] less[261] and[236] less[261] a[10] recluse[180];
as[113] if[141], when[189] the[19] ship[438] had[364] sailed[248] from[316] home[450], nothing[324] but[330] the[19] dead[568] wintry[41]
bleakness[341] of[89] the[19] sea[67] had[364] then[45] kept[290] him[248] so[281] secluded[332]. And[236], by[406] and[236] by[406],
it[162] came[549] to[261] pass[153], that[14] he[362] was[454] almost[518] continually[303] in[107] the[19] air[209];
but[330], as[113] yet[443], for[190] all[145] that[14] he[362] said[252], or[519] perceptibly[266] did[444], on[392] the[19] at[65]
last[436] sunny[200] deck[505], he[362] seemed[132] as[113] unnecessary[444] there[340] as[113] another[269] mast[44].
But[330] the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] only[517] making[415] a[10] passage[285] now[20]; not[518] regularly[37] cruising[298];
nearly[575] all[145] whaling[155] preparatives[57] needing[143] supervision[18] the[19] mates[264] were[324] fully[530]
competent[348] to[261], so[281] that[14] there[340] was[454] little[554] or[519] nothing[324], out[66] of[89] himself[282],
to[261] employ[161] or[519] excite[292] Ahab[232], now[20]; and[236] thus[362] chase[89] away[443], for[190] that[14] one[470] interval[114],
the[19] clouds[342] that[14] layer[296] upon[419] layer[296] were[324] piled[126] upon[419] his[433] brow[474], as[113] ever[208]
all[145] clouds[342] choose[147] the[19] loftiest[460] peaks[19] to[261] pile[312] themselves[510] upon[419].

Nevertheless[104], ere[83] long[544], the[19] warm[178], warbling[41] persuasiveness[249] of[89] the[19] pleasant[233],
holiday[57] weather[405] we[465] came[549] to[261], seemed[132] gradually[355] to[261] charm[251] him[248] from[316] his[433] mood[547].
For[190], as[113] when[189] the[19] red[293]-cheeked, dancing[192] girls[388], April[431] and[236] May[236], trip[345] home[450]
to[261] the[19] wintry[41], misanthropic[5] woods[29]; even[198] the[19] barest[258], ruggedest, most[216]
thunder[356]-cloven[26] old[447] oak[170] will[584] at[65] least[453] send[536] forth[152] some[265] few[49] green[549] sprouts[350],
to[261] welcome[2] such[420] gladhearted visitants[128]; so[281] Ahab[232] did[444], in[107] the[19] end[149],
a[10] little[554] respond[243] to[261] the[19] playful[85] allurings of[89] that[14] girlish[182] air[209].
More[348] than[77] once[248] did[444] he[362] put[190] forth[152] the[19] faint[316] blossom[98] of[89] a[10] look[523], which[16], in[107] any[501]
other[282] man[17], would[282] have[254] soon[18] flowered[306] out[66] in[107] a[10] smile[265].

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Enter[204] Ahab[232]; to[261] Him[248], Stubb

Some[265] days[351] elapsed[172], and[236] ice[443] and[236] icebergs[210] all[145] astern[39], the[19] Pequod[288]
now[20] went[516] rolling[253] through[295] the[19] bright[205] Quito[25] spring[148], which[16] at[65] sea[67],
almost[518] perpetually[292] reigns[388] on[392] the[19] threshold[21] of[89] the[19] eternal[155] August[29]
of[89] the[19] Tropic[303]. The[19] warmly[129] cool[102], clear[408], ringing[461] perfumed[451], overflowing[49],
redundant[172] days[351], were[324] as[113] crystal[344] goblets[402] of[89] Persian[23] sherbet[280], heaped[211] up[405]--
flaked[290] up[405], with[449] rose[449]-water[16] snow[498]. The[19] starred[311] and[236] stately[344] nights[224] seemed[132]
haughty[459] dames[244] in[107] jewelled[10] velvets[15], nursing[439] at[65] home[450] in[107] lonely[137] pride[279],
the[19] memory[333] of[89] their[219] absent[122] conquering[261] Earls[237], the[19] golden[508] helmeted[85] suns[350]!
For[190] sleeping[341] man[17], 'twas hard[337] to[261] choose[147] between[77] such[420] winsome[237] days[351] and[236]
such[420] seducing[137] nights[224]. But[330] all[145] the[19] witcheries[102] of[89] that[14] unwaning weather[405]
did[444] not[518] merely[57] lend[31] new[36] spells[38] and[236] potencies[356] to[261] the[19] outward[393] world[126].
Inward[337] they[382] turned[492] upon[419] the[19] soul[428], especially[371] when[189] the[19] still[278] mild[117]
hours[127] of[89] eve[245] came[549] on[392]; then[45], memory[333] shot[443] her[400] crystals[429] as[113] the[19] clear[408] ice[443]
most[216] forms[48] of[89] noiseless[21] twilights[364]. And[236] all[145] these[527] subtle[143] agencies[23],
more[348] and[236] more[348] they[382] wrought[22] on[392] Ahab[232]'s[483] texture[506].

Old[447] age[157] is[487] always[367] wakeful[264]; as[113] if[141], the[19] longer[559] linked[155] with[449] life[71],
the[19] less[261] man[17] has[399] to[261] do[353] with[449] aught[26] that[14] looks[150] like[410] death[543].
Among[483] sea[67]-commanders[117], the[19] old[447] greybeards[249] will[584] oftenest[303]
leave[450] their[219] berths[83] to[261] visit[229] the[19] night[108]-cloaked deck[505].
It[162] was[454] so[281] with[449] Ahab[232]; only[517] that[14] now[20], of[89] late[351], he[362] seemed[132] so[281] much[61]
to[261] live[554] in[107] the[19] open[464] air[209], that[14] truly[530] speaking[22], his[433] visits[444]
were[324] more[348] to[261] the[19] cabin[192], than[77] from[316] the[19] cabin[192] to[261] the[19] planks[284].
"It[162] feels[450] like[410] going[227] down[133] into[554] one[470]'s[483] tomb[122],"--he[362] would[282] mutter[125]
to[261] himself[282]--"for[190] an[138] old[447] captain[295] like[410] me[2] to[261] be[341] descending[181] this[256]
narrow[140] scuttle[27], to[261] go[20] to[261] my[36] grave[344]-dug[165] berth[283]."

So[281], almost[518] every[389] twenty[433]-four[175] hours[127], when[189] the[19] watches[458] of[89] the[19] night[108]
were[324] set[422], and[236] the[19] band[541] on[392] deck[505] sentinelled[359] the[19] slumbers[18] of[89] the[19] band[541] below[397];
and[236] when[189] if[141] a[10] rope[265] was[454] to[261] be[341] hauled[80] upon[419] the[19] forecastle[367], the[19] sailors[64]
flung[255] it[162] not[518] rudely[442] down[133], as[113] by[406] day[112], but[330] with[449] some[265] cautiousness[568] dropt[174] it[162]
to[261] its[234] place[107] for[190] fear[103] of[89] disturbing[236] their[219] slumbering[107] shipmates[98]; when[189] this[256]
sort[42] of[89] steady[21] quietude[171] would[282] begin[183] to[261] prevail[206], habitually[336], the[19] silent[382]
steersman[290] would[282] watch[89] the[19] cabin[192]-scuttle[27]; and[236] ere[83] long[544] the[19] old[447] man[17]
would[282] emerge[369], gripping[516] at[65] the[19] iron[169] banister[25], to[261] help[526] his[433] crippled[480] way[435].
Some[265] considering[115] touch[486] of[89] humanity[95] was[454] in[107] him[248]; for[190] at[65] times[121] like[410] these[527],
he[362] usually[211] abstained[353] from[316] patrolling[303] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505]; because[540] to[261] his[433]
wearied[229] mates[264], seeking[427] repose[463] within[503] six[415] inches[301] of[89] his[433] ivory[76] heel[105],
such[420] would[282] have[254] been[185] the[19] reverberating[445] crack[83] and[236] din[190] of[89] that[14] bony[23] step[204],
that[14] their[219] dreams[299] would[282] have[254] been[185] of[89] the[19] crunching[48] teeth[82] of[89] sharks[206].
But[330] once[248], the[19] mood[547] was[454] on[392] him[248] too[11] deep[483] for[190] common[304] regardings;
and[236] as[113] with[449] heavy[421], lumber[314]-like[410] pace[384] he[362] was[454] measuring[446] the[19] ship[438] from[316]
taffrail[83] to[261] mainmast[323], Stubb, the[19] old[447] second[386] mate[508], came[549] up[405] from[316] below[397],
and[236] with[449] a[10] certain[31] unassured[315], deprecating[436] humorousness[210], hinted[253] that[14] if[141]
Captain[295] Ahab[232] was[454] pleased[282] to[261] walk[405] the[19] planks[284], then[45], no[235] one[470] could[375] say[306] nay[358];
but[330] there[340] might[496] be[341] some[265] way[435] of[89] muffling[379] the[19] noise[254]; hinting[73] something[181]
indistinctly[70] and[236] hesitatingly[407] about[123] a[10] globe[23] of[89] tow[160], and[236] the[19] insertion[86]
into[554] it[162], of[89] the[19] ivory[76] heel[105]. Ah[132]! Stubb, thou[173] didst[317] not[518] know[60] Ahab[232] then[45].

"Am[375] I[482] a[10] cannon[515]-ball[141], Stubb," said[252] Ahab[232], "that[14] thou[173] wouldst[30]
wad[352] me[2] that[14] fashion[467]? But[330] go[20] thy[43] ways[101]; I[482] had[364] forgot[526].
Below[397] to[261] thy[43] nightly[322] grave[344]; where[579] such[420] as[113] ye[483] sleep[233] between[77] shrouds[264],
to[261] use[176] ye[483] to[261] the[19] filling[330] one[470] at[65] last[436].--Down[133], dog[322], and[236] kennel[325]!"

Starting[423] at[65] the[19] unforeseen[249] concluding[84] exclamation[156] of[89] the[19] so[281] suddenly[193] scornful[34] old[447] man[17], Stubb was[454] speechless[225] a[10] moment[258]; then[45] said[252] excitedly[536], "I[482] am[375] not[518] used[102] to[261] be[341] spoken[507] to[261] that[14] way[435], sir[271]; I[482] do[353] but[330] less[261] than[77] half[119] like[410] it[162], sir[271]."

"Avast[279]! gritted[367] Ahab[232] between[77] his[433] set[422] teeth[82], and[236] violently[340] moving[316] away[443], as[113] if[141] to[261] avoid[444] some[265] passionate[480] temptation[518].

"No[235], sir[271]; not[518] yet[443]," said[252] Stubb, emboldened[29], "I[482] will[584] not[518] tamely[43] be[341] called[237] a[10] dog[322], sir[271]."

"Then[45] be[341] called[237] ten[198] times[121] a[10] donkey[16], and[236] a[10] mule[461], and[236] an[138] ass[448], and[236] begone[52], or[519] I[482]'ll[300] clear[408] the[19] world[126] of[89] thee[15]!"

As[113] he[362] said[252] this[256], Ahab[232] advanced[55] upon[419] him[248] with[449] such[420] overbearing[285] terrors[192] in[107] his[433] aspect[147], that[14] Stubb involuntarily[124] retreated[173].

"I[482] was[454] never[206] served[460] so[281] before[344] without[309] giving[207] a[10] hard[337] blow[230] for[190] it[162]," muttered[180] Stubb, as[113] he[362] found[260] himself[282] descending[181] the[19] cabin[192]-scuttle[27]. "It[162]'s[483] very[515] queer[156]. Stop[48], Stubb; somehow[425], now[20], I[482] don[280]'t[500] well[263] know[60] whether[454] to[261] go[20] back[457] and[236] strike[374] him[248], or[519]--what[243]'s[483] that[14]?--down[133] here[135] on[392] my[36] knees[214] and[236] pray[311] for[190] him[248]? Yes[143], that[14] was[454] the[19] thought[186] coming[140] up[405] in[107] me[2]; but[330] it[162] would[282] be[341] the[19] first[13] time[577] I[482] ever[208] did[444] pray[311]. It[162]'s[483] queer[156]; very[515] queer[156]; and[236] he[362]'s[483] queer[156] too[11]; aye[86], take[279] him[248] fore[259] and[236] aft[2], he[362]'s[483] about[123] the[19] queerest[452] old[447] man[17] Stubb ever[208] sailed[248] with[449]. How[19] he[362] flashed[479] at[65] me[2]!--his[433] eyes[125] like[410] powder[5]-pans[330]! is[487] he[362] mad[235]! Anyway[368] there[340]'s[483] something[181]'s[483] on[392] his[433] mind[118], as[113] sure[41] as[113] there[340] must[226] be[341] something[181] on[392] a[10] deck[505] when[189] it[162] cracks[292]. He[362] aint[142] in[107] his[433] bed[273] now[20], either[45], more[348] than[77] three[329] hours[127] out[66] of[89] the[19] twenty[433]-four[175]; and[236] he[362] don[280]'t[500] sleep[233] then[45]. Didn't[500] that[14] Dough-Boy[110], the[19] steward[82], tell[392] me[2] that[14] of[89] a[10] morning[417] he[362] always[367] finds[455] the[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415] hammock[323] clothes[98] all[145] rumpled[26] and[236] tumbled[494], and[236] the[19] sheets[281] down[133] at[65] the[19] foot[467], and[236] the[19] coverlid[110] almost[518] tied[101] into[554] knots[438], and[236] the[19] pillow[376] a[10] sort[42] of[89] frightful[190] hot[424], as[113] though[400] a[10] baked[115] brick[335] had[364] been[185] on[392] it[162]? A[10] hot[424] old[447] man[17]! I[482] guess[304] he[362]'s[483] got[286] what[243] some[265] folks[6] ashore[122] call[259] a[10] conscience[75]; it[162]'s[483] a[10] kind[451] of[89] Tic-Dolly-row[328] they[382] say[306]--worse[561] nor[137] a[10] toothache[191]. Well[263], well[263]; I[482] don[280]'t[500] know[60] what[243] it[162] is[487], but[330] the[19] Lord[106] keep[381] me[2] from[316] catching[263] it[162]. He[362]'s[483] full[414] of[89] riddles[322]; I[482] wonder[76] what[243] he[362] goes[205] into[554] the[19] after[358] hold[204] for[190], every[389] night[108], as[113] Dough-Boy[110] tells[449] me[2] he[362] suspects[117]; what[243]'s[483] that[14] for[190], I[482] should[255] like[410] to[261] know[60]? Who[319]'s[483] made[563] appointments[480] with[449] him[248] in[107] the[19] hold[204]? Ain't[500] that[14] queer[156], now[20]? But[330] there[340]'s[483] no[235] telling[196], it[162]'s[483] the[19] old[447] game[233]--Here[135] goes[205] for[190] a[10] snooze[83]. Damn[468] me[2], it[162]'s[483] worth[84] a[10] fellow[369]'s[483] while[55] to[261] be[341] born[236] into[554] the[19] world[126], if[141] only[517] to[261] fall[90] right[499] asleep[492]. And[236] now[20] that[14] I[482] think[424] of[89] it[162], that[14]'s[76] about[123] the[19] first[13] thing[309] babies[181] do[353], and[236] that[14]'s[76] a[10] sort[42] of[89] queer[156], too[11]. Damn[468] me[2], but[330] all[145] things[4] are[314] queer[156], come[420] to[261] think[424] of[89] 'em. But[330] that[14]'s[76] against[417] my[36] principles[420]. Think[424] not[518], is[487] my[36] eleventh[185] commandment[422]; and[236] sleep[233] when[189] you[227] can[450], is[487] my[36] twelfth[359]--So[281] here[135] goes[205] again[52]. But[330] how[19]'s[483] that[14]? didn't[500] he[362] call[259] me[2] a[10] dog[322]? blazes[541]! he[362] called[237] me[2] ten[198] times[121] a[10] donkey[16], and[236] piled[126] a[10] lot[167] of[89] jackasses[80] on[392] top[70] of[89] that[14]! He[362] might[496] as[113] well[263] have[254] kicked[153] me[2], and[236] done[135] with[449] it[162]. Maybe[92] he[362] did[444] kick[16] me[2], and[236] I[482] didn't[500] observe[213] it[162], I[482] was[454] so[281] taken[222] all[145] aback[23] with[449] his[433] brow[474], somehow[425]. It[162] flashed[479] like[410] a[10] bleached[80] bone[184]. What[243] the[19] devil[411]'s[483] the[19] matter[176] with[449] me[2]? I[482] don[280]'t[500] stand[530] right[499] on[392] my[36] legs[108]. Coming[140] afoul[55] of[89] that[14] old[447] man[17] has[399] a[10] sort[42] of[89] turned[492] me[2] wrong[70] side[246] out[66]. By[406] the[19] Lord[106], I[482] must[226] have[254] been[185] dreaming[47], though[400]--How[19]? how[19]? how[19]?--but[330] the[19] only[517] way[435]'s[483] to[261] stash it[162]; so[281] here[135] goes[205] to[261] hammock[323] again[52]; and[236] in[107] the[19] morning[417], I[482]'ll[300] see[370] how[19] this[256] plaguey[280] juggling[259] thinks[344] over[82] by[406] daylight[155]."

CHAPTER[293] 30[292]

The[19] Pipe[124]

When[189] Stubb had[364] departed[467], Ahab[232] stood[1] for[190] a[10] while[55] leaning[559] over[82] the[19] bulwarks[411]; and[236] then[45], as[113] had[364] been[185] usual[278] with[449] him[248] of[89] late[351], calling[56] a[10] sailor[561] of[89] the[19] watch[89], he[362] sent[411] him[248] below[397] for[190] his[433] ivory[76] stool[144], and[236] also[119] his[433] pipe[124]. Lighting[31] the[19] pipe[124] at[65] the[19] binnacle[98] lamp[330] and[236] planting[362] the[19] stool[144] on[392] the[19] weather[405] side[246] of[89] the[19] deck[505], he[362] sat[77] and[236] smoked[60].

In[107] old[447] Norse[162] times[121], the[19] thrones[15] of[89] the[19] sea[67]-loving[309] Danish[208] kings[474] were[324] fabricated[433], saith[419] tradition[400], of[89] the[19] tusks[85] of[89] the[19] narwhale[362]. How[19] could[375] one[470] look[523] at[65] Ahab[232] then[45], seated[158] on[392] that[14] tripod[337] of[89] bones[5], without[309] bethinking[40] him[248] of[89] the[19] royalty[283] it[162] symbolized[261]? For[190] a[10] Khan[38] of[89] the[19] plank[243], and[236] a[10] king[324] of[89] the[19] sea[67] and[236] a[10] great[259] lord[106] of[89] Leviathans[336] was[454] Ahab[232].

Some[265] moments[434] passed[87], during[309] which[16] the[19] thick[502] vapor[85] came[549] from[316] his[433] mouth[414] in[107] quick[241] and[236] constant[149] puffs[136], which[16] blew[234] back[457] again[52] into[554] his[433] face[556]. "How[19] now[20]," he[362] soliloquized[336] at[65] last[436],

withdrawing[152] the[19] tube[295], "this[256] smoking[470] no[235] longer[559] soothes[111].
Oh[367], my[36] pipe[124]! hard[337] must[226] it[162] go[20] with[449] me[2] if[141] thy[43] charm[251] be[341] gone[190]!
Here[135] have[254] I[482] been[185] unconsciously[59] toiling[371], not[518] pleasuring[105]--
aye[86], and[236] ignorantly[136] smoking[470] to[261] windward[170] all[145] the[19] while[55]; to[261] windward[170],
and[236] with[449] such[420] nervous[154] whiffs[260], as[113] if[141], like[410] the[19] dying[69] whale[422],
my[36] final[357] jets[6] were[324] the[19] strongest[426] and[236] fullest[82] of[89] trouble[328].
What[243] business[168] have[254] I[482] with[449] this[256] pipe[124]? This[256] thing[309] that[14] is[487]
meant[157] for[190] sereneness[83], to[261] send[536] up[405] mild[117] white[82] vapors[99] among[483]
mild[117] white[82] hairs[47], not[518] among[483] torn[237] iron[169]-grey[491] locks[445] like[410] mine[482].
I[482]'ll[300] smoke[99] no[235] more[348]-"

He[362] tossed[227] the[19] still[278] lighted[422] pipe[124] into[554] the[19] sea[67]. The[19] fire[559] hissed[29]
in[107] the[19] waves[443]; the[19] same[541] instant[279] the[19] ship[438] shot[443] by[406] the[19] bubble[81]
the[19] sinking[60] pipe[124] made[563]. With[449] slouched[364] hat[107], Ahab[232] lurchingly
paced[145] the[19] planks[284].

CHAPTER[293] 31[313]

Queen[443] Mab[43]

Next[27] morning[417] Stubb accosted[137] Flask[199].

"Such[420] a[10] queer[156] dream[86], King[324]-Post[2], I[482] never[206] had[364]. You[227] know[60] the[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415]
ivory[76] leg[331], well[263] I[482] dreamed[44] he[362] kicked[153] me[2] with[449] it[162]; and[236] when[189] I[482] tried[73]
to[261] kick[16] back[457], upon[419] my[36] soul[428], my[36] little[554] man[17], I[482] kicked[153] my[36] leg[331] right[499] off[111]!
And[236] then[45], presto[204]! Ahab[232] seemed[132] a[10] pyramid[310], and[236] I[482] like[410] a[10] blazing[232] fool[5],
kept[290] kicking[116] at[65] it[162]. But[330] what[243] was[454] still[278] more[348] curious[264], Flask[199]--you[227] know[60]
how[19] curious[264] all[145] dreams[299] are[314]--through[295] all[145] this[256] rage[293] that[14] I[482] was[454] in[107],
I[482] somehow[425] seemed[132] to[261] be[341] thinking[385] to[261] myself[99], that[14] after[358] all[145],
it[162] was[454] not[518] much[61] of[89] an[138] insult[38], that[14] kick[16] from[316] Ahab[232]. 'Why[177],' thinks[344] I[482],
'what[243]'s[483] the[19] row[328]? It[162]'s[483] not[518] a[10] real[305] leg[331], only[517] a[10] false[490] one[470].'
And[236] there[340]'s[483] a[10] mighty[2] difference[3] between[77] a[10] living[117] thump[421] and[236] a[10] dead[568] thump[421].
That[14]'s[76] what[243] makes[32] a[10] blow[230] from[316] the[19] hand[252], Flask[199], fifty[406] times[121]
more[348] savage[398] to[261] bear[48] than[77] a[10] blow[230] from[316] a[10] cane[69]. The[19] living[117] member[333]--
that[14] makes[32] the[19] living[117] insult[38], my[36] little[554] man[17]. And[236] thinks[344] I[482] to[261] myself[99]
all[145] the[19] while[55], mind[118], while[55] I[482] was[454] stubbing[43] my[36] silly[314] toes[557] against[417]
that[14] cursed[441] pyramid[310]--so[281] confoundedly[479] contradictory[189] was[454] it[162] all[145],
all[145] the[19] while[55], I[482] say[306], I[482] was[454] thinking[385] to[261] myself[99], 'what[243]'s[483] his[433] leg[331] now[20],
but[330] a[10] cane[69]-. a[10] whale[422]-bone[184] cane[69]. Yes[143],' thinks[344] I[482], 'it[162] was[454] only[517]
a[10] playful[85] cudgelling[316]--in[107] fact[12], only[517] a[10] whaleboning that[14] he[362] gave[572] me[2]--
not[518] a[10] base[258] kick[16]. Besides[465],' thinks[344] I[482], 'look[523] at[65] it[162] once[248]; why[177], the[19] end[149]
of[89] it[162]--the[19] foot[467] part[207]--what[243] a[10] small[350] sort[42] of[89] end[149] it[162] is[487]; whereas[18], if[141] a[10]
broad[267] footed[83] farmer[67] kicked[153] me[2], there[340]'s[483] a[10] devilish[181] broad[267] insult[38].
But[330] this[256] insult[38] is[487] whittled[4] down[133] to[261] a[10] point[438] only[517].' But[330] now[20] comes[268]
the[19] greatest[479] joke[568] of[89] the[19] dream[86], Flask[199]. While[55] I[482] was[454] battering[193] away[443]
at[65] the[19] pyramid[310], a[10] sort[42] of[89] badger-haired old[447] merman[289], with[449] a[10] hump[20]
on[392] his[433] back[457], takes[362] me[2] by[406] the[19] shoulders[476], and[236] slews[26] me[2] round[287].
'What[243] are[314] you[227] 'bout?' says[424] he[362]. Slid[132]! man[17], but[330] I[482] was[454] frightened[172].
Such[420] a[10] phiz[41]! But[330], somehow[425], next[27] moment[258] I[482] was[454] over[82] the[19] fright[18].
'What[243] am[375] I[482] about[123]?' says[424] I[482] at[65] last[436]. 'And[236] what[243] business[168] is[487] that[14] of[89] yours[256],
I[482] should[255] like[410] to[261] know[60], Mr[219]. Humpback[295]? Do[353] you[227] want[350] a[10] kick[16]?'
By[406] the[19] lord[106], Flask[199], I[482] had[364] no[235] sooner[338] said[252] that[14], than[77] he[362] turned[492]
round[287] his[433] stern[442] to[261] me[2], bent[406] over[82], and[236] dragging[248] up[405] a[10] lot[167] of[89] seaweed[60]
he[362] had[364] for[190] a[10] clout[450]--what[243] do[353] you[227] think[424], I[482] saw[113]?--why[177] thunder[356] alive[298],
man[17], his[433] stern[442] was[454] stuck[120] full[414] of[89] marlinspikes, with[449] the[19] points[245] out[66].
Says[424] I[482] on[392] second[386] thought[186], 'I[482] guess[304] I[482] won't[500] kick[16] you[227], old[447] fellow[369].'
'Wise[16] Stubb,' said[252] he[362], 'wise[16] Stubb;' and[236] kept[290] muttering[403] it[162] all[145]
the[19] time[577], a[10] sort[42] of[89] eating[22] of[89] his[433] own[248] gums[172] like[410] a[10] chimney[94] hag[141].
Seeing[426] he[362] wasn't[500] going[227] to[261] stop[48] saying[9] over[82] his[433] 'wise[16] Stubb,
wise[16] Stubb,' I[482] thought[186] I[482] might[496] as[113] well[263] fall[90] to[261] kicking[116] the[19] pyramid[310] again[52].
But[330] I[482] had[364] only[517] just[108] lifted[448] my[36] foot[467] for[190] it[162], when[189] he[362] roared[315] out[66],
'Stop[48] that[14] kicking[116]!' 'Halloa[83],' says[424] I[482], 'what[243]'s[483] the[19] matter[176] now[20],
old[447] fellow[369]?' 'Look[523] ye[483] here[135],' says[424] he[362]; 'let[66]'s[483] argue[69] the[19] insult[38].
Captain[295] Ahab[232] kicked[153] ye[483], didn't[500] he[362]?' 'Yes[143], he[362] did[444],' says[424] I[482]--'right[499] here[135]
it[162] was[454].' 'Very[515] good[221],' says[424] he[362]--'he[362] used[102] his[433] ivory[76] leg[331], didn't[500] he[362]?'
'Yes[143], he[362] did[444],' says[424] I[482]. 'Well[263] then[45],' says[424] he[362], 'wise[16] Stubb, what[243] have[254]
you[227] to[261] complain[185] of[89]? Didn't[500] he[362] kick[16] with[449] right[499] good[221] will[584]? it[162] wasn't[500]
a[10] common[304] pitch[115] pine[54] leg[331] he[362] kicked[153] with[449], was[454] it[162]? No[235], you[227] were[324] kicked[153]
by[406] a[10] great[259] man[17], and[236] with[449] a[10] beautiful[239] ivory[76] leg[331], Stubb. It[162]'s[483] an[138] honor[497];
I[482] consider[259] it[162] an[138] honor[497]. Listen[417], wise[16] Stubb. In[107] old[447] England[348]
the[19] greatest[479] lords[410] think[424] it[162] great[259] glory[173] to[261] be[341] slapped[105] by[406] a[10] queen[443],
and[236] made[563] garter-knights[468] of[89]; but[330], be[341] your[162] boast[335], Stubb, that[14] ye[483] were[324]
kicked[153] by[406] old[447] Ahab[232], and[236] made[563] a[10] wise[16] man[17] of[89]. Remember[499] what[243] I[482] say[306];
be[341] kicked[153] by[406] him[248]; account[102] his[433] kicks[370] honors[251]; and[236] on[392] no[235] account[102] kick[16] back[457];
for[190] you[227] can[450]'t[500] help[526] yourself[176], wise[16] Stubb. Don[280]'t[500] you[227] see[370] that[14] pyramid[310]?'
With[449] that[14], he[362] all[145] of[89] a[10] sudden[309] seemed[132] somehow[425], in[107] some[265] queer[156] fashion[467],
to[261] swim[226] off[111] into[554] the[19] air[209]. I[482] snored[85]; rolled[226] over[82]; and[236] there[340] I[482] was[454]
in[107] my[36] hammock[323]! Now[20], what[243] do[353] you[227] think[424] of[89] that[14] dream[86], Flask[199]?"

"I[482] don[280]'t[500] know[60]; it[162] seems[19] a[10] sort[42] of[89] foolish[509] to[261] me[2], tho[84].'"

"May[236] be[341]; may[236] be[341]. But[330] it[162]'s[483] made[563] a[10] wise[16] man[17] of[89] me[2], Flask[199]. D[67]'ye[163] see[370] Ahab[232] standing[144] there[340], sideways[496] looking[318] over[82] the[19] stern[442]? Well[263], the[19] best[315] thing[309] you[227] can[450] do[353], Flask[199], is[487] to[261] let[66] the[19] old[447] man[17] alone[2]; never[206] speak[337] to[261] him[248], whatever[38] he[362] says[424]. Halloa[83]! What[243]'s[483] that[14] he[362] shouts[240]? Hark[313]!"

"Mast[44]-head[116], there[340]! Look[523] sharp[427], all[145] of[89] ye[483]! There[340] are[314] whales[331] hereabouts[116]!

If[141] ye[483] see[370] a[10] white[82] one[470], split[148] your[162] lungs[40] for[190] him[248]!

"What[243] do[353] you[227] think[424] of[89] that[14] now[20], Flask[199]? ain't[500] there[340] a[10] small[350] drop[22] of[89] something[181] queer[156] about[123] that[14], eh[76]? A[10] white[82] whale[422]--did[444] ye[483] mark[169] that[14], man[17]? Look[523] ye[483]--there[340]'s[483] something[181] special[326] in[107] the[19] wind[262]. Stand[530] by[406] for[190] it[162], Flask[199]. Ahab[232] has[399] that[14] that[14]'s[76] bloody[357] on[392] his[433] mind[118]. But[330], mum[17]; he[362] comes[268] this[256] way[435]."

CHAPTER[293] 32[182]

Cetology

Already[93] we[465] are[314] boldly[445] launched[336] upon[419] the[19] deep[483]; but[330] soon[18] we[465] shall[66] be[341] lost[308] in[107] its[234] unshored harborless[4] immensities[402]. Ere[83] that[14] come[420] to[261] pass[153]; ere[83] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] weedy[513] hull[323] rolls[475] side[246] by[406] side[246] with[449] the[19] barnacled hulls[133] of[89] the[19] leviathan[384]; at[65] the[19] outset[350] it[162] is[487] but[330] well[263] to[261] attend[120] to[261] a[10] matter[176] almost[518] indispensable[470] to[261] a[10] thorough[98] appreciative[117] understanding[523] of[89] the[19] more[348] special[326] leviathanic revelations[103] and[236] allusions[117] of[89] all[145] sorts[354] which[16] are[314] to[261] follow[408].

It[162] is[487] some[265] systematized[210] exhibition[77] of[89] the[19] whale[422] in[107] his[433] broad[267] genera[6], that[14] I[482] would[282] now[20] fain[264] put[190] before[344] you[227]. Yet[443] is[487] it[162] no[235] easy[281] task[482]. The[19] classification[425] of[89] the[19] constituents[277] of[89] a[10] chaos[133], nothing[324] less[261] is[487] here[135] essayed[25]. Listen[417] to[261] what[243] the[19] best[315] and[236] latest[523] authorities[322] have[254] laid[181] down[133].

"No[235] branch[384] of[89] Zoology[40] is[487] so[281] much[61] involved[149] as[113] that[14] which[16] is[487] entitled[189] Cetology," says[424] Captain[295] Scoresby, A[10].D[236]. 1820[209].

"It[162] is[487] not[518] my[36] intention[272], were[324] it[162] in[107] my[36] power[145], to[261] enter[204] into[554] the[19] inquiry[339] as[113] to[261] the[19] true[483] method[146] of[89] dividing[306] the[19] cetacea[6] into[554] groups[92] and[236] families[197].... Utter[270] confusion[495] exists[393] among[483] the[19] historians[162] of[89] this[256] animal[22]" (sperm[26] whale[422]), says[424] Surgeon[135] Beale[27], A[10].D[236]. 1839[386].

"Unfitness[348] to[261] pursue[426] our[234] research[51] in[107] the[19] unfathomable[420] waters[556]." "Impenetrable[219] veil[69] covering[24] our[234] knowledge[270] of[89] the[19] cetacea[6]." "A[10] field[275] strewn[9] with[449] thorns[63]." "All[145] these[527] incomplete[222] indications[180] but[330] serve[269] to[261] torture[59] us[569] naturalists[140]."

Thus[362] speak[337] of[89] the[19] whale[422], the[19] great[259] Cuvier[158], and[236] John[416] Hunter[287], and[236] Lesson[147], those[427] lights[59] of[89] zoology[40] and[236] anatomy[334]. Nevertheless[104], though[400] of[89] real[305] knowledge[270] there[340] be[341] little[554], yet[443] of[89] books[525] there[340] are[314] a[10] plenty[406]; and[236] so[281] in[107] some[265] small[350] degree[209], with[449] cetology, or[519] the[19] science[317] of[89] whales[331]. Many[282] are[314] the[19] men[62], small[350] and[236] great[259], old[447] and[236] new[36], landsmen[117] and[236] seamen[6], who[319] have[254] at[65] large[385] or[519] in[107] little[554], written[388] of[89] the[19] whale[422]. Run[172] over[82] a[10] few[49]:-- The[19] Authors[244] of[89] the[19] Bible[253]; Aristotle[107]; Pliny[159]; Aldrovandi[25]; Sir[271] Thomas[116] Browne[400]; Gesner[161]; Ray[105]; Linnaeus[161]; Rondeletius; Willoughby[136]; Green[549]; Artedi; Sibbald[76]; Brisson[27]; Marten[25]; Lacepede[155]; Bonneterre; Desmarest[111]; Baron[361] Cuvier[158]; Frederick[107] Cuvier[158]; John[416] Hunter[287]; Owen[129]; Scoresby; Beale[27]; Bennett[39]; J[115]. Ross[386] Browne[400]; the[19] Author[470] of[89] Miriam[251] Coffin[284]; Olmstead[80]; and[236] the[19] Rev[51]. T[500]. Cheever[152]. But[330] to[261] what[243] ultimate[221] generalizing[22] purpose[514] all[145] these[527] have[254] written[388], the[19] above[502] cited[102] extracts[173] will[584] show[460].

Of[89] the[19] names[360] in[107] this[256] list[576] of[89] whale[422] authors[244] only[517] those[427] following[181] Owen[129] ever[208] saw[113] living[117] whales[331]; and[236] but[330] one[470] of[89] them[146] was[454] a[10] real[305] professional[357] harpooneer and[236] whaleman[98]. I[482] mean[504] Captain[295] Scoresby. On[392] the[19] separate[495] subject[382] of[89] the[19] Greenland[110] or[519] right[499]-whale[422], he[362] is[487] the[19] best[315] existing[15] authority[146]. But[330] Scoresby knew[480] nothing[324] and[236] says[424] nothing[324] of[89] the[19] great[259] sperm[26] whale[422], compared[357] with[449] which[16] the[19] Greenland[110] whale[422] is[487] almost[518] unworthy[280] mentioning[124]. And[236] here[135] be[341] it[162] said[252], that[14] the[19] Greenland[110] whale[422] is[487] an[138] usurper[224] upon[419] the[19] throne[332] of[89] the[19] seas[350]. He[362] is[487] not[518] even[198] by[406] any[501] means[502] the[19] largest[139] of[89] the[19] whales[331]. Yet[443], owing[98] to[261] the[19] long[544] priority[165] of[89] his[433] claims[273], and[236] the[19] profound[371] ignorance[211] which[16] till[181] some[265] seventy[156] years[116] back[457], invested[60] the[19] then[45] fabulous[335] and[236] utterly[46] unknown[10] sperm[26]-whale[422], and[236] which[16] ignorance[211] to[261] this[256] present[112] day[112] still[278] reigns[388] in[107] all[145] but[330] some[265] few[49] scientific[435] retreats[431] and[236] whale[422]-ports[92]; this[256] usurpation[110] has[399] been[185] every[389] way[435] complete[191]. Reference[116] to[261] nearly[575] all[145] the[19] leviathanic allusions[117] in[107] the[19] great[259] poets[5] of[89] past[111] days[351], will[584] satisfy[75] you[227] that[14] the[19] Greenland[110] whale[422], without[309] one[470] rival[315], was[454] to[261] them[146] the[19] monarch[410] of[89] the[19] seas[350]. But[330] the[19] time[577] has[399] at[65] last[436] come[420] for[190] a[10] new[36] proclamation[531]. This[256] is[487] Charing[468] Cross[416]; hear[386] ye[483]! good[221] people[482] all[145],--the[19] Greenland[110] whale[422] is[487] deposed[105],-- the[19] great[259] sperm[26] whale[422] now[20] reigneth[203]!

There[340] are[314] only[517] two[527] books[525] in[107] being[264] which[16] at[65] all[145] pretend[493] to[261] put[190] the[19] living[117] sperm[26] whale[422] before[344] you[227], and[236] at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577], in[107] the[19] remotest[95] degree[209]

succeed[441] in[107] the[19] attempt[385]. Those[427] books[525] are[314] Beale[27]'s[483] and[236] Bennett[39]'s[483]; both[558] in[107] their[219] time[577] surgeons[101] to[261] the[19] English[69] South[257]-Sea[67] whale[422]-ships[21], and[236] both[558] exact[408] and[236] reliable[111] men[62]. The[19] original[463] matter[176] touching[80] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422] to[261] be[341] found[260] in[107] their[219] volumes[158] is[487] necessarily[136] small[350]; but[330] so[281] far[258] as[113] it[162] goes[205], it[162] is[487] of[89] excellent[161] quality[127], though[400] mostly[190] confined[185] to[261] scientific[435] description[396]. As[113] yet[443], however[44], the[19] sperm[26] whale[422], scientific[435] or[519] poetic[314], lives[245] not[518] complete[191] in[107] any[501] literature[529]. Far[258] above[502] all[145] other[282] hunted[439] whales[331], his[433] is[487] an[138] unwritten[223] life[71].

Now[20] the[19] various[183] species[69] of[89] whales[331] need[32] some[265] sort[42] of[89] popular[229] comprehensive[152] classification[425], if[141] only[517] an[138] easy[281] outline[242] one[470] for[190] the[19] present[112], hereafter[479] to[261] be[341] filled[232] in[107] all[145]-outward[393] its[234] departments[53] by[406] subsequent[312] laborers[247]. As[113] no[235] better[34] man[17] advances[510] to[261] take[279] this[256] matter[176] in[107] hand[252], I[482] hereupon[163] offer[422] my[36] own[248] poor[533] endeavors[212]. I[482] promise[461] nothing[324] complete[191]; because[540] any[501] human[43] thing[309] supposed[423] to[261] be[341] complete[191] must[226] for[190] that[14] very[515] reason[238] infallibly[426] be[341] faulty[84]. I[482] shall[66] not[518] pretend[493] to[261] a[10] minute[236] anatomical[68] description[396] of[89] the[19] various[183] species[69], or[519]--in[107] this[256] space[468] at[65] least[453]-- to[261] much[61] of[89] any[501] description[396]. My[36] object[100] here[135] is[487] simply[142] to[261] project[158] the[19] draught[246] of[89] a[10] systematization[362] of[89] cetology. I[482] am[375] the[19] architect[557], not[518] the[19] builder[377].

But[330] it[162] is[487] a[10] ponderous[213] task[482]; no[235] ordinary[225] letter[539]-sorter in[107] the[19] Post[2]-Office[256] is[487] equal[261] to[261] it[162]. To[261] grope[65] down[133] into[554] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] sea[67] after[358] them[146]; to[261] have[254] one[470]'s[483] hands[87] among[483] the[19] unspeakable[4] foundations[499], ribs[92], and[236] very[515] pelvis[258] of[89] the[19] world[126]; this[256] is[487] a[10] fearful[183] thing[309]. What[243] am[375] I[482] that[14] I[482] should[255] essay[355] to[261] hook[157] the[19] nose[176] of[89] this[256] leviathan[384]! The[19] awful[539] tauntings[102] in[107] Job[269] might[496] well[263] appal[180] me[2]. "Will[584] he[362] (the[19] leviathan[384]) make[175] a[10] covenant[356] with[449] thee[15]? Behold[525] the[19] hope[211] of[89] him[248] is[487] vain[216]! But[330] I[482] have[254] swam[111] through[295] libraries[413] and[236] sailed[248] through[295] oceans[60]; I[482] have[254] had[364] to[261] do[353] with[449] whales[331] with[449] these[527] visible[94] hands[87]; I[482] am[375] in[107] earnest[495]; and[236] I[482] will[584] try[266]. There[340] are[314] some[265] preliminaries[133] to[261] settle[92].

First[13]: The[19] uncertain[396], unsettled[222] condition[62] of[89] this[256] science[317] of[89] Cetology is[487] in[107] the[19] very[515] vestibule[183] attested[83] by[406] the[19] fact[12], that[14] in[107] some[265] quarters[336] it[162] still[278] remains[324] a[10] moot[267] point[438] whether[454] a[10] whale[422] be[341] a[10] fish[187]. In[107] his[433] System[480] of[89] Nature[159], A[10].D[236]. 1776[117], Linnaeus[161] declares[242], "I[482] hereby[196] separate[495] the[19] whales[331] from[316] the[19] fish[187]." But[330] of[89] my[36] own[248] knowledge[270], I[482] know[60] that[14] down[133] to[261] the[19] year[347] 1850[451], sharks[206] and[236] shad[8], alewives and[236] herring[26], against[417] Linnaeus[161]'s[483] express[91] edict[165], were[324] still[278] found[260] dividing[306] the[19] possession[379] of[89] the[19] same[541] seas[350] with[449] the[19] Leviathan[384].

The[19] grounds[448] upon[419] which[16] Linnaeus[161] would[282] fain[264] have[254] banished[50] the[19] whales[331] from[316] the[19] waters[556], he[362] states[443] as[113] follows[195]: "On[392] account[102] of[89] their[219] warm[178] bilocular heart[470], their[219] lungs[40], their[219] movable[261] eyelids[302], their[219] hollow[511] ears[560], penem[362] intrantem[555] feminam[26] mammis[555] lactantem," and[236] finally[69], "ex[144] lege[494] naturae[454] jure[234] meritoque[499]." I[482] submitted[52] all[145] this[256] to[261] my[36] friends[169] Simeon[9] Macey[315] and[236] Charley[466] Coffin[284], of[89] Nantucket[283], both[558] messmates[20] of[89] mine[482] in[107] a[10] certain[31] voyage[137], and[236] they[382] united[419] in[107] the[19] opinion[316] that[14] the[19] reasons[186] set[422] forth[152] were[324] altogether[31] insufficient[120]. Charley[466] profanely[125] hinted[253] they[382] were[324] humbug[223].

Be[341] it[162] known[86] that[14], waiving[199] all[145] argument[195], I[482] take[279] the[19] good[221] old[447] fashioned[432] ground[127] that[14] the[19] whale[422] is[487] a[10] fish[187], and[236] call[259] upon[419] holy[61] Jonah[41] to[261] back[457] me[2]. This[256] fundamental[399] thing[309] settled[540], the[19] next[27] point[438] is[487], in[107] what[243] internal[241] respect[441] does[565] the[19] whale[422] differ[22] from[316] other[282] fish[187]. Above[502], Linnaeus[161] has[399] given[141] you[227] those[427] items[18]. But[330] in[107] brief[59] they[382] are[314] these[527]: lungs[40] and[236] warm[178] blood[208]; whereas[18], all[145] other[282] fish[187] are[314] lungless and[236] cold[330] blooded[466].

Next[27]: how[19] shall[66] we[465] define[79] the[19] whale[422], by[406] his[433] obvious[147] externals[202], so[281] as[113] conspicuously[303] to[261] label[23] him[248] for[190] all[145] time[577] to[261] come[420]. To[261] be[341] short[522], then[45], a[10] whale[422] is[487] a[10] spouting[81] fish[187] with[449] a[10] horizontal[252] tail[102]. There[340] you[227] have[254] him[248]. However[44] contracted[355], that[14] definition[1] is[487] the[19] result[115] of[89] expanded[507] meditation[21]. A[10] walrus[111] spouts[75] much[61] like[410] a[10] whale[422], but[330] the[19] walrus[111] is[487] not[518] a[10] fish[187], because[540] he[362] is[487] amphibious[423]. But[330] the[19] last[436] term[416] of[89] the[19] definition[1] is[487] still[278] more[348] cogent[222], as[113] coupled[83] with[449] the[19] first[13]. Almost[518] any[501] one[470] must[226] have[254] noticed[157] that[14] all[145] the[19] fish[187] familiar[139] to[261] landsmen[117] have[254] not[518] a[10] flat[445], but[330] a[10] vertical[397], or[519] up[405]-and[236]-down[71] tail[102]. Whereas[18], among[483] spouting[81] fish[187] the[19] tail[102], though[400] it[162] may[236] be[341] similarly[143] shaped[151], invariably[55] assumes[88] a[10] horizontal[252] position[383].

By[406] the[19] above[502] definition[1] of[89] what[243] a[10] whale[422] is[487], I[482] do[353] by[406] no[235] means[502] exclude[221] from[316] the[19] leviathanic brotherhood[138] any[501] sea[67] creature[82] hitherto[533] identified[168] with[449] the[19] whale[422] by[406] the[19] best[315] informed[16] Nantucketers; nor[137], on[392] the[19] other[282] hand[252], link[389] with[449] it[162] any[501] fish[187] hitherto[533] authoritatively[235] regarded[393] as[113] alien[8].* Hence[503], all[145] the[19] smaller[236], spouting[81] and[236] horizontal[252] tailed[141] fish[187] must[226] be[341] included[559] in[107] this[256] ground[127]-plan[99] of[89] Cetology. Now[20], then[45], come[420] the[19] grand[229] divisions[239] of[89] the[19] entire[230] whale[422] host[5].

*I[482] am[375] aware[174] that[14] down[133] to[261] the[19] present[112] time[577], the[19] fish[187] styled[154] Lamatins and[236] Dugongs[111] (Pig[241]-fish[187] and[236] Sow[144]-fish[187] of[89] the[19] Coffins[259]

of[89] Nantucket[283]) are[314] included[559] by[406] many[282] naturalists[140] among[483] the[19] whales[331].
But[330] as[113] these[527] pig[241]-fish[187] are[314] a[10] noisy[122], contemptible[178] set[422],
mostly[190] lurking[89] in[107] the[19] mouths[26] of[89] rivers[320], and[236] feeding[367] on[392] wet[299] hay[515],
and[236] especially[371] as[113] they[382] do[353] not[518] spout[224], I[482] deny[346] their[219] credentials[102]
as[113] whales[331]; and[236] have[254] presented[320] them[146] with[449] their[219] passports[191] to[261] quit[295]
the[19] Kingdom[221] of[89] Cetology.

First[13]: According[281] to[261] magnitude[203] I[482] divide[80] the[19] whales[331] into[554] three[329] primary[27] BOOKS[525]
(subdivisible into[554] CHAPTERS[185]), and[236] these[527] shall[66] comprehend[301] them[146] all[145],
both[558] small[350] and[236] large[385].

I[482]. THE[19] FOLIO[172] WHALE[422]; II[38]. the[19] OCTAVO[244] WHALE[422]; III[167]. the[19] DUODECIMO[221] WHALE[422].

As[113] the[19] type[271] of[89] the[19] FOLIO[172] I[482] present[112] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]; of[89] the[19] OCTAVO[244],
the[19] Grampus[31]; of[89] the[19] DUODECIMO[221], the[19] Porpoise[487].

FOLIOS[335]. Among[483] these[527] I[482] here[135] include[38] the[19] following[181] chapters[185]:--
I[482]. The[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]; II[38]. the[19] Right[499] Whale[422]; III[167]. the[19] Fin[286] Back[457] Whale[422]; IV[299].
the[19] Humpbacked[417] Whale[422]; V[303]. the[19] Razor[471] Back[457] Whale[422]; VI[481].
the[19] Sulphur[155] Bottom[461] Whale[422].

BOOK[230] I[482]. (Folio[172]), CHAPTER[293] I[482]. (Sperm[26] Whale[422]).--This[256] whale[422],
among[483] the[19] English[69] of[89] old[447] vaguely[230] known[86] as[113] the[19] Trumpa whale[422] and[236]
the[19] Physeter[314] whale[422], and[236] the[19] Anvil[314] Headed[124] whale[422], is[487] the[19] present[112]
Cachalot[4] of[89] the[19] French[491], and[236] the[19] Pottsfich of[89] the[19] Germans[190],
and[236] the[19] Macrocephalus[25] of[89] the[19] Long[544] Words[107]. He[362] is[487], without[309] doubt[71],
the[19] largest[139] inhabitant[4] of[89] the[19] globe[23]; the[19] most[216] formidable[150] of[89] all[145]
whales[331] to[261] encounter[250]; the[19] most[216] majestic[13] in[107] aspect[147]; and[236] lastly[265],
by[406] far[258] the[19] most[216] valuable[72] in[107] commerce[292]; he[362] being[264] the[19] only[517] creature[82]
from[316] which[16] that[14] valuable[72] substance[316], spermaceti[283], is[487] obtained[186].
All[145] his[433] peculiarities[38] will[584], in[107] many[282] other[282] places[423], be[341] enlarged[2] upon[419].
It[162] is[487] chiefly[90] with[449] his[433] name[477] that[14] I[482] now[20] have[254] to[261] do[353].
Philologically[306] considered[484], it[162] is[487] absurd[142]. Some[265] centuries[168] ago[141],
when[189] the[19] Sperm[26] whale[422] was[454] almost[518] wholly[497] unknown[10] in[107] his[433] own[248]
proper[249] individuality[15], and[236] when[189] his[433] oil[118] was[454] only[517] accidentally[166]
obtained[186] from[316] the[19] stranded[299] fish[187]; in[107] those[427] days[351] spermaceti[283],
it[162] would[282] seem[404], was[454] popularly[301] supposed[423] to[261] be[341] derived[494] from[316]
a[10] creature[82] identical[351] with[449] the[19] one[470] then[45] known[86] in[107] England[348] as[113]
the[19] Greenland[110] or[519] Right[499] Whale[422]. It[162] was[454] the[19] idea[250] also[119], that[14] this[256]
same[541] spermaceti[283] was[454] that[14] quickening[60] humor[368] of[89] the[19] Greenland[110] Whale[422]
which[16] the[19] first[13] syllable[374] of[89] the[19] word[486] literally[37] expresses[79].
In[107] those[427] times[121], also[119], spermaceti[283] was[454] exceedingly[257] scarce[462],
not[518] being[264] used[102] for[190] light[382], but[330] only[517] as[113] an[138] ointment[63] and[236] medicament[88].
It[162] was[454] only[517] to[261] be[341] had[364] from[316] the[19] druggists[454] as[113] you[227] nowadays[444] buy[105]
an[138] ounce[275] of[89] rhubarb[42]. When[189], as[113] I[482] opine[27], in[107] the[19] course[171] of[89] time[577],
the[19] true[483] nature[159] of[89] spermaceti[283] became[70] known[86], its[234] original[463] name[477]
was[454] still[278] retained[155] by[406] the[19] dealers[93]; no[235] doubt[71] to[261] enhance[262] its[234]
value[567] by[406] a[10] notion[266] so[281] strangely[155] significant[143] of[89] its[234] scarcity[284].
And[236] so[281] the[19] appellation[84] must[226] at[65] last[436] have[254] come[420] to[261] be[341] bestowed[157]
upon[419] the[19] whale[422] from[316] which[16] this[256] spermaceti[283] was[454] really[406] derived[494].

BOOK[230] I[482]. (Folio[172]), CHAPTER[293] II[38]. (Right[499] Whale[422]).--In[107] one[470] respect[441] this[256]
is[487] the[19] most[216] venerable[57] of[89] the[19] leviathans[336], being[264] the[19] one[470] first[13]
regularly[37] hunted[439] by[406] man[17]. It[162] yields[124] the[19] article[58] commonly[431] known[86]
as[113] whalebone[290] or[519] baleen[25]; and[236] the[19] oil[118] specially[87] known[86] as[113] "whale[422] oil[118],"
an[138] inferior[84] article[58] in[107] commerce[292]. Among[483] the[19] fishermen[24],
he[362] is[487] indiscriminately[398] designated[41] by[406] all[145] the[19] following[181] titles[363]:
The[19] Whale[422]; the[19] Greenland[110] Whale[422]; the[19] Black[581] Whale[422]; the[19] Great[259] Whale[422];
the[19] True[483] Whale[422]; the[19] Right[499] Whale[422]. There[340] is[487] a[10] deal[543] of[89] obscurity[413]
concerning[368] the[19] Identity[124] of[89] the[19] species[69] thus[362] multitudinously[22] baptized[225].
What[243] then[45] is[487] the[19] whale[422], which[16] I[482] include[38] in[107] the[19] second[386] species[69] of[89]
my[36] Folios[335]? It[162] is[487] the[19] Great[259] Mysticetus of[89] the[19] English[69] naturalists[140];
the[19] Greenland[110] Whale[422] of[89] the[19] English[69] Whalemen[451]; the[19] Baliene Ordinaire[25]
of[89] the[19] French[491] whalemen[451]; the[19] Growlands Walfish[25] of[89] the[19] Swedes[157]. It[162] is[487]
the[19] whale[422] which[16] for[190] more[348] than[77] two[527] centuries[168] past[111] has[399] been[185] hunted[439]
by[406] the[19] Dutch[325] and[236] English[69] in[107] the[19] Arctic[364] seas[350]; it[162] is[487] the[19] whale[422]
which[16] the[19] American[272] fishermen[24] have[254] long[544] pursued[460] in[107] the[19] Indian[303] ocean[224],
on[392] the[19] Brazil[36] Banks[145], on[392] the[19] Nor[137]' West[569] Coast[287], and[236] various[183] other[282] parts[470]
of[89] the[19] world[126], designated[41] by[406] them[146] Right[499] Whale[422] Cruising[298] Grounds[448].

Some[265] pretend[493] to[261] see[370] a[10] difference[3] between[77] the[19] Greenland[110] whale[422]
of[89] the[19] English[69] and[236] the[19] right[499] whale[422] of[89] the[19] Americans[81]. But[330] they[382]
precisely[217] agree[578] in[107] all[145] their[219] grand[229] features[150]; nor[137] has[399] there[340] yet[443]
been[185] presented[320] a[10] single[77] determinate[102] fact[12] upon[419] which[16] to[261] ground[127]
a[10] radical[292] distinction[301]. It[162] is[487] by[406] endless[489] subdivisions[189] based[391]
upon[419] the[19] most[216] inconclusive[426] differences[248], that[14] some[265] departments[53]
of[89] natural[298] history[183] become[548] so[281] repellingly[180] intricate[227].
The[19] right[499] whale[422] will[584] be[341] elsewhere[154] treated[277] of[89] at[65] some[265] length[202],
with[449] reference[116] to[261] elucidating[296] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422].

BOOK[230] I[482]. (Folio[172]), CHAPTER[293] III[167]. (Fin[286]-Back[457]).--Under[533] this[256] head[219] I[482] reckon[270]
a[10] monster[480] which[16], by[406] the[19] various[183] names[360] of[89] Fin[286]-Back[457], Tall[373]-Spout[224],
and[236] Long[544]-John[416], has[399] been[185] seen[154] almost[518] in[107] every[389] sea[67] and[236] is[487] commonly[431]

the[19] whale[422] whose[286] distant[353] jet[423] is[487] so[281] often[227] descried[313] by[406] passengers[368]
crossing[402] the[19] Atlantic[198], in[107] the[19] New[36] York[523] packet[339]-tracks. In[107]
the[19] length[202] he[362] attains[106], and[236] in[107] his[433] baleen[25], the[19] Fin[286]-back[457]
resembles[215] the[19] right[499] whale[422], but[330] is[487] of[89] a[10] less[261] portly[149] girth[106],
and[236] a[10] lighter[415] color[13], approaching[271] to[261] olive[75]. His[433] great[259] lips[585] present[112]
a[10] cable[41]-like[410] aspect[147], formed[294] by[406] the[19] intertwisting[83], slanting[522] folds[367]
of[89] large[385] wrinkles[318]. His[433] grand[229] distinguishing[306] feature[400], the[19] fin[286],
from[316] which[16] he[362] derives[306] his[433] name[477], is[487] often[227] a[10] conspicuous[460] object[100].
This[256] fin[286] is[487] some[265] three[329] or[519] four[175] feet[349] long[544], growing[66] vertically[39]
from[316] the[19] hinder[35] part[207] of[89] the[19] back[457], of[89] an[138] angular[120] shape[99],
and[236] with[449] a[10] very[515] sharp[427] pointed[413] end[149]. Even[198] if[141] not[518] the[19] slightest[44]
other[282] part[207] of[89] the[19] creature[82] be[341] visible[94], this[256] isolated[93] fin[286] will[584],
at[65] times[121], be[341] seen[154] plainly[450] projecting[336] from[316] the[19] surface[328].
When[189] the[19] sea[67] is[487] moderately[70] calm[39], and[236] slightly[238] marked[67] with[449]
spherical[25] ripples[434], and[236] this[256] gnomon-like[410] fin[286] stands[256] up[405] and[236] casts[468]
shadows[480] upon[419] the[19] wrinkled[259] surface[328], it[162] may[236] well[263] be[341] supposed[423]
that[14] the[19] watery[59] circle[282] surrounding[398] it[162] somewhat[77] resembles[215] a[10] dial[100],
with[449] its[234] style[303] and[236] wavy[367] hour[384]-lines[241] graved[292] on[392] it[162]. On[392] that[14] Ahaz-dial[100]
the[19] shadow[438] often[227] goes[205] back[457]. The[19] Fin[286]-Back[457] is[487] not[518] gregarious[204].
He[362] seems[19] a[10] whale[422]-hater, as[113] some[265] men[62] are[314] man[17]-haters. Very[515] shy[411];
always[367] going[227] solitary[407]; unexpectedly[25] rising[464] to[261] the[19] surface[328]
in[107] the[19] remotest[95] and[236] most[216] sullen[335] waters[556]; his[433] straight[346] and[236]
single[77] lofty[161] jet[423] rising[464] like[410] a[10] tall[373] misanthropic[5] spear[188] upon[419]
a[10] barren[415] plain[28]; gifted[19] with[449] such[420] wondrous[30] power[145] and[236] velocity[397]
in[107] swimming[367], as[113] to[261] defy[214] all[145] present[112] pursuit[305] from[316] man[17];
this[256] leviathan[384] seems[19] the[19] banished[50] and[236] unconquerable[398] Cain[460]
of[89] his[433] race[392], bearing[354] for[190] his[433] mark[169] that[14] style[303] upon[419] his[433] back[457].
From[316] having[69] the[19] baleen[25] in[107] his[433] mouth[414], the[19] Fin[286]-Back[457] is[487] sometimes[77]
included[559] with[449] the[19] right[499] whale[422], among[483] a[10] theoretic[25] species[69]
denominated[122] Whalebone[290] whales[331], that[14] is[487], whales[331] with[449] baleen[25].
Of[89] these[527] so[281]-called[237] Whalebone[290] whales[331], there[340] would[282] seem[404] to[261] be[341]
several[479] varieties[23], most[216] of[89] which[16], however[44], are[314] little[554] known[86].
Broad[267]-nosed[550] whales[331] and[236] beaked[290] whales[331]; pike[412]-headed[124] whales[331];
bunched[83] whales[331]; under[533]-jawed whales[331] and[236] rostrated whales[331],
are[314] the[19] fisherman[18]'s[483] names[360] for[190] a[10] few[49] sorts[354].

In[107] connexion[400] with[449] this[256] appellative[160] of[89] "Whalebone[290] whales[331],"
it[162] is[487] of[89] great[259] importance[579] to[261] mention[510], that[14] however[44] such[420] a[10] nomenclature[20]
may[236] be[341] convenient[470] in[107] facilitating[170] allusions[117] to[261] some[265] kind[451] of[89] whales[331],
yet[443] it[162] is[487] in[107] vain[216] to[261] attempt[385] a[10] clear[408] classification[425] of[89] the[19] Leviathan[384],
founded[113] upon[419] either[45] his[433] baleen[25], or[519] hump[20], or[519] fin[286], or[519] teeth[82];
notwithstanding[387] that[14] those[427] marked[67] parts[470] or[519] features[150] very[515] obviously[477]
seem[404] better[34] adapted[263] to[261] afford[282] the[19] basis[15] for[190] a[10] regular[400] system[480]
of[89] Cetology than[77] any[501] other[282] detached[5] bodily[172] distinctions[137],
which[16] the[19] whale[422], in[107] his[433] kinds[200], presents[256]. How[19] then[45]?
The[19] baleen[25], hump[20], back[457]-fin[286], and[236] teeth[82]; these[527] are[314] things[4] whose[286]
peculiarities[38] are[314] indiscriminately[398] dispersed[417] among[483] all[145] sorts[354] of[89] whales[331],
without[309] any[501] regard[448] to[261] what[243] may[236] be[341] the[19] nature[159] of[89] their[219] structure[235]
in[107] other[282] and[236] more[348] essential[124] particulars[230]. Thus[362], the[19] sperm[26] whale[422] and[236]
the[19] humpbacked[417] whale[422], each[520] has[399] a[10] hump[20]; but[330] there[340] the[19] similitude[375] ceases[273].
Then[45] this[256] same[541] humpbacked[417] whale[422] and[236] the[19] Greenland[110] whale[422],
each[520] of[89] these[527] has[399] baleen[25]; but[330] there[340] again[52] the[19] similitude[375] ceases[273].
And[236] it[162] is[487] just[108] the[19] same[541] with[449] the[19] other[282] parts[470] above[502] mentioned[149].
In[107] various[183] sorts[354] of[89] whales[331], they[382] form[238] such[420] irregular[430] combinations[336];
or[519], in[107] the[19] case[346] of[89] any[501] one[470] of[89] them[146] detached[5], such[420] an[138] irregular[430] isolation[354];
as[113] utterly[46] to[261] defy[214] all[145] general[37] methodization formed[294] upon[419] such[420] a[10] basis[15].
On[392] this[256] rock[264] every[389] one[470] of[89] the[19] whale[422]-naturalists[140] has[399] split[148].

But[330] it[162] may[236] possibly[201] be[341] conceived[276] that[14], in[107] the[19] internal[241] parts[470]
of[89] the[19] whale[422], in[107] his[433] anatomy[334]--there[340], at[65] least[453], we[465] shall[66]
be[341] able[362] to[261] hit[322] the[19] right[499] classification[425]. Nay[358]; what[243] thing[309],
for[190] example[479], is[487] there[340] in[107] the[19] Greenland[110] whale[422]'s[483] anatomy[334] more[348]
striking[22] than[77] his[433] baleen[25]? Yet[443] we[465] have[254] seen[154] that[14] by[406] his[433] baleen[25]
it[162] is[487] impossible[305] correctly[444] to[261] classify[127] the[19] Greenland[110] whale[422].
And[236] if[141] you[227] descend[252] into[554] the[19] bowels[499] of[89] the[19] various[183] leviathans[336],
why[177] there[340] you[227] will[584] not[518] find[138] distinctions[137] a[10] fiftieth[19] part[207] as[113] available[538]
to[261] the[19] systematizer as[113] those[427] external[386] ones[396] already[93] enumerated[350].
What[243] then[45] remains[324]? nothing[324] but[330] to[261] take[279] hold[204] of[89] the[19] whales[331] bodily[172],
in[107] their[219] entire[230] liberal[125] volume[295], and[236] boldly[445] sort[42] them[146] that[14] way[435].
And[236] this[256] is[487] the[19] Bibliographical[20] system[480] here[135] adopted[13];
and[236] it[162] is[487] the[19] only[517] one[470] that[14] can[450] possibly[201] succeed[441], for[190] it[162] alone[2]
is[487] practicable[292]. To[261] proceed[367].

BOOK[230] I[482]. (Folio[172]) CHAPTER[293] IV[299]. (Hump[20] Back[457]).--This[256] whale[422] is[487] often[227] seen[154]
on[392] the[19] northern[252] American[272] coast[287]. He[362] has[399] been[185] frequently[475] captured[126] there[340],
and[236] towed[376] into[554] harbor[289]. He[362] has[399] a[10] great[259] pack[294] on[392] him[248] like[410] a[10] peddler[279];
or[519] you[227] might[496] call[259] him[248] the[19] Elephant[72] and[236] Castle[271] whale[422]. At[65] any[501] rate[515],
the[19] popular[229] name[477] for[190] him[248] does[565] not[518] sufficiently[12] distinguish[76] him[248],
since[374] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422] also[119] has[399] a[10] hump[20] though[400] a[10] smaller[236] one[470].
His[433] oil[118] is[487] not[518] very[515] valuable[72]. He[362] has[399] baleen[25]. He[362] is[487] the[19] most[216] gamesome[110]
and[236] light[382]-hearted[83] of[89] all[145] the[19] whales[331], making[415] more[348] gay[323] foam[160] and[236] white[82]
water[520] generally[402] than[77] any[501] other[282] of[89] them[146].

BOOK[230] I[482]. (Folio[172]), CHAPTER[293] V[303]. (Razor[471] Back[457]).--Of[89] this[256] whale[422] little[554] is[487] known[86] but[330] his[433] name[477]. I[482] have[254] seen[154] him[248] at[65] a[10] distance[264] off[111] Cape[23] Horn[139]. Of[89] a[10] retiring[251] nature[159], he[362] eludes[197] both[558] hunters[423] and[236] philosophers[529]. Though[400] no[235] coward[92], he[362] has[399] never[206] yet[443] shown[446] any[501] part[207] of[89] him[248] but[330] his[433] back[457], which[16] rises[215] in[107] a[10] long[544] sharp[427] ridge[435]. Let[66] him[248] go[20]. I[482] know[60] little[554] more[348] of[89] him[248], nor[137] does[565] anybody[58] else[212].

BOOK[230] I[482]. (Folio[172]), CHAPTER[293] VI[481]. (Sulphur[155] Bottom[461]).--Another[269] retiring[251] gentleman[399], with[449] a[10] brimstone[206] belly[511], doubtless[101] got[286] by[406] scraping[276] along[423] the[19] Tartarian[110] tiles[143] in[107] some[265] of[89] his[433] profounder[217] divings[83]. He[362] is[487] seldom[140] seen[154]; at[65] least[453] I[482] have[254] never[206] seen[154] him[248] except[545] in[107] the[19] remoter[20] southern[187] seas[350], and[236] then[45] always[367] at[65] too[11] great[259] a[10] distance[264] to[261] study[252] his[433] countenance[553]. He[362] is[487] never[206] chased[389]; he[362] would[282] run[172] away[443] with[449] rope[265]-walks[461] of[89] line[25]. Prodigies[112] are[314] told[82] of[89] him[248]. Adieu[116], Sulphur[155] Bottom[461]! I[482] can[450] say[306] nothing[324] more[348] that[14] is[487] true[483] of[89] ye[483], nor[137] can[450] the[19] oldest[248] Nantucketer.

Thus[362] ends[301] BOOK[230] I[482]. (Folio[172]), and[236] now[20] begins[374] BOOK[230] II[38]. (Octavo[244]).

OCTAVOES.* These[527] embrace[281] the[19] whales[331] of[89] middling[231] magnitude[203], among[483] which[16] at[65] present[112] may[236] be[341] numbered[280]:--I[482]., the[19] Grampus[31]; II[38]., the[19] Black[581] Fish[187]; III[167]., the[19] Narwhale[362]; IV[299]., the[19] Thrasher[109]; V[303]., the[19] Killer[429].

*Why[177] this[256] book[230] of[89] whales[331] is[487] not[518] denominated[122] the[19] Quarto[292] is[487] very[515] plain[28]. Because[540], while[55] the[19] whales[331] of[89] this[256] order[343], though[400] smaller[236] than[77] those[427] of[89] the[19] former[157] order[343], nevertheless[104] retain[153] a[10] proportionate[181] likeness[460] to[261] them[146] in[107] figure[55], yet[443] the[19] bookbinder[117]'s[483] Quarto[292] volume[295] in[107] its[234] dimensioned form[238] does[565] not[518] preserve[192] the[19] shape[99] of[89] the[19] Folio[172] volume[295], but[330] the[19] Octavo[244] volume[295] does[565].

BOOK[230] II[38]. (Octavo[244]), CHAPTER[293] I[482]. (Grampus[31]).--Though[400] this[256] fish[187], whose[286] loud[556] sonorous[149] breathing[403], or[519] rather[178] blowing[248], has[399] furnished[201] a[10] proverb[204] to[261] landsmen[117], is[487] so[281] well[263] known[86] a[10] denizen[8] of[89] the[19] deep[483], yet[443] is[487] he[362] not[518] popularly[301] classed[110] among[483] whales[331]. But[330] possessing[507] all[145] the[19] grand[229] distinctive[19] features[150] of[89] the[19] leviathan[384], most[216] naturalists[140] have[254] recognised[133] him[248] for[190] one[470]. He[362] is[487] of[89] moderate[57] octavo[244] size[503], varying[303] from[316] fifteen[289] to[261] twenty[433]-five[103] feet[349] in[107] length[202], and[236] of[89] corresponding[427] dimensions[400] round[287] the[19] waist[52]. He[362] swims[403] in[107] herds[341]; he[362] is[487] never[206] regularly[37] hunted[439], though[400] his[433] oil[118] is[487] considerable[75] in[107] quantity[316], and[236] pretty[252] good[221] for[190] light[382]. By[406] some[265] fishermen[24] his[433] approach[23] is[487] regarded[393] as[113] premonitory[285] of[89] the[19] advance[70] of[89] the[19] great[259] sperm[26] whale[422].

BOOK[230] II[38]. (Octavo[244]), CHAPTER[293] II[38]. (Black[581] Fish[187]).--I[482] give[142] the[19] popular[229] fishermen[24]'s[483] names[360] for[190] all[145] these[527] fish[187], for[190] generally[402] they[382] are[314] the[19] best[315]. Where[579] any[501] name[477] happens[143] to[261] be[341] vague[70] or[519] inexpressive[86], I[482] shall[66] say[306] so[281], and[236] suggest[1] another[269]. I[482] do[353] so[281] now[20] touching[80] the[19] Black[581] Fish[187], so[281] called[237] because[540] blackness[448] is[487] the[19] rule[393] among[483] almost[518] all[145] whales[331]. So[281], call[259] him[248] the[19] Hyena[451] Whale[422], if[141] you[227] please[153]. His[433] voracity[92] is[487] well[263] known[86] and[236] from[316] the[19] circumstance[407] that[14] the[19] inner[204] angles[198] of[89] his[433] lips[585] are[314] curved[331] upwards[110], he[362] carries[440] an[138] everlasting[249] Mephistophelean[204] grin[401] on[392] his[433] face[556]. This[256] whale[422] averages[445] some[265] sixteen[68] or[519] eighteen[387] feet[349] in[107] length[202]. He[362] is[487] found[260] in[107] almost[518] all[145] latitudes[267]. He[362] has[399] a[10] peculiar[291] way[435] of[89] showing[445] his[433] dorsal[377] hooked[91] fin[286] in[107] swimming[367], which[16] looks[150] something[181] like[410] a[10] Roman[333] nose[176]. When[189] not[518] more[348] profitably[270] employed[263], the[19] sperm[26] whale[422] hunters[423] sometimes[77] capture[361] the[19] Hyena[451] whale[422], to[261] keep[381] up[405] the[19] supply[283] of[89] cheap[208] oil[118] for[190] domestic[303] employment[322]-- as[113] some[265] frugal[212] housekeepers[374], in[107] the[19] absence[484] of[89] company[280], and[236] quite[327] alone[2] by[406] themselves[510], burn[118] unsavory[201] tallow[157] instead[398] of[89] odorous[485] wax[245]. Though[400] their[219] blubber[232] is[487] very[515] thin[445], some[265] of[89] these[527] whales[331] will[584] yield[39] you[227] upwards[110] of[89] thirty[521] gallons[141] of[89] oil[118].

BOOK[230] II[38]. (Octavo[244]), CHAPTER[293] III[167]. (Narwhale[362]), that[14] is[487], Nostril[406] whale[422].-- Another[269] instance[141] of[89] a[10] curiously[261] named[312] whale[422], so[281] named[312] I[482] suppose[120] from[316] his[433] peculiar[291] horn[139] being[264] originally[367] mistaken[49] for[190] a[10] peaked[111] nose[176]. The[19] creature[82] is[487] some[265] sixteen[68] feet[349] in[107] length[202], while[55] its[234] horn[139] averages[445] five[103] feet[349], though[400] some[265] exceed[534] ten[198], and[236] even[198] attain[324] to[261] fifteen[289] feet[349]. Strictly[303] speaking[22], this[256] horn[139] is[487] but[330] a[10] lengthened[238] tusk[159], growing[66] out[66] from[316] the[19] jaw[213] in[107] a[10] line[25] a[10] little[554] depressed[92] from[316] the[19] horizontal[252]. But[330] it[162] is[487] only[517] found[260] on[392] the[19] sinister[412] side[246], which[16] has[399] an[138] ill[236] effect[215], giving[207] its[234] owner[260] something[181] analogous[185] to[261] the[19] aspect[147] of[89] a[10] clumsy[394] left[159]-handed[189] man[17]. What[243] precise[158] purpose[514] this[256] ivory[76] horn[139] or[519] lance[76] answers[369], it[162] would[282] be[341] hard[337] to[261] say[306]. It[162] does[565] not[518] seem[404] to[261] be[341] used[102] like[410] the[19] blade[83] of[89] the[19] sword[273]-fish[187] and[236] bill[338]-fish[187]; though[400] some[265] sailors[64] tell[392] me[2] that[14] the[19] Narwhale[362] employs[102] it[162] for[190] a[10] rake[191] in[107] turning[69] over[82] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] sea[67] for[190] food[248]. Charley[466] Coffin[284] said[252] it[162] was[454] used[102] for[190] an[138] ice[443]-piercer; for[190] the[19] Narwhale[362], rising[464] to[261] the[19] surface[328] of[89] the[19] Polar[25] Sea[67], and[236] finding[350] it[162] sheeted[99] with[449] ice[443], thrusts[506] his[433] horn[139] up[405], and[236] so[281] breaks[522] through[295]. But[330] you[227] cannot prove[396] either[45] of[89] these[527] surmises[280] to[261] be[341] correct[414]. My[36] own[248] opinion[316] is[487], that[14] however[44] this[256] one[470]-sided[303] horn[139] may[236] really[406] be[341] used[102] by[406] the[19] Narwhale[362]--however[44] that[14] may[236] be[341]--it[162] would[282] certainly[124] be[341] very[515] convenient[470] to[261] him[248] for[190] a[10] folder[203] in[107] reading[210] pamphlets[427].

The[19] Narwhale[362] I[482] have[254] heard[444] called[237] the[19] Tusked[244] whale[422], the[19] Horned[204] whale[422], and[236] the[19] Unicorn[375] whale[422]. He[362] is[487] certainly[124] a[10] curious[264] example[479] of[89] the[19] Unicornism to[261] be[341] found[260] in[107] almost[518] every[389] kingdom[221] of[89] animated[143] nature[159]. From[316] certain[31] cloistered[41] old[447] authors[244] I[482] have[254] gathered[165] that[14] this[256] same[541] sea[67]-unicorn[375]'s[483] horn[139] was[454] in[107] ancient[463] days[351] regarded[393] as[113] the[19] great[259] antidote[367] against[417] poison[24], and[236] as[113] such[420], preparations[3] of[89] it[162] brought[85] immense[301] prices[367]. It[162] was[454] also[119] distilled[184] to[261] a[10] volatile[125] salts[181] for[190] fainting[69] ladies[66] the[19] same[541] way[435] that[14] the[19] horns[450] of[89] the[19] male[447] deer[465] are[314] manufactured[139] into[554] hartshorn[320]. Originally[367] it[162] was[454] in[107] itself[312] accounted[480] an[138] object[100] of[89] great[259] curiosity[501]. Black[581] Letter[539] tells[449] me[2] that[14] Sir[271] Martin[127] Frobisher[273] on[392] his[433] return[407] from[316] that[14] voyage[137], when[189] Queen[443] Bess[247] did[444] gallantly[96] wave[556] her[400] jewelled[10] hand[252] to[261] him[248] from[316] a[10] window[8] of[89] Greenwich[294] Palace[17], as[113] his[433] bold[356] ship[438] sailed[248] down[133] the[19] Thames[328]; "when[189] Sir[271] Martin[127] returned[214] from[316] that[14] voyage[137]," saith[419] Black[581] Letter[539], "on[392] bended[422] knees[214] he[362] presented[320] to[261] her[400] highness[36] a[10] prodigious[223] long[544] horn[139] of[89] the[19] Narwhale[362], which[16] for[190] a[10] long[544] period[196] after[358] hung[479] in[107] the[19] castle[271] at[65] Windsor[484]." An[138] Irish[117] author[470] avers[419] that[14] the[19] Earl[264] of[89] Leicester[38], on[392] bended[422] knees[214], did[444] likewise[193] present[112] to[261] her[400] highness[36] another[269] horn[139], pertaining[375] to[261] a[10] land[406] beast[136] of[89] the[19] unicorn[375] nature[159].

The[19] Narwhale[362] has[399] a[10] very[515] picturesque[453], leopard-like[410] look[523], being[264] of[89] a[10] milk[362]-white[82] ground[127] color[13], dotted[399] with[449] round[287] and[236] oblong[111] spots[8] of[89] black[581]. His[433] oil[118] is[487] very[515] superior[479], clear[408] and[236] fine[333]; but[330] there[340] is[487] little[554] of[89] it[162], and[236] he[362] is[487] seldom[140] hunted[439]. He[362] is[487] mostly[190] found[260] in[107] the[19] circumpolar[6] seas[350].

BOOK[230] II[38]. (Octavo[244]), CHAPTER[293] IV[299]. (Killer[429]).--Of[89] this[256] whale[422] little[554] is[487] precisely[217] known[86] to[261] the[19] Nantucketer, and[236] nothing[324] at[65] all[145] to[261] the[19] professed[68] naturalists[140]. From[316] what[243] I[482] have[254] seen[154] of[89] him[248] at[65] a[10] distance[264], I[482] should[255] say[306] that[14] he[362] was[454] about[123] the[19] bigness[330] of[89] a[10] grampus[31]. He[362] is[487] very[515] savage[398]--a[10] sort[42] of[89] Feegee fish[187]. He[362] sometimes[77] takes[362] the[19] great[259] Folio[172] whales[331] by[406] the[19] lip[318], and[236] hangs[170] there[340] like[410] a[10] leech[465], till[181] the[19] mighty[2] brute[73] is[487] worried[356] to[261] death[543]. The[19] Killer[429] is[487] never[206] hunted[439]. I[482] never[206] heard[444] what[243] sort[42] of[89] oil[118] he[362] has[399]. Exception[219] might[496] be[341] taken[222] to[261] the[19] name[477] bestowed[157] upon[419] this[256] whale[422], on[392] the[19] ground[127] of[89] its[234] indistinctness[161]. For[190] we[465] are[314] all[145] killers[136], on[392] land[406] and[236] on[392] sea[67]; Bonapartes[124] and[236] Sharks[206] included[559].

BOOK[230] II[38]. (Octavo[244]), CHAPTER[293] V[303]. (Thrasher[109]).--This[256] gentleman[399] is[487] famous[254] for[190] his[433] tail[102] which[16] he[362] uses[282] for[190] a[10] ferule[7] in[107] thrashing[247] his[433] foes[247]. He[362] mounts[280] the[19] Folio[172] whale[422]'s[483] back[457], and[236] as[113] he[362] swims[403], he[362] works[64] his[433] passage[285] by[406] flogging[60] him[248]; as[113] some[265] schoolmasters[21] get[126] along[423] in[107] the[19] world[126] by[406] a[10] similar[101] process[29]. Still[278] less[261] is[487] known[86] of[89] the[19] Thrasher[109] than[77] of[89] the[19] Killer[429]. Both[558] are[314] outlaws[125], even[198] in[107] the[19] lawless[461] seas[350].

Thus[362] ends[301] BOOK[230] II[38]. (Octavo[244]), and[236] begins[374] BOOK[230] III[167], (Duodecimo[221].)

DUODECIMOES.--These[527] include[38] the[19] smaller[236] whales[331]. I[482]. The[19] Huzza[191] Porpoise[487]. II[38]. The[19] Algerine[52] Porpoise[487]. III[167]. The[19] Mealy[292]-mouthed[234] Porpoise[487].

To[261] those[427] who[319] have[254] not[518] chanced[424] specially[87] to[261] study[252] the[19] subject[382], it[162] may[236] possibly[201] seem[404] strange[440], that[14] fishes[13] not[518] commonly[431] exceeding[320] four[175] or[519] five[103] feet[349] should[255] be[341] marshalled[237] among[483] WHALES[331]--a[10] word[486], which[16], in[107] the[19] popular[229] sense[85], always[367] conveys[303] an[138] idea[250] of[89] hugeness[27]. But[330] the[19] creatures[5] set[422] down[133] above[502] as[113] Duodecimoes are[314] infallibly[426] whales[331], by[406] the[19] terms[297] of[89] my[36] definition[1] of[89] what[243] a[10] whale[422] is[487]--i[482].e[443]. a[10] spouting[81] fish[187], with[449] a[10] horizontal[252] tail[102].

BOOK[230] III[167]. (Duodecimo[221]), CHAPTER[293] 1[53]. (Huzza[191] Porpoise[487]).--This[256] is[487] the[19] common[304] porpoise[487] found[260] almost[518] all[145] over[82] the[19] globe[23]. The[19] name[477] is[487] of[89] my[36] own[248] bestowal[446]; for[190] there[340] are[314] more[348] than[77] one[470] sort[42] of[89] porpoises[298], and[236] something[181] must[226] be[341] done[135] to[261] distinguish[76] them[146]. I[482] call[259] him[248] thus[362], because[540] he[362] always[367] swims[403] in[107] hilarious[336] shoals[340], which[16] upon[419] the[19] broad[267] sea[67] keep[381] tossing[213] themselves[510] to[261] heaven[163] like[410] caps[214] in[107] a[10] Fourth[399]-of[89]-July crowd[16]. Their[219] appearance[138] is[487] generally[402] hailed[411] with[449] delight[25] by[406] the[19] mariner[265]. Full[414] of[89] fine[333] spirits[471], they[382] invariably[55] come[420] from[316] the[19] breezy[70] billows[295] to[261] windward[170]. They[382] are[314] the[19] lads[252] that[14] always[367] live[554] before[344] the[19] wind[262]. They[382] are[314] accounted[480] a[10] lucky[439] omen[7]. If[141] you[227] yourself[176] can[450] withstand[263] three[329] cheers[416] at[65] beholding[248] these[527] vivacious[347] fish[187], then[45] heaven[163] help[526] ye[483]; the[19] spirit[227] of[89] godly[186] gamesomeness[285] is[487] not[518] in[107] ye[483]. A[10] well[263]-fed[366], plump[105] Huzza[191] Porpoise[487] will[584] yield[39] you[227] one[470] good[221] gallon[290] of[89] good[221] oil[118]. But[330] the[19] fine[333] and[236] delicate[34] fluid[212] extracted[69] from[316] his[433] jaws[341] is[487] exceedingly[257] valuable[72]. It[162] is[487] in[107] request[116] among[483] jewellers[253] and[236] watchmakers[111]. Sailors[64] put[190] it[162] on[392] their[219] hones[316]. Porpoise[487] meat[160] is[487] good[221] eating[22], you[227] know[60]. It[162] may[236] never[206] have[254] occurred[205] to[261] you[227] that[14] a[10] porpoise[487] spouts[75]. Indeed[522], his[433] spout[224] is[487] so[281] small[350] that[14] it[162] is[487] not[518] very[515] readily[467] discernible[136]. But[330] the[19] next[27] time[577] you[227] have[254] a[10] chance[292], watch[89] him[248]; and[236] you[227] will[584] then[45] see[370] the[19] great[259] Sperm[26] whale[422] himself[282] in[107] miniature[124].

BOOK[230] III[167]. (Duodecimo[221]), CHAPTER[293] II[38]. (Algerine[52] Porpoise[487]).--A[10] pirate[214]. Very[515] savage[398]. He[362] is[487] only[517] found[260], I[482] think[424], in[107] the[19] Pacific[294]. He[362] is[487] somewhat[77] larger[50] than[77] the[19] Huzza[191] Porpoise[487], but[330] much[61] of[89] the[19] same[541] general[37] make[175]. Provoke[355] him[248], and[236] he[362] will[584] buckle[65] to[261] a[10] shark[4]. I[482] have[254] lowered[279] for[190] him[248] many[282] times[121], but[330] never[206] yet[443] saw[113] him[248] captured[126].

BOOK[230] III[167]. (Duodecimo[221]), CHAPTER[293] III[167]. (Mealy[292]-mouthed[234] Porpoise[487]).--The[19]

largest[139] kind[451] of[89] Porpoise[487]; and[236] only[517] found[260] in[107] the[19] Pacific[294], so[281] far[258] as[113] it[162] is[487] known[86]. The[19] only[517] English[69] name[477], by[406] which[16] he[362] has[399] hitherto[533] been[185] designated[41], is[487] that[14] of[89] the[19] fisher[290]--Right[499]-Whale[422] Porpoise[487], from[316] the[19] circumstance[407] that[14] he[362] is[487] chiefly[90] found[260] in[107] the[19] vicinity[208] of[89] that[14] Folio[172]. In[107] shape[99], he[362] differs[296] in[107] some[265] degree[209] from[316] the[19] Huzza[191] Porpoise[487], being[264] of[89] a[10] less[261] rotund[4] and[236] jolly[50] girth[106]; indeed[522], he[362] is[487] of[89] quite[327] a[10] neat[163] and[236] gentleman[399]-like[392] figure[55]. He[362] has[399] no[235] fins[556] on[392] his[433] back[457] (most[216] other[282] porpoises[298] have[254]), he[362] has[399] a[10] lovely[126] tail[102], and[236] sentimental[31] Indian[303] eyes[125] of[89] a[10] hazel[247] hue[296]. But[330] his[433] mealy[292]-mouth[414] spoils[499] all[145]. Though[400] his[433] entire[230] back[457] down[133] to[261] his[433] side[246] fins[556] is[487] of[89] a[10] deep[483] sable[275], yet[443] a[10] boundary[11] line[25], distinct[259] as[113] the[19] mark[169] in[107] a[10] ship[438]'s[483] hull[323], called[237] the[19] "bright[205] waist[52]," that[14] line[25] streaks[522] him[248] from[316] stem[493] to[261] stern[442], with[449] two[527] separate[495] colors[24], black[581] above[502] and[236] white[82] below[397]. The[19] white[82] comprises[234] part[207] of[89] his[433] head[219], and[236] the[19] whole[199] of[89] his[433] mouth[414], which[16] makes[32] him[248] look[523] as[113] if[141] he[362] had[364] just[108] escaped[197] from[316] a[10] felonious[226] visit[229] to[261] a[10] meal[246]-bag[233]. A[10] most[216] mean[504] and[236] mealy[292] aspect[147]! His[433] oil[118] is[487] much[61] like[410] that[14] of[89] the[19] common[304] porpoise[487].

Beyond[421] the[19] DUODECIMO[221], this[256] system[480] does[565] not[518] proceed[367], inasmuch[110] as[113] the[19] Porpoise[487] is[487] the[19] smallest[443] of[89] the[19] whales[331]. Above[502], you[227] have[254] all[145] the[19] Leviathans[336] of[89] note[59]. But[330] there[340] are[314] a[10] rabble[285] of[89] uncertain[396], fugitive[332], half[119]-fabulous[335] whales[331], which[16], as[113] an[138] American[272] whaleman[98], I[482] know[60] by[406] reputation[193], but[330] not[518] personally[64]. I[482] shall[66] enumerate[257] them[146] by[406] their[219] fore[259]-castle[271] appellations[25]; for[190] possibly[201] such[420] a[10] list[576] may[236] be[341] valuable[72] to[261] future[44] investigators[464], who[319] may[236] complete[191] what[243] I[482] have[254] here[135] but[330] begun[243]. If[141] any[501] of[89] the[19] following[181] whales[331], shall[66] hereafter[479] be[341] caught[105] and[236] marked[67], then[45] he[362] can[450] readily[467] be[341] incorporated[129] into[554] this[256] System[480], according[281] to[261] his[433] Folio[172], Octavo[244], or[519] Duodecimo[221] magnitude[203]:-- The[19] Bottle[42]-Nose[290] Whale[422]; the[19] Junk[92] Whale[422]; the[19] Pudding[176]-Headed[147] Whale[422]; the[19] Cape[23] Whale[422]; the[19] Leading[59] Whale[422]; the[19] Cannon[515] Whale[422]; the[19] Scragg Whale[422]; the[19] Coppered[31] Whale[422]; the[19] Elephant[72] Whale[422]; the[19] Iceberg[279] Whale[422]; the[19] Quog Whale[422]; the[19] Blue[240] Whale[422]; &c[62]. From[316] Icelandic[340], Dutch[325], and[236] old[447] English[69] authorities[322], there[340] might[496] be[341] quoted[280] other[282] lists[140] of[89] uncertain[396] whales[331], blessed[473] with[449] all[145] manner[153] of[89] uncouth[136] names[360]. But[330] I[482] omit[296] them[146] as[113] altogether[31] obsolete[280]; and[236] can[450] hardly[182] help[526] suspecting[427] them[146] for[190] mere[393] sounds[394], full[414] of[89] Leviathanism, but[330] signifying[191] nothing[324].

Finally[69]: It[162] was[454] stated[543] at[65] the[19] outset[350], that[14] this[256] system[480] would[282] not[518] be[341] here[135], and[236] at[65] once[248], perfected[247]. You[227] cannot but[330] plainly[450] see[370] that[14] I[482] have[254] kept[290] my[36] word[486]. But[330] I[482] now[20] leave[450] my[36] cetological System[480] standing[144] thus[362] unfinished[249], even[198] as[113] the[19] great[259] Cathedral[231] of[89] Cologne[427] was[454] left[159], with[449] the[19] cranes[377] still[278] standing[144] upon[419] the[19] top[70] of[89] the[19] uncompleted[31] tower[36]. For[190] small[350] erections[87] may[236] be[341] finished[218] by[406] their[219] first[13] architects[173]; grand[229] ones[396], true[483] ones[396], ever[208] leave[450] the[19] copestone[296] to[261] posterity[447]. God[185] keep[381] me[2] from[316] ever[208] completing[265] anything[480]. This[256] whole[199] book[230] is[487] but[330] a[10] draught[246]--nay[358], but[330] the[19] draught[246] of[89] a[10] draught[246]. Oh[367], Time[577], Strength[168], Cash[290], and[236] Patience[295]!

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The[19] Specksynder

Concerning[368] the[19] officers[439] of[89] the[19] whale[422]-craft[187], this[256] seems[19] as[113] good[221] a[10] place[107] as[113] any[501] to[261] set[422] down[133] a[10] little[554] domestic[303] peculiarity[211] on[392] ship[438]-board[540], arising[303] from[316] the[19] existence[187] of[89] the[19] harpooneer class[410] of[89] officers[439], a[10] class[410] unknown[10] of[89] course[171] in[107] any[501] other[282] marine[333] than[77] the[19] whale[422]-fleet[206].

The[19] large[385] importance[579] attached[211] to[261] the[19] harpooneer's[483] vocation[408] is[487] evinced[94] by[406] the[19] fact[12], that[14] originally[367] in[107] the[19] old[447] Dutch[325] Fishery[136], two[527] centuries[168] and[236] more[348] ago[141], the[19] command[190] of[89] a[10] whale[422]-ship[98] was[454] not[518] wholly[497] lodged[238] in[107] the[19] person[550] now[20] called[237] the[19] captain[295], but[330] was[454] divided[469] between[77] him[248] and[236] an[138] officer[70] called[237] the[19] Specksynder. Literally[37] this[256] word[486] means[502] Fat[351]-Cutter; usage[454], however[44], in[107] time[577] made[563] it[162] equivalent[54] to[261] Chief[156] Harpooneer. In[107] those[427] days[351], the[19] captain[295]'s[483] authority[146] was[454] restricted[292] to[261] the[19] navigation[36] and[236] general[37] management[97] of[89] the[19] vessel[155]; while[55] over[82] the[19] whale[422]-hunting[45] department[104] and[236] all[145] its[234] concerns[221], the[19] Specksynder or[519] Chief[156] Harpooneer reigned[208] supreme[160]. In[107] the[19] British[81] Greenland[110] Fishery[136], under[533] the[19] corrupted[102] title[168] of[89] Specksioneer, this[256] old[447] Dutch[325] official[283] is[487] still[278] retained[155], but[330] his[433] former[157] dignity[338] is[487] sadly[75] abridged[69]. At[65] present[112] he[362] ranks[189] simply[142] as[113] senior[52] Harpooneer; and[236] as[113] such[420], is[487] but[330] one[470] of[89] the[19] captain[295]'s[483] more[348] inferior[84] subalterns[92]. Nevertheless[104], as[113] upon[419] the[19] good[221] conduct[161] of[89] the[19] harpooneers the[19] success[197] of[89] a[10] whaling[155] voyage[137] largely[211] depends[568], and[236] since[374] in[107] the[19] American[272] Fishery[136] he[362] is[487] not[518] only[517] an[138] important[104] officer[70] in[107] the[19] boat[439], but[330] under[533] certain[31] circumstances[267] (night[108] watches[458] on[392] a[10] whaling[155] ground[127]) the[19] command[190] of[89] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] deck[505] is[487] also[119] his[433]; therefore[94] the[19] grand[229] political[343] maxim[499] of[89] the[19] sea[67] demands[217], that[14] he[362] should[255] nominally[159] live[554] apart[526] from[316] the[19] men[62] before[344] the[19] mast[44],

and[236] be[341] in[107] some[265] way[435] distinguished[365] as[113] their[219] professional[357] superior[479];
though[400] always[367], by[406] them[146], familiarly[31] regarded[393] as[113] their[219] social[149] equal[261].

Now[20], the[19] grand[229] distinction[301] drawn[564] between[77] officer[70] and[236] man[17]
at[65] sea[67], is[487] this[256]--the[19] first[13] lives[245] aft[2], the[19] last[436] forward[364].
Hence[503], in[107] whale[422]-ships[21] and[236] merchantmen[52] alike[122], the[19] mates[264] have[254] their[219]
quarters[336] with[449] the[19] captain[295]; and[236] so[281], too[11], in[107] most[216] of[89] the[19] American[272]
whalers[116] the[19] harpooneers are[314] lodged[238] in[107] the[19] after[358] part[207] of[89] the[19] ship[438].
That[14] is[487] to[261] say[306], they[382] take[279] their[219] meals[419] in[107] the[19] captain[295]'s[483] cabin[192],
and[236] sleep[233] in[107] a[10] place[107] indirectly[155] communicating[21] with[449] it[162].

Though[400] the[19] long[544] period[196] of[89] a[10] Southern[187] whaling[155] voyage[137]
(by[406] far[258] the[19] longest[14] of[89] all[145] voyages[368] now[20] or[519] ever[208] made[563] by[406] man[17]),
the[19] peculiar[291] perils[140] of[89] it[162], and[236] the[19] community[279] of[89] interest[323]
prevailing[8] among[483] a[10] company[280], all[145] of[89] whom[324], high[361] or[519] low[407], depend[236] for[190]
their[219] profits[14], not[518] upon[419] fixed[564] wages[460], but[330] upon[419] their[219] common[304] luck[453],
together[440] with[449] their[219] common[304] vigilance[124], intrepidity[161], and[236] hard[337] work[385];
though[400] all[145] these[527] things[4] do[353] in[107] some[265] cases[108] tend[151] to[261] beget[415] a[10] less[261]
rigorous[136] discipline[77] than[77] in[107] merchantmen[52] generally[402]; yet[443], never[206] mind[118]
how[19] much[61] like[410] an[138] old[447] Mesopotamian[105] family[347] these[527] whalemen[451] may[236],
in[107] some[265] primitive[489] instances[252], live[554] together[440]; for[190] all[145] that[14],
the[19] punctilious[4] externals[202], at[65] least[453], of[89] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505]
are[314] seldom[140] materially[125] relaxed[2], and[236] in[107] no[235] instance[141] done[135] away[443].
Indeed[522], many[282] are[314] the[19] Nantucket[283] ships[21] in[107] which[16] you[227] will[584] see[370]
the[19] skipper[149] parading[1] his[433] quarter[6]-deck[505] with[449] an[138] elated[362] grandeur[436]
not[518] surpassed[282] in[107] any[501] military[317] navy[83]; nay[358], extorting[181] almost[518]
as[113] much[61] outward[393] homage[92] as[113] if[141] he[362] wore[92] the[19] imperial[249] purple[167],
and[236] not[518] the[19] shabbiest[296] of[89] pilot[559]-cloth[285].

And[236] though[400] of[89] all[145] men[62] the[19] moody[447] captain[295] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288]
was[454] the[19] least[453] given[141] to[261] that[14] sort[42] of[89] shallowest[25] assumption[368];
and[236] though[400] the[19] only[517] homage[92] he[362] ever[208] exacted[102], was[454] implicit[125],
instantaneous[322] obedience[74]; though[400] he[362] required[566] no[235] man[17] to[261] remove[306]
the[19] shoes[436] from[316] his[433] feet[349] ere[83] stepping[299] upon[419] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505];
and[236] though[400] there[340] were[324] times[121] when[189], owing[98] to[261] peculiar[291] circumstances[267]
connected[202] with[449] events[390] hereafter[479] to[261] be[341] detailed[117], he[362] addressed[169]
them[146] in[107] unusual[322] terms[297], whether[454] of[89] condescension[83] or[519] in[107] terrorem[83],
or[519] otherwise[542]; yet[443] even[198] Captain[295] Ahab[232] was[454] by[406] no[235] means[502] unobservant[4]
of[89] the[19] paramount[197] forms[48] and[236] usages[262] of[89] the[19] sea[67].

Nor[137], perhaps[75], will[584] it[162] fail[126] to[261] be[341] eventually[163] perceived[76], that[14] behind[80]
those[427] forms[48] and[236] usages[262], as[113] it[162] were[324], he[362] sometimes[77] masked[234] himself[282];
incidentally[261] making[415] use[176] of[89] them[146] for[190] other[282] and[236] more[348] private[541]
ends[301] than[77] they[382] were[324] legitimately[93] intended[495] to[261] subserve[350].
That[14] certain[31] sultanism of[89] his[433] brain[158], which[16] had[364] otherwise[542] in[107] a[10]
good[221] degree[209] remained[72] unmanifested[177]; through[295] those[427] forms[48] that[14] same[541]
sultanism became[70] incarnate[163] in[107] an[138] irresistible[214] dictatorship[24].
For[190] be[341] a[10] man[17]'s[415] intellectual[243] superiority[507] what[243] it[162] will[584], it[162] can[450]
never[206] assume[191] the[19] practical[74], available[538] supremacy[506] over[82] other[282] men[62],
without[309] the[19] aid[236] of[89] some[265] sort[42] of[89] external[386] arts[305] and[236] entrenchments[24],
always[367], in[107] themselves[510], more[348] or[519] less[261] paltry[147] and[236] base[258].
This[256] it[162] is[487], that[14] for[190] ever[208] keeps[20] God[185]'s[483] true[483] princes[183] of[89] the[19] Empire[390]
from[316] the[19] world[126]'s[483] hustings[214]; and[236] leaves[441] the[19] highest[575] honors[251] that[14] this[256]
air[209] can[450] give[142], to[261] those[427] men[62] who[319] become[548] famous[254] more[348] through[295] their[219]
infinite[503] inferiority[116] to[261] the[19] choice[340] hidden[78] handful[330] of[89] the[19] Divine[216] Inert[155],
than[77] through[295] their[219] undoubted[214] superiority[507] over[82] the[19] dead[568] level[378]
of[89] the[19] mass[36]. Such[420] large[385] virtue[16] lurks[115] in[107] these[527] small[350] things[4] when[189]
extreme[31] political[343] superstitions[128] invest[308] them[146], that[14] in[107] some[265] royal[161]
instances[252] even[198] to[261] idiot[475] imbecility[444] they[382] have[254] imparted[189] potency[26].
But[330] when[189], as[113] in[107] the[19] case[346] of[89] Nicholas[143] the[19] Czar[427], the[19] ringed[379] crown[463]
of[89] geographical[227] empire[390] encircles[275] an[138] imperial[249] brain[158]; then[45], the[19] plebeian[415]
herds[341] crouch[169] abased[364] before[344] the[19] tremendous[376] centralization[229].
Nor[137], will[584] the[19] tragic[140] dramatist[170] who[319] would[282] depict[95] mortal[371] indomitableness[25]
in[107] its[234] fullest[82] sweep[471] and[236] direct[314] swing[311], ever[208] forget[426] a[10] hint[335],
incidentally[261] so[281] important[104] in[107] his[433] art[462], as[113] the[19] one[470] now[20] alluded[231] to[261].

But[330] Ahab[232], my[36] Captain[295], still[278] moves[115] before[344] me[2] in[107] all[145] his[433] Nantucket[283]
grimness[70] and[236] shagginess[366]; and[236] in[107] this[256] episode[6] touching[80] Emperors[247]
and[236] Kings[474], I[482] must[226] not[518] conceal[118] that[14] I[482] have[254] only[517] to[261] do[353] with[449] a[10] poor[533] old[447]
whale[422]-hunter[287] like[410] him[248]; and[236], therefore[94], all[145] outward[393] majestical[473] trappings[1]
and[236] housings[454] are[314] denied[40] me[2]. Oh[367], Ahab[232]! what[243] shall[66] be[341] grand[229] in[107] thee[15],
it[162] must[226] needs[41] be[341] plucked[181] at[65] from[316] the[19] skies[30], and[236] dived[149] for[190] in[107] the[19] deep[483],
and[236] featured[292] in[107] the[19] unbodied[414] air[209]!

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The[19] Cabin[192]-Table[379]

It[162] is[487] noon[445]; and[236] Dough-Boy[110], the[19] steward[82], thrusting[100] his[433] pale[292] loaf-of[89]-bread[387]
face[556] from[316] the[19] cabin[192]-scuttle[27], announces[69] dinner[322] to[261] his[433] lord[106] and[236] master[131] who[319],
sitting[136] in[107] the[19] lee[472] quarter[6]-boat[439], has[399] just[108] been[185] taking[146] an[138] observation[102]
of[89] the[19] sun[397]; and[236] is[487] now[20] mutely[102] reckoning[541] the[19] latitude[258] on[392] the[19] smooth[388],

medallion-shaped[151] tablet[260], reserved[234] for[190] that[14] daily[201] purpose[514] on[392] the[19] upper[403] part[207] of[89] his[433] ivory[76] leg[331]. From[316] his[433] complete[191] inattention[235] to[261] the[19] tidings[395], you[227] would[282] think[424] that[14] moody[447] Ahab[232] had[364] not[518] heard[444] his[433] menial[287]. But[330] presently[166], catching[263] hold[204] of[89] the[19] mizen[117] shrouds[264], he[362] swings[31] himself[282] to[261] the[19] deck[505], and[236] in[107] an[138] even[198], unexhilarated voice[233], saying[9], "Dinner[322], Mr[219]. Starbuck," disappears[293] into[554] the[19] cabin[192].

When[189] the[19] last[436] echo[25] of[89] his[433] sultan[107]'s[483] step[204] has[399] died[575] away[443], and[236] Starbuck, the[19] first[13] Emir[64], has[399] every[389] reason[238] to[261] suppose[120] that[14] he[362] is[487] seated[158], then[45] Starbuck rouses[127] from[316] his[433] quietude[171], takes[362] a[10] few[49] turns[136] along[423] the[19] planks[284], and[236], after[358] a[10] grave[344] peep[222] into[554] the[19] binnacle[98], says[424], with[449] some[265] touch[486] of[89] pleasantness[25], "Dinner[322], Mr[219]. Stubb," and[236] descends[255] the[19] scuttle[27]. The[19] second[386] Emir[64] lounges[41] about[123] the[19] rigging[516] awhile[16], and[236] then[45] slightly[238] shaking[206] the[19] main[501] brace[403], to[261] see[370] whether[454] it[162] will[584] be[341] all[145] right[499] with[449] that[14] important[104] rope[265], he[362] likewise[193] takes[362] up[405] the[19] old[447] burden[382], and[236] with[449] a[10] rapid[321] "Dinner[322], Mr[219]. Flask[199]," follows[195] after[358] his[433] predecessors[44].

But[330] the[19] third[301] Emir[64], now[20] seeing[426] himself[282] all[145] alone[2] on[392] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505], seems[19] to[261] feel[461] relieved[158] from[316] some[265] curious[264] restraint[163]; for[190], tipping[78] all[145] sorts[354] of[89] knowing[240] winks[422] in[107] all[145] sorts[354] of[89] directions[124], and[236] kicking[116] off[111] his[433] shoes[436], he[362] strikes[323] into[554] a[10] sharp[427] but[330] noiseless[21] squall[467] of[89] a[10] hornpipe[497] right[499] over[82] the[19] Grand[229] Turk[291]'s[483] head[219]; and[236] then[45], by[406] a[10] dexterous[25] sleight[367], pitching[143] his[433] cap[328] up[405] into[554] the[19] mizentop for[190] a[10] shelf[3], he[362] goes[205] down[133] rollicking[158] so[281] far[258] at[65] least[453] as[113] he[362] remains[324] visible[94] from[316] the[19] deck[505], reversing[6] all[145] other[282] processions[161], by[406] bringing[9] up[405] the[19] rear[252] with[449] music[91]. But[330] ere[83] stepping[299] into[554] the[19] cabin[192] doorway[366] below[397], he[362] pauses[379], ships[21] a[10] new[36] face[556] altogether[31], and[236], then[45], independent[330], hilarious[336] little[554] Flask[199] enters[157] King[324] Ahab[232]'s[483] presence[492], in[107] the[19] character[239] of[89] Abjectus, or[519] the[19] Slave[126].

It[162] is[487] not[518] the[19] least[453] among[483] the[19] strange[440] things[4] bred[128] by[406] the[19] intense[89] artificialness of[89] sea[67]-usages[262], that[14] while[55] in[107] the[19] open[464] air[209] of[89] the[19] deck[505] some[265] officers[439] will[584], upon[419] provocation[125], bear[48] themselves[510] boldly[445] and[236] defyingly[180] enough[217] towards[417] their[219] commander[108]; yet[443], ten[198] to[261] one[470], let[66] those[427] very[515] officers[439] the[19] next[27] moment[258] go[20] down[133] to[261] their[219] customary[79] dinner[322] in[107] that[14] same[541] commander[108]'s[483] cabin[192], and[236] straightway[210] their[219] inoffensive[181], not[518] to[261] say[306] deprecatory[53] and[236] humble[105] air[209] towards[417] him[248], as[113] he[362] sits[105] at[65] the[19] head[219] of[89] the[19] table[572]; this[256] is[487] marvellous[35], sometimes[77] most[216] comical[135]. Wherefore[220] this[256] difference[3]? A[10] problem[28]? Perhaps[75] not[518]. To[261] have[254] been[185] Belshazzar[19], King[324] of[89] Babylon[364]; and[236] to[261] have[254] been[185] Belshazzar[19], not[518] haughtily[311] but[330] courteously[219], therein[68] certainly[124] must[226] have[254] been[185] some[265] touch[486] of[89] mundane[242] grandeur[436]. But[330] he[362] who[319] in[107] the[19] rightly[90] regal[203] and[236] intelligent[346] spirit[227] presides[350] over[82] his[433] own[248] private[541] dinner[322]-table[572] of[89] invited[230] guests[320], that[14] man[17]'s[415] unchallenged[246] power[145] and[236] dominion[57] of[89] individual[233] influence[299] for[190] the[19] time[577]; that[14] man[17]'s[415] royalty[283] of[89] state[135] transcends[150] Belshazzar[19]'s[483], for[190] Belshazzar[19] was[454] not[518] the[19] greatest[479]. Who[319] has[399] but[330] once[248] dined[30] his[433] friends[169], has[399] tasted[356] what[243] it[162] is[487] to[261] be[341] Caesar[24]. It[162] is[487] a[10] witchery[188] of[89] social[149] czarship which[16] there[340] is[487] no[235] withstanding[142]. Now[20], if[141] to[261] this[256] consideration[196] you[227] super-add[236] the[19] official[283] supremacy[506] of[89] a[10] ship[438]-master[131], then[45], by[406] inference[292], you[227] will[584] derive[414] the[19] cause[220] of[89] that[14] peculiarity[211] of[89] sea[67]-life[71] just[108] mentioned[149].

Over[82] his[433] ivory[76]-inlaid[6] table[572], Ahab[232] presided[88] like[410] a[10] mute[122], maned[192] sea[67]-lion[84] on[392] the[19] white[82] coral[22] beach[183], surrounded[75] by[406] his[433] war[169]-like[506] but[330] still[278] deferential[98] cubs[399]. In[107] his[433] own[248] proper[249] turn[17], each[520] officer[70] waited[523] to[261] be[341] served[460]. They[382] were[324] as[113] little[554] children[374] before[344] Ahab[232]; and[236] yet[443], in[107] Ahab[232], there[340] seemed[132] not[518] to[261] lurk[246] the[19] smallest[443] social[149] arrogance[188]. With[449] one[470] mind[118], their[219] intent[359] eyes[125] all[145] fastened[426] upon[419] the[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415] knife[503], as[113] he[362] carved[455] the[19] chief[156] dish[278] before[344] him[248]. I[482] do[353] not[518] suppose[120] that[14] for[190] the[19] world[126] they[382] would[282] have[254] profaned[192] that[14] moment[258] with[449] the[19] slightest[44] observation[102], even[198] upon[419] so[281] neutral[434] a[10] topic[325] as[113] the[19] weather[405]. No[235]! And[236] when[189] reaching[141] out[66] his[433] knife[503] and[236] fork[342], between[77] which[16] the[19] slice[127] of[89] beef[303] was[454] locked[105], Ahab[232] thereby[190] motioned[347] Starbuck's[483] plate[396] towards[417] him[248], the[19] mate[508] received[12] his[433] meat[160] as[113] though[400] receiving[124] alms[314]; and[236] cut[310] it[162] tenderly[452]; and[236] a[10] little[554] started[492] if[141], perchance[306], the[19] knife[503] grazed[39] against[417] the[19] plate[396]; and[236] chewed[225] it[162] noiselessly[18]; and[236] swallowed[104] it[162], not[518] without[309] circumspection[31]. For[190], like[410] the[19] Coronation[239] banquet[105] at[65] Frankfort[444], where[579] the[19] German[264] Emperor[262] profoundly[261] dines[86] with[449] the[19] seven[188] Imperial[249] Electors[368], so[281] these[527] cabin[192] meals[419] were[324] somehow[425] solemn[303] meals[419], eaten[172] in[107] awful[539] silence[309]; and[236] yet[443] at[65] table[572] old[447] Ahab[232] forbade[202] not[518] conversation[222]; only[517] he[362] himself[282] was[454] dumb[371]. What[243] a[10] relief[60] it[162] was[454] to[261] choking[243] Stubb, when[189] a[10] rat[170] made[563] a[10] sudden[309] racket[4] in[107] the[19] hold[204] below[397]. And[236] poor[533] little[554] Flask[199], he[362] was[454] the[19] youngest[300] son[26], and[236] little[554] boy[110] of[89] this[256] weary[306] family[347] party[314]. His[433] were[324] the[19] shin[379]-bones[306] of[89] the[19] saline[279] beef[303]; his[433] would[282] have[254] been[185] the[19] drumsticks[156]. For[190] Flask[199] to[261] have[254] presumed[300] to[261] help[526] himself[282], this[256] must[226] have[254] seemed[132] to[261] him[248] tantamount[133] to[261] larceny[303] in[107] the[19] first[13] degree[209]. Had[364] he[362] helped[204] himself[282] at[65] that[14] table[572], doubtless[101], never[206] more[348] would[282] he[362] have[254] been[185] able[362] to[261] hold[204] his[433] head[219] up[405] in[107] this[256] honest[287] world[126]; nevertheless[104], strange[440] to[261] say[306], Ahab[232] never[206] forbade[202] him[248]. And[236] had[364] Flask[199] helped[204] himself[282], the[19] chances[400] were[324] Ahab[232] had[364] never[206] so[281] much[61] as[113] noticed[157] it[162]. Least[453] of[89] all[145], did[444] Flask[199] presume[212] to[261] help[526] himself[282] to[261] butter[536]. Whether[454] he[362] thought[186] the[19] owners[208] of[89] the[19] ship[438] denied[40] it[162] to[261] him[248],

on[392] account[102] of[89] its[234] clotting[331] his[433] clear[408], sunny[200] complexion[243]; or[519] whether[454]
he[362] deemed[17] that[14], on[392] so[281] long[544] a[10] voyage[137] in[107] such[420] marketless waters[556],
butter[536] was[454] at[65] a[10] premium[25], and[236] therefore[94] was[454] not[518] for[190] him[248], a[10] subaltern[78];
however[44] it[162] was[454], Flask[199], alas[129]! was[454] a[10] butterless[29] man[17]!

Another[269] thing[309]. Flask[199] was[454] the[19] last[436] person[550] down[133] at[65] the[19] dinner[322],
and[236] Flask[199] is[487] the[19] first[13] man[17] up[405]. Consider[259]! For[190] hereby[196] Flask[199]'s[483]
dinner[322] was[454] badly[36] jammed[241] in[107] point[438] of[89] time[577]. Starbuck and[236] Stubb
both[558] had[364] the[19] start[117] of[89] him[248]; and[236] yet[443] they[382] also[119] have[254] the[19] privilege[414]
of[89] lounging[325] in[107] the[19] rear[252]. If[141] Stubb even[198], who[319] is[487] but[330] a[10] peg[223] higher[574]
than[77] Flask[199], happens[143] to[261] have[254] but[330] a[10] small[350] appetite[97], and[236] soon[18] shows[364]
symptoms[128] of[89] concluding[84] his[433] repast[192], then[45] Flask[199] must[226] bestir[320] himself[282],
he[362] will[584] not[518] get[126] more[348] than[77] three[329] mouthfuls[35] that[14] day[112]; for[190] it[162]
is[487] against[417] holy[61] usage[454] for[190] Stubb to[261] precede[243] Flask[199] to[261] the[19] deck[505].
Therefore[94] it[162] was[454] that[14] Flask[199] once[248] admitted[434] in[107] private[541],
that[14] ever[208] since[374] he[362] had[364] arisen[497] to[261] the[19] dignity[338] of[89] an[138] officer[70],
from[316] that[14] moment[258] he[362] had[364] never[206] known[86] what[243] it[162] was[454] to[261] be[341] otherwise[542]
than[77] hungry[235], more[348] or[519] less[261]. For[190] what[243] he[362] ate[367] did[444] not[518] so[281] much[61] relieve[83]
his[433] hunger[498], as[113] keep[381] it[162] immortal[15] in[107] him[248]. Peace[216] and[236] satisfaction[500],
thought[186] Flask[199], have[254] for[190] ever[208] departed[467] from[316] my[36] stomach[274].
I[482] am[375] an[138] officer[70]; but[330], how[19] I[482] wish[95] I[482] could[375] fist[414] a[10] bit[72] of[89] old[447]-fashioned[432]
beef[303] in[107] the[19] fore[259]-castle[271], as[113] I[482] used[102] to[261] when[189] I[482] was[454] before[344] the[19] mast[44].
There[340]'s[483] the[19] fruits[482] of[89] promotion[282] now[20]; there[340]'s[483] the[19] vanity[44] of[89] glory[173]:
there[340]'s[483] the[19] insanity[115] of[89] life[71]! Besides[465], if[141] it[162] were[324] so[281] that[14]
any[501] mere[393] sailor[561] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288] had[364] a[10] grudge[446] against[417] Flask[199]
in[107] Flask[199]'s[483] official[283] capacity[23], all[145] that[14] sailor[561] had[364] to[261] do[353],
in[107] order[343] to[261] obtain[238] ample[264] vengeance[72], was[454] to[261] go[20] aft[2] at[65] dinnertime[117],
and[236] get[126] a[10] peep[222] at[65] Flask[199] through[295] the[19] cabin[192] sky[331]-light[382], sitting[136]
silly[314] and[236] dumfoundered[253] before[344] awful[539] Ahab[232].

Now[20], Ahab[232] and[236] his[433] three[329] mates[264] formed[294] what[243] may[236] be[341] called[237] the[19] first[13]
table[572] in[107] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] cabin[192]. After[358] their[219] departure[46], taking[146] place[107]
in[107] inverted[93] order[343] to[261] their[219] arrival[274], the[19] canvas[557] cloth[102] was[454] cleared[241],
or[519] rather[178] was[454] restored[384] to[261] some[265] hurried[335] order[343] by[406] the[19] pallid[22] steward[82].
And[236] then[45] the[19] three[329] harpooneers were[324] bidden[124] to[261] the[19] feast[330], they[382] being[264]
its[234] residuary[25] legatees[86]. They[382] made[563] a[10] sort[42] of[89] temporary[235] servants[529]'
hall[165] of[89] the[19] high[361] and[236] mighty[2] cabin[192].

In[107] strange[440] contrast[205] to[261] the[19] hardly[182] tolerable[198] constraint[24]
and[236] nameless[427] invisible[186] domineerings of[89] the[19] captain[295]'s[483] table[572],
was[454] the[19] entire[230] care[307]-free[72] license[13] and[236] ease[387], the[19] almost[518] frantic[211]
democracy[386] of[89] those[427] inferior[84] fellows[131] the[19] harpooneers.
While[55] their[219] masters[259], the[19] mates[264], seemed[132] afraid[248] of[89] the[19] sound[181]
of[89] the[19] hinges[339] of[89] their[219] own[248] jaws[341], the[19] harpooneers chewed[225]
their[219] food[248] with[449] such[420] a[10] relish[22] that[14] there[340] was[454] a[10] report[238] to[261] it[162].
They[382] dined[30] like[410] lords[410]; they[382] filled[232] their[219] bellies[192] like[410] Indian[303]
ships[21] all[145] day[112] loading[23] with[449] spices[320]. Such[420] portentous[125] appetites[249]
had[364] Queequeg and[236] Tashtego, that[14] to[261] fill[380] out[66] the[19] vacancies[156] made[563]
by[406] the[19] previous[376] repast[192], often[227] the[19] pale[292] Dough-Boy[110] was[454] fain[264] to[261] bring[173]
on[392] a[10] great[259] baron[361] of[89] salt[183]-junk[92], seemingly[261] quarried[165] out[66] of[89] the[19] solid[494] ox[413].
And[236] if[141] he[362] were[324] not[518] lively[272] about[123] it[162], if[141] he[362] did[444] not[518] go[20] with[449] a[10]
nimble[169] hop[559]-skip-and[236]-jump[50], then[45] Tashtego had[364] an[138] ungentlemanly[115]
way[435] of[89] accelerating[357] him[248] by[406] darting[147] a[10] fork[342] at[65] his[433] back[457],
harpoon[67]-wise[16]. And[236] once[248] Daggoo, seized[337] with[449] a[10] sudden[309] humor[368],
assisted[84] Dough-Boy[110]'s[483] memory[333] by[406] snatching[111] him[248] up[405] bodily[172],
and[236] thrusting[100] his[433] head[219] into[554] a[10] great[259] empty[450] wooden[35] trencher[65],
while[55] Tashtego, knife[503] in[107] hand[252], began[132] laying[116] out[66] the[19] circle[282]
preliminary[32] to[261] scalping[99] him[248]. He[362] was[454] naturally[362] a[10] very[515] nervous[154],
shuddering[143] sort[42] of[89] little[554] fellow[369], this[256] bread[387]-faced[115] steward[82];
the[19] progeny[196] of[89] a[10] bankrupt[285] baker[223] and[236] a[10] hospital[143] nurse[210].
And[236] what[243] with[449] the[19] standing[144] spectacle[250] of[89] the[19] black[581] terrific[315] Ahab[232],
and[236] the[19] periodical[358] tumultuous[355] visitations[113] of[89] these[527] three[329] savages[247],
Dough-Boy[110]'s[483] whole[199] life[71] was[454] one[470] continual[222] lip[318]-quiver[38]. Commonly[431],
after[358] seeing[426] the[19] harpooneers furnished[201] with[449] all[145] things[4] they[382] demanded[223],
he[362] would[282] escape[565] from[316] their[219] clutches[25] into[554] his[433] little[554] pantry[26] adjoining[59],
and[236] fearfully[345] peep[222] out[66] at[65] them[146] through[295] the[19] blinds[34] of[89] its[234] door[135],
till[181] all[145] was[454] over[82].

It[162] was[454] a[10] sight[365] to[261] see[370] Queequeg seated[158] over[82] against[417] Tashtego,
opposing[402] his[433] filed[225] teeth[82] to[261] the[19] Indian[303]'s[483]; crosswise[350] to[261] them[146],
Daggoo seated[158] on[392] the[19] floor[418], for[190] a[10] bench[80] would[282] have[254] brought[85]
his[433] hearse[34]-plumed[409] head[219] to[261] the[19] low[407] carlines[27]; at[65] every[389] motion[544]
of[89] his[433] colossal[396] limbs[315], making[415] the[19] low[407] cabin[192] framework[36] to[261] shake[180],
as[113] when[189] an[138] African[117] elephant[72] goes[205] passenger[403] in[107] a[10] ship[438].
But[330] for[190] all[145] this[256], the[19] great[259] negro[102] was[454] wonderfully[12] abstemious[392],
not[518] to[261] say[306] dainty[338]. It[162] seemed[132] hardly[182] possible[277] that[14] by[406] such[420]
comparatively[203] small[350] mouthfuls[35] he[362] could[375] keep[381] up[405] the[19] vitality[204]
diffused[321] through[295] so[281] broad[267], baronial[215], and[236] superb[44] a[10] person[550].
But[330], doubtless[101], this[256] noble[226] savage[398] fed[491] strong[145] and[236] drank[82] deep[483]
of[89] the[19] abounding[143] element[38] of[89] air[209]; and[236] through[295] his[433] dilated[230]
nostrils[42] snuffed[250] in[107] the[19] sublime[76] life[71] of[89] the[19] worlds[388].
Not[518] by[406] beef[303] or[519] by[406] bread[387], are[314] giants[321] made[563] or[519] nourished[69].
But[330] Queequeg, he[362] had[364] a[10] mortal[371], barbaric[559] smack[264] of[89] the[19] lip[318] in[107] eating[22]--

an[138] ugly[101] sound[181] enough[217]--so[281] much[61] so[281], that[14] the[19] trembling[280] Dough-Boy[110]
almost[518] looked[232] to[261] see[370] whether[454] any[501] marks[226] of[89] teeth[82] lurked[453] in[107] his[433]
own[248] lean[279] arms[536]. And[236] when[189] he[362] would[282] hear[386] Tashtego singing[288] out[66]
for[190] him[248] to[261] produce[494] himself[282], that[14] his[433] bones[5] might[496] be[341] picked[129],
the[19] simple[271]-witted Steward[82] all[145] but[330] shattered[205] the[19] crockery[27] hanging[222]
round[287] him[248] in[107] the[19] pantry[26], by[406] his[433] sudden[309] fits[369] of[89] the[19] palsy[392].
Nor[137] did[444] the[19] whetstone[159] which[16] the[19] harpooneers carried[232] in[107] their[219] pockets[240],
for[190] their[219] lances[8] and[236] other[282] weapons[489]; and[236] with[449] which[16] whetstones[157],
at[65] dinner[322], they[382] would[282] ostentatiously[173] sharpen[249] their[219] knives[140];
that[14] grating[451] sound[181] did[444] not[518] at[65] all[145] tend[151] to[261] tranquillize[19] poor[533]
Dough-Boy[110]. How[19] could[375] he[362] forget[426] that[14] in[107] his[433] Island[516] days[351], Queequeg,
for[190] one[470], must[226] certainly[124] have[254] been[185] guilty[290] of[89] some[265] murderous[86],
convivial[355] indiscretion[166]. Alas[129]! Dough-Boy[110]! hard[337] fares[159] the[19] white[82] waiter[139]
who[319] waits[298] upon[419] cannibals[27]. Not[518] a[10] napkin[470] should[255] he[362] carry[160] on[392] his[433] arm[25],
but[330] a[10] buckler[215]. In[107] good[221] time[577], though[400], to[261] his[433] great[259] delight[25],
the[19] three[329] salt[183]-sea[67] warriors[144] would[282] rise[251] and[236] depart[297]; to[261] his[433] credulous[74],
fable[18]-mongering ears[560], all[145] their[219] martial[43] bones[5] jingling[182] in[107] them[146]
at[65] every[389] step[204], like[410] Moorish[83] scimetars[273] in[107] scabbards[366].

But[330], though[400] these[527] barbarians[15] dined[30] in[107] the[19] cabin[192], and[236] nominally[159]
lived[415] there[340]; still[278], being[264] anything[480] but[330] sedentary[7] in[107] their[219] habits[272],
they[382] were[324] scarcely[71] ever[208] in[107] it[162] except[545] at[65] mealtimes[78], and[236] just[108]
before[344] sleeping[341]-time[577], when[189] they[382] passed[87] through[295] it[162] to[261] their[219]
own[248] peculiar[291] quarters[336].

In[107] this[256] one[470] matter[176], Ahab[232] seemed[132] no[235] exception[219] to[261] most[216] American[272]
whale[422] captains[124], who[319], as[113] a[10] set[422], rather[178] incline[204] to[261] the[19] opinion[316]
that[14] by[406] rights[462] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] cabin[192] belongs[402] to[261] them[146]; and[236] that[14] it[162] is[487] by[406]
courtesy[239] alone[2] that[14] anybody[58] else[212] is[487], at[65] any[501] time[577], permitted[120] there[340].
So[281] that[14], in[107] real[305] truth[350], the[19] mates[264] and[236] harpooneers of[89] the[19] Pequod[288] might[496]
more[348] properly[93] be[341] said[252] to[261] have[254] lived[415] out[66] of[89] the[19] cabin[192] than[77] in[107] it[162].
For[190] when[189] they[382] did[444] enter[204] it[162], it[162] was[454] something[181] as[113] a[10] streetdoor[181]
enters[157] a[10] house[499]; turning[69] inwards[317] for[190] a[10] moment[258], only[517] to[261] be[341] turned[492]
out[66] the[19] next[27]; and[236], as[113] a[10] permanent[339] thing[309], residing[29] in[107] the[19] open[464] air[209].
Nor[137] did[444] they[382] lose[247] much[61] hereby[196]; in[107] the[19] cabin[192] was[454] no[235] companionship[256];
socially[161], Ahab[232] was[454] inaccessible[341]. Though[400] nominally[159] included[559]
in[107] the[19] census[198] of[89] Christendom[400], he[362] was[454] still[278] an[138] alien[8] to[261] it[162].
He[362] lived[415] in[107] the[19] world[126], as[113] the[19] last[436] of[89] the[19] Grisly[309] Bears[97] lived[415]
in[107] settled[540] Missouri[390]. And[236] as[113] when[189] Spring[148] and[236] Summer[408] had[364] departed[467],
that[14] wild[230] Logan[416] of[89] the[19] woods[29], burying[435] himself[282] in[107] the[19] hollow[511] of[89] a[10] tree[482],
lived[415] out[66] the[19] winter[317] there[340], sucking[373] his[433] own[248] paws[282]; so[281], in[107] his[433] inclement[4],
howling[204] old[447] age[157], Ahab[232]'s[483] soul[428], shut[59] up[405] in[107] the[19] caved[127] trunk[389] of[89] his[433] body[348],
there[340] fed[491] upon[419] the[19] sullen[335] paws[282] of[89] its[234] gloom[7]!

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The[19] Mast[44]-Head[116]

It[162] was[454] during[309] the[19] more[348] pleasant[233] weather[405], that[14] in[107] due[266] rotation[102]
with[449] the[19] other[282] seamen[6] my[36] first[13] mast[44]-head[116] came[549] round[287].

In[107] most[216] American[272] whalemen[451] the[19] mast[44]-heads[279] are[314] manned[282]
almost[518] simultaneously[558] with[449] the[19] vessel[155]'s[483] leaving[231] her[400] port[409];
even[198] though[400] she[391] may[236] have[254] fifteen[289] thousand[586] miles[278], and[236] more[348],
to[261] sail[218] ere[83] reaching[141] her[400] proper[249] cruising[298] ground[127]. And[236] if[141],
after[358] a[10] three[329], four[175], or[519] five[103] years[116]' voyage[137] she[391] is[487] drawing[407] nigh[254]
home[450] with[449] anything[480] empty[450] in[107] her[400]--say[306], an[138] empty[450] vial[82] even[198]--
then[45], her[400] mast[44]-heads[279] are[314] kept[290] manned[282] to[261] the[19] last[436]! and[236] not[518] till[181]
her[400] skysail-poles[122] sail[218] in[107] among[483] the[19] spires[115] of[89] the[19] port[409], does[565] she[391]
altogether[31] relinquish[261] the[19] hope[211] of[89] capturing[258] one[470] whale[422] more[348].

Now[20], as[113] the[19] business[168] of[89] standing[144] mast[44]-heads[279], ashore[122] or[519] afloat[2], is[487] a[10] very[515]
ancient[463] and[236] interesting[409] one[470], let[66] us[569] in[107] some[265] measure[520] expatiate[125] here[135].
I[482] take[279] it[162], that[14] the[19] earliest[69] standers[43] of[89] mast[44]-heads[279] were[324] the[19]
old[447] Egyptians[188]; because[540], in[107] all[145] my[36] researches[368], I[482] find[138] none[365] prior[201] to[261] them[146].
For[190] though[400] their[219] progenitors[77], the[19] builders[167] of[89] Babel[214], must[226] doubtless[101],
by[406] their[219] tower[36], have[254] intended[495] to[261] rear[252] the[19] loftiest[460] mast[44]-head[116] in[107]
all[145] Asia[112], or[519] Africa[269] either[45]; yet[443] (ere[83] the[19] final[357] truck[120] was[454] put[190] to[261] it[162])
as[113] that[14] great[259] stone[398] mast[44] of[89] theirs[137] may[236] be[341] said[252] to[261] have[254] gone[190] by[406]
the[19] board[540], in[107] the[19] dread[251] gale[440] of[89] God[185]'s[483] wrath[450]; therefore[94], we[465] cannot
give[142] these[527] Babel[214] builders[167] priority[165] over[82] the[19] Egyptians[188]. And[236] that[14]
the[19] Egyptians[188] were[324] a[10] nation[466] of[89] mast[44]-head[116] standers[43], is[487] an[138]
assertion[464] based[391] upon[419] the[19] general[37] belief[85] among[483] archaeologists[189],
that[14] the[19] first[13] pyramids[202] were[324] founded[113] for[190] astronomical[99] purposes[415]:
a[10] theory[60] singularly[389] supported[158] by[406] the[19] peculiar[291] stairlike formation[44]
of[89] all[145] four[175] sides[331] of[89] those[427] edifices[38]; whereby[358], with[449] prodigious[223] long[544]
upliftings[181] of[89] their[219] legs[108], those[427] old[447] astronomers[69] were[324] wont[268] to[261] mount[34]
to[261] the[19] apex[43], and[236] sing[549] out[66] for[190] new[36] stars[286]; even[198] as[113] the[19] look[523]-outs[52] of[89] a[10]
modern[446] ship[438] sing[549] out[66] for[190] a[10] sail[218], or[519] a[10] whale[422] just[108] bearing[354] in[107] sight[365].
In[107] Saint[324] Stylites[227], the[19] famous[254] Christian[235] hermit[44] of[89] old[447] times[121],
who[319] built[20] him[248] a[10] lofty[161] stone[398] pillar[397] in[107] the[19] desert[255] and[236] spent[329] the[19] whole[199]

latter[497] portion[120] of[89] his[433] life[71] on[392] its[234] summit[347], hoisting[50] his[433] food[248] from[316]
the[19] ground[127] with[449] a[10] tackle[346]; in[107] him[248] we[465] have[254] a[10] remarkable[381] instance[141]
of[89] a[10] dauntless[29] stander-of[89]-mast[44]-heads[279]; who[319] was[454] not[518] to[261] be[341] driven[228] from[316]
his[433] place[107] by[406] fogs[157] or[519] frosts[110], rain[190], hail[75], or[519] sleet[149]; but[330] valiantly[138]
facing[68] everything[233] out[66] to[261] the[19] last[436], literally[37] died[575] at[65] his[433] post[2].
Of[89] modern[446] standers[43]-of[89]-mast[44]-heads[279] we[465] have[254] but[330] a[10] lifeless[19] set[422];
mere[393] stone[398], iron[169], and[236] bronze[25] men[62]; who[319], though[400] well[263] capable[424] of[89] facing[68]
out[66] a[10] stiff[549] gale[440], are[314] still[278] entirely[148] incompetent[201] to[261] the[19] business[168]
of[89] singing[288] out[66] upon[419] discovering[170] any[501] strange[440] sight[365]. There[340] is[487] Napoleon[66];
who[319], upon[419] the[19] top[70] of[89] the[19] column[265] of[89] Vendome[86] stands[256] with[449] arms[536] folded[305],
some[265] one[470] hundred[93] and[236] fifty[406] feet[349] in[107] the[19] air[209]; careless[27], now[20], who[319] rules[318]
the[19] decks[386] below[397], whether[454] Louis[264] Philippe[398], Louis[264] Blanc[551], or[519] Louis[264]
the[19] Devil[411]. Great[259] Washington[413], too[11], stands[256] high[361] aloft[276] on[392] his[433] towering[210]
main[501]-mast[44] in[107] Baltimore[92], and[236] like[410] one[470] of[89] Hercules[301]' pillars[146], his[433] column[265]
marks[226] that[14] point[438] of[89] human[43] grandeur[436] beyond[421] which[16] few[49] mortals[72] will[584] go[20].
Admiral[25] Nelson[364], also[119], on[392] a[10] capstan[241] of[89] gun[152]-metal[147], stands[256] his[433]
mast[44]-head[116] in[107] Trafalgar[273] Square[302]; and[236] even[198] when[189] most[216] obscured[4] by[406] that[14]
London[41] smoke[99], token[502] is[487] yet[443] given[141] that[14] a[10] hidden[78] hero[213] is[487] there[340];
for[190] where[579] there[340] is[487] smoke[99], must[226] be[341] fire[559]. But[330] neither[74] great[259] Washington[413],
nor[137] Napoleon[66], nor[137] Nelson[364], will[584] answer[164] a[10] single[77] hail[75] from[316] below[397],
however[44] madly[218] invoked[398] to[261] befriend[223] by[406] their[219] counsels[414] the[19] distracted[180]
decks[386] upon[419] which[16] they[382] gaze[568]; however[44] it[162] may[236] be[341] surmised[97],
that[14] their[219] spirits[471] penetrate[140] through[295] the[19] thick[502] haze[283] of[89] the[19] future[44],
and[236] descry[126] what[243] shoals[340] and[236] what[243] rocks[265] must[226] be[341] shunned[46].

It[162] may[236] seem[404] unwarrantable[35] to[261] couple[261] in[107] any[501] respect[441] the[19] mast[44]-head[116] standers[43]
of[89] the[19] land[406] with[449] those[427] of[89] the[19] sea[67]; but[330] that[14] in[107] truth[350] it[162] is[487] not[518] so[281],
is[487] plainly[450] evinced[94] by[406] an[138] item[60] for[190] which[16] Obed[196] Macy[39], the[19] sole[462] historian[147]
of[89] Nantucket[283], stands[256] accountable[224]. The[19] worthy[60] Obed[196] tells[449] us[569], that[14] in[107]
the[19] early[92] times[121] of[89] the[19] whale[422] fishery[136], ere[83] ships[21] were[324] regularly[37] launched[336] in[107]
pursuit[305] of[89] the[19] game[233], the[19] people[482] of[89] that[14] island[516] erected[412] lofty[161] spars[15] along[423]
the[19] seacoast[138], to[261] which[16] the[19] look[523]-outs[52] ascended[302] by[406] means[502] of[89] nailed[419] cleats[367],
something[181] as[113] fowls[206] go[20] upstairs[199] in[107] a[10] hen[314]-house[499]. A[10] few[49] years[116] ago[141] this[256] same[541]
plan[99] was[454] adopted[13] by[406] the[19] Bay[279] whalemen[451] of[89] New[36] Zealand[115], who[319], upon[419] descrying[141]
the[19] game[233], gave[572] notice[76] to[261] the[19] ready[464]-manned[282] boats[83] nigh[254] the[19] beach[183].
But[330] this[256] custom[544] has[399] now[20] become[548] obsolete[280]; turn[17] we[465] then[45] to[261] the[19] one[470] proper[249]
mast[44]-head[116], that[14] of[89] a[10] whale[422]-ship[98] at[65] sea[67]. The[19] three[329] mast[44]-heads[279] are[314] kept[290]
manned[282] from[316] sun[397]-rise[251] to[261] sun[397]-set[422]; the[19] seamen[6] taking[146] their[219] regular[400] turns[136]
(as[113] at[65] the[19] helm[285]), and[236] relieving[43] each[520] other[282] every[389] two[527] hours[127].
In[107] the[19] serene[18] weather[405] of[89] the[19] tropics[300] it[162] is[487] exceedingly[257] pleasant[233]
the[19] mast[44]-head[116]: nay[358], to[261] a[10] dreamy[247] meditative[220] man[17] it[162] is[487] delightful[113].
There[340] you[227] stand[530], a[10] hundred[93] feet[349] above[502] the[19] silent[382] decks[386], striding[110] along[423]
the[19] deep[483], as[113] if[141] the[19] masts[212] were[324] gigantic[157] stilts[522], while[55] beneath[320] you[227]
and[236] between[77] your[162] legs[108], as[113] it[162] were[324], swim[226] the[19] hugest[83] monsters[129] of[89] the[19] sea[67],
even[198] as[113] ships[21] once[248] sailed[248] between[77] the[19] boots[497] of[89] the[19] famous[254] Colossus[312] at[65]
old[447] Rhodes[509]. There[340] you[227] stand[530], lost[308] in[107] the[19] infinite[503] series[494] of[89] the[19] sea[67],
with[449] nothing[324] ruffled[40] but[330] the[19] waves[443]. The[19] tranced[110] ship[438] indolently[536] rolls[475];
the[19] drowsy[203] trade[335] winds[399] blow[230]; everything[233] resolves[31] you[227] into[554] languor[102].
For[190] the[19] most[216] part[207], in[107] this[256] tropic[303] whaling[155] life[71], a[10] sublime[76] uneventfulness
invests[25] you[227]; you[227] hear[386] no[235] news[314]; read[98] no[235] gazettes[41]; extras[21] with[449] startling[221]
accounts[311] of[89] commonplaces[95] never[206] delude[83] you[227] into[554] unnecessary[444] excitements[34];
you[227] hear[386] of[89] no[235] domestic[303] afflictions[383]; bankrupt[285] securities[412]; fall[90] of[89] stocks[425];
are[314] never[206] troubled[327] with[449] the[19] thought[186] of[89] what[243] you[227] shall[66] have[254] for[190] dinner[322]--
for[190] all[145] your[162] meals[419] for[190] three[329] years[116] and[236] more[348] are[314] snugly[392] stowed[434] in[107] casks[213],
and[236] your[162] bill[338] of[89] fare[19] is[487] immutable[224].

In[107] one[470] of[89] those[427] southern[187] whalesmen, on[392] a[10] long[544] three[329] or[519] four[175] years[116]'
voyage[137], as[113] often[227] happens[143], the[19] sum[213] of[89] the[19] various[183] hours[127] you[227]
spend[357] at[65] the[19] mast[44]-head[116] would[282] amount[11] to[261] several[479] entire[230] months[17].
And[236] it[162] is[487] much[61] to[261] be[341] deplored[57] that[14] the[19] place[107] to[261] which[16] you[227] devote[104]
so[281] considerable[75] a[10] portion[120] of[89] the[19] whole[199] term[416] of[89] your[162] natural[298] life[71],
should[255] be[341] so[281] sadly[75] destitute[190] of[89] anything[480] approaching[271] to[261] a[10]
cosy[230] inhabitiveness, or[519] adapted[263] to[261] breed[450] a[10] comfortable[402] localness
of[89] feeling[384], such[420] as[113] pertains[24] to[261] a[10] bed[273], a[10] hammock[323], a[10] hearse[34],
a[10] sentry[364] box[226], a[10] pulpit[107], a[10] coach[188], or[519] any[501] other[282] of[89] those[427] small[350]
and[236] snug[310] contrivances[99] in[107] which[16] men[62] temporarily[22] isolate[133] themselves[510].
Your[162] most[216] usual[278] point[438] of[89] perch[295] is[487] the[19] head[219] of[89] the[19] t[500]'
gallant[323]-mast[44], where[579] you[227] stand[530] upon[419] two[527] thin[445] parallel[78] sticks[335]
(almost[518] peculiar[291] to[261] whalemen[451]) called[237] the[19] t[500]' gallant[323] crosstrees[411].
Here[135], tossed[227] about[123] by[406] the[19] sea[67], the[19] beginner[248] feels[450] about[123]
as[113] cosy[230] as[113] he[362] would[282] standing[144] on[392] a[10] bull[76]'s[483] horns[450]. To[261] be[341] sure[41],
in[107] cold[330] weather[405] you[227] may[236] carry[160] your[162] house[499] aloft[276] with[449] you[227],
in[107] the[19] shape[99] of[89] a[10] watch[89]-coat[7]; but[330] properly[93] speaking[22] the[19] thickest[316]
watch[89]-coat[7] is[487] no[235] more[348] of[89] a[10] house[499] than[77] the[19] unclad[202] body[348];
for[190] as[113] the[19] soul[428] is[487] glued[120] inside[438] of[89] its[234] fleshy[26] tabernacle[190],
and[236] cannot freely[386] move[361] about[123] in[107] it[162], nor[137] even[198] move[361] out[66] of[89] it[162],
without[309] running[296] great[259] risk[97] of[89] perishing[60] (like[410] an[138] ignorant[136] pilgrim[253]
crossing[402] the[19] snowy[152] Alps[214] in[107] winter[317]); so[281] a[10] watch[89]-coat[7] is[487] not[518] so[281] much[61]
of[89] a[10] house[499] as[113] it[162] is[487] a[10] mere[393] envelope[155], or[519] additional[131] skin[428] encasing[298] you[227].
You[227] cannot put[190] a[10] shelf[3] or[519] chest[98] of[89] drawers[350] in[107] your[162] body[348],
and[236] no[235] more[348] can[450] you[227] make[175] a[10] convenience[180] closet[437] of[89] your[162] watch[89]-coat[7].

Concerning[368] all[145] this[256], it[162] is[487] much[61] to[261] be[341] deplored[57] that[14] the[19] mast[44]-heads[279]

of[89] a[10] southern[187] whale[422] ship[438] are[314] unprovided[116] with[449] those[427] enviable[492] little[554]
tents[450] or[519] pulpits[301], called[237] crow[151]'s[483]-nests, in[107] which[16] the[19] look[523]-outs[52]
of[89] a[10] Greenland[110] whaler[91] are[314] protected[59] from[316] the[19] inclement[4] weather[405]
of[89] the[19] frozen[446] seas[350]. In[107] the[19] fireside[21] narrative[81] of[89] Captain[295] Sleet[149],
entitled[189] "A[10] Voyage[137] among[483] the[19] Icebergs[210], in[107] quest[36] of[89] the[19] Greenland[110] Whale[422],
and[236] incidentally[261] for[190] the[19] re-discovery[416] of[89] the[19] Lost[308] Icelandic[340] Colonies[323]
of[89] Old[447] Greenland[110];" in[107] this[256] admirable[267] volume[295], all[145] standers[43]
of[89] mast[44]-heads[279] are[314] furnished[201] with[449] a[10] charmingly[21] circumstantial[102]
account[102] of[89] the[19] then[45] recently[128] invented[15] crow[151]'s[483]-nest[454] of[89] the[19] Glacier[204],
which[16] was[454] the[19] name[477] of[89] Captain[295] Sleet[149]'s[483] good[221] craft[187].
He[362] called[237] it[162] the[19] Sleet[149]'s[483] crow[151]'s[483]-nest[454], in[107] honor[497] of[89] himself[282];
he[362] being[264] the[19] original[463] inventor[6] and[236] patentee[229], and[236] free[483] from[316] all[145]
ridiculous[92] false[490] delicacy[201], and[236] holding[311] that[14] if[141] we[465] call[259] our[234] own[248]
children[374] after[358] our[234] own[248] names[360] (we[465] fathers[305] being[264] the[19] original[463]
inventors[197] and[236] patentees[419]), so[281] likewise[193] should[255] we[465] denominate[83]
after[358] ourselves[15] any[501] other[282] apparatus[306] we[465] may[236] beget[415]. In[107] shape[99],
the[19] Sleet[149]'s[483] crow[151]'s[483]-nest[454] is[487] something[181] like[410] a[10] large[385] tierce[384] or[519] pipe[124];
it[162] is[487] open[464] above[502], however[44], where[579] it[162] is[487] furnished[201] with[449] a[10] movable[261]
sidescreen to[261] keep[381] to[261] windward[170] of[89] your[162] head[219] in[107] a[10] hard[337] gale[440].
Being[264] fixed[564] on[392] the[19] summit[347] of[89] the[19] mast[44], you[227] ascend[155] into[554] it[162]
through[295] a[10] little[554] trap[19]-hatch[241] in[107] the[19] bottom[461]. On[392] the[19] after[358] side[246],
or[519] side[246] next[27] the[19] stern[442] of[89] the[19] ship[438], is[487] a[10] comfortable[402] seat[88],
with[449] a[10] locker[26] underneath[224] for[190] umbrellas[259], comforters[332], and[236] coats[172].
In[107] front[196] is[487] a[10] leather[303] rack[415], in[107] which[16] to[261] keep[381] your[162] speaking[22]
trumpet[104], pipe[124], telescope[26], and[236] other[282] nautical[42] conveniences[40].
When[189] Captain[295] Sleet[149] in[107] person[550] stood[1] his[433] mast[44]-head[116] in[107] this[256]
crow[151]'s[483]-nest[454] of[89] his[433], he[362] tells[449] us[569] that[14] he[362] always[367] had[364] a[10] rifle[303] with[449] him[248]
(also[119] fixed[564] in[107] the[19] rack[415]), together[440] with[449] a[10] powder[5] flask[199] and[236] shot[443],
for[190] the[19] purpose[514] of[89] popping[210] off[111] the[19] stray[133] narwhales, or[519] vagrant[22]
sea[67] unicorns[113] infesting[268] those[427] waters[556]; for[190] you[227] cannot successfully[412]
shoot[316] at[65] them[146] from[316] the[19] deck[505] owing[98] to[261] the[19] resistance[262] of[89] the[19] water[520],
but[330] to[261] shoot[316] down[133] upon[419] them[146] is[487] a[10] very[515] different[276] thing[309].
Now[20], it[162] was[454] plainly[450] a[10] labor[209] of[89] love[391] for[190] Captain[295] Sleet[149] to[261] describe[54],
as[113] he[362] does[565], all[145] the[19] little[554] detailed[117] conveniences[40] of[89] his[433] crow[151]'s[483]-nest[454];
but[330] though[400] he[362] so[281] enlarges[468] upon[419] many[282] of[89] these[527], and[236] though[400]
he[362] treats[262] us[569] to[261] a[10] very[515] scientific[435] account[102] of[89] his[433] experiments[120]
in[107] this[256] crow[151]'s[483]-nest[454], with[449] a[10] small[350] compass[463] he[362] kept[290] there[340]
for[190] the[19] purpose[514] of[89] counteracting[53] the[19] errors[6] resulting[105] from[316]
what[243] is[487] called[237] the[19] "local[10] attraction[242]" of[89] all[145] binnacle[98] magnets[284];
an[138] error[374] ascribable[201] to[261] the[19] horizontal[252] vicinity[208] of[89] the[19] iron[169] in[107]
the[19] ship[438]'s[483] planks[284], and[236] in[107] the[19] Glacier[204]'s[483] case[346], perhaps[75], to[261] there[340]
having[69] been[185] so[281] many[282] broken[255]-down[133] blacksmiths[136] among[483] her[400] crew[126];
I[482] say[306], that[14] though[400] the[19] Captain[295] is[487] very[515] discreet[127] and[236]
scientific[435] here[135], yet[443], for[190] all[145] his[433] learned[277] "binnacle[98] deviations[199],"
"azimuth[78] compass[463] observations[451]," and[236] "approximate[72] errors[6],"
he[362] knows[286] very[515] well[263], Captain[295] Sleet[149], that[14] he[362] was[454] not[518] so[281] much[61]
immersed[95] in[107] those[427] profound[371] magnetic[181] meditations[181], as[113] to[261] fail[126] being[264]
attracted[36] occasionally[509] towards[417] that[14] well[263] replenished[198] little[554]
case[346]-bottle[42], so[281] nicely[560] tucked[143] in[107] on[392] one[470] side[246] of[89] his[433] crow[151]'s[483] nest[454],
within[503] easy[281] reach[43] of[89] his[433] hand[252]. Though[400], upon[419] the[19] whole[199], I[482] greatly[460]
admire[399] and[236] even[198] love[391] the[19] brave[218], the[19] honest[287], and[236] learned[277] Captain[295];
yet[443] I[482] take[279] it[162] very[515] ill[236] of[89] him[248] that[14] he[362] should[255] so[281] utterly[46] ignore[299]
that[14] case[346]-bottle[42], seeing[426] what[243] a[10] faithful[284] friend[179] and[236] comforter[131]
it[162] must[226] have[254] been[185], while[55] with[449] mittened[331] fingers[345] and[236] hooded[374] head[219]
he[362] was[454] studying[67] the[19] mathematics[431] aloft[276] there[340] in[107] that[14] bird[443]'s[483] nest[454]
within[503] three[329] or[519] four[175] perches[390] of[89] the[19] pole[20].

But[330] if[141] we[465] Southern[187] whale[422]-fishers[192] are[314] not[518] so[281] snugly[392] housed[367] aloft[276]
as[113] Captain[295] Sleet[149] and[236] his[433] Greenlandmen[438] were[324]; yet[443] that[14] disadvantage[45]
is[487] greatly[460] counter[225]-balanced[153] by[406] the[19] widely[171] contrasting[286] serenity[27]
of[89] those[427] seductive[86] seas[350] in[107] which[16] we[465] South[257] fishers[192] mostly[190] float[231].
For[190] one[470], I[482] used[102] to[261] lounge[121] up[405] the[19] rigging[516] very[515] leisurely[505],
resting[455] in[107] the[19] top[70] to[261] have[254] a[10] chat[205] with[449] Queequeg, or[519] any[501] one[470]
else[212] off[111] duty[468] whom[324] I[482] might[496] find[138] there[340]; then[45] ascending[116] a[10] little[554]
way[435] further[53], and[236] throwing[120] a[10] lazy[182] leg[331] over[82] the[19] top[70]-sail[218] yard[258],
take[279] a[10] preliminary[32] view[370] of[89] the[19] watery[59] pastures[403], and[236] so[281] at[65] last[436]
mount[34] to[261] my[36] ultimate[221] destination[453].

Let[66] me[2] make[175] a[10] clean[26] breast[272] of[89] it[162] here[135], and[236] frankly[41] admit[321]
that[14] I[482] kept[290] but[330] sorry[147] guard[205]. With[449] the[19] problem[28] of[89] the[19] universe[426]
revolving[21] in[107] me[2], how[19] could[375] I[482]--being[264] left[159] completely[385] to[261] myself[99]
at[65] such[420] a[10] thought[186]-engendering[419] altitude[315]--how[19] could[375] I[482] but[330] lightly[284]
hold[204] my[36] obligations[462] to[261] observe[213] all[145] whaleships' standing[144] orders[199],
"Keep[381] your[162] weather[405] eye[220] open[464], and[236] sing[549] out[66] every[389] time[577]."

And[236] let[66] me[2] in[107] this[256] place[107] movingly[314] admonish[261] you[227], ye[483] ship[438]-owners[39]
of[89] Nantucket[283]! Beware[255] of[89] enlisting[191] in[107] your[162] vigilant[142] fisheries[6] any[501] lad[342]
with[449] lean[279] brow[474] and[236] hollow[511] eye[220]; given[141] to[261] unseasonable[249] meditativeness[161];
and[236] who[319] offers[287] to[261] ship[438] with[449] the[19] Phaedon[393] instead[398] of[89] Bowditch[98] in[107] his[433] head[219].
Beware[255] of[89] such[420] an[138] one[470], I[482] say[306]: your[162] whales[331] must[226] be[341] seen[154] before[344] they[382] can[450]
be[341] killed[409]; and[236] this[256] sunken[83]-eyed[363] young[389] Platonist[320] will[584] tow[160] you[227] ten[198] wakes[60]
round[287] the[19] world[126], and[236] never[206] make[175] you[227] one[470] pint[48] of[89] sperm[26] the[19] richer[284].
Nor[137] are[314] these[527] monitions[141] at[65] all[145] unneeded[225]. For[190] nowadays[444], the[19] whale[422]-fishery[136]

furnishes[165] an[138] asylum[258] for[190] many[282] romantic[133], melancholy[398], and[236] absent[122]-minded[335] young[389] men[62], disgusted[186] with[449] the[19] corking[83] care[307] of[89] earth[513], and[236] seeking[427] sentiment[44] in[107] tar[59] and[236] blubber[232]. Childe[69] Harold[244] not[518] unfrequently[198] perches[390] himself[282] upon[419] the[19] mast[44]-head[116] of[89] some[265] luckless[122] disappointed[86] whale[422]-ship[98], and[236] in[107] moody[447] phrase[22] ejaculates[248]:--

"Roll[473] on[392], thou[173] deep[483] and[236] dark[471] blue[240] ocean[224], roll[473]!
Ten[198] thousand[586] blubber[232]-hunters[423] sweep[471] over[82] thee[15] in[107] vain[216]."

Very[515] often[227] do[353] the[19] captains[124] of[89] such[420] ships[21] take[279] those[427] absent[122]-minded[335] young[389] philosophers[529] to[261] task[482], upbraiding[244] them[146] with[449] not[518] feeling[384] sufficient[124] "interest[323]" in[107] the[19] voyage[137]; half[119]-hinting[73] that[14] they[382] are[314] so[281] hopelessly[367] lost[308] to[261] all[145] honorable[15] ambition[90], as[113] that[14] in[107] their[219] secret[409] souls[82] they[382] would[282] rather[178] not[518] see[370] whales[331] than[77] otherwise[542]. But[330] all[145] in[107] vain[216]; those[427] young[389] Platonists[170] have[254] a[10] notion[266] that[14] their[219] vision[304] is[487] imperfect[30]; they[382] are[314] short[522]-sighted[105]; what[243] use[176], then[45], to[261] strain[468] the[19] visual[507] nerve[35]? They[382] have[254] left[159] their[219] opera-glasses[527] at[65] home[450].

"Why[177], thou[173] monkey[335]," said[252] a[10] harpooneer to[261] one[470] of[89] these[527] lads[252], "we[465]'ve[477] been[185] cruising[298] now[20] hard[337] upon[419] three[329] years[116], and[236] thou[173] hast[174] not[518] raised[493] a[10] whale[422] yet[443]. Whales[331] are[314] scarce[462] as[113] hen[314]'s[483] teeth[82] whenever[15] thou[173] art[462] up[405] here[135]." Perhaps[75] they[382] were[324]; or[519] perhaps[75] there[340] might[496] have[254] been[185] shoals[340] of[89] them[146] in[107] the[19] far[258] horizon[516]; but[330] lulled[15] into[554] such[420] an[138] opium-like[410] listlessness[192] of[89] vacant[367], unconscious[152] reverie[70] is[487] this[256] absent[122]-minded[335] youth[327] by[406] the[19] blending[350] cadence[330] of[89] waves[443] with[449] thoughts[26], that[14] at[65] last[436] he[362] loses[125] his[433] identity[124]; takes[362] the[19] mystic[455] ocean[224] at[65] his[433] feet[349] for[190] the[19] visible[94] image[74] of[89] that[14] deep[483], blue[240], bottomless[376] soul[428], pervading[140] mankind[40] and[236] nature[159]; and[236] every[389] strange[440], half[119]-seen[446], gliding[248], beautiful[239] thing[309] that[14] eludes[197] him[248]; every[389] dimly[298]-discovered[36], uprising[375] fin[286] of[89] some[265] undiscernible[24] form[238], seems[19] to[261] him[248] the[19] embodiment[87] of[89] those[427] elusive[3] thoughts[26] that[14] only[517] people[482] the[19] soul[428] by[406] continually[303] flitting[411] through[295] it[162]. In[107] this[256] enchanted[229] mood[547], thy[43] spirit[227] ebbs[325] away[443] to[261] whence[494] it[162] came[549]; becomes[314] diffused[321] through[295] time[577] and[236] space[468]; like[410] Crammer's[483] sprinkled[18] Pantheistic[210] ashes[243], forming[354] at[65] last[436] a[10] part[207] of[89] every[389] shore[280] the[19] round[287] globe[23] over[82].

There[340] is[487] no[235] life[71] in[107] thee[15], now[20], except[545] that[14] rocking[6] life[71] imparted[189] by[406] a[10] gently[284] rolling[253] ship[438]; by[406] her[400], borrowed[199] from[316] the[19] sea[67]; by[406] the[19] sea[67], from[316] the[19] inscrutable[29] tides[36] of[89] God[185]. But[330] while[55] this[256] sleep[233], this[256] dream[86] is[487] on[392] ye[483], move[361] your[162] foot[467] or[519] hand[252] an[138] inch[65]; slip[64] your[162] hold[204] at[65] all[145]; and[236] your[162] identity[124] comes[268] back[457] in[107] horror[134]. Over[82] Descartian vortices[489] you[227] hover[244]. And[236] perhaps[75], at[65] midday[101], in[107] the[19] fairest[476] weather[405], with[449] one[470] half[119]-throttled shriek[27] you[227] drop[22] through[295] that[14] transparent[129] air[209] into[554] the[19] summer[408] sea[67], no[235] more[348] to[261] rise[251] for[190] ever[208]. Heed[163] it[162] well[263], ye[483] Pantheists!

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The[19] Quarter[6]-Deck[505]

(Enter[204] Ahab[232]: Then[45], all[145])

It[162] was[454] not[518] a[10] great[259] while[55] after[358] the[19] affair[388] of[89] the[19] pipe[124], that[14] one[470] morning[417] shortly[425] after[358] breakfast[408], Ahab[232], as[113] was[454] his[433] wont[268], ascended[302] the[19] cabin[192]-gangway[240] to[261] the[19] deck[505]. There[340] most[216] sea[67]-captains[124] usually[211] walk[405] at[65] that[14] hour[384], as[113] country[362] gentlemen[340], after[358] the[19] same[541] meal[246], take[279] a[10] few[49] turns[136] in[107] the[19] garden[121].

Soon[18] his[433] steady[21], ivory[76] stride[129] was[454] heard[444], as[113] to[261] and[236] fro[183] he[362] paced[145] his[433] old[447] rounds[369], upon[419] planks[284] so[281] familiar[139] to[261] his[433] tread[252], that[14] they[382] were[324] all[145] over[82] dented[19], like[410] geological[303] stones[501], with[449] the[19] peculiar[291] mark[169] of[89] his[433] walk[405]. Did[444] you[227] fixedly[434] gaze[568], too[11], upon[419] that[14] ribbed[246] and[236] dented[19] brow[474]; there[340] also[119], you[227] would[282] see[370] still[278] stranger[233] foot[467]-prints[441]--the[19] foot[467]-prints[441] of[89] his[433] one[470] unsleeping[403], ever[208]-pacing[253] thought[186].

But[330] on[392] the[19] occasion[211] in[107] question[562], those[427] dents[398] looked[232] deeper[253], even[198] as[113] his[433] nervous[154] step[204] that[14] morning[417] left[159] a[10] deeper[253] mark[169]. And[236], so[281] full[414] of[89] his[433] thought[186] was[454] Ahab[232], that[14] at[65] every[389] uniform[173] turn[17] that[14] he[362] made[563], now[20] at[65] the[19] main[501]-mast[44] and[236] now[20] at[65] the[19] binnacle[98], you[227] could[375] almost[518] see[370] that[14] thought[186] turn[17] in[107] him[248] as[113] he[362] turned[492], and[236] pace[384] in[107] him[248] as[113] he[362] paced[145]; so[281] completely[385] possessing[507] him[248], indeed[522], that[14] it[162] all[145] but[330] seemed[132] the[19] inward[337] mould[208] of[89] every[389] outer[359] movement[128].

"D[67]'ye[163] mark[169] him[248], Flask[199]?" whispered[89] Stubb; "the[19] chick[286] that[14]'s[76] in[107] him[248] pecks[154] the[19] shell[152]. 'Twill soon[18] be[341] out[66]."

The[19] hours[127] wore[92] on[392];--Ahab[232] now[20] shut[59] up[405] within[503] his[433] cabin[192]; anon[88], pacing[253] the[19] deck[505], with[449] the[19] same[541] intense[89] bigotry[399] of[89] purpose[514] in[107] his[433] aspect[147].

It[162] drew[175] near[70] the[19] close[65] of[89] day[112]. Suddenly[193] he[362] came[549] to[261] a[10] halt[146] by[406]

the[19] bulwarks[411], and[236] inserting[357] his[433] bone[184] leg[331] into[554] the[19] auger[327]-hole[73] there[340], and[236] with[449] one[470] hand[252] grasping[427] a[10] shroud[260], he[362] ordered[143] Starbuck to[261] send[536] everybody[77] aft[2].

"Sir[271]!" said[252] the[19] mate[508], astonished[260] at[65] an[138] order[343] seldom[140] or[519] never[206] given[141] on[392] ship[438]-board[540] except[545] in[107] some[265] extraordinary[346] case[346].

"Send[536] everybody[77] aft[2]," repeated[381] Ahab[232]. "Mast[44]-heads[279], there[340]! come[420] down[133]!"

When[189] the[19] entire[230] ship[438]'s[483] company[280] were[324] assembled[170], and[236] with[449] curious[264] and[236] not[518] wholly[497] unapprehensive[110] faces[97], were[324] eyeing[49] him[248], for[190] he[362] looked[232] not[518] unlike[406] the[19] weather[405] horizon[516] when[189] a[10] storm[218] is[487] coming[140] up[405], Ahab[232], after[358] rapidly[116] glancing[18] over[82] the[19] bulwarks[411], and[236] then[45] darting[147] his[433] eyes[125] among[483] the[19] crew[126], started[492] from[316] his[433] standpoint[303]; and[236] as[113] though[400] not[518] a[10] soul[428] were[324] nigh[254] him[248] resumed[7] his[433] heavy[421] turns[136] upon[419] the[19] deck[505]. With[449] bent[406] head[219] and[236] half[119]-slouched[364] hat[107] he[362] continued[44] to[261] pace[384], unmindful[225] of[89] the[19] wondering[263] whispering[491] among[483] the[19] men[62]; till[181] Stubb cautiously[286] whispered[89] to[261] Flask[199], that[14] Ahab[232] must[226] have[254] summoned[77] them[146] there[340] for[190] the[19] purpose[514] of[89] witnessing[247] a[10] pedestrian[19] feat[1]. But[330] this[256] did[444] not[518] last[436] long[544]. Vehemently[201] pausing[19], he[362] cried[506]:--

"What[243] do[353] ye[483] do[353] when[189] ye[483] see[370] a[10] whale[422], men[62]?"

"Sing[549] out[66] for[190] him[248]!" was[454] the[19] impulsive[389] rejoinder[330] from[316] a[10] score[124] of[89] clubbed[322] voices[386].

"Good[221]!" cried[506] Ahab[232], with[449] a[10] wild[230] approval[21] in[107] his[433] tones[129]; observing[278] the[19] hearty[140] animation[211] into[554] which[16] his[433] unexpected[78] question[562] had[364] so[281] magnetically[336] thrown[359] them[146].

"And[236] what[243] do[353] ye[483] next[27], men[62]?"

"Lower[47] away[443], and[236] after[358] him[248]!"

"And[236] what[243] tune[330] is[487] it[162] ye[483] pull[35] to[261], men[62]?"

"A[10] dead[568] whale[422] or[519] a[10] stove[373] boat[439]!"

More[348] and[236] more[348] strangely[155] and[236] fiercely[111] glad[356] and[236] approving[232], grew[5] the[19] countenance[553] of[89] the[19] old[447] man[17] at[65] every[389] shout[299]; while[55] the[19] mariners[347] began[132] to[261] gaze[568] curiously[261] at[65] each[520] other[282], as[113] if[141] marvelling[181] how[19] it[162] was[454] that[14] they[382] themselves[510] became[70] so[281] excited[283] at[65] such[420] seemingly[261] purposeless[214] questions[300].

But[330], they[382] were[324] all[145] eagerness[275] again[52], as[113] Ahab[232], now[20] half[119]-revolving[21] in[107] his[433] pivot-hole[73], with[449] one[470] hand[252] reaching[141] high[361] up[405] a[10] shroud[260], and[236] tightly[259], almost[518] convulsively[19] grasping[427] it[162], addressed[169] them[146] thus[362]:--

"All[145] ye[483] mast[44]-headers have[254] before[344] now[20] heard[444] me[2] give[142] orders[199] about[123] a[10] white[82] whale[422]. Look[523] ye[483]! d[67]'ye[163] see[370] this[256] Spanish[124] ounce[275] of[89] gold[231]?"--holding[311] up[405] a[10] broad[267] bright[205] coin[77] to[261] the[19] sun[397]--"it[162] is[487] a[10] sixteen[68] dollar[501] piece[121], men[62]. D[67]'ye[163] see[370] it[162]? Mr[219]. Starbuck, hand[252] me[2] yon[252] top[70]-maul[191]."

While[55] the[19] mate[508] was[454] getting[369] the[19] hammer[364], Ahab[232], without[309] speaking[22], was[454] slowly[149] rubbing[120] the[19] gold[231] piece[121] against[417] the[19] skirts[259] of[89] his[433] jacket[481], as[113] if[141] to[261] heighten[191] its[234] lustre[19], and[236] without[309] using[14] any[501] words[107] was[454] meanwhile[282] lowly[117] humming[243] to[261] himself[282], producing[1] a[10] sound[181] so[281] strangely[155] muffled[58] and[236] inarticulate[137] that[14] it[162] seemed[132] the[19] mechanical[31] humming[243] of[89] the[19] wheels[116] of[89] his[433] vitality[204] in[107] him[248].

Receiving[124] the[19] top[70]-maul[191] from[316] Starbuck, he[362] advanced[55] towards[417] the[19] main[501]-mast[44] with[449] the[19] hammer[364] uplifted[533] in[107] one[470] hand[252], exhibiting[67] the[19] gold[231] with[449] the[19] other[282], and[236] with[449] a[10] high[361] raised[493] voice[233] exclaiming[117]: "Whosoever[54] of[89] ye[483] raises[148] me[2] a[10] white[82]-headed[21] whale[422] with[449] a[10] wrinkled[259] brow[474] and[236] a[10] crooked[236] jaw[213]; whosoever[54] of[89] ye[483] raises[148] me[2] that[14] white[82]-headed[21] whale[422], with[449] three[329] holes[41] punctured[305] in[107] his[433] starboard[309] fluke[415]--look[523] ye[483], whosoever[54] of[89] ye[483] raises[148] me[2] that[14] same[541] white[82] whale[422], he[362] shall[66] have[254] this[256] gold[231] ounce[275], my[36] boys[22]!"

"Huzza[191]! huzza[191]!" cried[506] the[19] seamen[6], as[113] with[449] swinging[379] tarpaulins[389] they[382] hailed[411] the[19] act[10] of[89] nailing[83] the[19] gold[231] to[261] the[19] mast[44].

"It[162]'s[483] a[10] white[82] whale[422], I[482] say[306]," resumed[7] Ahab[232], as[113] he[362] threw[459] down[133] the[19] topmaul: "a[10] white[82] whale[422]. Skin[428] your[162] eyes[125] for[190] him[248], men[62]; look[523] sharp[427] for[190] white[82] water[520]; if[141] ye[483] see[370] but[330] a[10] bubble[81], sing[549] out[66]."

All[145] this[256] while[55] Tashtego, Daggoo, and[236] Queequeg had[364] looked[232] on[392] with[449] even[198] more[348] intense[89] interest[323] and[236] surprise[125] than[77] the[19] rest[302], and[236] at[65] the[19] mention[510] of[89] the[19] wrinkled[259] brow[474] and[236] crooked[236] jaw[213] they[382] had[364] started[492] as[113] if[141] each[520] was[454] separately[350] touched[367] by[406] some[265] specific[383] recollection[217].

"Captain[295] Ahab[232]," said[252] Tashtego, "that[14] white[82] whale[422] must[226] be[341] the[19] same[541] that[14] some[265] call[259] Moby[362] Dick[25]."

"Moby[362] Dick[25]?" shouted[300] Ahab[232]. "Do[353] ye[483] know[60] the[19] white[82] whale[422] then[45], Tash[299]?"

"Does[565] he[362] fan[104]-tail[55] a[10] little[554] curious[264], sir[271], before[344] he[362] goes[205] down[133]?"

said[252] the[19] Gay[323]-Header deliberately[336].

"And[236] has[399] he[362] a[10] curious[264] spout[224], too[11]," said[252] Daggoo, "very[515] bushy[191], even[198] for[190] a[10] parmacetty, and[236] mighty[2] quick[241], Captain[295] Ahab[232]?"

"And[236] he[362] have[254] one[470], two[527], tree[482]--oh[367]! good[221] many[282] iron[169] in[107] him[248] hide[266], too[11], Captain[295]," cried[506] Queequeg disjointedly[364], "all[145] twiske-tee be[341]-twisk, like[410] him[248]--him[248]-" faltering[369] hard[337] for[190] a[10] word[486], and[236] screwing[284] his[433] hand[252] round[287] and[236] round[287] as[113] though[400] uncorking[40] a[10] bottle[42]--"like[410] him[248]--him[248]-"

"Corkscrew[181]!" cried[506] Ahab[232], "aye[86], Queequeg, the[19] harpoons[6] lie[212] all[145] twisted[279] and[236] wrenched[302] in[107] him[248]; aye[86], Daggoo, his[433] spout[224] is[487] a[10] big[245] one[470], like[410] a[10] whole[199] shock[44] of[89] wheat[10], and[236] white[82] as[113] a[10] pile[312] of[89] our[234] Nantucket[283] wool[218] after[358] the[19] great[259] annual[212] sheep[45]-shearing; aye[86], Tashtego, and[236] he[362] fan[104]-tails[490] like[410] a[10] split[148] jib[476] in[107] a[10] squall[467]. Death[543] and[236] devils[377]! men[62], it[162] is[487] Moby[362] Dick[25] ye[483] have[254] seen[154]-- Moby[362] Dick[25]--Moby[362] Dick[25]!"

"Captain[295] Ahab[232]," said[252] Starbuck, who[319], with[449] Stubb and[236] Flask[199], had[364] thus[362] far[258] been[185] eyeing[49] his[433] superior[479] with[449] increasing[329] surprise[125], but[330] at[65] last[436] seemed[132] struck[441] with[449] a[10] thought[186] which[16] somewhat[77] explained[492] all[145] the[19] wonder[76]. "Captain[295] Ahab[232], I[482] have[254] heard[444] of[89] Moby[362] Dick[25]--but[330] it[162] was[454] not[518] Moby[362] Dick[25] that[14] took[68] off[111] thy[43] leg[331]?"

"Who[319] told[82] thee[15] that[14]?" cried[506] Ahab[232]; then[45] pausing[19], "Aye[86], Starbuck; aye[86], my[36] hearties[248] all[145] round[287]; it[162] was[454] Moby[362] Dick[25] that[14] dismasted[331] me[2]; Moby[362] Dick[25] that[14] brought[85] me[2] to[261] this[256] dead[568] stump[277] I[482] stand[530] on[392] now[20]. Aye[86], aye[86]," he[362] shouted[300] with[449] a[10] terrific[315], loud[556], animal[22] sob[225], like[410] that[14] of[89] a[10] heart[470]-stricken[328] moose[415]; "Aye[86], aye[86]! it[162] was[454] that[14] accursed[203] white[82] whale[422] that[14] razeed me[2]; made[563] a[10] poor[533] pegging[83] lubber[191] of[89] me[2] for[190] ever[208] and[236] a[10] day[112]!" Then[45] tossing[213] both[558] arms[536], with[449] measureless[102] imprecations[296] he[362] shouted[300] out[66]: "Aye[86], aye[86]! and[236] I[482]'ll[300] chase[89] him[248] round[287] Good[221] Hope[211], and[236] round[287] the[19] Horn[139], and[236] round[287] the[19] Norway[314] Maelstrom[367], and[236] round[287] perdition[431]'s[483] flames[74] before[344] I[482] give[142] him[248] up[405]. And[236] this[256] is[487] what[243] ye[483] have[254] shipped[26] for[190], men[62]! to[261] chase[89] that[14] white[82] whale[422] on[392] both[558] sides[331] of[89] land[406], and[236] over[82] all[145] sides[331] of[89] earth[513], till[181] he[362] spouts[75] black[581] blood[208] and[236] rolls[475] fin[286] out[66]. What[243] say[306] ye[483], men[62], will[584] ye[483] splice[4] hands[87] on[392] it[162], now[20]? I[482] think[424] ye[483] do[353] look[523] brave[218]."

"Aye[86], aye[86]!" shouted[300] the[19] harpooneers and[236] seamen[6], running[296] closer[111] to[261] the[19] excited[283] old[447] man[17]: "A[10] sharp[427] eye[220] for[190] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]; a[10] sharp[427] lance[76] for[190] Moby[362] Dick[25]!"

"God[185] bless[128] ye[483]," he[362] seemed[132] to[261] half[119] sob[225] and[236] half[119] shout[299]. "God[185] bless[128] ye[483], men[62]. Steward[82]! go[20] draw[106] the[19] great[259] measure[520] of[89] grog[98]. But[330] what[243]'s[483] this[256] long[544] face[556] about[123], Mr[219]. Starbuck; wilt[401] thou[173] not[518] chase[89] the[19] white[82] whale[422]! art[462] not[518] game[233] for[190] Moby[362] Dick[25]?"

"I[482] am[375] game[233] for[190] his[433] crooked[236] jaw[213], and[236] for[190] the[19] jaws[341] of[89] Death[543] too[11], Captain[295] Ahab[232], if[141] it[162] fairly[211] comes[268] in[107] the[19] way[435] of[89] the[19] business[168] we[465] follow[408]; but[330] I[482] came[549] here[135] to[261] hunt[418] whales[331], not[518] my[36] commander[108]'s[483] vengeance[72]. How[19] many[282] barrels[368] will[584] thy[43] vengeance[72] yield[39] thee[15] even[198] if[141] thou[173] gettest[461] it[162], Captain[295] Ahab[232]? it[162] will[584] not[518] fetch[261] thee[15] much[61] in[107] our[234] Nantucket[283] market[286]."

"Nantucket[283] market[286]! Hoot[191]! But[330] come[420] closer[111], Starbuck; thou[173] requirest[457] a[10] little[554] lower[47] layer[296]. If[141] money[383]'s[483] to[261] be[341] the[19] measurer[59], man[17], and[236] the[19] accountants[25] have[254] computed[287] their[219] great[259] counting[345]-house[499] the[19] globe[23], by[406] girdling[132] it[162] with[449] guineas[316], one[470] to[261] every[389] three[329] parts[470] of[89] an[138] inch[65]; then[45], let[66] me[2] tell[392] thee[15], that[14] my[36] vengeance[72] will[584] fetch[261] a[10] great[259] premium[25] here[135]!"

"He[362] smites[314] his[433] chest[98]," whispered[89] Stubb, "what[243]'s[483] that[14] for[190]? methinks[462] it[162] rings[25] most[216] vast[43], but[330] hollow[511]."

"Vengeance[72] on[392] a[10] dumb[371] brute[73]!" cried[506] Starbuck, "that[14] simply[142] smote[261] thee[15] from[316] blindest[192] instinct[72]! Madness[282]! To[261] be[341] enraged[19] with[449] a[10] dumb[371] thing[309], Captain[295] Ahab[232], seems[19] blasphemous[113]."

"Hark[313] ye[483] yet[443] again[52]--the[19] little[554] lower[47] layer[296]. All[145] visible[94] objects[326], man[17], are[314] but[330] as[113] pasteboard[303] masks[272]. But[330] in[107] each[520] event[28]--in[107] the[19] living[117] act[10], the[19] undoubted[214] deed[101]--there[340], some[265] unknown[10] but[330] still[278] reasoning[68] thing[309] puts[146] forth[152] the[19] mouldings[264] of[89] its[234] features[150] from[316] behind[80] the[19] unreasoning[107] mask[86]. If[141] man[17] will[584] strike[374], strike[374] through[295] the[19] mask[86]! How[19] can[450] the[19] prisoner[92] reach[43] outside[75] except[545] by[406] thrusting[100] through[295] the[19] wall[509]? To[261] me[2], the[19] white[82] whale[422] is[487] that[14] wall[509], shoved[136] near[70] to[261] me[2]. Sometimes[77] I[482] think[424] there[340]'s[483] naught[80] beyond[421]. But[330] 'tis enough[217]. He[362] tasks[468] me[2]; he[362] heaps[86] me[2]; I[482] see[370] in[107] him[248] outrageous[247] strength[168], with[449] an[138] inscrutable[29] malice[157] sinewing it[162]. That[14] inscrutable[29] thing[309] is[487] chiefly[90] what[243] I[482] hate[267]; and[236] be[341] the[19] white[82] whale[422] agent[360], or[519] be[341] the[19] white[82] whale[422] principal[550], I[482] will[584] wreak[159] that[14] hate[267] upon[419] him[248]. Talk[173] not[518] to[261] me[2] of[89] blasphemy[161], man[17]; I[482]'d[67] strike[374] the[19] sun[397] if[141] it[162] insulted[25] me[2]. For[190] could[375] the[19] sun[397] do[353] that[14], then[45] could[375] I[482] do[353] the[19] other[282]; since[374] there[340] is[487] ever[208] a[10] sort[42] of[89] fair[320] play[89] herein[264], jealousy[124] presiding[328] over[82] all[145] creations[170]. But[330] not[518] my[36] master[131], man[17], is[487] even[198] that[14] fair[320] play[89]. Who[319]'s[483] over[82] me[2]? Truth[350] hath[585] no[235] confines[365]. Take[279] off[111] thine[72] eye[220]! more[348] intolerable[304]

than[77] fiends[270]' glarings is[487] a[10] doltish[83] stare[236]! So[281], so[281]; thou[173] reddenest
and[236] palest[240]; my[36] heat[218] has[399] melted[145] thee[15] to[261] anger[282]-glow[227]. But[330] look[523] ye[483],
Starbuck, what[243] is[487] said[252] in[107] heat[218], that[14] thing[309] unsays itself[312].
There[340] are[314] men[62] from[316] whom[324] warm[178] words[107] are[314] small[350] indignity[29].
I[482] meant[157] not[518] to[261] incense[474] thee[15]. Let[66] it[162] go[20]. Look[523]! see[370] yonder[41] Turkish[124]
cheeks[282] of[89] spotted[122] tawn--living[117], breathing[403] pictures[371] painted[340] by[406] the[19] sun[397].
The[19] Pagan[118] leopards[330]--the[19] unrecking[306] and[236] unworshipping things[4], that[14] live[554];
and[236] seek[292], and[236] give[142] no[235] reasons[186] for[190] the[19] torrid[42] life[71] they[382] feel[461]!
The[19] crew[126], man[17], the[19] crew[126]! Are[314] they[382] not[518] one[470] and[236] all[145] with[449] Ahab[232], in[107] this[256]
matter[176] of[89] the[19] whale[422]? See[370] Stubb! he[362] laughs[259]! See[370] yonder[41] Chilian[98]!
he[362] snorts[149] to[261] think[424] of[89] it[162]. Stand[530] up[405] amid[240] the[19] general[37] hurricane[299],
thy[43] one[470] tost[197] sapling[356] cannot, Starbuck! And[236] what[243] is[487] it[162]?
Reckon[270] it[162]. 'Tis but[330] to[261] help[526] strike[374] a[10] fin[286]; no[235] wondrous[30] feat[1]
for[190] Starbuck. What[243] is[487] it[162] more[348]? From[316] this[256] one[470] poor[533] hunt[418],
then[45], the[19] best[315] lance[76] out[66] of[89] all[145] Nantucket[283], surely[388] he[362] will[584] not[518]
hang[253] back[457], when[189] every[389] foremast[331]-hand[252] has[399] clutched[169] a[10] whetstone[159].
Ah[132]! constrainings seize[445] thee[15]; I[482] see[370]! the[19] billow[510] lifts[414] thee[15]!
Speak[337], but[330] speak[337]!--Aye[86], aye[86]! thy[43] silence[309], then[45], that[14] voices[386] thee[15].
(Aside[408]) Something[181] shot[443] from[316] my[36] dilated[230] nostrils[42], he[362] has[399]
inhaled[498] it[162] in[107] his[433] lungs[40]. Starbuck now[20] is[487] mine[482]; cannot oppose[307]
me[2] now[20], without[309] rebellion[486]."

"God[185] keep[381] me[2]!--keep[381] us[569] all[145]!" murmured[238] Starbuck, lowly[117].

But[330] in[107] his[433] joy[430] at[65] the[19] enchanted[229], tacit[180] acquiescence[31] of[89] the[19] mate[508],
Ahab[232] did[444] not[518] hear[386] his[433] foreboding[243] invocation[311]; nor[137] yet[443] the[19] low[407]
laugh[559] from[316] the[19] hold[204]; nor[137] yet[443] the[19] presaging[224] vibrations[434] of[89]
the[19] winds[399] in[107] the[19] cordage[218]; nor[137] yet[443] the[19] hollow[511] flap[10] of[89] the[19] sails[344]
against[417] the[19] masts[212], as[113] for[190] a[10] moment[258] their[219] hearts[431] sank[310] in[107].
For[190] again[52] Starbuck's[483] downcast[181] eyes[125] lighted[422] up[405] with[449] the[19] stubbornness[317]
of[89] life[71]; the[19] subterranean[105] laugh[559] died[575] away[443]; the[19] winds[399] blew[234] on[392];
the[19] sails[344] filled[232] out[66]; the[19] ship[438] heaved[52] and[236] rolled[226] as[113] before[344].
Ah[132], ye[483] admonitions[137] and[236] warnings[133]! why[177] stay[238] ye[483] not[518] when[189] ye[483] come[420]?
But[330] rather[178] are[314] ye[483] predictions[138] than[77] warnings[133], ye[483] shadows[480]!
Yet[443] not[518] so[281] much[61] predictions[138] from[316] without[309], as[113] verifications[83]
of[89] the[19] fore[259]-going[227] things[4] within[503]. For[190] with[449] little[554] external[386]
to[261] constrain[177] us[569], the[19] innermost[27] necessities[43] in[107] our[234] being[264],
these[527] still[278] drive[548] us[569] on[392].

"The[19] measure[520]! the[19] measure[520]!" cried[506] Ahab[232].

Receiving[124] the[19] brimming[317] pewter[86], and[236] turning[69] to[261] the[19] harpooneers,
he[362] ordered[143] them[146] to[261] produce[494] their[219] weapons[489]. Then[45] ranging[261] them[146]
before[344] him[248] near[70] the[19] capstan[241], with[449] their[219] harpoons[6] in[107] their[219] hands[87],
while[55] his[433] three[329] mates[264] stood[1] at[65] his[433] side[246] with[449] their[219] lances[8],
and[236] the[19] rest[302] of[89] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] company[280] formed[294] a[10] circle[282] round[287] the[19] group[104];
he[362] stood[1] for[190] an[138] instant[279] searchingly[201] eyeing[49] every[389] man[17] of[89] his[433] crew[126].
But[330] those[427] wild[230] eyes[125] met[130] his[433], as[113] the[19] bloodshot[26] eyes[125] of[89] the[19] prairie[214]
wolves[482] meet[16] the[19] eye[220] of[89] their[219] leader[353], ere[83] he[362] rushes[411] on[392] at[65] their[219] head[219]
in[107] the[19] trail[3] of[89] the[19] bison[25]; but[330], alas[129]! only[517] to[261] fall[90] into[554] the[19] hidden[78]
snare[52] of[89] the[19] Indian[303].

"Drink[117] and[236] pass[153]!" he[362] cried[506], handing[353] the[19] heavy[421] charged[103]
flagon[65] to[261] the[19] nearest[26] seaman[166]. "The[19] crew[126] alone[2] now[20] drink[117].
Round[287] with[449] it[162], round[287]! Short[522] draughts[52]--long[544] swallows[384], men[62];
'tis hot[424] as[113] Satan[229]'s[483] hoof[278]. So[281], so[281]; it[162] goes[205] round[287] excellently[210].
It[162] spiralizes in[107] ye[483]; forks[282] out[66] at[65] the[19] serpent[264]-snapping[88] eye[220].
Well[263] done[135]; almost[518] drained[388]. That[14] way[435] it[162] went[516], this[256] way[435] it[162] comes[268].
Hand[252] it[162] me[2]--here[135]'s[483] a[10] hollow[511]! Men[62], ye[483] seem[404] the[19] years[116];
so[281] brimming[317] life[71] is[487] gulped[122] and[236] gone[190]. Steward[82], refill[102]!

"Attend[120] now[20], my[36] braves[316]. I[482] have[254] mustered[237] ye[483] all[145] round[287] this[256] capstan[241];
and[236] ye[483] mates[264], flank[434] me[2] with[449] your[162] lances[8]; and[236] ye[483] harpooneers, stand[530] there[340]
with[449] your[162] irons[363]; and[236] ye[483], stout[29] mariners[347], ring[579] me[2] in[107], that[14] I[482] may[236] in[107] some[265]
sort[42] revive[117] a[10] noble[226] custom[544] of[89] my[36] fisherman[18] fathers[305] before[344] me[2]. O[24] men[62],
you[227] will[584] yet[443] see[370] that[14]--Ha[387]! boy[110], come[420] back[457]? bad[458] pennies[199] come[420] not[518] sooner[338].
Hand[252] it[162] me[2]. Why[177], now[20], this[256] pewter[86] had[364] run[172] brimming[317] again[52], wert[508] not[518] thou[173]
St[193]. Vitus[205]' imp[20]--away[443], thou[173] ague[88]!

"Advance[70], ye[483] mates[264]! Cross[416] your[162] lances[8] full[414] before[344] me[2]. Well[263] done[135]!
Let[66] me[2] touch[486] the[19] axis[20]." So[281] saying[9], with[449] extended[531] arm[25], he[362] grasped[101]
the[19] three[329] level[378], radiating[41] lances[8] at[65] their[219] crossed[202] centre[389];
while[55] so[281] doing[227], suddenly[193] and[236] nervously[547] twitched[364] them[146];
meanwhile[282] glancing[18] intently[258] from[316] Starbuck to[261] Stubb; from[316] Stubb
to[261] Flask[199]. It[162] seemed[132] as[113] though[400], by[406] some[265] nameless[427], interior[163] volition[431],
he[362] would[282] fain[264] have[254] shocked[516] into[554] them[146] the[19] same[541] fiery[42] emotion[355]
accumulated[236] within[503] the[19] Leyden[199] jar[408] of[89] his[433] own[248] magnetic[181] life[71].
The[19] three[329] mates[264] quailed[434] before[344] his[433] strong[145], sustained[283], and[236] mystic[455] aspect[147].
Stubb and[236] Flask[199] looked[232] sideways[496] from[316] him[248]; the[19] honest[287] eye[220] of[89]
Starbuck fell[421] downright[402].

"In[107] vain[216]!" cried[506] Ahab[232]; "but[330], maybe[92], 'tis well[263]. For[190] did[444] ye[483] three[329] but[330] once[248]
take[279] the[19] full[414]-forced[28] shock[44], then[45] mine[482] own[248] electric[311] thing[309], that[14] had[364] perhaps[75]
expired[328] from[316] out[66] me[2]. Perchance[306], too[11], it[162] would[282] have[254] dropped[2] ye[483] dead[568].

Perchance[306] ye[483] need[32] it[162] not[518]. Down[133] lances[8]! And[236] now[20], ye[483] mates[264],
I[482] do[353] appoint[339] ye[483] three[329] cupbearers[362] to[261] my[36] three[329] pagan[118] kinsmen[196] there[340]--
yon[252] three[329] most[216] honorable[15] gentlemen[340] and[236] noblemen[159], my[36] valiant[359] harpooneers.
Disdain[256] the[19] task[482]? What[243], when[189] the[19] great[259] Pope[44] washes[169] the[19] feet[349] of[89] beggars[363],
using[14] his[433] tiara[270] for[190] ewer[92]? Oh[367], my[36] sweet[417] cardinals[84]! your[162] own[248] condescension[83],
that[14] shall[66] bend[434] ye[483] to[261] it[162]. I[482] do[353] not[518] order[343] ye[483]; ye[483] will[584] it[162].
Cut[310] your[162] seizings[98] and[236] draw[106] the[19] poles[122], ye[483] harpooneers!"

Silently[533] obeying[163] the[19] order[343], the[19] three[329] harpooneers now[20] stood[1]
with[449] the[19] detached[5] iron[169] part[207] of[89] their[219] harpoons[6], some[265] three[329]
feet[349] long[544], held[212], barbs[226] up[405], before[344] him[248].

"Stab[21] me[2] not[518] with[449] that[14] keen[202] steel[184]! Cant[355] them[146]; cant[355] them[146]
over[82]! know[60] ye[483] not[518] the[19] goblet[233] end[149]? Turn[17] up[405] the[19] socket[43]!
So[281], so[281]; now[20], ye[483] cup[13]-bearers[249], advance[70]. The[19] irons[363]! take[279] them[146];
hold[204] them[146] while[55] I[482] fill[380]!" Forthwith[198], slowly[149] going[227] from[316] one[470] officer[70]
to[261] the[19] other[282], he[362] brimmed[330] the[19] harpoon[67] sockets[35] with[449] the[19] fiery[42]
waters[556] from[316] the[19] pewter[86].

"Now[20], three[329] to[261] three[329], ye[483] stand[530]. Commend[105] the[19] murderous[86] chalices[399]!
Bestow[188] them[146], ye[483] who[319] are[314] now[20] made[563] parties[162] to[261] this[256]
indissoluble[425] league[81]. Ha[387]! Starbuck! but[330] the[19] deed[101] is[487] done[135]!
Yon[252] ratifying[173] sun[397] now[20] waits[298] to[261] sit[215] upon[419] it[162]. Drink[117], ye[483] harpooneers!
drink[117] and[236] swear[322], ye[483] men[62] that[14] man[17] the[19] deathful[174] whaleboat[39]'s[483] bow[146]--
Death[543] to[261] Moby[362] Dick[25]! God[185] hunt[418] us[569] all[145], if[141] we[465] do[353] not[518] hunt[418] Moby[362] Dick[25]
to[261] his[433] death[543]!" The[19] long[544], barbed[27] steel[184] goblets[402] were[324] lifted[448];
and[236] to[261] cries[104] and[236] maledictions[165] against[417] the[19] white[82] whale[422],
the[19] spirits[471] were[324] simultaneously[558] quaffed[9] down[133] with[449] a[10] hiss[117].
Starbuck paled[34], and[236] turned[492], and[236] shivered[34]. Once[248] more[348], and[236] finally[69],
the[19] replenished[198] pewter[86] went[516] the[19] rounds[369] among[483] the[19] frantic[211] crew[126];
when[189], waving[364] his[433] free[483] hand[252] to[261] them[146], they[382] all[145] dispersed[417];
and[236] Ahab[232] retired[158] within[503] his[433] cabin[192].

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The[19] cabin[192]; by[406] the[19] stern[442] windows[115]; Ahab[232] sitting[136] alone[2], and[236] gazing[117] out[66].

I[482] leave[450] a[10] white[82] and[236] turbid[171] wake[205]; pale[292] waters[556], paler[88] cheeks[282],
where[579]'er[304] I[482] sail[218]. The[19] envious[402] billows[295] sidelong[203] swell[280] to[261] whelm[4] my[36] track[169];
let[66] them[146]; but[330] first[13] I[482] pass[153].

Yonder[41], by[406] the[19] ever[208]-brimming[317] goblet[233]'s[483] rim[157], the[19] warm[178] waves[443] blush[503]
like[410] wine[102]. The[19] gold[231] brow[474] plumbs[487] the[19] blue[240]. The[19] diver[120] sun[397]--
slow[96] dived[149] from[316] noon[445]--goes[205] down[133]; my[36] soul[428] mounts[280] up[405]! she[391]
wearies[315] with[449] her[400] endless[489] hill[219]. Is[487], then[45], the[19] crown[463] too[11] heavy[421]
that[14] I[482] wear[250]? this[256] Iron[169] Crown[463] of[89] Lombardy[83]. Yet[443] is[487] it[162] bright[205]
with[449] many[282] a[10] gem[202]; I[482] the[19] wearer[527], see[370] not[518] its[234] far[258] flashings[227];
but[330] darkly[371] feel[461] that[14] I[482] wear[250] that[14], that[14] dazzlingly[261] confounds[355].
'Tis iron[169]--that[14] I[482] know[60]--not[518] gold[231]. 'Tis split[148], too[11]--that[14] I[482] feel[461];
the[19] jagged[263] edge[323] galls[70] me[2] so[281], my[36] brain[158] seems[19] to[261] beat[449] against[417]
the[19] solid[494] metal[147]; aye[86], steel[184] skull[9], mine[482]; the[19] sort[42] that[14] needs[41]
no[235] helmet[159] in[107] the[19] most[216] brain[158]-battering[193] fight[330]!

Dry[430] heat[218] upon[419] my[36] brow[474]? Oh[367]! time[577] was[454], when[189] as[113] the[19] sunrise[445] nobly[308]
spurred[345] me[2], so[281] the[19] sunset[305] soothed[436]. No[235] more[348]. This[256] lovely[126] light[382],
it[162] lights[59] not[518] me[2]; all[145] loveliness[218] is[487] anguish[75] to[261] me[2], since[374] I[482] can[450]
ne'er[190] enjoy[173]. Gifted[19] with[449] the[19] high[361] perception[444], I[482] lack[92] the[19] low[407],
enjoying[261] power[145]; damned[572], most[216] subtly[169] and[236] most[216] malignantly[57]!
damned[572] in[107] the[19] midst[533] of[89] Paradise[215]! Good[221] night[108]--good[221] night[108]!
(waving[364] his[433] hand[252], he[362] moves[115] from[316] the[19] window[8].)

'Twas not[518] so[281] hard[337] a[10] task[482]. I[482] thought[186] to[261] find[138] one[470] stubborn[452], at[65] the[19] least[453];
but[330] my[36] one[470] cogged[83] circle[282] fits[369] into[554] all[145] their[219] various[183] wheels[116],
and[236] they[382] revolve[125]. Or[519], if[141] you[227] will[584], like[410] so[281] many[282] ant[106]-hills[352] of[89] powder[5],
they[382] all[145] stand[530] before[344] me[2]; and[236] I[482] their[219] match[441]. Oh[367], hard[337]! that[14] to[261]
fire[559] others[317], the[19] match[441] itself[312] must[226] needs[41] be[341] wasting[291]! What[243] I[482]'ve[149] dared[294],
I[482]'ve[149] willed[116]; and[236] what[243] I[482]'ve[149] willed[116], I[482]'ll[300] do[353]! They[382] think[424] me[2] mad[235]--
Starbuck does[565]; but[330] I[482]'m[250] demoniac[279], I[482] am[375] madness[282] maddened[273]!
That[14] wild[230] madness[282] that[14]'s[76] only[517] calm[39] to[261] comprehend[301] itself[312]!
The[19] prophecy[147] was[454] that[14] I[482] should[255] be[341] dismembered[314]; and[236]--Aye[86]! I[482] lost[308]
this[256] leg[331]. I[482] now[20] prophesy[168] that[14] I[482] will[584] dismember[309] my[36] dismemberer.
Now[20], then[45], be[341] the[19] prophet[25] and[236] the[19] fulfiller[439] one[470]. That[14]'s[76] more[348] than[77] ye[483],
ye[483] great[259] gods[325], ever[208] were[324]. I[482] laugh[559] and[236] hoot[191] at[65] ye[483], ye[483] cricket[111]-players[40],
ye[483] pugilists[443], ye[483] deaf[375] Burkes[492] and[236] blinded[337] Bendigoes! I[482] will[584] not[518]
say[306] as[113] schoolboys[127] do[353] to[261] bullies[107]--Take[279] some[265] one[470] of[89] your[162] own[248] size[503];
don[280]'t[500] pommel[400] me[2]! No[235], ye[483]'ve[477] knocked[49] me[2] down[133], and[236] I[482] am[375] up[405] again[52];
but[330] ye[483] have[254] run[172] and[236] hidden[78]. Come[420] forth[152] from[316] behind[80] your[162] cotton[444] bags[373]!
I[482] have[254] no[235] long[544] gun[152] to[261] reach[43] ye[483]. Come[420], Ahab[232]'s[483] compliments[11] to[261] ye[483];
come[420] and[236] see[370] if[141] ye[483] can[450] swerve[110] me[2]. Swerve[110] me[2]? ye[483] cannot swerve[110] me[2],

else[212] ye[483] swerve[110] yourselves[192]! man[17] has[399] ye[483] there[340]. Swerve[110] me[2]?
The[19] path[234] to[261] my[36] fixed[564] purpose[514] is[487] laid[181] with[449] iron[169] rails[492], whereon[132] my[36]
soul[428] is[487] grooved[110] to[261] run[172]. Over[82] unsounded[253] gorges[261], through[295] the[19] rifled[513]
hearts[431] of[89] mountains[202], under[533] torrents[231]' beds[41], unerringly[240] I[482] rush[6]!
Naught[80]'s[483] an[138] obstacle[88], naught[80]'s[483] an[138] angle[205] to[261] the[19] iron[169] way[435]!

CHAPTER[293] 38[330]

Dusk[180]

By[406] the[19] Mainmast[323]; Starbuck leaning[559] against[417] it[162].

My[36] soul[428] is[487] more[348] than[77] matched[152]; she[391]'s[483] over[82]-manned[282]; and[236] by[406] a[10] madman[361]!
Insufferable[295] sting[225], that[14] sanity[140] should[255] ground[127] arms[536] on[392] such[420] a[10] field[275]!
But[330] he[362] drilled[8] deep[483] down[133], and[236] blasted[253] all[145] my[36] reason[238] out[66] of[89] me[2]!
I[482] think[424] I[482] see[370] his[433] impious[15] end[149]; but[330] feel[461] that[14] I[482] must[226] help[526] him[248] to[261] it[162].
Will[584] I[482], nill[223] I[482], the[19] ineffable[285] thing[309] has[399] tied[101] me[2] to[261] him[248]; tows[117] me[2] with[449]
a[10] cable[41] I[482] have[254] no[235] knife[503] to[261] cut[310]. Horrible[398] old[447] man[17]! Who[319]'s[483] over[82] him[248],
he[362] cries[104];--aye[86], he[362] would[282] be[341] a[10] democrat[29] to[261] all[145] above[502]; look[523], how[19] he[362] lords[410]
it[162] over[82] all[145] below[397]! Oh[367]! I[482] plainly[450] see[370] my[36] miserable[364] office[256],--
to[261] obey[67], rebelling[259]; and[236] worse[561] yet[443], to[261] hate[267] with[449] touch[486] of[89] pity[270]!
For[190] in[107] his[433] eyes[125] I[482] read[98] some[265] lurid[110] woe[295] would[282] shrivel[104] me[2] up[405], had[364] I[482] it[162].
Yet[443] is[487] there[340] hope[211]. Time[577] and[236] tide[523] flow[44] wide[465]. The[19] hated[499] whale[422] has[399]
the[19] round[287] watery[59] world[126] to[261] swim[226] in[107], as[113] the[19] small[350] gold[231]-fish[187] has[399] its[234]
glassy[489] globe[23]. His[433] heaven[163]-insulting[380] purpose[514], God[185] may[236] wedge[309] aside[408].
I[482] would[282] up[405] heart[470], were[324] it[162] not[518] like[410] lead[362]. But[330] my[36] whole[199] clock[489]'s[483] run[172] down[133];
my[36] heart[470] the[19] all[145]-controlling weight[213], I[482] have[254] no[235] key[140] to[261] lift[229] again[52].

[A[10] burst[174] of[89] revelry[279] from[316] the[19] forecastle[367].]

Oh[367], God[185]! to[261] sail[218] with[449] such[420] a[10] heathen[336] crew[126] that[14] have[254] small[350] touch[486]
of[89] human[43] mothers[98] in[107] them[146]! Whelped[510] somewhere[201] by[406] the[19] sharkish[51] sea[67].
The[19] white[82] whale[422] is[487] their[219] demigorgon. Hark[313]! the[19] infernal[84] orgies[279]!
that[14] revelry[279] is[487] forward[364]! mark[169] the[19] unfaltering[434] silence[309] aft[2]!
Methinks[462] it[162] pictures[371] life[71]. Foremost[61] through[295] the[19] sparkling[42] sea[67]
shoots[536] on[392] the[19] gay[323], embattled[300], bantering[261] bow[146], but[330] only[517] to[261] drag[426]
dark[471] Ahab[232] after[358] it[162], where[579] he[362] broods[89] within[503] his[433] sternward cabin[192],
builded[82] over[82] the[19] dead[568] water[520] of[89] the[19] wake[205], and[236] further[53] on[392],
hunted[439] by[406] its[234] wolfish[178] gurglings[259]. The[19] long[544] howl[283] thrills[314] me[2] through[295]!
Peace[216]! ye[483] revellers[192], and[236] set[422] the[19] watch[89]! Oh[367], life[71]! 'tis in[107] an[138]
hour[384] like[410] this[256], with[449] soul[428] beat[449] down[133] and[236] held[212] to[261] knowledge[270],--
as[113] wild[230], untutored[173] things[4] are[314] forced[28] to[261] feed[252]--Oh[367], life[71]! 'tis
now[20] that[14] I[482] do[353] feel[461] the[19] latent[70] horror[134] in[107] thee[15]! but[330] 'tis not[518] me[2]!
that[14] horror[134]'s[483] out[66] of[89] me[2], and[236] with[449] the[19] soft[226] feeling[384] of[89] the[19] human[43]
in[107] me[2], yet[443] will[584] I[482] try[266] to[261] fight[330] ye[483], ye[483] grim[19], phantom[101] futures[31]!
Stand[530] by[406] me[2], hold[204] me[2], bind[316] me[2], O[24] ye[483] blessed[473] influences[232]!

CHAPTER[293] 39[312]

First[13] Night[108] Watch[89]

(Stubb solus[267], and[236] mending[271] a[10] brace[403].)

Ha[387]! ha[387]! ha[387]! ha[387]! hem[322]! clear[408] my[36] throat[461]!--I[482]'ve[149] been[185] thinking[385]
over[82] it[162] ever[208] since[374], and[236] that[14] ha[387], ha[387]'s[483] the[19] final[357] consequence[111].
Why[177] so[281]? Because[540] a[10] laugh[559]'s[483] the[19] wisest[416], easiest[396] answer[164] to[261] all[145]
that[14]'s[76] queer[156]; and[236] come[420] what[243] will[584], one[470] comfort[364]'s[483] always[367] left[159]--
that[14] unfailing[441] comfort[364] is[487], it[162]'s[483] all[145] predestinated[332].
I[482] heard[444] not[518] all[145] his[433] talk[173] with[449] Starbuck; but[330] to[261] my[36] poor[533] eye[220]
Starbuck then[45] looked[232] something[181] as[113] I[482] the[19] other[282] evening[581] felt[440].
Be[341] sure[41] the[19] old[447] Mogul[270] has[399] fixed[564] him[248], too[11]. I[482] twigged[453] it[162], knew[480] it[162];
had[364] had[364] the[19] gift[213], might[496] readily[467] have[254] prophesied[240] it[162]--for[190] when[189] I[482]
clapped[423] my[36] eye[220] upon[419] his[433] skull[9] I[482] saw[113] it[162]. Well[263], Stubb, wise[16] Stubb--
that[14]'s[76] my[36] title[168]--well[263], Stubb, what[243] of[89] it[162], Stubb? Here[135]'s[483] a[10] carcase[366].
I[482] know[60] not[518] all[145] that[14] may[236] be[341] coming[140], but[330] be[341] it[162] what[243] it[162] will[584],
I[482]'ll[300] go[20] to[261] it[162] laughing[83]. Such[420] a[10] waggish[21] leering[439] as[113] lurks[115]
in[107] all[145] your[162] horribles[164]! I[482] feel[461] funny[96]. Fa[501], la[417]! lirra[192], skirra!
What[243]'s[483] my[36] juicy[374] little[554] pear[270] at[65] home[450] doing[227] now[20]? Crying[321] its[234] eyes[125] out[66]?--
Giving[207] a[10] party[314] to[261] the[19] last[436] arrived[553] harpooneers, I[482] dare[11] say[306],
gay[323] as[113] a[10] frigate[44]'s[483] pennant[6], and[236] so[281] am[375] I[482]--fa[501], la[417]! lirra[192], skirra! Oh[367]--

We[465]'ll[300] drink[117] to[261]-night[108] with[449] hearts[431] as[113] light[382],
To[261] love[391], as[113] gay[323] and[236] fleeting[225]
As[113] bubbles[552] that[14] swim[226], on[392] the[19] beaker[102]'s[483] brim[84],
And[236] break[483] on[392] the[19] lips[585] while[55] meeting[183].

A[10] brave[218] stave[416] that[14]--who[319] calls[15]? Mr[219]. Starbuck? Aye[86], aye[86], sir[271]--
(Aside[408]) he[362]'s[483] my[36] superior[479], he[362] has[399] his[433] too[11], if[141] I[482]'m[250] not[518] mistaken[49].--
Aye[86], aye[86], sir[271], just[108] through[295] with[449] this[256] job[269]--coming[140].

CHAPTER[293] 40[285]

Midnight[539], Forecastle[367]

HARPOONEERS AND[236] SAILORS[64]

(Foresail[135] rises[215] and[236] discovers[121] the[19] watch[89] standing[144], lounging[325], leaning[559],
and[236] lying[204] in[107] various[183] attitudes[167], all[145] singing[288] in[107] chorus[98].)

Farewell[283] and[236] adieu[116] to[261] you[227], Spanish[124] ladies[66]!
Farewell[283] and[236] adieu[116] to[261] you[227], ladies[66] of[89] Spain[20]!
Our[234] captain[295]'s[483] commanded[571].--

1ST[127] NANTUCKET[283] SAILOR[561]

Oh[367], boys[22], don[280]'t[500] be[341] sentimental[31]. it[162]'s[483] bad[458] for[190] the[19] digestion[524]!
Take[279] a[10] tonic[117], follow[408] me[2]! (Sings[197], and[236] all[145] follow[408])
Our[234] captain[295] stood[1] upon[419] the[19] deck[505],
A[10] spy[411]-glass[27] in[107] his[433] hand[252],
A[10] viewing[165] of[89] those[427] gallant[323] whales[331]
That[14] blew[234] at[65] every[389] strand[171].
Oh[367], your[162] tubs[410] in[107] your[162] boats[83], my[36] boys[22],
And[236] by[406] your[162] braces[403] stand[530],
And[236] we[465]'ll[300] have[254] one[470] of[89] those[427] fine[333] whales[331],
Hand[252], boys[22], over[82] hand[252]!
So[281], be[341] cheery[117], my[36] lads[252]! may[236] your[162] hearts[431] never[206] fail[126]!
While[55] the[19] bold[356] harpooneer is[487] striking[22] the[19] whale[422]!

MATE[508]'S[483] VOICE[233] FROM[316] THE[19] QUARTER[6]-DECK[505]

Eight[316] bells[117] there[340], forward[364]!

2ND[35] NANTUCKET[283] SAILOR[561]

Avast[279] the[19] chorus[98]! Eight[316] bells[117] there[340]! d[67]'ye[163] hear[386], bell[28]-boy[110]? Strike[374]
the[19] bell[28] eight[316], thou[173] Pip[238]! thou[173] blackling! and[236] let[66] me[2] call[259] the[19] watch[89].
I[482]'ve[149] the[19] sort[42] of[89] mouth[414] for[190] that[14]--the[19] hogshead[519] mouth[414]. So[281], so[281],
(thrusts[506] his[433] head[219] down[133] the[19] scuttle[27],) Star[274]-bo-l[580]-e[443]-e[443]-n[422]-s[483], a[10]-h[349]-o[24]-y!
Eight[316] bells[117] there[340] below[397]! Tumble[553] up[405]!

DUTCH[325] SAILOR[561]

Grand[229] snoozing[316] to[261]-night[108], maty[499]; fat[351] night[108] for[190] that[14]. I[482] mark[169] this[256] in[107] our[234] old[447]
Mogul[270]'s[483] wine[102]; it[162]'s[483] quite[327] as[113] deadening[301] to[261] some[265] as[113] filliping[41] to[261] others[317].
We[465] sing[549]; they[382] sleep[233]--aye[86], lie[212] down[133] there[340], like[410] ground[127]-tier butts[83].
At[65] 'em again[52]! There[340], take[279] this[256] copper[300]-pump[390], and[236] hail[75] 'em through[295] it[162].
Tell[392] 'em to[261] avast[279] dreaming[47] of[89] their[219] lassies[68]. Tell[392] 'em it[162]'s[483]
the[19] resurrection[281]; they[382] must[226] kiss[456] their[219] last[436], and[236] come[420] to[261] judgment[83].
That[14]'s[76] the[19] way[435]--that[14]'s[76] it[162]; thy[43] throat[461] ain't[500] spoiled[282] with[449]
eating[22] Amsterdam[345] butter[536].

FRENCH[491] SAILOR[561]

Hist[117], boys[22]! let[66]'s[483] have[254] a[10] jig[30] or[519] two[527] before[344] we[465] ride[197] to[261] anchor[141]
in[107] Blanket[115] Bay[279]. What[243] say[306] ye[483]? There[340] comes[268] the[19] other[282] watch[89].
Stand[530] by[406] all[145] legs[108]! Pip[238]! little[554] Pip[238]! hurrah[277] with[449] your[162] tambourine[197]!

PIP[238] (Sulky[316] and[236] sleepy[452])

Don[280]'t[500] know[60] where[579] it[162] is[487].

FRENCH[491] SAILOR[561]

Beat[449] thy[43] belly[511], then[45], and[236] wag[26] thy[43] ears[560]. Jig[30] it[162], men[62], I[482] say[306];
merry[486]'s[483] the[19] word[486]; hurrah[277]! Damn[468] me[2], won't[500] you[227] dance[174]?
Form[238], now[20], Indian[303]-file[322], and[236] gallop[367] into[554] the[19] double[20]-shuffle?
Throw[345] yourselves[192]! Legs[108]! legs[108]!

ICELAND[203] SAILOR[561]

I[482] don[280]'t[500] like[410] your[162] floor[418], maty[499]; it[162]'s[483] too[11] springy[91] to[261] my[36] taste[134].
I[482]'m[250] used[102] to[261] ice[443]-floors[491]. I[482]'m[250] sorry[147] to[261] throw[345] cold[330] water[520] on[392] the[19] subject[382];
but[330] excuse[410] me[2].

MALTESE[105] SAILOR[561]

Me[2] too[11]; where[579]'s[483] your[162] girls[388]? Who[319] but[330] a[10] fool[5] would[282] take[279] his[433] left[159] hand[252]
by[406] his[433] right[499], and[236] say[306] to[261] himself[282], how[19] d[67]'ye[163] do[353]? Partners[403]! I[482] must[226]
have[254] partners[403]!

SICILIAN[125] SAILOR[561]

Aye[86]; girls[388] and[236] a[10] green[549]!--then[45] I[482]'ll[300] hop[559] with[449] ye[483]; yea[204], turn[17] grasshopper[375]!

LONG[544]-ISLAND[516] SAILOR[561]

Well[263], well[263], ye[483] sulkies, there[340]'s[483] plenty[406] more[348] of[89] us[569].
Hoe[576] corn[237] when[189] you[227] may[236], say[306] I[482]. All[145] legs[108] go[20] to[261] harvest[38] soon[18].
Ah[132]! here[135] comes[268] the[19] music[91]; now[20] for[190] it[162]!

AZORE[99] SAILOR[561] (Ascending[116], and[236] pitching[143] the[19] tambourine[197] up[405] the[19] scuttle[27].)

Here[135] you[227] are[314], Pip[238]; and[236] there[340]'s[483] the[19] windlass[231]-bits[256];
up[405] you[227] mount[34]! Now[20], boys[22]!

(The[19] half[119] of[89] them[146] dance[174] to[261] the[19] tambourine[197]; some[265] go[20] below[397];
some[265] sleep[233] or[519] lie[212] among[483] the[19] coils[259] of[89] rigging[516]. Oaths[142] a[10]-plenty[406].)

AZORE[99] SAILOR[561] (Dancing[192])

Go[20] it[162], Pip[238]! Bang[386] it[162], bell[28]-boy[110]! Rig[415] it[162], dig[89] it[162], stig[97] it[162], quig it[162],
bell[28]-boy[110]! Make[175] fire[559]-flies[404]; break[483] the[19] jinglers!

PIP[238]

Jinglers, you[227] say[306]?--there[340] goes[205] another[269], dropped[2] off[111]; I[482] pound[77] it[162] so[281].

CHINA[253] SAILOR[561]

Rattle[371] thy[43] teeth[82], then[45], and[236] pound[77] away[443]; make[175] a[10] pagoda[354] of[89] thyself[402].

FRENCH[491] SAILOR[561]

Merry[486]-mad[235]! Hold[204] up[405] thy[43] hoop[116], Pip[238], till[181] I[482] jump[50] through[295] it[162]!
Split[148] jibs[26]! tear[146] yourselves[192]! Tashtego (Quietly[380] smoking[470].)

That[14]'s[76] a[10] white[82] man[17]; he[362] calls[15] that[14] fun[347]: humph[86]! I[482] save[556] my[36] sweat[132].

OLD[447] MANX[26] SAILOR[561]

I[482] wonder[76] whether[454] those[427] jolly[50] lads[252] bethink[51] them[146] of[89] what[243] they[382] are[314]
dancing[192] over[82]. I[482]'ll[300] dance[174] over[82] your[162] grave[344], I[482] will[584]--that[14]'s[76] the[19] bitterest[197]
threat[518] of[89] your[162] night[108]-women[275], that[14] beat[449] head[219]-winds[399] round[287] corners[124].
O[24] Christ[75]! to[261] think[424] of[89] the[19] green[549] navies[27] and[236] the[19] green[549]-skulled crews[559]!
Well[263], well[263]; belike[142] the[19] whole[199] world[126]'s[483] a[10] ball[141], as[113] you[227] scholars[255]
have[254] it[162]; and[236] so[281] 'tis right[499] to[261] make[175] one[470] ballroom[364] of[89] it[162].
Dance[174] on[392], lads[252], you[227]'re[155] young[389]; I[482] was[454] once[248].

3D[487] NANTUCKET[283] SAILOR[561]

Spell[416] oh[367]!--whew[26]! this[256] is[487] worse[561] than[77] pulling[217] after[358] whales[331] in[107] a[10] calm[39]--
give[142] us[569] a[10] whiff[26], Tash[299].

(They[382] cease[143] dancing[192], and[236] gather[311] in[107] clusters[333]. Meantime[210] the[19] sky[331] darkens[86]--
the[19] wind[262] rises[215].)

LASCAR[6] SAILOR[561]

By[406] Brahma[481]! boys[22], it[162]'ll[300] be[341] douse[183] sail[218] soon[18]. The[19] sky[331]-born[236], high[361]-tide[523]
Ganges[84] turned[492] to[261] wind[262]! Thou[173] showest[475] thy[43] black[581] brow[474], Seeva[110]!

MALTESE[105] SAILOR[561] (Reclining[316] and[236] shaking[206] his[433] cap[328])

It[162]'s[483] the[19] waves[443]--the[19] snow[498]'s[483] caps[214] turn[17] to[261] jig[30] it[162] now[20].
They[382]'ll[300] shake[180] their[219] tassels[3] soon[18]. Now[20] would[282] all[145] the[19] waves[443]
were[324] women[275], then[45] I[482]'d[67] go[20] drown[522], and[236] chassee with[449] them[146] evermore[274]!
There[340]'s[483] naught[80] so[281] sweet[417] on[392] earth[513]--heaven[163] may[236] not[518] match[441] it[162]!--
as[113] those[427] swift[376] glances[363] of[89] warm[178], wild[230] bosoms[504] in[107] the[19] dance[174],
when[189] the[19] over[82]-arboring arms[536] hide[266] such[420] ripe[238], bursting[288] grapes[69].

SICILIAN[125] SAILOR[561] (Reclining[316])

Tell[392] me[2] not[518] of[89] it[162]! Hark[313] ye[483], lad[342]--fleet[206] interlacings[86] of[89] the[19] limbs[315]--
lithe[275] swayings[227]--coyings--flutterings[83]! lip[318]! heart[470]! hip[461]! all[145] graze[154]:
unceasing[360] touch[486] and[236] go[20]! not[518] taste[134], observe[213] ye[483], else[212] come[420] satiety[217].
Eh[76], Pagan[118]? (Nudging[48].)

TAHITAN SAILOR[561] (Reclining[316] on[392] a[10] mat[316])

Hail[75], holy[61] nakedness[475] of[89] our[234] dancing[192] girls[388]!--the[19] Heeva-Heeva! Ah[132]!
low[407] veiled[126], high[361] palmed[158] Tahiti[183]! I[482] still[278] rest[302] me[2] on[392] thy[43] mat[316],
but[330] the[19] soft[226] soil[430] has[399] slid[132]! I[482] saw[113] thee[15] woven[26] in[107] the[19] wood[46], my[36] mat[316]!
green[549] the[19] first[13] day[112] I[482] brought[85] ye[483] thence[158]; now[20] worn[174] and[236] wilted[369] quite[327].
Ah[132] me[2]!--not[518] thou[173] nor[137] I[482] can[450] bear[48] the[19] change[386]! How[19] then[45],
if[141] so[281] be[341] transplanted[82] to[261] yon[252] sky[331]? Hear[386] I[482] the[19] roaring[182] streams[15] from[316]
Pirohitee's[483] peak[454] of[89] spears[450], when[189] they[382] leap[342] down[133] the[19] crags[362] and[236] drown[522]
the[19] villages[316]?--The[19] blast[13], the[19] blast[13]! Up[405], spine[236], and[236] meet[16] it[162]!

(Leaps[575] to[261] his[433] feet[349].)

PORTUGUESE[116] SAILOR[561]

How[19] the[19] sea[67] rolls[475] swashing[280] 'gainst the[19] side[246]! Stand[530] by[406] for[190] reefing[155], hearties[248]! the[19] winds[399] are[314] just[108] crossing[402] swords[533], pell-mell[117] they[382]'ll[300] go[20] lunging[280] presently[166].

DANISH[208] SAILOR[561]

Crack[83], crack[83], old[447] ship[438]! so[281] long[544] as[113] thou[173] crackest, thou[173] holdest[160]! Well[263] done[135]! The[19] mate[508] there[340] holds[92] ye[483] to[261] it[162] stiffly[292]. He[362]'s[483] no[235] more[348] afraid[248] than[77] the[19] isle[41] fort[146] at[65] Cattegat[364], put[190] there[340] to[261] fight[330] the[19] Baltic[289] with[449] storm[218]-lashed[64] guns[225], on[392] which[16] the[19] sea[67]-salt[183] cakes[321]!

4TH[29] NANTUCKET[283] SAILOR[561]

He[362] has[399] his[433] orders[199], mind[118] ye[483] that[14]. I[482] heard[444] old[447] Ahab[232] tell[392] him[248] he[362] must[226] always[367] kill[219] a[10] squall[467], something[181] as[113] they[382] burst[174] a[10] waterspout[93] with[449] a[10] pistol[167]--fire[559] your[162] ship[438] right[499] into[554] it[162]!

ENGLISH[69] SAILOR[561]

Blood[208]! but[330] that[14] old[447] man[17]'s[415] a[10] grand[229] old[447] cove[399]! We[465] are[314] the[19] lads[252] to[261] hunt[418] him[248] up[405] his[433] whale[422]!

ALL[145]

Aye[86]! aye[86]!

OLD[447] MANX[26] SAILOR[561]

How[19] the[19] three[329] pines[398] shake[180]! Pines[398] are[314] the[19] hardest[11] sort[42] of[89] tree[482] to[261] live[554] when[189] shifted[167] to[261] any[501] other[282] soil[430], and[236] here[135] there[340]'s[483] none[365] but[330] the[19] crew[126]'s[483] cursed[441] clay[370]. Steady[21], helmsman[457]! steady[21]. This[256] is[487] the[19] sort[42] of[89] weather[405] when[189] brave[218] hearts[431] snap[110] ashore[122], and[236] keeled[299] hulls[133] split[148] at[65] sea[67]. Our[234] captain[295] has[399] his[433] birthmark[214]; look[523] yonder[41], boys[22], there[340]'s[483] another[269] in[107] the[19] sky[331] lurid[110]--like[410], ye[483] see[370], all[145] else[212] pitch[115] black[581].

DAGGOO

What[243] of[89] that[14]? Who[319]'s[483] afraid[248] of[89] black[581]'s[483] afraid[248] of[89] me[2]! I[482]'m[250] quarried[165] out[66] of[89] it[162]!

SPANISH[124] SAILOR[561]

(Aside[408].) He[362] wants[418] to[261] bully[248], ah[132]!--the[19] old[447] grudge[446] makes[32] me[2] touchy[52] (Advancing[444].) Aye[86], harpooneer, thy[43] race[392] is[487] the[19] undeniable[68] dark[471] side[246] of[89] mankind[40]--devilish[181] dark[471] at[65] that[14]. No[235] offence[143].

DAGGOO (Grimly[226])

None[365].

ST[193]. JAGO[296]'S[483] SAILOR[561]

That[14] Spaniard[336]'s[483] mad[235] or[519] drunk[213]. But[330] that[14] can[450]'t[500] be[341], or[519] else[212] in[107] his[433] one[470] case[346] our[234] old[447] Mogul[270]'s[483] fire[559]-waters[556] are[314] somewhat[77] long[544] in[107] working[113].

5TH[77] NANTUCKET[283] SAILOR[561]

What[243]'s[483] that[14] I[482] saw[113]--lightning[171]? Yes[143].

SPANISH[124] SAILOR[561]

No[235]; Daggoo showing[445] his[433] teeth[82].

DAGGOO (Springing[481])

Swallow[195] thine[72], mannikin[12]! White[82] skin[428], white[82] liver[442]!

SPANISH[124] SAILOR[561] (Meeting[183] him[248])

Knife[503] thee[15] heartily[254]! big[245] frame[84], small[350] spirit[227]!

ALL[145]

A[10] row[328]! a[10] row[328]! a[10] row[328]!

TASHTEGO (With[449] a[10] whiff[26])

A[10] row[328] a[10]'low[407], and[236] a[10] row[328] aloft[276]--Gods[325] and[236] men[62]--both[558] brawlers[250]! Humph[86]!

BELFAST[281] SAILOR[561]

A[10] row[328]! arrah[26] a[10] row[328]! The[19] Virgin[317] be[341] blessed[473], a[10] row[328]! Plunge[234] in[107] with[449] ye[483]!

ENGLISH[69] SAILOR[561]

Fair[320] play[89]! Snatch[276] the[19] Spaniard[336]'s[483] knife[503]! A[10] ring[579], a[10] ring[579]!

OLD[447] MANX[26] SAILOR[561]

Ready[464] formed[294]. There[340]! the[19] ringed[379] horizon[516]. In[107] that[14] ring[579] Cain[460] struck[441] Abel[389]. Sweet[417] work[385], right[499] work[385]! No[235]? Why[177] then[45], God[185], mad[235]'st[193] thou[173] the[19] ring[579]?

MATE[508]'S[483] VOICE[233] FROM[316] THE[19] QUARTER[6]-DECK[505]

Hands[87] by[406] the[19] halyards[145]! in[107] top[70]-gallant[323] sails[344]! Stand[530] by[406] to[261] reef[265] topsails[76]!

ALL[145]

The[19] squall[467]! the[19] squall[467]! jump[50], my[36] jollies! (They[382] scatter[246].)

PIP[238] (Shrinking[466] under[533] the[19] windlass[231])

Jollies? Lord[106] help[526] such[420] jollies! Crish, crash[341]! there[340] goes[205] the[19] jib[476]-stay[238]! Blang-whang[223]! God[185]! Duck[455] lower[47], Pip[238], here[135] comes[268] the[19] royal[161] yard[258]! It[162]'s[483] worse[561] than[77] being[264] in[107] the[19] whirled[174] woods[29], the[19] last[436] day[112] of[89] the[19] year[347]! Who[319]'d[67] go[20] climbing[18] after[358] chestnuts[141] now[20]? But[330] there[340] they[382] go[20], all[145] cursing[22], and[236] here[135] I[482] don[280]'t[500]. Fine[333] prospects[212] to[261] 'em; they[382]'re[155] on[392] the[19] road[533] to[261] heaven[163]. Hold[204] on[392] hard[337]! Jimmini, what[243] a[10] squall[467]! But[330] those[427] chaps[280] there[340] are[314] worse[561] yet[443]-- they[382] are[314] your[162] white[82] squalls[104], they[382]. White[82] squalls[104]? white[82] whale[422], shirr! shirr! Here[135] have[254] I[482] heard[444] all[145] their[219] chat[205] just[108] now[20], and[236] the[19] white[82] whale[422]--shirr! shirr!--but[330] spoken[507] of[89] once[248]! and[236] only[517] this[256] evening[581]--it[162] makes[32] me[2] jingle[415] all[145] over[82] like[410] my[36] tambourine[197]-- that[14] anaconda[25] of[89] an[138] old[447] man[17] swore[470] 'em in[107] to[261] hunt[418] him[248]! Oh[367]! thou[173] big[245] white[82] God[185] aloft[276] there[340] somewhere[201] in[107] yon[252] darkness[493], have[254] mercy[378] on[392] this[256] small[350] black[581] boy[110] down[133] here[135]; preserve[192] him[248] from[316] all[145] men[62] that[14] have[254] no[235] bowels[499] to[261] feel[461] fear[103]!

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Moby[362] Dick[25]

I[482], Ishmael[196], was[454] one[470] of[89] that[14] crew[126]; my[36] shouts[240] had[364] gone[190] up[405] with[449] the[19] rest[302]; my[36] oath[115] had[364] been[185] welded[102] with[449] theirs[137]; and[236] stronger[234] I[482] shouted[300], and[236] more[348] did[444] I[482] hammer[364] and[236] clinch[66] my[36] oath[115], because[540] of[89] the[19] dread[251] in[107] my[36] soul[428]. A[10] wild[230], mystical[493], sympathetical feeling[384] was[454] in[107] me[2]; Ahab[232]'s[483] quenchless[218] feud[377] seemed[132] mine[482]. With[449] greedy[278] ears[560] I[482] learned[277] the[19] history[183] of[89] that[14] murderous[86] monster[480] against[417] whom[324] I[482] and[236] all[145] the[19] others[317] had[364] taken[222] our[234] oaths[142] of[89] violence[486] and[236] revenge[140].

For[190] some[265] time[577] past[111], though[400] at[65] intervals[295] only[517], the[19] unaccompanied[19], secluded[332] White[82] Whale[422] had[364] haunted[398] those[427] uncivilized[163] seas[350] mostly[190] frequented[359] by[406] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] fishermen[24]. But[330] not[518] all[145] of[89] them[146] knew[480] of[89] his[433] existence[187]; only[517] a[10] few[49] of[89] them[146], comparatively[203], had[364] knowingly[295] seen[154] him[248]; while[55] the[19] number[196] who[319] as[113] yet[443] had[364] actually[69] and[236] knowingly[295] given[141] battle[105] to[261] him[248], was[454] small[350] indeed[522]. For[190], owing[98] to[261] the[19] large[385] number[196] of[89] whale[422]-cruisers[298]; the[19] disorderly[550] way[435] they[382] were[324] sprinkled[18] over[82] the[19] entire[230] watery[59] circumference[417], many[282] of[89] them[146] adventurously[138] pushing[39] their[219] quest[36] along[423] solitary[407] latitudes[267], so[281] as[113] seldom[140] or[519] never[206] for[190] a[10] whole[199] twelvemonth[160] or[519] more[348] on[392] a[10] stretch[318], to[261] encounter[250] a[10] single[77] news[314]-telling[196] sail[218] of[89] any[501] sort[42]; the[19] inordinate[4] length[202] of[89] each[520] separate[495] voyage[137]; the[19] irregularity[287] of[89] the[19] times[121] of[89] sailing[232] from[316] home[450]; all[145] these[527], with[449] other[282] circumstances[267], direct[314] and[236] indirect[528], long[544] obstructed[84] the[19] spread[348] through[295] the[19] whole[199] world[126]-wide[465] whaling[155]-fleet[206] of[89] the[19] special[326] individualizing[15] tidings[395] concerning[368] Moby[362] Dick[25]. It[162] was[454] hardly[182] to[261] be[341] doubted[279], that[14] several[479] vessels[150] reported[123] to[261] have[254] encountered[102], at[65] such[420] or[519] such[420] a[10] time[577], or[519] on[392] such[420] or[519] such[420] a[10] meridian[127], a[10] Sperm[26] Whale[422] of[89] uncommon[88] magnitude[203] and[236] malignity[269], which[16] whale[422], after[358] doing[227] great[259] mischief[260] to[261] his[433] assailants[273], has[399] completely[385] escaped[197] them[146]; to[261] some[265] minds[244] it[162] was[454] not[518] an[138] unfair[165] presumption[225], I[482] say[306], that[14] the[19] whale[422] in[107] question[562] must[226] have[254] been[185] no[235] other[282] than[77] Moby[362] Dick[25]. Yet[443] as[113] of[89] late[351] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] fishery[136] had[364] been[185] marked[67] by[406] various[183] and[236] not[518] unfrequent[371] instances[252] of[89] great[259] ferocity[424], cunning[198], and[236] malice[157] in[107] the[19] monster[480] attacked[507]; therefore[94] it[162] was[454], that[14] those[427] who[319] by[406] accident[210] ignorantly[136] gave[572] battle[105] to[261] Moby[362] Dick[25]; such[420] hunters[423], perhaps[75], for[190] the[19] most[216] part[207], were[324] content[7] to[261] ascribe[1] the[19] peculiar[291] terror[85] he[362] bred[128], more[348], as[113] it[162] were[324], to[261] the[19] perils[140] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] fishery[136] at[65] large[385], than[77] to[261] the[19] individual[233] cause[220]. In[107] that[14] way[435], mostly[190], the[19] disastrous[311] encounter[250] between[77] Ahab[232] and[236] the[19] whale[422] had[364] hitherto[533] been[185] popularly[301] regarded[393].

And[236] as[113] for[190] those[427] who[319], previously[250] hearing[325] of[89] the[19] White[82] Whale[422],

by[406] chance[292] caught[105] sight[365] of[89] him[248]; in[107] the[19] beginning[188] of[89] the[19] thing[309]
they[382] had[364] every[389] one[470] of[89] them[146], almost[518], as[113] boldly[445] and[236] fearlessly[111]
lowered[279] for[190] him[248], as[113] for[190] any[501] other[282] whale[422] of[89] that[14] species[69].
But[330] at[65] length[202], such[420] calamities[128] did[444] ensue[524] in[107] these[527] assaults[91]--
not[518] restricted[292] to[261] sprained[415] wrists[260] and[236] ankles[446], broken[255] limbs[315],
or[519] devouring[354] amputations[25]--but[330] fatal[460] to[261] the[19] last[436] degree[209] of[89] fatality[223];
those[427] repeated[381] disastrous[311] repulses[403], all[145] accumulating[31] and[236] piling[284]
their[219] terrors[192] upon[419] Moby[362] Dick[25]; those[427] things[4] had[364] gone[190] far[258] to[261]
shake[180] the[19] fortitude[14] of[89] many[282] brave[218] hunters[423], to[261] whom[324] the[19] story[197]
of[89] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] had[364] eventually[163] come[420].

Nor[137] did[444] wild[230] rumors[156] of[89] all[145] sorts[354] fail[126] to[261] exaggerate[40], and[236] still[278]
the[19] more[348] horrify[4] the[19] true[483] histories[23] of[89] these[527] deadly[49] encounters[433].
For[190] not[518] only[517] do[353] fabulous[335] rumors[156] naturally[362] grow[163] out[66] of[89] the[19] very[515] body[348]
of[89] all[145] surprising[359] terrible[132] events[390],--as[113] the[19] smitten[83] tree[482] gives[529] birth[215]
to[261] its[234] fungi[266]; but[330], in[107] maritime[243] life[71], far[258] more[348] than[77] in[107] that[14] of[89] terra[198] firma[33],
wild[230] rumors[156] abound[15], wherever[408] there[340] is[487] any[501] adequate[209] reality[214] for[190] them[146]
to[261] cling[126] to[261]. And[236] as[113] the[19] sea[67] surpasses[299] the[19] land[406] in[107] this[256] matter[176],
so[281] the[19] whale[422] fishery[136] surpasses[299] every[389] other[282] sort[42] of[89] maritime[243] life[71],
in[107] the[19] wonderfulness[186] and[236] fearfulness[177] of[89] the[19] rumors[156] which[16] sometimes[77]
circulate[460] there[340]. For[190] not[518] only[517] are[314] whalemen[451] as[113] a[10] body[348] unexempt[4]
from[316] that[14] ignorance[211] and[236] superstitiousness[261] hereditary[125] to[261] all[145] sailors[64];
but[330] of[89] all[145] sailors[64], they[382] are[314] by[406] all[145] odds[250] the[19] most[216] directly[58] brought[85]
into[554] contact[263] with[449] whatever[38] is[487] appallingly[299] astonishing[80] in[107] the[19] sea[67];
face[556] to[261] face[556] they[382] not[518] only[517] eye[220] its[234] greatest[479] marvels[25], but[330], hand[252] to[261] jaw[213],
give[142] battle[105] to[261] them[146]. Alone[2], in[107] such[420] remotest[95] waters[556], that[14] though[400]
you[227] sailed[248] a[10] thousand[586] miles[278], and[236] passed[87] a[10] thousand[586] shores[116], you[227] would[282]
not[518] come[420] to[261] any[501] chiselled[253] hearth[61]-stone[192], or[519] aught[26] hospitable[468] beneath[320]
that[14] part[207] of[89] the[19] sun[397]; in[107] such[420] latitudes[267] and[236] longitudes[252], pursuing[392] too[11]
such[420] a[10] calling[56] as[113] he[362] does[565], the[19] whaleman[98] is[487] wrapped[99] by[406] influences[232]
all[145] tending[293] to[261] make[175] his[433] fancy[396] pregnant[182] with[449] many[282] a[10] mighty[2] birth[215].
No[235] wonder[76], then[45], that[14] ever[208] gathering[20] volume[295] from[316] the[19] mere[393] transit[11]
over[82] the[19] wildest[356] watery[59] spaces[137], the[19] outblown[317] rumors[156] of[89] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]
did[444] in[107] the[19] end[149] incorporate[38] with[449] themselves[510] all[145] manner[153] of[89] morbid[272] hints[260],
and[236] half[119]-formed[294] foetal[25] suggestions[262] of[89] supernatural[367] agencies[23],
which[16] eventually[163] invested[60] Moby[362] Dick[25] with[449] new[36] terrors[192] unborrowed[4] from[316]
anything[480] that[14] visibly[393] appears[268]. So[281] that[14] in[107] many[282] cases[108] such[420] a[10] panic[285]
did[444] he[362] finally[69] strike[374], that[14] few[49] who[319] by[406] those[427] rumors[156], at[65] least[453],
had[364] heard[444] of[89] the[19] White[82] Whale[422], few[49] of[89] those[427] hunters[423] were[324] willing[514]
to[261] encounter[250] the[19] perils[140] of[89] his[433] jaw[213].

But[330] there[340] were[324] still[278] other[282] and[236] more[348] vital[204] practical[74] influences[232] at[65] work[385].
Nor[137] even[198] at[65] the[19] present[112] day[112] has[399] the[19] original[463] prestige[41] of[89] the[19]
Sperm[26] Whale[422], as[113] fearfully[345] distinguished[365] from[316] all[145] other[282] species[69]
of[89] the[19] leviathan[384], died[575] out[66] of[89] the[19] minds[244] of[89] the[19] whalemen[451] as[113] a[10] body[348].
There[340] are[314] those[427] this[256] day[112] among[483] them[146], who[319], though[400] intelligent[346] and[236]
courageous[127] enough[217] in[107] offering[18] battle[105] to[261] the[19] Greenland[110] or[519] Right[499] whale[422],
would[282] perhaps[75]--either[45] from[316] professional[357] inexperience[115], or[519] incompetency[29],
or[519] timidity[315], decline[570] a[10] contest[31] with[449] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]; at[65] any[501] rate[515],
there[340] are[314] plenty[406] of[89] whalemen[451], especially[371] among[483] those[427] whaling[155] nations[274]
not[518] sailing[232] under[533] the[19] American[272] flag[270], who[319] have[254] never[206] hostilely[40]
encountered[102] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422], but[330] whose[286] sole[462] knowledge[270] of[89] the[19] leviathan[384]
is[487] restricted[292] to[261] the[19] ignoble[38] monster[480] primitively[399] pursued[460] in[107] the[19] North[174];
seated[158] on[392] their[219] hatches[4], these[527] men[62] will[584] hearken[297] with[449] a[10] childish[159] fireside[21]
interest[323] and[236] awe[305], to[261] the[19] wild[230], strange[440] tales[527] of[89] Southern[187] whaling[155].
Nor[137] is[487] the[19] preeminent[4] tremendousness of[89] the[19] great[259] Sperm[26] Whale[422]
anywhere[436] more[348] feelingly[562] comprehended[104], than[77] on[392] board[540] of[89] those[427] prows[24]
which[16] stem[493] him[248].

And[236] as[113] if[141] the[19] now[20] tested[427] reality[214] of[89] his[433] might[496] had[364] in[107] former[157] legendary[335]
times[121] thrown[359] its[234] shadow[438] before[344] it[162]; we[465] find[138] some[265] book[230] naturalists[140]--
Olassen and[236] Povelson--declaring[412] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] not[518] only[517] to[261] be[341]
a[10] consternation[52] to[261] every[389] other[282] creature[82] in[107] the[19] sea[67], but[330] also[119] to[261] be[341]
so[281] incredibly[479] ferocious[448] as[113] continually[303] to[261] be[341] athirst[280] for[190] human[43] blood[208].
Nor[137] even[198] down[133] to[261] so[281] late[351] a[10] time[577] as[113] Cuvier[158]'s[483], were[324] these[527] or[519] almost[518]
similar[101] impressions[110] effaced[396]. For[190] in[107] his[433] Natural[298] History[183],
the[19] Baron[361] himself[282] affirms[464] that[14] at[65] sight[365] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422], all[145] fish[187]
(sharks[206] included[559]) are[314] "struck[441] with[449] the[19] most[216] lively[272] terrors[192],"
and[236] "often[227] in[107] the[19] precipitancy[172] of[89] their[219] flight[306] dash[355] themselves[510] against[417]
the[19] rocks[265] with[449] such[420] violence[486] as[113] to[261] cause[220] instantaneous[322] death[543]."
And[236] however[44] the[19] general[37] experiences[93] in[107] the[19] fishery[136] may[236] amend[429]
such[420] reports[315] as[113] these[527]; yet[443] in[107] their[219] full[414] terribleness[377], even[198] to[261] the[19]
bloodthirsty[296] item[60] of[89] Povelson, the[19] superstitious[49] belief[85] in[107] them[146] is[487],
in[107] some[265] vicissitudes[124] of[89] their[219] vocation[408], revived[403] in[107] the[19] minds[244]
of[89] the[19] hunters[423].

So[281] that[14] overawed[92] by[406] the[19] rumors[156] and[236] portents[306] concerning[368] him[248],
not[518] a[10] few[49] of[89] the[19] fishermen[24] recalled[346], in[107] reference[116] to[261] Moby[362] Dick[25],
the[19] earlier[56] days[351] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] fishery[136], when[189] it[162] was[454] oftentimes[30]
hard[337] to[261] induce[237] long[544] practised[190] Right[499] whalemen[451] to[261] embark[296] in[107] the[19] perils[140]
of[89] this[256] new[36] and[236] daring[322] warfare[246]; such[420] men[62] protesting[6] that[14] although[535]
other[282] leviathans[336] might[496] be[341] hopefully[277] pursued[460], yet[443] to[261] chase[89] and[236] point[438]
lances[8] at[65] such[420] an[138] apparition[143] as[113] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] was[454] not[518] for[190] mortal[371] man[17].

That[14] to[261] attempt[385] it[162], would[282] be[341] inevitably[127] to[261] be[341] torn[237] into[554] a[10] quick[241] eternity[380]. On[392] this[256] head[219], there[340] are[314] some[265] remarkable[381] documents[125] that[14] may[236] be[341] consulted[122].

Nevertheless[104], some[265] there[340] were[324], who[319] even[198] in[107] the[19] face[556] of[89] these[527] things[4] were[324] ready[464] to[261] give[142] chase[89] to[261] Moby[362] Dick[25]; and[236] a[10] still[278] greater[505] number[196] who[319], chancing[40] only[517] to[261] hear[386] of[89] him[248] distantly[336] and[236] vaguely[230], without[309] the[19] specific[383] details[286] of[89] any[501] certain[31] calamity[138], and[236] without[309] superstitious[49] accompaniments[25] were[324] sufficiently[12] hardy[241] not[518] to[261] flee[440] from[316] the[19] battle[105] if[141] offered[336].

One[470] of[89] the[19] wild[230] suggestions[262] referred[350] to[261], as[113] at[65] last[436] coming[140] to[261] be[341] linked[155] with[449] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] in[107] the[19] minds[244] of[89] the[19] superstitiously[253] inclined[76], was[454] the[19] unearthly[110] conceit[58] that[14] Moby[362] Dick[25] was[454] ubiquitous[258]; that[14] he[362] had[364] actually[69] been[185] encountered[102] in[107] opposite[107] latitudes[267] at[65] one[470] and[236] the[19] same[541] instant[279] of[89] time[577].

Nor[137], credulous[74] as[113] such[420] minds[244] must[226] have[254] been[185], was[454] this[256] conceit[58] altogether[31] without[309] some[265] faint[316] show[460] of[89] superstitious[49] probability[377]. For[190] as[113] the[19] secrets[107] of[89] the[19] currents[218] in[107] the[19] seas[350] have[254] never[206] yet[443] been[185] divulged[13], even[198] to[261] the[19] most[216] erudite[54] research[51]; so[281] the[19] hidden[78] ways[101] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] when[189] beneath[320] the[19] surface[328] remain[326], in[107] great[259] part[207], unaccountable[316] to[261] his[433] pursuers[196]; and[236] from[316] time[577] to[261] time[577] have[254] originated[106] the[19] most[216] curious[264] and[236] contradictory[189] speculations[189] regarding[23] them[146], especially[371] concerning[368] the[19] mystic[455] modes[243] whereby[358], after[358] sounding[331] to[261] a[10] great[259] depth[474], he[362] transports[69] himself[282] with[449] such[420] vast[43] swiftness[395] to[261] the[19] most[216] widely[171] distant[353] points[245].

It[162] is[487] a[10] thing[309] well[263] known[86] to[261] both[558] American[272] and[236] English[69] whale[422]-ships[21], and[236] as[113] well[263] a[10] thing[309] placed[556] upon[419] authoritative[29] record[571] years[116] ago[141] by[406] Scoresby, that[14] some[265] whales[331] have[254] been[185] captured[126] far[258] north[174] in[107] the[19] Pacific[294], in[107] whose[286] bodies[392] have[254] been[185] found[260] the[19] barbs[226] of[89] harpoons[6] darted[362] in[107] the[19] Greenland[110] seas[350]. Nor[137] is[487] it[162] to[261] be[341] gainsaid[24], that[14] in[107] some[265] of[89] these[527] instances[252] it[162] has[399] been[185] declared[29] that[14] the[19] interval[114] of[89] time[577] between[77] the[19] two[527] assaults[91] could[375] not[518] have[254] exceeded[374] very[515] many[282] days[351]. Hence[503], by[406] inference[292], it[162] has[399] been[185] believed[214] by[406] some[265] whalemen[451], that[14] the[19] Nor[137]' West[569] Passage[285], so[281] long[544] a[10] problem[28] to[261] man[17], was[454] never[206] a[10] problem[28] to[261] the[19] whale[422]. So[281] that[14] here[135], in[107] the[19] real[305] living[117] experience[127] of[89] living[117] men[62], the[19] prodigies[112] related[377] in[107] old[447] times[121] of[89] the[19] inland[146] Strello mountain[231] in[107] Portugal[312] (near[70] whose[286] top[70] there[340] was[454] said[252] to[261] be[341] a[10] lake[43] in[107] which[16] the[19] wrecks[480] of[89] ships[21] floated[6] up[405] to[261] the[19] surface[328]); and[236] that[14] still[278] more[348] wonderful[291] story[197] of[89] the[19] Arethusa[246] fountain[524] near[70] Syracuse[295] (whose[286] waters[556] were[324] believed[214] to[261] have[254] come[420] from[316] the[19] Holy[61] Land[406] by[406] an[138] underground[397] passage[285]); these[527] fabulous[335] narrations[41] are[314] almost[518] fully[530] equalled[27] by[406] the[19] realities[292] of[89] the[19] whalemen[451].

Forced[28] into[554] familiarity[522], then[45], with[449] such[420] prodigies[112] as[113] these[527]; and[236] knowing[240] that[14] after[358] repeated[381], intrepid[127] assaults[91], the[19] White[82] Whale[422] had[364] escaped[197] alive[298]; it[162] cannot be[341] much[61] matter[176] of[89] surprise[125] that[14] some[265] whalemen[451] should[255] go[20] still[278] further[53] in[107] their[219] superstitions[128]; declaring[412] Moby[362] Dick[25] not[518] only[517] ubiquitous[258], but[330] immortal[15] (for[190] immortality[181] is[487] but[330] ubiquity[27] in[107] time[577]); that[14] though[400] groves[130] of[89] spears[450] should[255] be[341] planted[82] in[107] his[433] flanks[46], he[362] would[282] still[278] swim[226] away[443] unharmed[92]; or[519] if[141] indeed[522] he[362] should[255] ever[208] be[341] made[563] to[261] spout[224] thick[502] blood[208], such[420] a[10] sight[365] would[282] be[341] but[330] a[10] ghastly[442] deception[7]; for[190] again[52] in[107] unensanguined billows[295] hundreds[458] of[89] leagues[116] away[443], his[433] unsullied[198] jet[423] would[282] once[248] more[348] be[341] seen[154].

But[330] even[198] stripped[301] of[89] these[527] supernatural[367] surmisings[481], there[340] was[454] enough[217] in[107] the[19] earthly[64] make[175] and[236] incontestable[399] character[239] of[89] the[19] monster[480] to[261] strike[374] the[19] imagination[131] with[449] unwonted[481] power[145]. For[190], it[162] was[454] not[518] so[281] much[61] his[433] uncommon[88] bulk[181] that[14] so[281] much[61] distinguished[365] him[248] from[316] other[282] sperm[26] whales[331], but[330], as[113] was[454] elsewhere[154] thrown[359] out[66]--a[10] peculiar[291] snow[498]-white[362] wrinkled[259] forehead[380], and[236] a[10] high[361], pyramidical[8] white[82] hump[20]. These[527] were[324] his[433] prominent[492] features[150]; the[19] tokens[473] whereby[358], even[198] in[107] the[19] limitless[303], uncharted[356] seas[350], he[362] revealed[530] his[433] identity[124], at[65] a[10] long[544] distance[264], to[261] those[427] who[319] knew[480] him[248].

The[19] rest[302] of[89] his[433] body[348] was[454] so[281] streaked[389], and[236] spotted[122], and[236] marbled[174] with[449] the[19] same[541] shrouded[465] hue[296], that[14], in[107] the[19] end[149], he[362] had[364] gained[290] his[433] distinctive[19] appellation[84] of[89] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]; a[10] name[477], indeed[522], literally[37] justified[107] by[406] his[433] vivid[180] aspect[147], when[189] seen[154] gliding[248] at[65] high[361] noon[445] through[295] a[10] dark[471] blue[240] sea[67], leaving[231] a[10] milky[23]-way[435] wake[205] of[89] creamy[205] foam[160], all[145] spangled[110] with[449] golden[508] gleamings[182].

Nor[137] was[454] it[162] his[433] unwonted[481] magnitude[203], nor[137] his[433] remarkable[381] hue[296], nor[137] yet[443] his[433] deformed[125] lower[47] jaw[213], that[14] so[281] much[61] invested[60] the[19] whale[422] with[449] natural[298] terror[85], as[113] that[14] unexampled[92], intelligent[346] malignity[269] which[16], according[281] to[261] specific[383] accounts[311], he[362] had[364] over[82] and[236] over[82] again[52] evinced[94] in[107] his[433] assaults[91]. More[348] than[77] all[145], his[433] treacherous[166] retreats[431] struck[441] more[348] of[89] dismay[366] than[77] perhaps[75] aught[26] else[212]. For[190], when[189] swimming[367] before[344] his[433] exulting[521] pursuers[196], with[449] every[389] apparent[203] symptom[25] of[89] alarm[178], he[362] had[364] several[479] times[121] been[185] known[86] to[261] turn[17] around[66] suddenly[193], and[236], bearing[354] down[133] upon[419] them[146], either[45] stave[416] their[219] boats[83] to[261] splinters[30], or[519] drive[548] them[146] back[457] in[107] consternation[52] to[261] their[219] ship[438].

Already[93] several[479] fatalities[124] had[364] attended[206] his[433] chase[89].
But[330] though[400] similar[101] disasters[138], however[44] little[554] bruited[203] ashore[122],
were[324] by[406] no[235] means[502] unusual[322] in[107] the[19] fishery[136]; yet[443], in[107] most[216] instances[252],
such[420] seemed[132] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]'s[483] infernal[84] aforethought[251] of[89] ferocity[424],
that[14] every[389] dismembering[102] or[519] death[543] that[14] he[362] caused[308], was[454] not[518] wholly[497]
regarded[393] as[113] having[69] been[185] inflicted[7] by[406] an[138] unintelligent[354] agent[360].

Judge[337], then[45], to[261] what[243] pitches[83] of[89] inflamed[29], distracted[180] fury[30] the[19] minds[244]
of[89] his[433] more[348] desperate[316] hunters[423] were[324] impelled[104], when[189] amid[240] the[19] chips[333]
of[89] chewed[225] boats[83], and[236] the[19] sinking[60] limbs[315] of[89] torn[237] comrades[410], they[382] swam[111]
out[66] of[89] the[19] white[82] curds[504] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] direful[137] wrath[450] into[554] the[19] serene[18],
exasperating[434] sunlight[333], that[14] smiled[213] on[392], as[113] if[141] at[65] a[10] birth[215] or[519] a[10] bridal[23].

His[433] three[329] boats[83] stove[373] around[66] him[248], and[236] oars[398] and[236] men[62] both[558] whirling[122] in[107]
the[19] eddies[354]; one[470] captain[295], seizing[327] the[19] line[25]-knife[503] from[316] his[433] broken[255] prow[451],
had[364] dashed[304] at[65] the[19] whale[422], as[113] an[138] Arkansas[327] duellist[201] at[65] his[433] foe[479],
blindly[219] seeking[427] with[449] a[10] six[415] inch[65] blade[83] to[261] reach[43] the[19] fathom-deep[192] life[71]
of[89] the[19] whale[422]. That[14] captain[295] was[454] Ahab[232]. And[236] then[45] it[162] was[454], that[14] suddenly[193]
sweeping[61] his[433] sickle-shaped[68] lower[47] jaw[213] beneath[320] him[248], Moby[362] Dick[25] had[364]
reaped[19] away[443] Ahab[232]'s[483] leg[331], as[113] a[10] mower[244] a[10] blade[83] of[89] grass[418] in[107] the[19] field[275].
No[235] turbaned[83] Turk[291], no[235] hired[518] Venetian[59] or[519] Malay[116], could[375] have[254] smote[261] him[248]
with[449] more[348] seeming[59] malice[157]. Small[350] reason[238] was[454] there[340] to[261] doubt[71], then[45],
that[14] ever[208] since[374] that[14] almost[518] fatal[460] encounter[250], Ahab[232] had[364] cherished[117] a[10] wild[230]
vindictiveness[234] against[417] the[19] whale[422], all[145] the[19] more[348] fell[421] for[190] that[14] in[107] his[433]
frantic[211] morbidness[25] he[362] at[65] last[436] came[549] to[261] identify[233] with[449] him[248], not[518] only[517] all[145]
his[433] bodily[172] woes[476], but[330] all[145] his[433] intellectual[243] and[236] spiritual[467] exasperations[41].
The[19] White[82] Whale[422] swam[111] before[344] him[248] as[113] the[19] monomaniac[336] incarnation[306] of[89] all[145]
those[427] malicious[361] agencies[23] which[16] some[265] deep[483] men[62] feel[461] eating[22] in[107] them[146],
till[181] they[382] are[314] left[159] living[117] on[392] with[449] half[119] a[10] heart[470] and[236] half[119] a[10] lung[92].
That[14] intangible[22] malignity[269] which[16] has[399] been[185] from[316] the[19] beginning[188]; to[261] whose[286]
dominion[57] even[198] the[19] modern[446] Christians[13] ascribe[1] one[470]-half[157] of[89] the[19] worlds[388];
which[16] the[19] ancient[463] Ophites[25] of[89] the[19] east[524] reverenced[159] in[107] their[219] statue[37] devil[411];--
Ahab[232] did[444] not[518] fall[90] down[133] and[236] worship[48] it[162] like[410] them[146]; but[330] deliriously[110]
transferring[83] its[234] idea[250] to[261] the[19] abhorred[324] white[82] whale[422], he[362] pitted[303] himself[282],
all[145] mutilated[229], against[417] it[162]. All[145] that[14] most[216] maddens[377] and[236] torments[427];
all[145] that[14] stirs[161] up[405] the[19] lees[163] of[89] things[4]; all[145] truth[350] with[449] malice[157] in[107] it[162];
all[145] that[14] cracks[292] the[19] sinews[270] and[236] cakes[321] the[19] brain[158]; all[145] the[19] subtle[143] demonisms
of[89] life[71] and[236] thought[186]; all[145] evil[2], to[261] crazy[418] Ahab[232], were[324] visibly[393] personified[306],
and[236] made[563] practically[138] assailable[83] in[107] Moby[362] Dick[25]. He[362] piled[126] upon[419] the[19] whale[422]'s[483]
white[82] hump[20] the[19] sum[213] of[89] all[145] the[19] general[37] rage[293] and[236] hate[267] felt[440] by[406] his[433] whole[199]
race[392] from[316] Adam[482] down[133]; and[236] then[45], as[113] if[141] his[433] chest[98] had[364] been[185] a[10] mortar[10],
he[362] burst[174] his[433] hot[424] heart[470]'s[483] shell[152] upon[419] it[162].

It[162] is[487] not[518] probable[213] that[14] this[256] monomania[336] in[107] him[248] took[68] its[234] instant[279]
rise[251] at[65] the[19] precise[158] time[577] of[89] his[433] bodily[172] dismemberment[124].
Then[45], in[107] darting[147] at[65] the[19] monster[480], knife[503] in[107] hand[252], he[362] had[364] but[330]
given[141] loose[159] to[261] a[10] sudden[309], passionate[480], corporal[314] animosity[25];
and[236] when[189] he[362] received[12] the[19] stroke[436] that[14] tore[493] him[248], he[362] probably[244]
but[330] felt[440] the[19] agonizing[41] bodily[172] laceration[434], but[330] nothing[324] more[348].
Yet[443], when[189] by[406] this[256] collision[336] forced[28] to[261] turn[17] towards[417] home[450], and[236] for[190]
long[544] months[17] of[89] days[351] and[236] weeks[522], Ahab[232] and[236] anguish[75] lay[62] stretched[63]
together[440] in[107] one[470] hammock[323], rounding[314] in[107] mid[84] winter[317] that[14] dreary[445],
howling[204] Patagonian[31] Cape[23]; then[45] it[162] was[454], that[14] his[433] torn[237] body[348] and[236] gashed[132]
soul[428] bled[52] into[554] one[470] another[269]; and[236] so[281] interfusing[83], made[563] him[248] mad[235].
That[14] it[162] was[454] only[517] then[45], on[392] the[19] homeward[282] voyage[137], after[358] the[19] encounter[250],
that[14] the[19] final[357] monomania[336] seized[337] him[248], seems[19] all[145] but[330] certain[31]
from[316] the[19] fact[12] that[14], at[65] intervals[295] during[309] the[19] passage[285], he[362] was[454]
a[10] raving[309] lunatic[294]; and[236], though[400] unlimbed of[89] a[10] leg[331], yet[443] such[420] vital[204]
strength[168] yet[443] lurked[453] in[107] his[433] Egyptian[358] chest[98], and[236] was[454] moreover[326]
intensified[70] by[406] his[433] delirium[106], that[14] his[433] mates[264] were[324] forced[28] to[261] lace[375]
him[248] fast[208], even[198] there[340], as[113] he[362] sailed[248], raving[309] in[107] his[433] hammock[323].
In[107] a[10] strait[324]-jacket[481], he[362] swung[205] to[261] the[19] mad[235] rockings of[89] the[19] gales[42].
And[236], when[189] running[296] into[554] more[348] sufferable[343] latitudes[267], the[19] ship[438],
with[449] mild[117] stun'sails[344] spread[348], floated[6] across[129] the[19] tranquil[181] tropics[300],
and[236], to[261] all[145] appearances[14], the[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415] delirium[106] seemed[132] left[159] behind[80]
him[248] with[449] the[19] Cape[23] Horn[139] swells[446], and[236] he[362] came[549] forth[152] from[316] his[433] dark[471]
den[299] into[554] the[19] blessed[473] light[382] and[236] air[209]; even[198] then[45], when[189] he[362] bore[27]
that[14] firm[415], collected[472] front[196], however[44] pale[292], and[236] issued[146] his[433] calm[39]
orders[199] once[248] again[52]; and[236] his[433] mates[264] thanked[347] God[185] the[19] direful[137] madness[282]
was[454] now[20] gone[190]; even[198] then[45], Ahab[232], in[107] his[433] hidden[78] self[442], raved[95] on[392].
Human[43] madness[282] is[487] oftentimes[30] a[10] cunning[198] and[236] most[216] feline[452] thing[309].
When[189] you[227] think[424] it[162] fled[434], it[162] may[236] have[254] but[330] become[548] transfigured[110]
into[554] some[265] still[278] subtler[409] form[238]. Ahab[232]'s[483] full[414] lunacy[26] subsided[445] not[518],
but[330] deepeningly contracted[355]; like[410] the[19] unabated[371] Hudson[435], when[189] that[14] noble[226]
Northman[28] flows[6] narrowly[57], but[330] unfathomably[190] through[295] the[19] Highland[173] gorge[19].
But[330], as[113] in[107] his[433] narrow[140]-flowing[298] monomania[336], not[518] one[470] jot[9] of[89] Ahab[232]'s[483]
broad[267] madness[282] had[364] been[185] left[159] behind[80]; so[281] in[107] that[14] broad[267] madness[282],
not[518] one[470] jot[9] of[89] his[433] great[259] natural[298] intellect[229] had[364] perished[264].
That[14] before[344] living[117] agent[360], now[20] became[70] the[19] living[117] instrument[464].
If[141] such[420] a[10] furious[89] trope[141] may[236] stand[530], his[433] special[326] lunacy[26] stormed[269]
his[433] general[37] sanity[140], and[236] carried[232] it[162], and[236] turned[492] all[145] its[234] concentred[57]
cannon[515] upon[419] its[234] own[248] mad[235] mark[169]; so[281] that[14] far[258] from[316] having[69] lost[308]

his[433] strength[168], Ahab[232], to[261] that[14] one[470] end[149], did[444] now[20] possess[35] a[10] thousand[586]
fold[142] more[348] potency[26] than[77] ever[208] he[362] had[364] sanely[360] brought[85] to[261] bear[48] upon[419]
any[501] one[470] reasonable[88] object[100].

This[256] is[487] much[61]; yet[443] Ahab[232]'s[483] larger[50], darker[20], deeper[253] part[207] remains[324] unhinted.
But[330] vain[216] to[261] popularize[25] profundities[292], and[236] all[145] truth[350] is[487] profound[371].
Winding[486] far[258] down[133] from[316] within[503] the[19] very[515] heart[470] of[89] this[256] spiked[359] Hotel[124] de[404]
Cluny[480] where[579] we[465] here[135] stand[530]--however[44] grand[229] and[236] wonderful[291], now[20] quit[295] it[162];--
and[236] take[279] your[162] way[435], ye[483] nobler[354], sadder[388] souls[82], to[261] those[427] vast[43] Roman[333] halls[55]
of[89] Thermes[19]; where[579] far[258] beneath[320] the[19] fantastic[325] towers[506] of[89] man[17]'s[415] upper[403] earth[513],
his[433] root[24] of[89] grandeur[436], his[433] whole[199] awful[539] essence[13] sits[105] in[107] bearded[364] state[135];
an[138] antique[58] buried[205] beneath[320] antiquities[166], and[236] throned[235] on[392] torsoes!
So[281] with[449] a[10] broken[255] throne[332], the[19] great[259] gods[325] mock[261] that[14] captive[401] king[324];
so[281] like[410] a[10] Caryatid[41], he[362] patient[516] sits[105], upholding[129] on[392] his[433] frozen[446] brow[474]
the[19] piled[126] entablatures[325] of[89] ages[146]. Wind[262] ye[483] down[133] there[340], ye[483] prouder[207],
sadder[388] souls[82]! question[562] that[14] proud[108], sad[341] king[324]! A[10] family[347] likeness[460]! aye[86],
he[362] did[444] beget[415] ye[483], ye[483] young[389] exiled[280] royalties[30]; and[236] from[316] your[162] grim[19] sire[244]
only[517] will[584] the[19] old[447] State[135]-secret[409] come[420].

Now[20], in[107] his[433] heart[470], Ahab[232] had[364] some[265] glimpse[12] of[89] this[256], namely[324];
all[145] my[36] means[502] are[314] sane[38], my[36] motive[54] and[236] my[36] object[100] mad[235].
Yet[443] without[309] power[145] to[261] kill[219], or[519] change[386], or[519] shun[349] the[19] fact[12];
he[362] likewise[193] knew[480] that[14] to[261] mankind[40] he[362] did[444] now[20] long[544] dissemble[509];
in[107] some[265] sort[42], did[444] still[278]. But[330] that[14] thing[309] of[89] his[433] dissembling[5] was[454]
only[517] subject[382] to[261] his[433] perceptibility[4], not[518] to[261] his[433] will[584] determinate[102].
Nevertheless[104], so[281] well[263] did[444] he[362] succeed[441] in[107] that[14] dissembling[5],
that[14] when[189] with[449] ivory[76] leg[331] he[362] stepped[306] ashore[122] at[65] last[436], no[235] Nantucketer
thought[186] him[248] otherwise[542] than[77] but[330] naturally[362] grieved[17], and[236] that[14] to[261]
the[19] quick[241], with[449] the[19] terrible[132] casualty[347] which[16] had[364] overtaken[16] him[248].

The[19] report[238] of[89] his[433] undeniable[68] delirium[106] at[65] sea[67] was[454] likewise[193]
popularly[301] ascribed[344] to[261] a[10] kindred[402] cause[220]. And[236] so[281] too[11], all[145] the[19] added[52]
moodiness[22] which[16] always[367] afterwards[418], to[261] the[19] very[515] day[112] of[89] sailing[232]
in[107] the[19] Pequod[288] on[392] the[19] present[112] voyage[137], sat[77] brooding[261] on[392] his[433] brow[474].
Nor[137] is[487] it[162] so[281] very[515] unlikely[138], that[14] far[258] from[316] distrusting[27] his[433] fitness[89]
for[190] another[269] whaling[155] voyage[137], on[392] account[102] of[89] such[420] dark[471] symptoms[128],
the[19] calculating[368] people[482] of[89] that[14] prudent[183] isle[41] were[324] inclined[76]
to[261] harbor[289] the[19] conceit[58], that[14] for[190] those[427] very[515] reasons[186] he[362] was[454]
all[145] the[19] better[34] qualified[210] and[236] set[422] on[392] edge[323], for[190] a[10] pursuit[305]
so[281] full[414] of[89] rage[293] and[236] wildness[424] as[113] the[19] bloody[357] hunt[418] of[89] whales[331].
Gnawed[26] within[503] and[236] scorched[253] without[309], with[449] the[19] infixed[32],
unrelenting[380] fangs[21] of[89] some[265] incurable[125] idea[250]; such[420] an[138] one[470],
could[375] he[362] be[341] found[260], would[282] seem[404] the[19] very[515] man[17] to[261] dart[293] his[433] iron[169]
and[236] lift[229] his[433] lance[76] against[417] the[19] most[216] appalling[282] of[89] all[145] brutes[402].
Or[519], if[141] for[190] any[501] reason[238] thought[186] to[261] be[341] corporeally[282] incapacitated[235]
for[190] that[14], yet[443] such[420] an[138] one[470] would[282] seem[404] superlatively[4] competent[348]
to[261] cheer[337] and[236] howl[283] on[392] his[433] underlings[457] to[261] the[19] attack[74].
But[330] be[341] all[145] this[256] as[113] it[162] may[236], certain[31] it[162] is[487], that[14] with[449] the[19] mad[235]
secret[409] of[89] his[433] unabated[371] rage[293] bolted[74] up[405] and[236] keyed[182] in[107] him[248], Ahab[232] had[364]
purposely[140] sailed[248] upon[419] the[19] present[112] voyage[137] with[449] the[19] one[470] only[517] and[236]
all[145]-engrossing[427] object[100] of[89] hunting[45] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]. Had[364] any[501] one[470]
of[89] his[433] old[447] acquaintances[222] on[392] shore[280] but[330] half[119] dreamed[44] of[89] what[243] was[454]
lurking[89] in[107] him[248] then[45], how[19] soon[18] would[282] their[219] aghast[331] and[236] righteous[530]
souls[82] have[254] wrenched[302] the[19] ship[438] from[316] such[420] a[10] fiendish[102] man[17]!
They[382] were[324] bent[406] on[392] profitable[419] cruises[231], the[19] profit[498] to[261] be[341] counted[81]
down[133] in[107] dollars[201] from[316] the[19] mint[364]. He[362] was[454] intent[359] on[392] an[138] audacious[142],
immitigable[39], and[236] supernatural[367] revenge[140].

Here[135], then[45], was[454] this[256] grey[491]-headed[124], ungodly[144] old[447] man[17], chasing[227] with[449]
curses[497] a[10] Job[269]'s[483] whale[422] round[287] the[19] world[126], at[65] the[19] head[219] of[89] a[10] crew[126],
too[11], chiefly[90] made[563] up[405] of[89] mongrel[22] renegades[20], and[236] castaways[6],
and[236] cannibals[27]--morally[86] enfeebled[214] also[119], by[406] the[19] incompetence[4]
of[89] mere[393] unaided[356] virtue[16] or[519] right[499]-mindedness in[107] Starbuck,
the[19] invulnerable[190] jollity[152] of[89] indifference[111] and[236] recklessness[34]
in[107] Stubb, and[236] the[19] pervading[140] mediocrity[173] in[107] Flask[199]. Such[420] a[10] crew[126],
so[281] officered[86], seemed[132] specially[87] picked[129] and[236] packed[55] by[406] some[265]
infernal[84] fatality[223] to[261] help[526] him[248] to[261] his[433] monomaniac[336] revenge[140].
How[19] it[162] was[454] that[14] they[382] so[281] aboundingly[141] responded[337] to[261] the[19] old[447]
man[17]'s[415] ire[223]--by[406] what[243] evil[2] magic[54] their[219] souls[82] were[324] possessed[95],
that[14] at[65] times[121] his[433] hate[267] seemed[132] almost[518] theirs[137]; the[19] White[82] Whale[422]
as[113] much[61] their[219] insufferable[295] foe[479] as[113] his[433]; how[19] all[145] this[256] came[549]
to[261] be[341]--what[243] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] was[454] to[261] them[146], or[519] how[19] to[261] their[219]
unconscious[152] understandings[43], also[119], in[107] some[265] dim[14], unsuspected[427] way[435],
he[362] might[496] have[254] seemed[132] the[19] gliding[248] great[259] demon[22] of[89] the[19] seas[350] of[89] life[71],--
all[145] this[256] to[261] explain[349], would[282] be[341] to[261] dive[316] deeper[253] than[77] Ishmael[196] can[450] go[20].
The[19] subterranean[105] miner[67] that[14] works[64] in[107] us[569] all[145], how[19] can[450] one[470] tell[392]
whither[160] leads[134] his[433] shaft[56] by[406] the[19] ever[208] shifting[253], muffled[58] sound[181]
of[89] his[433] pick[447]? Who[319] does[565] not[518] feel[461] the[19] irresistible[214] arm[25] drag[426]?
What[243] skiff[2] in[107] tow[160] of[89] a[10] seventy[156]-four[175] can[450] stand[530] still[278]? For[190] one[470],
I[482] gave[572] myself[99] up[405] to[261] the[19] abandonment[102] of[89] the[19] time[577] and[236] the[19] place[107];
but[330] while[55] yet[443] all[145] a[10]-rush[6] to[261] encounter[250] the[19] whale[422], could[375] see[370]
naught[80] in[107] that[14] brute[73] but[330] the[19] deadliest[29] ill[236].

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The[19] Whiteness[232] of[89] The[19] Whale[422]

What[243] the[19] white[82] whale[422] was[454] to[261] Ahab[232], has[399] been[185] hinted[253]; what[243], at[65] times[121], he[362] was[454] to[261] me[2], as[113] yet[443] remains[324] unsaid[4].

Aside[408] from[316] those[427] more[348] obvious[147] considerations[88] touching[80] Moby[362] Dick[25], which[16] could[375] not[518] but[330] occasionally[509] awaken[143] in[107] any[501] man[17]'s[415] soul[428] some[265] alarm[178], there[340] was[454] another[269] thought[186], or[519] rather[178] vague[70], nameless[427] horror[134] concerning[368] him[248], which[16] at[65] times[121] by[406] its[234] intensity[285] completely[385] overpowered[165] all[145] the[19] rest[302]; and[236] yet[443] so[281] mystical[493] and[236] well[263] nigh[254] ineffable[285] was[454] it[162], that[14] I[482] almost[518] despair[187] of[89] putting[243] it[162] in[107] a[10] comprehensible[255] form[238]. It[162] was[454] the[19] whiteness[232] of[89] the[19] whale[422] that[14] above[502] all[145] things[4] appalled[24] me[2]. But[330] how[19] can[450] I[482] hope[211] to[261] explain[349] myself[99] here[135]; and[236] yet[443], in[107] some[265] dim[14], random[439] way[435], explain[349] myself[99] I[482] must[226], else[212] all[145] these[527] chapters[185] might[496] be[341] naught[80].

Though[400] in[107] many[282] natural[298] objects[326], whiteness[232] refiningly enhances[69] beauty[262], as[113] if[141] imparting[180] some[265] special[326] virtue[16] of[89] its[234] own[248], as[113] in[107] marbles[484], japonicas[152], and[236] pearls[215]; and[236] though[400] various[183] nations[274] have[254] in[107] some[265] way[435] recognised[133] a[10] certain[31] royal[161] preeminence[257] in[107] this[256] hue[296]; even[198] the[19] barbaric[559], grand[229] old[447] kings[474] of[89] Pegu[25] placing[287] the[19] title[168] "Lord[106] of[89] the[19] White[82] Elephants[452]" above[502] all[145] their[219] other[282] magniloquent[363] ascriptions[152] of[89] dominion[57]; and[236] the[19] modern[446] kings[474] of[89] Siam[332] unfurling[143] the[19] same[541] snow[498]-white[362] quadruped[398] in[107] the[19] royal[161] standard[507]; and[236] the[19] Hanoverian[124] flag[270] bearing[354] the[19] one[470] figure[55] of[89] a[10] snow[498]-white[362] charger[64]; and[236] the[19] great[259] Austrian[296] Empire[390], Caesarian[142], heir[295] to[261] overlording Rome[401], having[69] for[190] the[19] imperial[249] color[13] the[19] same[541] imperial[249] hue[296]; and[236] though[400] this[256] pre-eminence[257] in[107] it[162] applies[195] to[261] the[19] human[43] race[392] itself[312], giving[207] the[19] white[82] man[17] ideal[229] mastership[43] over[82] every[389] dusky[98] tribe[273]; and[236] though[400], besides[465], all[145] this[256], whiteness[232] has[399] been[185] even[198] made[563] significant[143] of[89] gladness[354], for[190] among[483] the[19] Romans[54] a[10] white[82] stone[398] marked[67] a[10] joyful[435] day[112]; and[236] though[400] in[107] other[282] mortal[371] sympathies[396] and[236] symbolizings, this[256] same[541] hue[296] is[487] made[563] the[19] emblem[296] of[89] many[282] touching[80], noble[226] things[4]-- the[19] innocence[236] of[89] brides[500], the[19] benignity[24] of[89] age[157]; though[400] among[483] the[19] Red[293] Men[62] of[89] America[133] the[19] giving[207] of[89] the[19] white[82] belt[323] of[89] wampum[4] was[454] the[19] deepest[494] pledge[322] of[89] honor[497]; though[400] in[107] many[282] climes[348], whiteness[232] typifies[279] the[19] majesty[268] of[89] Justice[7] in[107] the[19] ermine[292] of[89] the[19] Judge[337], and[236] contributes[529] to[261] the[19] daily[201] state[135] of[89] kings[474] and[236] queens[431] drawn[564] by[406] milk[362]-white[82] steeds[524]; though[400] even[198] in[107] the[19] higher[574] mysteries[445] of[89] the[19] most[216] august[29] religions[206] it[162] has[399] been[185] made[563] the[19] symbol[426] of[89] the[19] divine[216] spotlessness[83] and[236] power[145]; by[406] the[19] Persian[23] fire[559] worshippers[8], the[19] white[82] forked[386] flame[113] being[264] held[212] the[19] holiest[359] on[392] the[19] altar[273]; and[236] in[107] the[19] Greek[261] mythologies[188], Great[259] Jove[274] himself[282] being[264] made[563] incarnate[163] in[107] a[10] snow[498]-white[362] bull[76]; and[236] though[400] to[261] the[19] noble[226] Iroquois[94], the[19] midwinter[479] sacrifice[317] of[89] the[19] sacred[32] White[82] Dog[322] was[454] by[406] far[258] the[19] holiest[359] festival[466] of[89] their[219] theology[3], that[14] spotless[251], faithful[284] creature[82] being[264] held[212] the[19] purest[524] envoy[416] they[382] could[375] send[536] to[261] the[19] Great[259] Spirit[227] with[449] the[19] annual[212] tidings[395] of[89] their[219] own[248] fidelity[93]; and[236] though[400] directly[58] from[316] the[19] Latin[420] word[486] for[190] white[82], all[145] Christian[235] priests[411] derive[414] the[19] name[477] of[89] one[470] part[207] of[89] their[219] sacred[32] vesture[20], the[19] alb[99] or[519] tunic[362], worn[174] beneath[320] the[19] cassock[323]; and[236] though[400] among[483] the[19] holy[61] pomps[366] of[89] the[19] Romish[160] faith[511], white[82] is[487] specially[87] employed[263] in[107] the[19] celebration[4] of[89] the[19] Passion[38] of[89] our[234] Lord[106]; though[400] in[107] the[19] Vision[304] of[89] St[193]. John[416], white[82] robes[463] are[314] given[141] to[261] the[19] redeemed[448], and[236] the[19] four[175]-and[236]-twenty[433] elders[475] stand[530] clothed[63] in[107] white[82] before[344] the[19] great[259]-white[82] throne[332], and[236] the[19] Holy[61] One[470] that[14] sitteth[377] there[340] white[82] like[410] wool[218]; yet[443] for[190] all[145] these[527] accumulated[236] associations[212], with[449] whatever[38] is[487] sweet[417], and[236] honorable[15], and[236] sublime[76], there[340] yet[443] lurks[115] an[138] elusive[3] something[181] in[107] the[19] innermost[27] idea[250] of[89] this[256] hue[296], which[16] strikes[323] more[348] of[89] panic[285] to[261] the[19] soul[428] than[77] that[14] redness[210] which[16] affrights[505] in[107] blood[208].

This[256] elusive[3] quality[127] it[162] is[487], which[16] causes[427] the[19] thought[186] of[89] whiteness[232], when[189] divorced[460] from[316] more[348] kindly[459] associations[212], and[236] coupled[83] with[449] any[501] object[100] terrible[132] in[107] itself[312], to[261] heighten[191] that[14] terror[85] to[261] the[19] furthest[361] bounds[169]. Witness[134] the[19] white[82] bear[48] of[89] the[19] poles[122], and[236] the[19] white[82] shark[4] of[89] the[19] tropics[300]; what[243] but[330] their[219] smooth[388], flaky[17] whiteness[232] makes[32] them[146] the[19] transcendent[499] horrors[403] they[382] are[314]? That[14] ghastly[442] whiteness[232] it[162] is[487] which[16] imparts[217] such[420] an[138] abhorrent[91] mildness[354], even[198] more[348] loathsome[45] than[77] terrific[315], to[261] the[19] dumb[371] gloating[479] of[89] their[219] aspect[147]. So[281] that[14] not[518] the[19] fierce[394]-fanged tiger[293] in[107] his[433] heraldic[317] coat[7] can[450] so[281] stagger[106] courage[48] as[113] the[19] white[82]-shrouded[465] bear[48] or[519] shark[4].*

*With[449] reference[116] to[261] the[19] Polar[25] bear[48], it[162] may[236] possibly[201] be[341] urged[436] by[406] him[248] who[319] would[282] fain[264] go[20] still[278] deeper[253] into[554] this[256] matter[176], that[14] it[162] is[487] not[518] the[19] whiteness[232], separately[350] regarded[393], which[16] heightens[15] the[19] intolerable[304] hideousness[41] of[89] that[14] brute[73]; for[190], analysed[389], that[14] heightened[53] hideousness[41], it[162] might[496] be[341] said[252], only[517] rises[215] from[316] the[19] circumstance[407], that[14] the[19] irresponsible[277] ferociousness[13] of[89] the[19] creature[82] stands[256] invested[60] in[107] the[19] fleece[462] of[89] celestial[437] innocence[236] and[236] love[391]; and[236] hence[503], by[406] bringing[9] together[440] two[527] such[420] opposite[107] emotions[205]

in[107] our[234] minds[244], the[19] Polar[25] bear[48] frightens[165] us[569] with[449] so[281] unnatural[111] a[10] contrast[205].
But[330] even[198] assuming[330] all[145] this[256] to[261] be[341] true[483]; yet[443], were[324] it[162] not[518] for[190] the[19] whiteness[232],
you[227] would[282] not[518] have[254] that[14] intensified[70] terror[85].

As[113] for[190] the[19] white[82] shark[4], the[19] white[82] gliding[248] ghostliness[253] of[89] repose[463]
in[107] that[14] creature[82], when[189] beheld[132] in[107] his[433] ordinary[225] moods[4], strangely[155] tallies[415]
with[449] the[19] same[541] quality[127] in[107] the[19] Polar[25] quadruped[398]. This[256] peculiarity[211] is[487] most[216]
vividly[143] hit[322] by[406] the[19] French[491] in[107] the[19] name[477] they[382] bestow[188] upon[419] that[14] fish[187].
The[19] Romish[160] mass[36] for[190] the[19] dead[568] begins[374] with[449] "Requiem[244] eternam[60]"
(eternal[155] rest[302]), whence[494] Requiem[244] denominating[392] the[19] mass[36] itself[312],
and[236] any[501] other[282] funeral[390] music[91]. Now[20], in[107] allusion[88] to[261] the[19] white[82],
silent[382] stillness[516] of[89] death[543] in[107] this[256] shark[4], and[236] the[19] mild[117] deadliness[83]
of[89] his[433] habits[272], the[19] French[491] call[259] him[248] Requin[311].

Bethink[51] thee[15] of[89] the[19] albatross[298], whence[494] come[420] those[427] clouds[342] of[89] spiritual[467]
wonderment[183] and[236] pale[292] dread[251], in[107] which[16] that[14] white[82] phantom[101] sails[344]
in[107] all[145] imaginations[28]? Not[518] Coleridge[496] first[13] threw[459] that[14] spell[416];
but[330] God[185]'s[483] great[259], unflattering[110] laureate[393], Nature[159].*

*I[482] remember[499] the[19] first[13] albatross[298] I[482] ever[208] saw[113]. It[162] was[454] during[309]
a[10] prolonged[246] gale[440], in[107] waters[556] hard[337] upon[419] the[19] Antarctic[141] seas[350].
From[316] my[36] forenoon[92] watch[89] below[397], I[482] ascended[302] to[261] the[19] overclouded[460] deck[505];
and[236] there[340], dashed[304] upon[419] the[19] main[501] hatches[4], I[482] saw[113] a[10] regal[203], feathery[330] thing[309]
of[89] unspotted[23] whiteness[232], and[236] with[449] a[10] hooked[91], Roman[333] bill[338] sublime[76].
At[65] intervals[295], it[162] arched[4] forth[152] its[234] vast[43] archangel[82] wings[175], as[113] if[141] to[261]
embrace[281] some[265] holy[61] ark[25]. Wondrous[30] flutterings[83] and[236] throbbings[190] shook[161] it[162].
Though[400] bodily[172] unharmed[92], it[162] uttered[454] cries[104], as[113] some[265] king[324]'s[483] ghost[246]
in[107] supernatural[367] distress[273]. Through[295] its[234] inexpressible[480], strange[440] eyes[125],
methought[411] I[482] peeped[236] to[261] secrets[107] which[16] took[68] hold[204] of[89] God[185]. As[113] Abraham[124]
before[344] the[19] angels[29], I[482] bowed[26] myself[99]; the[19] white[82] thing[309] was[454] so[281] white[82],
its[234] wings[175] so[281] wide[465], and[236] in[107] those[427] for[190] ever[208] exiled[280] waters[556], I[482] had[364]
lost[308] the[19] miserable[364] warping[309] memories[347] of[89] traditions[489] and[236] of[89] towns[120].
Long[544] I[482] gazed[13] at[65] that[14] prodigy[13] of[89] plumage[206]. I[482] cannot tell[392],
can[450] only[517] hint[335], the[19] things[4] that[14] darted[362] through[295] me[2] then[45].
But[330] at[65] last[436] I[482] awoke[174]; and[236] turning[69], asked[369] a[10] sailor[561] what[243] bird[443] was[454] this[256].
A[10] goney[415], he[362] replied[163]. Goney[415]! never[206] had[364] heard[444] that[14] name[477] before[344];
is[487] it[162] conceivable[147] that[14] this[256] glorious[466] thing[309] is[487] utterly[46] unknown[10]
to[261] men[62] ashore[122]! never[206]! But[330] some[265] time[577] after[358], I[482] learned[277] that[14] goney[415]
was[454] some[265] seaman[166]'s[483] name[477] for[190] albatross[298]. So[281] that[14] by[406] no[235] possibility[237]
could[375] Coleridge[496]'s[483] wild[230] Rhyme[443] have[254] had[364] aught[26] to[261] do[353] with[449] those[427] mystical[493]
impressions[110] which[16] were[324] mine[482], when[189] I[482] saw[113] that[14] bird[443] upon[419] our[234] deck[505].
For[190] neither[74] had[364] I[482] then[45] read[98] the[19] Rhyme[443], nor[137] knew[480] the[19] bird[443] to[261] be[341]
an[138] albatross[298]. Yet[443], in[107] saying[9] this[256], I[482] do[353] but[330] indirectly[155] burnish[4]
a[10] little[554] brighter[260] the[19] noble[226] merit[353] of[89] the[19] poem[157] and[236] the[19] poet[384].

I[482] assert[354], then[45], that[14] in[107] the[19] wondrous[30] bodily[172] whiteness[232] of[89] the[19] bird[443]
chiefly[90] lurks[115] the[19] secret[409] of[89] the[19] spell[416]; a[10] truth[350] the[19] more[348] evinced[94] in[107] this[256],
that[14] by[406] a[10] solecism[127] of[89] terms[297] there[340] are[314] birds[332] called[237] grey[491] albatrosses[241];
and[236] these[527] I[482] have[254] frequently[475] seen[154], but[330] never[206] with[449] such[420] emotions[205] as[113] when[189] I[482]
beheld[132] the[19] Antarctic[141] fowl[11].

But[330] how[19] had[364] the[19] mystic[455] thing[309] been[185] caught[105]? Whisper[315] it[162] not[518],
and[236] I[482] will[584] tell[392]; with[449] a[10] treacherous[166] hook[157] and[236] line[25], as[113] the[19] fowl[11]
floated[6] on[392] the[19] sea[67]. At[65] last[436] the[19] Captain[295] made[563] a[10] postman[76] of[89] it[162];
tying[49] a[10] lettered[247], leathern[427] tally[5] round[287] its[234] neck[239], with[449] the[19] ship[438]'s[483]
time[577] and[236] place[107]; and[236] then[45] letting[122] it[162] escape[565]. But[330] I[482] doubt[71] not[518],
that[14] leathern[427] tally[5], meant[157] for[190] man[17], was[454] taken[222] off[111] in[107] Heaven[163],
when[189] the[19] white[82] fowl[11] flew[424] to[261] join[61] the[19] wing[101]-folding[309], the[19] invoking[447],
and[236] adoring[144] cherubim[220]!

Most[216] famous[254] in[107] our[234] Western[227] annals[303] and[236] Indian[303] traditions[489] is[487] that[14] of[89]
the[19] White[82] Steed[249] of[89] the[19] Prairies[155]; a[10] magnificent[512] milk[362]-white[82] charger[64],
large[385]-eyed[363], small[350]-headed[124], bluff[4]-chested, and[236] with[449] the[19] dignity[338]
of[89] a[10] thousand[586] monarchs[93] in[107] his[433] lofty[161], overscorning carriage[21].
He[362] was[454] the[19] elected[270] Xerxes[158] of[89] vast[43] herds[341] of[89] wild[230] horses[189],
whose[286] pastures[403] in[107] those[427] days[351] were[324] only[517] fenced[116] by[406] the[19] Rocky[218] Mountains[202]
and[236] the[19] Alleghanies[368]. At[65] their[219] flaming[269] head[219] he[362] westward[381]
trooped[97] it[162] like[410] that[14] chosen[13] star[274] which[16] every[389] evening[581] leads[134]
on[392] the[19] hosts[62] of[89] light[382]. The[19] flashing[181] cascade[451] of[89] his[433] mane[261],
the[19] curving[23] comet[403] of[89] his[433] tail[102], invested[60] him[248] with[449] housings[454] more[348]
resplendent[111] than[77] gold[231] and[236] silver[205]-beaters could[375] have[254] furnished[201] him[248].
A[10] most[216] imperial[249] and[236] archangelical[83] apparition[143] of[89] that[14] unfallen[26],
western[227] world[126], which[16] to[261] the[19] eyes[125] of[89] the[19] old[447] trappers[76] and[236] hunters[423]
revived[403] the[19] glories[29] of[89] those[427] primeval[279] times[121] when[189] Adam[482] walked[92]
majestic[13] as[113] a[10] god[185], bluff[4]-bowed[26] and[236] fearless[132] as[113] this[256] mighty[2] steed[249].
Whether[454] marching[57] amid[240] his[433] aides[88] and[236] marshals[243] in[107] the[19] van[164] of[89]
countless[111] cohorts[246] that[14] endlessly[333] streamed[122] it[162] over[82] the[19] plains[21],
like[410] an[138] Ohio[242]; or[519] whether[454] with[449] his[433] circumambient[78] subjects[122] browsing[259]
all[145] around[66] at[65] the[19] horizon[516], the[19] White[82] Steed[249] gallopingly reviewed[277]
them[146] with[449] warm[178] nostrils[42] reddening[316] through[295] his[433] cool[102] milkiness[4];
in[107] whatever[38] aspect[147] he[362] presented[320] himself[282], always[367] to[261] the[19] bravest[175]

Indians[99] he[362] was[454] the[19] object[100] of[89] trembling[280] reverence[255] and[236] awe[305].
Nor[137] can[450] it[162] be[341] questioned[122] from[316] what[243] stands[256] on[392] legendary[335] record[571]
of[89] this[256] noble[226] horse[409], that[14] it[162] was[454] his[433] spiritual[467] whiteness[232] chiefly[90],
which[16] so[281] clothed[63] him[248] with[449] divineness[83]; and[236] that[14] this[256] divineness[83]
had[364] that[14] in[107] it[162] which[16], though[400] commanding[76] worship[48], at[65] the[19] same[541]
time[577] enforced[445] a[10] certain[31] nameless[427] terror[85].

But[330] there[340] are[314] other[282] instances[252] where[579] this[256] whiteness[232] loses[125]
all[145] that[14] accessory[111] and[236] strange[440] glory[173] which[16] invests[25] it[162] in[107]
the[19] White[82] Steed[249] and[236] Albatross[298].

What[243] is[487] it[162] that[14] in[107] the[19] Albino[258] man[17] so[281] peculiarly[182] repels[110] and[236] often[227] shocks[443]
the[19] eye[220], as[113] that[14] sometimes[77] he[362] is[487] loathed[281] by[406] his[433] own[248] kith[377] and[236] kin[197]!
It[162] is[487] that[14] whiteness[232] which[16] invests[25] him[248], a[10] thing[309] expressed[21]
by[406] the[19] name[477] he[362] bears[97]. The[19] Albino[258] is[487] as[113] well[263] made[563] as[113] other[282] men[62]--
has[399] no[235] substantive[181] deformity[122]--and[236] yet[443] this[256] mere[393] aspect[147] of[89] all[145]-pervading[398]
whiteness[232] makes[32] him[248] more[348] strangely[155] hideous[298] than[77] the[19] ugliest[88] abortion[110].
Why[177] should[255] this[256] be[341] so[281]?

Nor[137], in[107] quite[327] other[282] aspects[322], does[565] Nature[159] in[107] her[400] least[453]
palpable[255] but[330] not[518] the[19] less[261] malicious[361] agencies[23], fail[126] to[261] enlist[120]
among[483] her[400] forces[292] this[256] crowning[235] attribute[25] of[89] the[19] terrible[132].
From[316] its[234] snowy[152] aspect[147], the[19] gauntleted[132] ghost[246] of[89] the[19] Southern[187] Seas[350] has[399]
been[185] denominated[122] the[19] White[82] Squall[467]. Nor[137], in[107] some[265] historic[72] instances[252],
has[399] the[19] art[462] of[89] human[43] malice[157] omitted[117] so[281] potent[422] an[138] auxiliary[103].
How[19] wildly[356] it[162] heightens[15] the[19] effect[215] of[89] that[14] passage[285] in[107] Froissart[295],
when[189], masked[234] in[107] the[19] snowy[152] symbol[426] of[89] their[219] faction[483], the[19] desperate[316]
White[82] Hoods[116] of[89] Ghent[25] murder[448] their[219] bailiff[26] in[107] the[19] market[286]-place[107]!

Nor[137], in[107] some[265] things[4], does[565] the[19] common[304], hereditary[125] experience[127] of[89] all[145]
mankind[40] fail[126] to[261] bear[48] witness[134] to[261] the[19] supernaturalism[161] of[89] this[256] hue[296].
It[162] cannot well[263] be[341] doubted[279], that[14] the[19] one[470] visible[94] quality[127] in[107] the[19] aspect[147]
of[89] the[19] dead[568] which[16] most[216] appals[218] the[19] gazer[103], is[487] the[19] marble[364] pallor[230]
lingering[186] there[340]; as[113] if[141] indeed[522] that[14] pallor[230] were[324] as[113] much[61] like[410] the[19] badge[361]
of[89] consternation[52] in[107] the[19] other[282] world[126], as[113] of[89] mortal[371] trepidation[438] here[135].
And[236] from[316] that[14] pallor[230] of[89] the[19] dead[568], we[465] borrow[315] the[19] expressive[234] hue[296]
of[89] the[19] shroud[260] in[107] which[16] we[465] wrap[19] them[146]. Nor[137] even[198] in[107] our[234] superstitions[128]
do[353] we[465] fail[126] to[261] throw[345] the[19] same[541] snowy[152] mantle[409] round[287] our[234] phantoms[13];
all[145] ghosts[44] rising[464] in[107] a[10] milk[362]-white[82] fog[554]--Yea[204], while[55] these[527] terrors[192]
seize[445] us[569], let[66] us[569] add[236], that[14] even[198] the[19] king[324] of[89] terrors[192], when[189] personified[306]
by[406] the[19] evangelist[4], rides[330] on[392] his[433] pallid[22] horse[409].

Therefore[94], in[107] his[433] other[282] moods[4], symbolize[67] whatever[38] grand[229] or[519] gracious[375]
thing[309] he[362] will[584] by[406] whiteness[232], no[235] man[17] can[450] deny[346] that[14] in[107] its[234] profoundest[320]
idealized[83] significance[330] it[162] calls[15] up[405] a[10] peculiar[291] apparition[143] to[261] the[19] soul[428].

But[330] though[400] without[309] dissent[186] this[256] point[438] be[341] fixed[564], how[19] is[487] mortal[371]
man[17] to[261] account[102] for[190] it[162]? To[261] analyse[554] it[162], would[282] seem[404] impossible[305].
Can[450] we[465], then[45], by[406] the[19] citation[413] of[89] some[265] of[89] those[427] instances[252]
wherein[396] this[256] thing[309] of[89] whiteness[232]--though[400] for[190] the[19] time[577] either[45]
wholly[497] or[519] in[107] great[259] part[207] stripped[301] of[89] all[145] direct[314] associations[212]
calculated[321] to[261] impart[237] to[261] it[162] aught[26] fearful[183], but[330] nevertheless[104],
is[487] found[260] to[261] exert[137] over[82] us[569] the[19] same[541] sorcery[81], however[44] modified[564];--
can[450] we[465] thus[362] hope[211] to[261] light[382] upon[419] some[265] chance[292] clue[345] to[261] conduct[161] us[569]
to[261] the[19] hidden[78] cause[220] we[465] seek[292]?

Let[66] us[569] try[266]. But[330] in[107] a[10] matter[176] like[410] this[256], subtlety[530] appeals[80] to[261] subtlety[530],
and[236] without[309] imagination[131] no[235] man[17] can[450] follow[408] another[269] into[554] these[527] halls[55].
And[236] though[400], doubtless[101], some[265] at[65] least[453] of[89] the[19] imaginative[128] impressions[110]
about[123] to[261] be[341] presented[320] may[236] have[254] been[185] shared[376] by[406] most[216] men[62], yet[443] few[49]
perhaps[75] were[324] entirely[148] conscious[443] of[89] them[146] at[65] the[19] time[577], and[236] therefore[94]
may[236] not[518] be[341] able[362] to[261] recall[288] them[146] now[20].

Why[177] to[261] the[19] man[17] of[89] untutored[173] ideality[7], who[319] happens[143] to[261] be[341] but[330]
loosely[235] acquainted[78] with[449] the[19] peculiar[291] character[239] of[89] the[19] day[112],
does[565] the[19] bare[245] mention[510] of[89] Whitsuntide[226] marshal[192] in[107] the[19] fancy[396]
such[420] long[544], dreary[445], speechless[225] processions[161] of[89] slow[96]-pacing[253] pilgrims[19],
down[133]-cast[99] and[236] hooded[374] with[449] new[36]-fallen[40] snow[498]? Or[519] to[261] the[19] unread[41],
unsophisticated[507] Protestant[256] of[89] the[19] Middle[39] American[272] States[443],
why[177] does[565] the[19] passing[147] mention[510] of[89] a[10] White[82] Friar[216] or[519] a[10] White[82] Nun[116],
evoke[25] such[420] an[138] eyeless[401] statue[37] in[107] the[19] soul[428]?

Or[519] what[243] is[487] there[340] apart[526] from[316] the[19] traditions[489] of[89] dungeoned[83] warriors[144] and[236] kings[474]
(which[16] will[584] not[518] wholly[497] account[102] for[190] it[162]) that[14] makes[32] the[19] White[82] Tower[36]
of[89] London[41] tell[392] so[281] much[61] more[348] strongly[168] on[392] the[19] imagination[131] of[89] an[138]
untravelled[325] American[272], than[77] those[427] other[282] storied[388] structures[165], its[234] neighbors[466]--
the[19] Byward Tower[36], or[519] even[198] the[19] Bloody[357]? And[236] those[427] sublimer[141] towers[506],
the[19] White[82] Mountains[202] of[89] New[36] Hampshire[324], whence[494], in[107] peculiar[291] moods[4],
comes[268] that[14] gigantic[157] ghostliness[253] over[82] the[19] soul[428] at[65] the[19] bare[245] mention[510]
of[89] that[14] name[477], while[55] the[19] thought[186] of[89] Virginia[354]'s[483] Blue[240] Ridge[435] is[487] full[414]
of[89] a[10] soft[226], dewy[260], distant[353] dreaminess[41]? Or[519] why[177], irrespective[218] of[89] all[145]
latitudes[267] and[236] longitudes[252], does[565] the[19] name[477] of[89] the[19] White[82] Sea[67] exert[137]
such[420] a[10] spectralness over[82] the[19] fancy[396], while[55] that[14] of[89] the[19] Yellow[95] Sea[67]
lulls[6] us[569] with[449] mortal[371] thoughts[26] of[89] long[544] lacquered[445] mild[117] afternoons[210] on[392]

the[19] waves[443], followed[234] by[406] the[19] gaudiest[118] and[236] yet[443] sleepiest[49] of[89] sunsets[26]?
Or[519], to[261] choose[147] a[10] wholly[497] unsubstantial[103] instance[141], purely[138] addressed[169]
to[261] the[19] fancy[396], why[177], in[107] reading[210] the[19] old[447] fairy[272] tales[527] of[89] Central[229] Europe[153],
does[565] "the[19] tall[373] pale[292] man[17]" of[89] the[19] Hartz[18] forests[238], whose[286] changeless[177]
pallor[230] unrestingly[136] glides[29] through[295] the[19] green[549] of[89] the[19] groves[130]--
why[177] is[487] this[256] phantom[101] more[348] terrible[132] than[77] all[145] the[19] whooping[122] imps[183]
of[89] the[19] Blocksburg?

Nor[137] is[487] it[162], altogether[31], the[19] remembrance[37] of[89] her[400] cathedral[231]-toppling
earthquakes[511]; nor[137] the[19] stampedoes of[89] her[400] frantic[211] seas[350]; nor[137] the[19] tearlessness
of[89] arid[11] skies[30] that[14] never[206] rain[190]; nor[137] the[19] sight[365] of[89] her[400] wide[465] field[275]
of[89] leaning[559] spires[115], wrenched[302] cope-stones[501], and[236] crosses[521] all[145] adroop[83]
(like[410] canted[438] yards[386] of[89] anchored[42] fleets[29]); and[236] her[400] suburban[104] avenues[441]
of[89] house[499]-walls[116] lying[204] over[82] upon[419] each[520] other[282], as[113] a[10] tossed[227] pack[294] of[89] cards[142];--
it[162] is[487] not[518] these[527] things[4] alone[2] which[16] make[175] tearless[468] Lima[120], the[19] strangest[86],
saddest[235] city[82] thou[173] can[450]'st[193] see[370]. For[190] Lima[120] has[399] taken[222] the[19] white[82] veil[69];
and[236] there[340] is[487] a[10] higher[574] horror[134] in[107] this[256] whiteness[232] of[89] her[400] woe[295].
Old[447] as[113] Pizarro[99], this[256] whiteness[232] keeps[20] her[400] ruins[31] for[190] ever[208] new[36];
admits[309] not[518] the[19] cheerful[391] greenness[149] of[89] complete[191] decay[233]; spreads[110] over[82]
her[400] broken[255] ramparts[83] the[19] rigid[380] pallor[230] of[89] an[138] apoplexy[111] that[14] fixes[382]
its[234] own[248] distortions[285].

I[482] know[60] that[14], to[261] the[19] common[304] apprehension[26], this[256] phenomenon[34] of[89] whiteness[232]
is[487] not[518] confessed[270] to[261] be[341] the[19] prime[425] agent[360] in[107] exaggerating[111] the[19] terror[85]
of[89] objects[326] otherwise[542] terrible[132]; nor[137] to[261] the[19] unimaginative[107] mind[118] is[487] there[340]
aught[26] of[89] terror[85] in[107] those[427] appearances[14] whose[286] awfulness[306] to[261] another[269] mind[118]
almost[518] solely[41] consists[303] in[107] this[256] one[470] phenomenon[34], especially[371] when[189] exhibited[20]
under[533] any[501] form[238] at[65] all[145] approaching[271] to[261] muteness[88] or[519] universality[396].
What[243] I[482] mean[504] by[406] these[527] two[527] statements[42] may[236] perhaps[75] be[341] respectively[254]
elucidated[54] by[406] the[19] following[181] examples[53].

First[13]: The[19] mariner[265], when[189] drawing[407] nigh[254] the[19] coasts[147] of[89] foreign[198] lands[436],
if[141] by[406] night[108] he[362] hear[386] the[19] roar[147] of[89] breakers[317], starts[248] to[261] vigilance[124], and[236] feels[450]
just[108] enough[217] of[89] trepidation[438] to[261] sharpen[249] all[145] his[433] faculties[53]; but[330] under[533]
precisely[217] similar[101] circumstances[267], let[66] him[248] be[341] called[237] from[316] his[433] hammock[323]
to[261] view[370] his[433] ship[438] sailing[232] through[295] a[10] midnight[539] sea[67] of[89] milky[23] whiteness[232]--
as[113] if[141] from[316] encircling[460] headlands[129] shoals[340] of[89] combed[434] white[82] bears[97] were[324] swimming[367]
round[287] him[248], then[45] he[362] feels[450] a[10] silent[382], superstitious[49] dread[251]; the[19] shrouded[465]
phantom[101] of[89] the[19] whitened[481] waters[556] is[487] horrible[398] to[261] him[248] as[113] a[10] real[305] ghost[246];
in[107] vain[216] the[19] lead[362] assures[111] him[248] he[362] is[487] still[278] off[111] soundings[99]; heart[470] and[236] helm[285]
they[382] both[558] go[20] down[133]; he[362] never[206] rests[154] till[181] blue[240] water[520] is[487] under[533] him[248] again[52].
Yet[443] where[579] is[487] the[19] mariner[265] who[319] will[584] tell[392] thee[15], "Sir[271], it[162] was[454] not[518] so[281] much[61]
the[19] fear[103] of[89] striking[22] hidden[78] rocks[265], as[113] the[19] fear[103] of[89] that[14] hideous[298] whiteness[232]
that[14] so[281] stirred[101] me[2]?"

Second[386]: To[261] the[19] native[399] Indian[303] of[89] Peru[19], the[19] continual[222] sight[365] of[89]
the[19] snowhowdahed Andes[341] conveys[303] naught[80] of[89] dread[251], except[545], perhaps[75],
in[107] the[19] mere[393] fancying[249] of[89] the[19] eternal[155] frosted[83] desolateness[83] reigning[147]
at[65] such[420] vast[43] altitudes[25], and[236] the[19] natural[298] conceit[58] of[89] what[243] a[10] fearfulness[177]
it[162] would[282] be[341] to[261] lose[247] oneself[314] in[107] such[420] inhuman[207] solitudes[210]. Much[61] the[19] same[541]
is[487] it[162] with[449] the[19] backwoodsman[299] of[89] the[19] West[569], who[319] with[449] comparative[87]
indifference[111] views[67] an[138] unbounded[296] prairie[214] sheeted[99] with[449] driven[228] snow[498],
no[235] shadow[438] of[89] tree[482] or[519] twig[25] to[261] break[483] the[19] fixed[564] trance[202] of[89] whiteness[232].
Not[518] so[281] the[19] sailor[561], beholding[248] the[19] scenery[102] of[89] the[19] Antarctic[141] seas[350];
where[579] at[65] times[121], by[406] some[265] infernal[84] trick[26] of[89] legerdemain[117] in[107] the[19] powers[140]
of[89] frost[113] and[236] air[209], he[362], shivering[559] and[236] half[119] shipwrecked[25], instead[398] of[89]
rainbows[20] speaking[22] hope[211] and[236] solace[26] to[261] his[433] misery[395], views[67] what[243] seems[19]
a[10] boundless[386] churchyard[63] grinning[424] upon[419] him[248] with[449] its[234] lean[279] ice[443] monuments[557]
and[236] splintered[330] crosses[521].

But[330] thou[173] sayest[56], methinks[462] this[256] white[82]-lead[25] chapter[293] about[123]
whiteness[232] is[487] but[330] a[10] white[82] flag[270] hung[479] out[66] from[316] a[10] craven[429] soul[428];
thou[173] surrenderest[454] to[261] a[10] hypo[163], Ishmael[196].

Tell[392] me[2], why[177] this[256] strong[145] young[389] colt[230], foaled[406] in[107] some[265] peaceful[319]
valley[18] of[89] Vermont[258], far[258] removed[447] from[316] all[145] beasts[359] of[89] prey[347]--
why[177] is[487] it[162] that[14] upon[419] the[19] sunniest[215] day[112], if[141] you[227] but[330] shake[180] a[10] fresh[540]
buffalo[299] robe[147] behind[80] him[248], so[281] that[14] he[362] cannot even[198] see[370] it[162], but[330] only[517]
smells[422] its[234] wild[230] animal[22] muskiness[105]--why[177] will[584] he[362] start[117], snort[269],
and[236] with[449] bursting[288] eyes[125] paw[194] the[19] ground[127] in[107] phrensies of[89] affright[306]?
There[340] is[487] no[235] remembrance[37] in[107] him[248] of[89] any[501] gorings[137] of[89] wild[230] creatures[5]
in[107] his[433] green[549] northern[252] home[450], so[281] that[14] the[19] strange[440] muskiness[105] he[362] smells[422]
cannot recall[288] to[261] him[248] anything[480] associated[98] with[449] the[19] experience[127]
of[89] former[157] perils[140]; for[190] what[243] knows[286] he[362], this[256] New[36] England[348] colt[230],
of[89] the[19] black[581] bisons[234] of[89] distant[353] Oregon[404]?

No[235]; but[330] here[135] thou[173] beholdest[18] even[198] in[107] a[10] dumb[371] brute[73],
the[19] instinct[72] of[89] the[19] knowledge[270] of[89] the[19] demonism[4] in[107] the[19] world[126].
Though[400] thousands[7] of[89] miles[278] from[316] Oregon[404], still[278] when[189] he[362] smells[422]
that[14] savage[398] musk[16], the[19] rending[170], goring[341] bison[25] herds[341] are[314] as[113] present[112]
as[113] to[261] the[19] deserted[178] wild[230] foal[160] of[89] the[19] prairies[155], which[16] this[256] instant[279]
they[382] may[236] be[341] trampling[292] into[554] dust[434].

Thus[362], then[45], the[19] muffled[58] rollings[83] of[89] a[10] milky[23] sea[67];

the[19] bleak[151] rustlings[453] of[89] the[19] festooned[238] frosts[110] of[89] mountains[202];
the[19] desolate[126] shiftings[188] of[89] the[19] windrowed snows[23] of[89] prairies[155];
all[145] these[527], to[261] Ishmael[196], are[314] as[113] the[19] shaking[206] of[89] that[14] buffalo[299] robe[147]
to[261] the[19] frightened[172] colt[230]!

Though[400] neither[74] knows[286] where[579] lie[212] the[19] nameless[427] things[4] of[89]
which[16] the[19] mystic[455] sign[8] gives[529] forth[152] such[420] hints[260]; yet[443] with[449] me[2],
as[113] with[449] the[19] colt[230], somewhere[201] those[427] things[4] must[226] exist[265].
Though[400] in[107] many[282] of[89] its[234] aspects[322] this[256] visible[94] world[126] seems[19] formed[294]
in[107] love[391], the[19] invisible[186] spheres[64] were[324] formed[294] in[107] fright[18].

But[330] not[518] yet[443] have[254] we[465] solved[133] the[19] incantation[102] of[89] this[256] whiteness[232],
and[236] learned[277] why[177] it[162] appeals[80] with[449] such[420] power[145] to[261] the[19] soul[428];
and[236] more[348] strange[440] and[236] far[258] more[348] portentous[125]--why[177], as[113] we[465] have[254] seen[154],
it[162] is[487] at[65] once[248] the[19] most[216] meaning[62] symbol[426] of[89] spiritual[467] things[4], nay[358],
the[19] very[515] veil[69] of[89] the[19] Christian[235]'s[483] Deity[220]; and[236] yet[443] should[255] be[341] as[113] it[162] is[487],
the[19] intensifying[189] agent[360] in[107] things[4] the[19] most[216] appalling[282] to[261] mankind[40].

Is[487] it[162] that[14] by[406] its[234] indefiniteness[518] it[162] shadows[480] forth[152] the[19] heartless[190]
voids[41] and[236] immensities[402] of[89] the[19] universe[426], and[236] thus[362] stabs[274] us[569] from[316] behind[80]
with[449] the[19] thought[186] of[89] annihilation[138], when[189] beholding[248] the[19] white[82] depths[416]
of[89] the[19] milky[23] way[435]? Or[519] is[487] it[162], that[14] as[113] in[107] essence[13] whiteness[232] is[487] not[518]
so[281] much[61] a[10] color[13] as[113] the[19] visible[94] absence[484] of[89] color[13]; and[236] at[65] the[19] same[541]
time[577] the[19] concrete[53] of[89] all[145] colors[24]; is[487] it[162] for[190] these[527] reasons[186] that[14] there[340]
is[487] such[420] a[10] dumb[371] blankness[12], full[414] of[89] meaning[62], in[107] a[10] wide[465] landscape[192]
of[89] snows[23]--a[10] colorless[305], all[145]-color[13] of[89] atheism[22] from[316] which[16] we[465] shrink[21]?
And[236] when[189] we[465] consider[259] that[14] other[282] theory[60] of[89] the[19] natural[298] philosophers[529],
that[14] all[145] other[282] earthly[64] hues[223]--every[389] stately[344] or[519] lovely[126] emblazoning[110]--
the[19] sweet[417] tinges[23] of[89] sunset[305] skies[30] and[236] woods[29]; yea[204], and[236] the[19] gilded[41]
velvets[15] of[89] butterflies[501], and[236] the[19] butterfly[125] cheeks[282] of[89] young[389] girls[388];
all[145] these[527] are[314] but[330] subtile[186] deceits[379], not[518] actually[69] inherent[18]
in[107] substances[23], but[330] only[517] laid[181] on[392] from[316] without[309]; so[281] that[14] all[145] deified[127]
Nature[159] absolutely[518] paints[142] like[410] the[19] harlot[253], whose[286] allurements[57] cover[172]
nothing[324] but[330] the[19] charnel-house[6] within[503]; and[236] when[189] we[465] proceed[367] further[53],
and[236] consider[259] that[14] the[19] mystical[493] cosmetic[58] which[16] produces[139] every[389]
one[470] of[89] her[400] hues[223], the[19] great[259] principle[420] of[89] light[382], for[190] ever[208] remains[324]
white[82] or[519] colorless[305] in[107] itself[312], and[236] if[141] operating[357] without[309] medium[27]
upon[419] matter[176], would[282] touch[486] all[145] objects[326], even[198] tulips[41] and[236] roses[542],
with[449] its[234] own[248] blank[156] tinge[261]--pondering[280] all[145] this[256], the[19] palsied[26] universe[426]
lies[27] before[344] us[569] a[10] leper[115]; and[236] like[410] wilful[160] travellers[491] in[107] Lapland[231],
who[319] refuse[337] to[261] wear[250] colored[213] and[236] coloring[214] glasses[527] upon[419] their[219] eyes[125],
so[281] the[19] wretched[294] infidel[183] gazes[23] himself[282] blind[375] at[65] the[19] monumental[430]
white[82] shroud[260] that[14] wraps[83] all[145] the[19] prospect[198] around[66] him[248].
And[236] of[89] all[145] these[527] things[4] the[19] Albino[258] whale[422] was[454] the[19] symbol[426].
Wonder[76] ye[483] then[45] at[65] the[19] fiery[42] hunt[418]? ..

CHAPTER[293] 43[345]

Hark[313]!

"HIST[117]! Did[444] you[227] hear[386] that[14] noise[254], Cabaco?

It[162] was[454] the[19] middle[39]-watch[89]: a[10] fair[320] moonlight[122]; the[19] seamen[6] were[324]
standing[144] in[107] a[10] cordon[83], extending[231] from[316] one[470] of[89] the[19] fresh[540]-water[159]
butts[83] in[107] the[19] waist[52], to[261] the[19] scuttle[27]-butt[331] near[70] the[19] taffrail[83].
In[107] this[256] manner[153], they[382] passed[87] the[19] buckets[157] to[261] fill[380] the[19] scuttle[27]-butt[331].
Standing[144], for[190] the[19] most[216] part[207], on[392] the[19] hallowed[316] precincts[95] of[89] the[19]
quarter[6]-deck[505], they[382] were[324] careful[252] not[518] to[261] speak[337] or[519] rustle[266] their[219] feet[349].
From[316] hand[252] to[261] hand[252], the[19] buckets[157] went[516] in[107] the[19] deepest[494] silence[309],
only[517] broken[255] by[406] the[19] occasional[202] flap[10] of[89] a[10] sail[218], and[236] the[19] steady[21]
hum[345] of[89] the[19] unceasingly[507] advancing[444] keel[39].

It[162] was[454] in[107] the[19] midst[533] of[89] this[256] repose[463], that[14] Archy[110], one[470] of[89] the[19] cordon[83],
whose[286] post[2] was[454] near[70] the[19] after[358]-hatches[4], whispered[89] to[261] his[433] neighbor[431],
a[10] Cholo[36], the[19] words[107] above[502].

"Hist[117]! did[444] you[227] hear[386] that[14] noise[254], Cabaco?"

"Take[279] the[19] bucket[170], will[584] ye[483], Archy[110]? what[243] noise[254] d[67]'ye[163] mean[504]?"

"There[340] it[162] is[487] again[52]--under[533] the[19] hatches[4]--don[280]'t[500] you[227] hear[386] it[162]--a[10] cough[21]--
it[162] sounded[163] like[410] a[10] cough[21]."

"Cough[21] be[341] damned[572]! Pass[153] along[423] that[14] return[407] bucket[170]."

"There[340] again[52]--there[340] it[162] is[487]!--it[162] sounds[394] like[410] two[527] or[519] three[329] sleepers[367]
turning[69] over[82], now[20]!"

"Caramba[26]! have[254] done[135], shipmate[283], will[584] ye[483]? It[162]'s[483] the[19] three[329] soaked[55]
biscuits[104] ye[483] eat[286] for[190] supper[4] turning[69] over[82] inside[438] of[89] ye[483]--nothing[324] else[212].
Look[523] to[261] the[19] bucket[170]!"

"Say[306] what[243] ye[483] will[584], shipmate[283]; I[482]'ve[149] sharp[427] ears[560]."

"Aye[86], you[227] are[314] the[19] chap[287], ain't[500] ye[483], that[14] heard[444] the[19] hum[345] of[89] the[19] old[447] Quakeress[253]'s[483] knitting[57]-needles[265] fifty[406] miles[278] at[65] sea[67] from[316] Nantucket[283]; you[227]'re[155] the[19] chap[287]."

"Grin[401] away[443]; we[465]'ll[300] see[370] what[243] turns[136] up[405]. Hark[313] ye[483], Cabaco, there[340] is[487] somebody[387] down[133] in[107] the[19] after[358]-hold[191] that[14] has[399] not[518] yet[443] been[185] seen[154] on[392] deck[505]; and[236] I[482] suspect[307] our[234] old[447] Mogul[270] knows[286] something[181] of[89] it[162] too[11]. I[482] heard[444] Stubb tell[392] Flask[199], one[470] morning[417] watch[89], that[14] there[340] was[454] something[181] of[89] that[14] sort[42] in[107] the[19] wind[262]."

"Tish[142]! the[19] bucket[170]!"

CHAPTER[293] 44[170]

The[19] Chart[102]

Had[364] you[227] followed[234] Captain[295] Ahab[232] down[133] into[554] his[433] cabin[192] after[358] the[19] squall[467] that[14] took[68] place[107] on[392] the[19] night[108] succeeding[493] that[14] wild[230] ratification[125] of[89] his[433] purpose[514] with[449] his[433] crew[126], you[227] would[282] have[254] seen[154] him[248] go[20] to[261] a[10] locker[26] in[107] the[19] transom[379], and[236] bringing[9] out[66] a[10] large[385] wrinkled[259] roll[473] of[89] yellowish[203] sea[67] charts[98], spread[348] them[146] before[344] him[248] on[392] his[433] screwed[453]-down[133] table[572]. Then[45] seating[122] himself[282] before[344] it[162], you[227] would[282] have[254] seen[154] him[248] intently[258] study[252] the[19] various[183] lines[241] and[236] shadings[66] which[16] there[340] met[130] his[433] eye[220]; and[236] with[449] slow[96] but[330] steady[21] pencil[122] trace[327] additional[131] courses[139] over[82] spaces[137] that[14] before[344] were[324] blank[156]. At[65] intervals[295], he[362] would[282] refer[169] to[261] piles[369] of[89] old[447] log[127]-books[525] beside[276] him[248], wherein[396] were[324] set[422] down[133] the[19] seasons[192] and[236] places[423] in[107] which[16], on[392] various[183] former[157] voyages[368] of[89] various[183] ships[21], sperm[26] whales[331] had[364] been[185] captured[126] or[519] seen[154].

While[55] thus[362] employed[263], the[19] heavy[421] pewter[86] lamp[330] suspended[245] in[107] chains[446] over[82] his[433] head[219], continually[303] rocked[157] with[449] the[19] motion[544] of[89] the[19] ship[438], and[236] for[190] ever[208] threw[459] shifting[253] gleams[34] and[236] shadows[480] of[89] lines[241] upon[419] his[433] wrinkled[259] brow[474], till[181] it[162] almost[518] seemed[132] that[14] while[55] he[362] himself[282] was[454] marking[279] out[66] lines[241] and[236] courses[139] on[392] the[19] wrinkled[259] charts[98], some[265] invisible[186] pencil[122] was[454] also[119] tracing[359] lines[241] and[236] courses[139] upon[419] the[19] deeply[225] marked[67] chart[102] of[89] his[433] forehead[380].

But[330] it[162] was[454] not[518] this[256] night[108] in[107] particular[336] that[14], in[107] the[19] solitude[15] of[89] his[433] cabin[192], Ahab[232] thus[362] pondered[182] over[82] his[433] charts[98]. Almost[518] every[389] night[108] they[382] were[324] brought[85] out[66]; almost[518] every[389] night[108] some[265] pencil[122] marks[226] were[324] effaced[396], and[236] others[317] were[324] substituted[243]. For[190] with[449] the[19] charts[98] of[89] all[145] four[175] oceans[60] before[344] him[248], Ahab[232] was[454] threading[143] a[10] maze[508] of[89] currents[218] and[236] eddies[354], with[449] a[10] view[370] to[261] the[19] more[348] certain[31] accomplishment[355] of[89] that[14] monomaniac[336] thought[186] of[89] his[433] soul[428].

Now[20], to[261] any[501] one[470] not[518] fully[530] acquainted[78] with[449] the[19] ways[101] of[89] the[19] leviathans[336], it[162] might[496] seem[404] an[138] absurdly[34] hopeless[189] task[482] thus[362] to[261] seek[292] out[66] one[470] solitary[407] creature[82] in[107] the[19] unhooped[213] oceans[60] of[89] this[256] planet[382]. But[330] not[518] so[281] did[444] it[162] seem[404] to[261] Ahab[232], who[319] knew[480] the[19] sets[83] of[89] all[145] tides[36] and[236] currents[218]; and[236] thereby[190] calculating[368] the[19] driftings of[89] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422]'s[483] food[248]; and[236], also[119] calling[56] to[261] mind[118] the[19] regular[400], ascertained[214] seasons[192] for[190] hunting[45] him[248] in[107] particular[336] latitudes[267]; could[375] arrive[8] at[65] reasonable[88] surmises[280], almost[518] approaching[271] to[261] certainties[391], concerning[368] the[19] timeliest[419] day[112] to[261] be[341] upon[419] this[256] or[519] that[14] ground[127] in[107] search[352] of[89] his[433] prey[347].

So[281] assured[557], indeed[522], is[487] the[19] fact[12] concerning[368] the[19] periodicalness of[89] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422]'s[483] resorting[269] to[261] given[141] waters[556], that[14] many[282] hunters[423] believe[191] that[14], could[375] he[362] be[341] closely[218] observed[340] and[236] studied[222] throughout[159] the[19] world[126]; were[324] the[19] logs[296] for[190] one[470] voyage[137] of[89] the[19] entire[230] whale[422] fleet[206] carefully[374] collated[110], then[45] the[19] migrations[183] of[89] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422] would[282] be[341] found[260] to[261] correspond[153] in[107] invariability[111] to[261] those[427] of[89] the[19] herring[26]-shoals[340] or[519] the[19] flights[154] of[89] swallows[384]. On[392] this[256] hint[335], attempts[13] have[254] been[185] made[563] to[261] construct[125] elaborate[36] migratory[37] charts[98] of[89] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422].*

*Since[374] the[19] above[502] was[454] written[388], the[19] statement[187] is[487] happily[217] borne[493] out[66] by[406] an[138] official[283] circular[21], issued[146] by[406] Lieutenant[47] Maury[99], of[89] the[19] National[145] Observatory[265], Washington[413], April[431] 16th[77], 1851[430]. By[406] that[14] circular[21], it[162] appears[268] that[14] precisely[217] such[420] a[10] chart[102] is[487] in[107] course[171] of[89] completion[104]; and[236] portions[315] of[89] it[162] are[314] presented[320] in[107] the[19] circular[21]. "This[256] chart[102] divides[58] the[19] ocean[224] into[554] districts[411] of[89] five[103] degrees[31] of[89] latitude[258] by[406] five[103] degrees[31] of[89] longitude[239]; perpendicularly[41] through[295] each[520] of[89] which[16] districts[411] are[314] twelve[293] columns[262] for[190] the[19] twelve[293] months[17]; and[236] horizontally[389] through[295] each[520] of[89] which[16] districts[411] are[314] three[329] lines[241]; one[470] to[261] show[460] the[19] number[196] of[89] days[351] that[14] have[254] been[185] spent[329] in[107] each[520] month[438] in[107] every[389] district[11], and[236] the[19] two[527] others[317] to[261] show[460] the[19] number[196] of[89] days[351] in[107] which[16] whales[331], sperm[26] or[519] right[499], have[254] been[185] seen[154]."

Besides[465], when[189] making[415] a[10] passage[285] from[316] one[470] feeding[367]-ground[127] to[261] another[269], the[19] sperm[26] whales[331], guided[284] by[406] some[265] infallible[59] instinct[72]--say[306], rather[178],

secret[409] intelligence[30] from[316] the[19] Deity[220]--mostly[190] swim[226] in[107] veins[395], as[113] they[382]
are[314] called[237]; continuing[215] their[219] way[435] along[423] a[10] given[141] ocean[224]-line[25] with[449]
such[420] undeviating[138] exactitude[6], that[14] no[235] ship[438] ever[208] sailed[248] her[400] course[171],
by[406] any[501] chart[102], with[449] one[470] tithe[502] of[89] such[420] marvellous[35] precision[154].
Though[400], in[107] these[527] cases[108], the[19] direction[67] taken[222] by[406] any[501] one[470] whale[422]
be[341] straight[346] as[113] a[10] surveyor[288]'s[483] parallel[78], and[236] though[400] the[19] line[25]
of[89] advance[70] be[341] strictly[303] confined[185] to[261] its[234] own[248] unavoidable[74],
straight[346] wake[205], yet[443] the[19] arbitrary[163] vein[361] in[107] which[16] at[65] these[527] times[121]
he[362] is[487] said[252] to[261] swim[226], generally[402] embraces[296] some[265] few[49] miles[278] in[107] width[118]
(more[348] or[519] less[261], as[113] the[19] vein[361] is[487] presumed[300] to[261] expand[254] or[519] contract[284]);
but[330] never[206] exceeds[525] the[19] visual[507] sweep[471] from[316] the[19] whale[422]-ship[98]'s[483]
mast[44]-heads[279], when[189] circumspectly[292] gliding[248] along[423] this[256] magic[54] zone[173].
The[19] sum[213] is[487], that[14] at[65] particular[336] seasons[192] within[503] that[14] breadth[252]
and[236] along[423] that[14] path[234], migrating[252] whales[331] may[236] with[449] great[259] confidence[46]
be[341] looked[232] for[190].

And[236] hence[503] not[518] only[517] at[65] substantiated[484] times[121], upon[419] well[263] known[86]
separate[495] feeding[367]-grounds[448], could[375] Ahab[232] hope[211] to[261] encounter[250] his[433] prey[347];
but[330] in[107] crossing[402] the[19] widest[147] expanses[55] of[89] water[520] between[77] those[427] grounds[448]
he[362] could[375], by[406] his[433] art[462], so[281] place[107] and[236] time[577] himself[282] on[392] his[433] way[435],
as[113] even[198] then[45] not[518] to[261] be[341] wholly[497] without[309] prospect[198] of[89] a[10] meeting[183].

There[340] was[454] a[10] circumstance[407] which[16] at[65] first[13] sight[365] seemed[132]
to[261] entangle[74] his[433] delirious[205] but[330] still[278] methodical[21] scheme[337].
But[330] not[518] so[281] in[107] the[19] reality[214], perhaps[75]. Though[400] the[19] gregarious[204]
sperm[26] whales[331] have[254] their[219] regular[400] seasons[192] for[190] particular[336] grounds[448],
yet[443] in[107] general[37] you[227] cannot conclude[1] that[14] the[19] herds[341] which[16] haunted[398]
such[420] and[236] such[420] a[10] latitude[258] or[519] longitude[239] this[256] year[347], say[306], will[584] turn[17]
out[66] to[261] be[341] identically[43] the[19] same[541] with[449] those[427] that[14] were[324] found[260] there[340]
the[19] preceding[44] season[248]; though[400] there[340] are[314] peculiar[291] and[236] unquestionable[129]
instances[252] where[579] the[19] contrary[166] of[89] this[256] has[399] proved[312] true[483].
In[107] general[37], the[19] same[541] remark[325], only[517] within[503] a[10] less[261] wide[465] limit[272],
applies[195] to[261] the[19] solitaries[83] and[236] hermits[428] among[483] the[19] matured[518],
aged[361] sperm[26] whales[331]. So[281] that[14] though[400] Moby[362] Dick[25] had[364] in[107] a[10] former[157]
year[347] been[185] seen[154], for[190] example[479], on[392] what[243] is[487] called[237] the[19] Seychelle
ground[127] in[107] the[19] Indian[303] ocean[224], or[519] Volcano[155] Bay[279] on[392] the[19] Japanese[364] Coast[287];
yet[443] it[162] did[444] not[518] follow[408] that[14] were[324] the[19] Pequod[288] to[261] visit[229] either[45]
of[89] those[427] spots[8] at[65] any[501] subsequent[312] corresponding[427] season[248],
she[391] would[282] infallibly[426] encounter[250] him[248] there[340]. So[281], too[11], with[449] some[265]
other[282] feeding[367]-grounds[448], where[579] he[362] had[364] at[65] times[121] revealed[530] himself[282].
But[330] all[145] these[527] seemed[132] only[517] his[433] casual[83] stopping[406]-places[402] and[236]
ocean[224]-inns[281], so[281] to[261] speak[337], not[518] his[433] places[423] of[89] prolonged[246] abode[122].
And[236] where[579] Ahab[232]'s[483] chances[400] of[89] accomplishing[217] his[433] object[100]
have[254] hitherto[533] been[185] spoken[507] of[89], allusion[88] has[399] only[517] been[185] made[563]
to[261] whatever[38] way[435]-side[99], antecedent[83], extra[201] prospects[212] were[324] his[433],
ere[83] a[10] particular[336] set[422] time[577] or[519] place[107] were[324] attained[177], when[189] all[145]
possibilities[136] would[282] become[548] probabilities[384], and[236], as[113] Ahab[232]
fondly[105] thought[186], every[389] possibility[237] the[19] next[27] thing[309] to[261] a[10] certainty[400].
That[14] particular[336] set[422] time[577] and[236] place[107] were[324] conjoined[280] in[107] the[19] one[470]
technical[240] phrase[22]--the[19] Season[248]-on[392]-the[19]-Line[25]. For[190] there[340] and[236] then[45],
for[190] several[479] consecutive[259] years[116], Moby[362] Dick[25] had[364] been[185] periodically[427]
descried[313], lingering[186] in[107] those[427] waters[556] for[190] awhile[16], as[113] the[19] sun[397],
in[107] its[234] annual[212] round[287], loiters[359] for[190] a[10] predicted[225] interval[114] in[107] any[501]
one[470] sign[8] of[89] the[19] Zodiac[68]. There[340] it[162] was[454], too[11], that[14] most[216] of[89]
the[19] deadly[49] encounters[433] with[449] the[19] white[82] whale[422] had[364] taken[222] place[107];
there[340] the[19] waves[443] were[324] storied[388] with[449] his[433] deeds[159]; there[340] also[119] was[454]
that[14] tragic[140] spot[46] where[579] the[19] monomaniac[336] old[447] man[17] had[364] found[260]
the[19] awful[539] motive[54] to[261] his[433] vengeance[72]. But[330] in[107] the[19] cautious[406]
comprehensiveness[31] and[236] unloitering vigilance[124] with[449] which[16] Ahab[232]
threw[459] his[433] brooding[261] soul[428] into[554] this[256] unfaltering[434] hunt[418], he[362] would[282] not[518]
permit[256] himself[282] to[261] rest[302] all[145] his[433] hopes[36] upon[419] the[19] one[470] crowning[235] fact[12]
above[502] mentioned[149], however[44] flattering[287] it[162] might[496] be[341] to[261] those[427] hopes[36];
nor[137] in[107] the[19] sleeplessness[561] of[89] his[433] vow[159] could[375] he[362] so[281] tranquillize[19]
his[433] unquiet[492] heart[470] as[113] to[261] postpone[107] all[145] intervening[371] quest[36].

Now[20], the[19] Pequod[288] had[364] sailed[248] from[316] Nantucket[283] at[65] the[19] very[515] beginning[188]
of[89] the[19] Season[248]-on[392]-the[19]-Line[25]. No[235] possible[277] endeavor[41] then[45] could[375]
enable[93] her[400] commander[108] to[261] make[175] the[19] great[259] passage[285] southwards[232],
double[20] Cape[23] Horn[139], and[236] then[45] running[296] down[133] sixty[332] degrees[31] of[89] latitude[258]
arrive[8] in[107] the[19] equatorial[105] Pacific[294] in[107] time[577] to[261] cruise[117] there[340].
Therefore[94], he[362] must[226] wait[315] for[190] the[19] next[27] ensuing[74] season[248].
Yet[443] the[19] premature[154] hour[384] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] sailing[232] had[364], perhaps[75],
been[185] correctly[444] selected[286] by[406] Ahab[232], with[449] a[10] view[370] to[261] this[256] very[515] complexion[243]
of[89] things[4]. Because[540], an[138] interval[114] of[89] three[329] hundred[93] and[236] sixty[332]-five[402]
days[351] and[236] nights[224] was[454] before[344] him[248]; an[138] interval[114] which[16], instead[398] of[89]
impatiently[374] enduring[377] ashore[122], he[362] would[282] spend[357] in[107] a[10] miscellaneous[557] hunt[418];
if[141] by[406] chance[292] the[19] White[82] Whale[422], spending[348] his[433] vacation[156] in[107] seas[350]
far[258] remote[141] from[316] his[433] periodical[358] feeding[367]-grounds[448], should[255] turn[17] up[405]
his[433] wrinkled[259] brow[474] off[111] the[19] Persian[23] Gulf[375], or[519] in[107] the[19] Bengal[353] Bay[279],
or[519] China[253] Seas[350], or[519] in[107] any[501] other[282] waters[556] haunted[398] by[406] his[433] race[392].
So[281] that[14] Monsoons[67], Pampas[4], Nor[137]-Westers, Harmattans, Trades[111]; any[501] wind[262]
but[330] the[19] Levanter[296] and[236] Simoon[4], might[496] blow[230] Moby[362] Dick[25] into[554] the[19] devious[350]
zig-zag[452] world[126]-circle[282] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] circumnavigating[347] wake[205].

But[330] granting[235] all[145] this[256]; yet[443], regarded[393] discreetly[443] and[236] coolly[156],
seems[19] it[162] not[518] but[330] a[10] mad[235] idea[250], this[256]; that[14] in[107] the[19] broad[267]
boundless[386] ocean[224], one[470] solitary[407] whale[422], even[198] if[141] encountered[102],
should[255] be[341] thought[186] capable[424] of[89] individual[233] recognition[5] from[316] his[433] hunter[287],
even[198] as[113] a[10] white[82]-bearded[364] Mufti[167] in[107] the[19] thronged[10] thoroughfares[147]
of[89] Constantinople[330]? Yes[143]. For[190] the[19] peculiar[291] snow[498]-white[362] brow[474] of[89]
Moby[362] Dick[25], and[236] his[433] snow[498]-white[362] hump[20], could[375] not[518] but[330] be[341] unmistakable[10].
And[236] have[254] I[482] not[518] tallied[304] the[19] whale[422], Ahab[232] would[282] mutter[125] to[261] himself[282],
as[113] after[358] poring[295] over[82] his[433] charts[98] till[181] long[544] after[358] midnight[539] he[362] would[282]
throw[345] himself[282] back[457] in[107] reveries[423]--tallied[304] him[248], and[236] shall[66] he[362] escape[565]?
His[433] broad[267] fins[556] are[314] bored[480], and[236] scalloped[260] out[66] like[410] a[10] lost[308] sheep[45]'s[483] ear[515]!
And[236] here[135], his[433] mad[235] mind[118] would[282] run[172] on[392] in[107] a[10] breathless[34] race[392];
till[181] a[10] weariness[429] and[236] faintness[173] of[89] pondering[280] came[549] over[82] him[248]!
and[236] in[107] the[19] open[464] air[209] of[89] the[19] deck[505] he[362] would[282] seek[292] to[261] recover[192]
his[433] strength[168]. Ah[132], God[185]! what[243] trances[83] of[89] torments[427] does[565] that[14] man[17]
endure[161] who[319] is[487] consumed[78] with[449] one[470] unachieved[395] revengeful[235] desire[241].
He[362] sleeps[136] with[449] clenched[198] hands[87]; and[236] wakes[60] with[449] his[433] own[248] bloody[357]
nails[174] in[107] his[433] palms[173].

Often[227], when[189] forced[28] from[316] his[433] hammock[323] by[406] exhausting[361] and[236] intolerably[181]
vivid[180] dreams[299] of[89] the[19] night[108], which[16], resuming[283] his[433] own[248] intense[89] thoughts[26]
through[295] the[19] day[112], carried[232] them[146] on[392] amid[240] a[10] clashing[371] of[89] phrensies,
and[236] whirled[174] them[146] round[287] and[236] round[287] and[236] round[287] in[107] his[433] blazing[232] brain[158],
till[181] the[19] very[515] throbbing[335] of[89] his[433] life[71]-spot[46] became[70] insufferable[295] anguish[75];
and[236] when[189], as[113] was[454] sometimes[77] the[19] case[346], these[527] spiritual[467] throes[47] in[107] him[248]
heaved[52] his[433] being[264] up[405] from[316] its[234] base[258], and[236] a[10] chasm[265] seemed[132] opening[306] in[107] him[248],
from[316] which[16] forked[386] flames[74] and[236] lightnings[174] shot[443] up[405], and[236] accursed[203] fiends[270]
beckoned[461] him[248] to[261] leap[342] down[133] among[483] them[146]; when[189] this[256] hell[169] in[107] himself[282]
yawned[402] beneath[320] him[248], a[10] wild[230] cry[561] would[282] be[341] heard[444] through[295] the[19] ship[438];
and[236] with[449] glaring[23] eyes[125] Ahab[232] would[282] burst[174] from[316] his[433] state[135] room[65], as[113] though[400]
escaping[173] from[316] a[10] bed[273] that[14] was[454] on[392] fire[559]. Yet[443] these[527], perhaps[75], instead[398] of[89]
being[264] the[19] unsuppressable symptoms[128] of[89] some[265] latent[70] weakness[304], or[519] fright[18]
at[65] his[433] own[248] resolve[420], were[324] but[330] the[19] plainest[361] tokens[473] of[89] its[234] intensity[285].
For[190], at[65] such[420] times[121], crazy[418] Ahab[232], the[19] scheming[348], unappeasedly steadfast[246]
hunter[287] of[89] the[19] white[82] whale[422]; this[256] Ahab[232] that[14] had[364] gone[190] to[261] his[433] hammock[323],
was[454] not[518] the[19] agent[360] that[14] so[281] caused[308] him[248] to[261] burst[174] from[316] it[162] in[107] horror[134] again[52].
The[19] latter[497] was[454] the[19] eternal[155], living[117] principle[420] or[519] soul[428] in[107] him[248];
and[236] in[107] sleep[233], being[264] for[190] the[19] time[577] dissociated[147] from[316] the[19] characterizing[53] mind[118],
which[16] at[65] other[282] times[121] employed[263] it[162] for[190] its[234] outer[359] vehicle[361] or[519] agent[360],
it[162] spontaneously[213] sought[82] escape[565] from[316] the[19] scorching[251] contiguity[4] of[89] the[19]
frantic[211] thing[309], of[89] which[16], for[190] the[19] time[577], it[162] was[454] no[235] longer[559] an[138] integral[336].
But[330] as[113] the[19] mind[118] does[565] not[518] exist[265] unless[54] leagued[128] with[449] the[19] soul[428], therefore[94] it[162]
must[226] have[254] been[185] that[14], in[107] Ahab[232]'s[483] case[346], yielding[345] up[405] all[145] his[433] thoughts[26]
and[236] fancies[190] to[261] his[433] one[470] supreme[160] purpose[514]; that[14] purpose[514], by[406] its[234] own[248] sheer[147]
inveteracy[125] of[89] will[584], forced[28] itself[312] against[417] gods[325] and[236] devils[377] into[554] a[10] kind[451]
of[89] self[442]-assumed[460], independent[330] being[264] of[89] its[234] own[248]. Nay[358], could[375] grimly[226]
live[554] and[236] burn[118], while[55] the[19] common[304] vitality[204] to[261] which[16] it[162] was[454] conjoined[280],
fled[434] horror[134]-stricken[328] from[316] the[19] unbidden[102] and[236] unfathered[128] birth[215].
Therefore[94], the[19] tormented[256] spirit[227] that[14] glared[327] out[66] of[89] bodily[172] eyes[125], when[189] what[243]
seemed[132] Ahab[232] rushed[199] from[316] his[433] room[65], was[454] for[190] the[19] time[577] but[330] a[10] vacated[410] thing[309],
a[10] formless[110] somnambulistic[21] being[264], a[10] ray[105] of[89] living[117] light[382], to[261] be[341] sure[41],
but[330] without[309] an[138] object[100] to[261] color[13], and[236] therefore[94] a[10] blankness[12] in[107] itself[312].
God[185] help[526] thee[15], old[447] man[17], thy[43] thoughts[26] have[254] created[37] a[10] creature[82] in[107] thee[15];
and[236] he[362] whose[286] intense[89] thinking[385] thus[362] makes[32] him[248] a[10] Prometheus[170];
a[10] vulture[253] feeds[304] upon[419] that[14] heart[470] for[190] ever[208]; that[14] vulture[253] the[19] very[515]
creature[82] he[362] creates[231].

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So[281] far[258] as[113] what[243] there[340] may[236] be[341] of[89] a[10] narrative[81] in[107] this[256] book[230]; and[236], indeed[522],
as[113] indirectly[155] touching[80] one[470] or[519] two[527] very[515] interesting[409] and[236] curious[264]
particulars[230] in[107] the[19] habits[272] of[89] sperm[26] whales[331], the[19] foregoing[25] chapter[293], in[107] its[234]
earlier[56] part[207], is[487] as[113] important[104] a[10] one[470] as[113] will[584] be[341] found[260] in[107] this[256] volume[295];
but[330] the[19] leading[59] matter[176] of[89] it[162] requires[205] to[261] be[341] still[278] further[53] and[236] more[348]
familiarly[31] enlarged[2] upon[419], in[107] order[343] to[261] be[341] adequately[367] understood[473],
and[236] moreover[326] to[261] take[279] away[443] any[501] incredulity[143] which[16] a[10] profound[371] ignorance[211]
of[89] the[19] entire[230] subject[382] may[236] induce[237] in[107] some[265] minds[244], as[113] to[261] the[19] natural[298]
verity[102] of[89] the[19] main[501] points[245] of[89] this[256] affair[388].

I[482] care[307] not[518] to[261] perform[312] this[256] part[207] of[89] my[36] task[482] methodically[178];
but[330] shall[66] be[341] content[7] to[261] produce[494] the[19] desired[480] impression[219]
by[406] separate[495] citations[107] of[89] items[18], practically[138] or[519] reliably[26] known[86]
to[261] me[2] as[113] a[10] whaleman[98]; and[236] from[316] these[527] citations[107], I[482] take[279] it[162]--
the[19] conclusion[330] aimed[314] at[65] will[584] naturally[362] follow[408] of[89] itself[312].

First[13]: I[482] have[254] personally[64] known[86] three[329] instances[252] where[579] a[10] whale[422],
after[358] receiving[124] a[10] harpoon[67], has[399] effected[142] a[10] complete[191] escape[565];
and[236], after[358] an[138] interval[114] (in[107] one[470] instance[141] of[89] three[329] years[116]), has[399] been[185]

again[52] struck[441] by[406] the[19] same[541] hand[252], and[236] slain[268]; when[189] the[19] two[527] irons[363],
both[558] marked[67] by[406] the[19] same[541] private[541] cypher[117], have[254] been[185] taken[222] from[316] the[19] body[348].
In[107] the[19] instance[141] where[579] three[329] years[116] intervened[290] between[77] the[19] flinging[389]
of[89] the[19] two[527] harpoons[6]; and[236] I[482] think[424] it[162] may[236] have[254] been[185] something[181] more[348]
than[77] that[14]; the[19] man[17] who[319] darted[362] them[146] happening[106], in[107] the[19] interval[114],
to[261] go[20] in[107] a[10] trading[280] ship[438] on[392] a[10] voyage[137] to[261] Africa[269], went[516] ashore[122] there[340],
joined[210] a[10] discovery[416] party[314], and[236] penetrated[300] far[258] into[554] the[19] interior[163],
where[579] he[362] travelled[452] for[190] a[10] period[196] of[89] nearly[575] two[527] years[116], often[227] endangered[350]
by[406] serpents[403], savages[247], tigers[20], poisonous[288] miasmas[265], with[449] all[145] the[19] other[282]
common[304] perils[140] incident[339] to[261] wandering[530] in[107] the[19] heart[470] of[89] unknown[10] regions[320].
Meanwhile[282], the[19] whale[422] he[362] had[364] struck[441] must[226] also[119] have[254] been[185] on[392] its[234] travels[134];
no[235] doubt[71] it[162] had[364] thrice[282] circumnavigated[206] the[19] globe[23], brushing[323] with[449] its[234]
flanks[46] all[145] the[19] coasts[147] of[89] Africa[269]; but[330] to[261] no[235] purpose[514]. This[256] man[17] and[236]
this[256] whale[422] again[52] came[549] together[440], and[236] the[19] one[470] vanquished[129] the[19] other[282].
I[482] say[306] I[482], myself[99], have[254] known[86] three[329] instances[252] similar[101] to[261] this[256];
that[14] is[487] in[107] two[527] of[89] them[146] I[482] saw[113] the[19] whales[331] struck[441]; and[236], upon[419] the[19] second[386]
attack[74], saw[113] the[19] two[527] irons[363] with[449] the[19] respective[348] marks[226] cut[310] in[107] them[146],
afterwards[418] taken[222] from[316] the[19] dead[568] fish[187]. In[107] the[19] three[329]-year[347] instance[141],
it[162] so[281] fell[421] out[66] that[14] I[482] was[454] in[107] the[19] boat[439] both[558] times[121], first[13] and[236] last[436],
and[236] the[19] last[436] time[577] distinctly[26] recognized[410] a[10] peculiar[291] sort[42] of[89] huge[132] mole[156]
under[533] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] eye[220], which[16] I[482] had[364] observed[340] there[340] three[329] years[116] previous[376].
I[482] say[306] three[329] years[116], but[330] I[482] am[375] pretty[252] sure[41] it[162] was[454] more[348] than[77] that[14].
Here[135] are[314] three[329] instances[252], then[45], which[16] I[482] personally[64] know[60] the[19] truth[350] of[89];
but[330] I[482] have[254] heard[444] of[89] many[282] other[282] instances[252] from[316] persons[5] whose[286] veracity[332]
in[107] the[19] matter[176] there[340] is[487] no[235] good[221] ground[127] to[261] impeach[129].

Secondly[54]: It[162] is[487] well[263] known[86] in[107] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] Fishery[136], however[44] ignorant[136]
the[19] world[126] ashore[122] may[236] be[341] of[89] it[162], that[14] there[340] have[254] been[185] several[479]
memorable[154] historical[243] instances[252] where[579] a[10] particular[336] whale[422] in[107] the[19] ocean[224]
has[399] been[185] at[65] distant[353] times[121] and[236] places[423] popularly[301] cognisable[272].
Why[177] such[420] a[10] whale[422] became[70] thus[362] marked[67] was[454] not[518] altogether[31] and[236] originally[367]
owing[98] to[261] his[433] bodily[172] peculiarities[38] as[113] distinguished[365] from[316] other[282] whales[331];
for[190] however[44] peculiar[291] in[107] that[14] respect[441] any[501] chance[292] whale[422] may[236] be[341],
they[382] soon[18] put[190] an[138] end[149] to[261] his[433] peculiarities[38] by[406] killing[311] him[248], and[236] boiling[99]
him[248] down[133] into[554] a[10] peculiarly[182] valuable[72] oil[118]. No[235]: the[19] reason[238] was[454] this[256]:
that[14] from[316] the[19] fatal[460] experiences[93] of[89] the[19] fishery[136] there[340] hung[479]
a[10] terrible[132] prestige[41] of[89] perilousness[286] about[123] such[420] a[10] whale[422] as[113] there[340]
did[444] about[123] Rinaldo[75] Rinaldini, insomuch[160] that[14] most[216] fishermen[24] were[324]
content[7] to[261] recognise[363] him[248] by[406] merely[57] touching[80] their[219] tarpaulins[389]
when[189] he[362] would[282] be[341] discovered[36] lounging[325] by[406] them[146] on[392] the[19] sea[67],
without[309] seeking[427] to[261] cultivate[102] a[10] more[348] intimate[155] acquaintance[376].
Like[410] some[265] poor[533] devils[377] ashore[122] that[14] happen[352] to[261] known[86] an[138] irascible[303]
great[259] man[17], they[382] make[175] distant[353] unobtrusive[122] salutations[169] to[261] him[248]
in[107] the[19] street[100], lest[499] if[141] they[382] pursued[460] the[19] acquaintance[376] further[53],
they[382] might[496] receive[327] a[10] summary[420] thump[421] for[190] their[219] presumption[225].

But[330] not[518] only[517] did[444] each[520] of[89] these[527] famous[254] whales[331] enjoy[173] great[259]
individual[233] celebrity[40]--nay[358], you[227] may[236] call[259] it[162] an[138] oceanwide renown[1];
not[518] only[517] was[454] he[362] famous[254] in[107] life[71] and[236] now[20] is[487] immortal[15] in[107]
forecastle[367] stories[264] after[358] death[543], but[330] he[362] was[454] admitted[434] into[554]
all[145] the[19] rights[462], privileges[150], and[236] distinctions[137] of[89] a[10] name[477];
had[364] as[113] much[61] a[10] name[477] indeed[522] as[113] Cambyses[119] or[519] Caesar[24]. Was[454] it[162] not[518] so[281],
O[24] Timor[31] Tom[166]! thou[173] famed[416] leviathan[384], scarred[435] like[410] an[138] iceberg[279],
who[319] so[281] long[544] did[444]'st[193] lurk[246] in[107] the[19] Oriental[147] straits[273] of[89] that[14] name[477],
whose[286] spout[224] was[454] oft[9] seen[154] from[316] the[19] palmy[4] beach[183] of[89] Ombay? Was[454] it[162]
not[518] so[281], O[24] New[36] Zealand[115] Jack[299]! thou[173] terror[85] of[89] all[145] cruisers[298] that[14] crossed[202]
their[219] wakes[60] in[107] the[19] vicinity[208] of[89] the[19] Tattoo[364] Land[406]? Was[454] it[162] not[518] so[281],
O[24] Morquan! King[324] of[89] Japan[53], whose[286] lofty[161] jet[423] they[382] say[306] at[65] times[121]
assumed[460] the[19] semblance[490] of[89] a[10] snow[498]-white[362] cross[416] against[417] the[19] sky[331]?
Was[454] it[162] not[518] so[281], O[24] Don[280] Miguel[107]! thou[173] Chilian[98] whale[422], marked[67] like[410]
an[138] old[447] tortoise[94] with[449] mystic[455] hieroglyphics[99] upon[419] the[19] back[457]!
In[107] plain[28] prose[44], here[135] are[314] four[175] whales[331] as[113] well[263] known[86] to[261] the[19] students[128]
of[89] Cetacean[118] History[183] as[113] Marius[292] or[519] Sylla[267] to[261] the[19] classic[336] scholar[376].

But[330] this[256] is[487] not[518] all[145]. New[36] Zealand[115] Tom[166] and[236] Don[280] Miguel[107], after[358] at[65] various[183]
times[121] creating[250] great[259] havoc[172] among[483] the[19] boats[83] of[89] different[276] vessels[150],
were[324] finally[69] gone[190] in[107] quest[36] of[89], systematically[102] hunted[439] out[66],
chased[389] and[236] killed[409] by[406] valiant[359] whaling[155] captains[124], who[319] heaved[52] up[405] their[219]
anchors[273] with[449] that[14] express[91] object[100] as[113] much[61] in[107] view[370], as[113] in[107] setting[151]
out[66] through[295] the[19] Narragansett[136] Woods[29], Captain[295] Butler[13] of[89] old[447] had[364] it[162]
in[107] his[433] mind[118] to[261] capture[361] that[14] notorious[215] murderous[86] savage[398] Annawon,
the[19] headmost[206] warrior[140] of[89] the[19] Indian[303] King[324] Philip[153].

I[482] do[353] not[518] know[60] where[579] I[482] can[450] find[138] a[10] better[34] place[107] than[77] just[108] here[135],
to[261] make[175] mention[510] of[89] one[470] or[519] two[527] other[282] things[4], which[16] to[261] me[2] seem[404] important[104],
as[113] in[107] printed[199] form[238] establishing[25] in[107] all[145] respects[403] the[19] reasonableness[50]
of[89] the[19] whole[199] story[197] of[89] the[19] White[82] Whale[422], more[348] especially[371] the[19] catastrophe[92].
For[190] this[256] is[487] one[470] of[89] those[427] disheartening[229] instances[252] where[579] truth[350] requires[205]
full[414] as[113] much[61] bolstering[31] as[113] error[374]. So[281] ignorant[136] are[314] most[216] landsmen[117] of[89] some[265]
of[89] the[19] plainest[361] and[236] most[216] palpable[255] wonders[115] of[89] the[19] world[126], that[14] without[309]
some[265] hints[260] touching[80] the[19] plain[28] facts[484], historical[243] and[236] otherwise[542],
of[89] the[19] fishery[136], they[382] might[496] scout[430] at[65] Moby[362] Dick[25] as[113] a[10] monstrous[395] fable[18],
or[519] still[278] worse[561] and[236] more[348] detestable[95], a[10] hideous[298] and[236] intolerable[304] allegory[174].

First[13]: Though[400] most[216] men[62] have[254] some[265] vague[70] flitting[411] ideas[264] of[89] the[19] general[37]
perils[140] of[89] the[19] grand[229] fishery[136], yet[443] they[382] have[254] nothing[324] like[410] a[10] fixed[564], vivid[180]
conception[150] of[89] those[427] perils[140], and[236] the[19] frequency[396] with[449] which[16] they[382] recur[9].
One[470] reason[238] perhaps[75] is[487], that[14] not[518] one[470] in[107] fifty[406] of[89] the[19] actual[143] disasters[138]
and[236] deaths[107] by[406] casualties[347] in[107] the[19] fishery[136], ever[208] finds[455] a[10] public[3] record[571]
at[65] home[450], however[44] transient[13] and[236] immediately[172] forgotten[170] that[14] record[571].
Do[353] you[227] suppose[120] that[14] that[14] poor[533] fellow[369] there[340], who[319] this[256] moment[258] perhaps[75]
caught[105] by[406] the[19] whale[422]-line[25] off[111] the[19] coast[287] of[89] New[36] Guinea[310], is[487] being[264]
carried[232] down[133] to[261] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] sea[67] by[406] the[19] sounding[331] leviathan[384]--
do[353] you[227] suppose[120] that[14] that[14] poor[533] fellow[369]'s[483] name[477] will[584] appear[443] in[107] the[19] newspaper[547]
obituary[266] you[227] will[584] read[98] to[261]-morrow[376] at[65] your[162] breakfast[408]? No[235]: because[540] the[19]
mails[63] are[314] very[515] irregular[430] between[77] here[135] and[236] New[36] Guinea[310]. In[107] fact[12],
did[444] you[227] ever[208] hear[386] what[243] might[496] be[341] called[237] regular[400] news[314] direct[314] or[519] indirect[528]
from[316] New[36] Guinea[310]? Yet[443] I[482] will[584] tell[392] you[227] that[14] upon[419] one[470] particular[336] voyage[137]
which[16] I[482] made[563] to[261] the[19] Pacific[294], among[483] many[282] others[317] we[465] spoke[185] thirty[521]
different[276] ships[21], every[389] one[470] of[89] which[16] had[364] had[364] a[10] death[543] by[406] a[10] whale[422],
some[265] of[89] them[146] more[348] than[77] one[470], and[236] three[329] that[14] had[364] each[520] lost[308] a[10] boat[439]'s[483] crew[126].
For[190] God[185]'s[483] sake[523], be[341] economical[115] with[449] your[162] lamps[310] and[236] candles[457]! not[518] a[10] gallon[290]
you[227] burn[118], but[330] at[65] least[453] one[470] drop[22] of[89] man[17]'s[415] blood[208] was[454] spilled[434] for[190] it[162].

Secondly[54]: People[482] ashore[122] have[254] indeed[522] some[265] indefinite[376] idea[250]
that[14] a[10] whale[422] is[487] an[138] enormous[327] creature[82] of[89] enormous[327] power[145];
but[330] I[482] have[254] ever[208] found[260] that[14] when[189] narrating[170] to[261] them[146] some[265] specific[383]
example[479] of[89] this[256] two[527]-fold[142] enormousness[193], they[382] have[254] significantly[23]
complimented[379] me[2] upon[419] my[36] facetiousness[225]; when[189], I[482] declare[167] upon[419]
my[36] soul[428], I[482] had[364] no[235] more[348] idea[250] of[89] being[264] facetious[68] than[77] Moses[417],
when[189] he[362] wrote[69] the[19] history[183] of[89] the[19] plagues[28] of[89] Egypt[116].

But[330] fortunately[18] the[19] special[326] point[438] I[482] here[135] seek[292] can[450] be[341] established[214]
upon[419] testimony[9] entirely[148] independent[330] of[89] my[36] own[248]. That[14] point[438] is[487] this[256]:
The[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] is[487] in[107] some[265] cases[108] sufficiently[12] powerful[147], knowing[240],
and[236] judiciously[106] malicious[361], as[113] with[449] direct[314] aforethought[251] to[261] stave[416] in[107],
utterly[46] destroy[387], and[236] sink[190] a[10] large[385] ship[438]; and[236] what[243] is[487] more[348],
the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] has[399] done[135] it[162].

First[13]: In[107] the[19] year[347] 1820[209] the[19] ship[438] Essex[27], Captain[295] Pollard[80],
of[89] Nantucket[283], was[454] cruising[298] in[107] the[19] Pacific[294] Ocean[224]. One[470] day[112]
she[391] saw[113] spouts[75], lowered[279] her[400] boats[83], and[236] gave[572] chase[89] to[261] a[10] shoal[520]
of[89] sperm[26] whales[331]. Ere[83] long[544], several[479] of[89] the[19] whales[331] were[324] wounded[396];
when[189], suddenly[193], a[10] very[515] large[385] whale[422] escaping[173] from[316] the[19] boats[83],
issued[146] from[316] the[19] shoal[520], and[236] bore[27] directly[58] down[133] upon[419] the[19] ship[438].
Dashing[14] his[433] forehead[380] against[417] her[400] hull[323], he[362] so[281] stove[373] her[400] in[107],
that[14] in[107] less[261] than[77] "ten[198] minutes[368]" she[391] settled[540] down[133] and[236] fell[421] over[82].
Not[518] a[10] surviving[61] plank[243] of[89] her[400] has[399] been[185] seen[154] since[374].
After[358] the[19] severest[240] exposure[31], part[207] of[89] the[19] crew[126] reached[386] the[19] land[406]
in[107] their[219] boats[83]. Being[264] returned[214] home[450] at[65] last[436], Captain[295] Pollard[80]
once[248] more[348] sailed[248] for[190] the[19] Pacific[294] in[107] command[190] of[89] another[269] ship[438],
but[330] the[19] gods[325] shipwrecked[25] him[248] again[52] upon[419] unknown[10] rocks[265] and[236] breakers[317];
for[190] the[19] second[386] time[577] his[433] ship[438] was[454] utterly[46] lost[308], and[236] forthwith[198]
forswearing[160] the[19] sea[67], he[362] has[399] never[206] attempted[5] it[162] since[374].
At[65] this[256] day[112] Captain[295] Pollard[80] is[487] a[10] resident[555] of[89] Nantucket[283]. I[482] have[254]
seen[154] Owen[129] Chace[355], who[319] was[454] chief[156] mate[508] of[89] the[19] Essex[27] at[65] the[19] time[577]
of[89] the[19] tragedy[409]; I[482] have[254] read[98] his[433] plain[28] and[236] faithful[284] narrative[81];
I[482] have[254] conversed[341] with[449] his[433] son[26]; and[236] all[145] this[256] within[503] a[10] few[49] miles[278]
of[89] the[19] scene[228] of[89] the[19] catastrophe[92].*

*The[19] following[181] are[314] extracts[173] from[316] Chace[355]'s[483] narrative[81]:
"Every[389] fact[12] seemed[132] to[261] warrant[105] me[2] in[107] concluding[84] that[14] it[162] was[454]
anything[480] but[330] chance[292] which[16] directed[498] his[433] operations[181]; he[362] made[563] two[527]
several[479] attacks[444] upon[419] the[19] ship[438], at[65] a[10] short[522] interval[114] between[77] them[146],
both[558] of[89] this[256] catastrophe[92] I[482] have[254] never[206] chanced[424] to[261] their[219] direction[67],
were[324] calculated[321] to[261] do[353] us[569] the[19] whale[422] hunters[423] I[482] have[254] now[20] and[236] then[45]
heard[444] casual[83] allusions[117] to[261] it[162].

Thirdly[27]: Some[265] eighteen[387] or[519] twenty[433] years[116] ago[141] Commodore[415] J[115]---then[45] commanding[76]
an[138] American[272] sloop[172]-of[89]-war[169] of[89] the[19] first[13] class[410], happened[156] to[261] be[341] dining[260]
with[449] a[10] party[314] of[89] whaling[155] captains[124], on[392] board[540] a[10] Nantucket[283] ship[438] in[107] the[19]
harbor[289] of[89] Oahu[98], Sandwich[162] Islands[59]. Conversation[222] turning[69] upon[419] whales[331],
the[19] Commodore[415] was[454] pleased[282] to[261] be[341] sceptical[445] touching[80] the[19] amazing[306]
strength[168] ascribed[344] to[261] them[146] by[406] the[19] professional[357] gentlemen[340] present[112].
He[362] peremptorily[235] denied[40] for[190] example[479], that[14] any[501] whale[422] could[375]
so[281] smite[37] his[433] stout[29] sloop[172]-of[89]-war[169] as[113] to[261] cause[220] her[400] to[261] leak[41] so[281] much[61]
as[113] a[10] thimbleful[278]. Very[515] good[221]; but[330] there[340] is[487] more[348] coming[140].
Some[265] weeks[522] later[87], the[19] Commodore[415] set[422] sail[218] in[107] this[256] impregnable[410] craft[187]
for[190] Valparaiso[31]. But[330] he[362] was[454] stopped[564] on[392] the[19] way[435] by[406] a[10] portly[149] sperm[26] whale[422],
that[14] begged[345] a[10] few[49] moments[434]' confidential[147] business[168] with[449] him[248].
That[14] business[168] consisted[412] in[107] fetching[320] the[19] Commodore[415]'s[483] craft[187] such[420] a[10] thwack[260],
that[14] with[449] all[145] his[433] pumps[128] going[227] he[362] made[563] straight[346] for[190] the[19] nearest[26]
port[409] to[261] heave[308] down[133] and[236] repair[373]. I[482] am[375] not[518] superstitious[49], but[330] I[482]
consider[259] the[19] Commodore[415]'s[483] interview[296] with[449] that[14] whale[422] as[113] providential[451].
Was[454] not[518] Saul[401] of[89] Tarsus[275] converted[260] from[316] unbelief[127] by[406] a[10] similar[101] fright[18]?
I[482] tell[392] you[227], the[19] sperm[26] whale[422] will[584] stand[530] no[235] nonsense[581].

I[482] will[584] now[20] refer[169] you[227] to[261] Langsdorff[227]'s[483] Voyages[368] for[190] a[10] little[554] circumstance[407] in[107] point[438], peculiarly[182] interesting[409] to[261] the[19] writer[280] hereof[26]. Langsdorff[227], you[227] must[226] know[60] by[406] the[19] way[435], was[454] attached[211] to[261] the[19] Russian[300] Admiral[25] Krusenstern's[483] famous[254] Discovery[416] Expedition[308] in[107] the[19] beginning[188] of[89] the[19] present[112] century[149]. Captain[295] Langsdorff[227] thus[362] begins[374] his[433] seventeenth[390] chapter[293]:

"By[406] the[19] thirteenth[451] of[89] May[236] our[234] ship[438] was[454] ready[464] to[261] sail[218], and[236] the[19] next[27] day[112] we[465] were[324] out[66] in[107] the[19] open[464] sea[67], on[392] our[234] way[435] to[261] Ochotsh. The[19] weather[405] was[454] very[515] clear[408] and[236] fine[333], but[330] so[281] intolerably[181] cold[330] that[14] we[465] were[324] obliged[206] to[261] keep[381] on[392] our[234] fur[370] clothing[217]. For[190] some[265] days[351] we[465] had[364] very[515] little[554] wind[262]; it[162] was[454] not[518] till[181] the[19] nineteenth[36] that[14] a[10] brisk[142] gale[440] from[316] the[19] northwest[136] sprang[253] up[405]. An[138] uncommonly[194] large[385] whale[422], the[19] body[348] of[89] which[16] was[454] larger[50] than[77] the[19] ship[438] itself[312], lay[62] almost[518] at[65] the[19] surface[328] of[89] the[19] water[520], but[330] was[454] not[518] perceived[76] by[406] any[501] one[470] on[392] board[540] till[181] the[19] moment[258] when[189] the[19] ship[438], which[16] was[454] in[107] full[414] sail[218], was[454] almost[518] upon[419] him[248], so[281] that[14] it[162] was[454] impossible[305] to[261] prevent[491] its[234] striking[22] against[417] him[248]. We[465] were[324] thus[362] placed[556] in[107] the[19] most[216] imminent[22] danger[383], as[113] this[256] gigantic[157] creature[82], setting[151] up[405] its[234] back[457], raised[493] the[19] ship[438] three[329] feet[349] at[65] least[453] out[66] of[89] the[19] water[520]. The[19] masts[212] reeled[429], and[236] the[19] sails[344] fell[421] altogether[31], while[55] we[465] who[319] were[324] below[397] all[145] sprang[253] instantly[186] upon[419] the[19] deck[505], concluding[84] that[14] we[465] had[364] struck[441] upon[419] some[265] rock[264]; instead[398] of[89] this[256] we[465] saw[113] the[19] monster[480] sailing[232] off[111] with[449] the[19] utmost[43] gravity[430] and[236] solemnity[310]. Captain[295] D[67]'Wolf applied[122] immediately[172] to[261] the[19] pumps[128] to[261] examine[203] whether[454] or[519] not[518] the[19] vessel[155] had[364] received[12] any[501] damage[348] from[316] the[19] shock[44], but[330] we[465] found[260] that[14] very[515] happily[217] it[162] had[364] escaped[197] entirely[148] uninjured[31]."

Now[20], the[19] Captain[295] D[67]'Wolf here[135] alluded[231] to[261] as[113] commanding[76] the[19] ship[438] in[107] question[562], is[487] a[10] New[36] Englander[75], who[319], after[358] a[10] long[544] life[71] of[89] unusual[322] adventures[266] as[113] a[10] sea[67]-captain[295], this[256] day[112] resides[83] in[107] the[19] village[218] of[89] Dorchester[277] near[70] Boston[240]. I[482] have[254] the[19] honor[497] of[89] being[264] a[10] nephew[314] of[89] his[433]. I[482] have[254] particularly[106] questioned[122] him[248] concerning[368] this[256] passage[285] in[107] Langsdorff[227]. He[362] substantiates[103] every[389] word[486]. The[19] ship[438], however[44], was[454] by[406] no[235] means[502] a[10] large[385] one[470]: a[10] Russian[300] craft[187] built[20] on[392] the[19] Siberian[154] coast[287], and[236] purchased[188] by[406] my[36] uncle[178] after[358] bartering[290] away[443] the[19] vessel[155] in[107] which[16] he[362] sailed[248] from[316] home[450].

In[107] that[14] up[405] and[236] down[133] manly[56] book[230] of[89] old[447]-fashioned[432] adventure[44], so[281] full[414], too[11], of[89] honest[287] wonders[115]--the[19] voyage[137] of[89] Lionel[396] Wafer[4], one[470] of[89] ancient[463] Dampier[25]'s[483] old[447] chums[83]--I[482] found[260] a[10] little[554] matter[176] set[422] down[133] so[281] like[410] that[14] just[108] quoted[280] from[316] Langsdorff[227], that[14] I[482] cannot forbear[511] inserting[357] it[162] here[135] for[190] a[10] corroborative[118] example[479], if[141] such[420] be[341] needed[133].

Lionel[396], it[162] seems[19], was[454] on[392] his[433] way[435] to[261] "John[416] Ferdinando[484]," as[113] he[362] calls[15] the[19] modern[446] Juan[31] Fernandes[206]. "In[107] our[234] way[435] thither[118]," he[362] says[424], "about[123] four[175] o[24]'clock[489] in[107] the[19] morning[417], when[189] we[465] were[324] about[123] one[470] hundred[93] and[236] fifty[406] leagues[116] from[316] the[19] Main[501] of[89] America[133], our[234] ship[438] felt[440] a[10] terrible[132] shock[44], which[16] put[190] our[234] men[62] in[107] such[420] consternation[52] that[14] they[382] could[375] hardly[182] tell[392] where[579] they[382] were[324] or[519] what[243] to[261] think[424]; but[330] every[389] one[470] began[132] to[261] prepare[265] for[190] death[543]. And[236], indeed[522], the[19] shock[44] was[454] so[281] sudden[309] and[236] violent[336], that[14] we[465] took[68] it[162] for[190] granted[317] the[19] ship[438] had[364] struck[441] against[417] a[10] rock[264]; but[330] when[189] the[19] amazement[223] was[454] a[10] little[554] over[82], we[465] cast[99] the[19] lead[362], and[236] sounded[163], but[330] found[260] no[235] ground[127]. ... The[19] suddenness[31] of[89] the[19] shock[44] made[563] the[19] guns[225] leap[342] in[107] their[219] carriages[322], and[236] several[479] of[89] the[19] men[62] were[324] shaken[23] out[66] of[89] their[219] hammocks[264]. Captain[295] Davis[211], who[319] lay[62] with[449] his[433] head[219] on[392] a[10] gun[152], was[454] thrown[359] out[66] of[89] his[433] cabin[192]!" Lionel[396] then[45] goes[205] on[392] to[261] impute[261] the[19] shock[44] to[261] an[138] earthquake[20], and[236] seems[19] to[261] substantiate[173] the[19] imputation[371] by[406] stating[521] that[14] a[10] great[259] earthquake[20], somewhere[201] about[123] that[14] time[577], did[444] actually[69] do[353] great[259] mischief[260] along[423] the[19] Spanish[124] land[406]. But[330] I[482] should[255] not[518] much[61] wonder[76] if[141], in[107] the[19] darkness[493] of[89] that[14] early[92] hour[384] of[89] the[19] morning[417], the[19] shock[44] was[454] after[358] all[145] caused[308] by[406] an[138] unseen[173] whale[422] vertically[39] bumping[40] the[19] hull[323] from[316] beneath[320].

I[482] might[496] proceed[367] with[449] several[479] more[348] examples[53], one[470] way[435] or[519] another[269] known[86] to[261] me[2], of[89] the[19] great[259] power[145] and[236] malice[157] at[65] times[121] of[89] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422]. In[107] more[348] than[77] one[470] instance[141], he[362] has[399] been[185] known[86], not[518] only[517] to[261] chase[89] the[19] assailing[83] boats[83] back[457] to[261] their[219] ships[21], but[330] to[261] pursue[426] the[19] ship[438] itself[312], and[236] long[544] withstand[263] all[145] the[19] lances[8] hurled[46] at[65] him[248] from[316] its[234] decks[386]. The[19] English[69] ship[438] Pusie Hall[165] can[450] tell[392] a[10] story[197] on[392] that[14] head[219]; and[236], as[113] for[190] his[433] strength[168], let[66] me[2] say[306], that[14] there[340] have[254] been[185] examples[53] where[579] the[19] lines[241] attached[211] to[261] a[10] running[296] sperm[26] whale[422] have[254], in[107] a[10] calm[39], been[185] transferred[8] to[261] the[19] ship[438], and[236] secured[284] there[340]! the[19] whale[422] towing[78] her[400] great[259] hull[323] through[295] the[19] water[520], as[113] a[10] horse[409] walks[461] off[111] with[449] a[10] cart[238]. Again[52], it[162] is[487] very[515] often[227] observed[340] that[14], if[141] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422], once[248] struck[441], is[487] allowed[339] time[577] to[261] rally[264], he[362] then[45] acts[395], not[518] so[281] often[227] with[449] blind[375] rage[293], as[113] with[449] wilful[160], deliberate[29] designs[18] of[89] destruction[423] to[261] his[433] pursuers[196]; nor[137] is[487] it[162] without[309] conveying[70] some[265] eloquent[95] indication[557] of[89] his[433] character[239], that[14] upon[419] being[264] attacked[507] he[362] will[584] frequently[475] open[464] his[433] mouth[414], and[236] retain[153] it[162] in[107] that[14] dread[251] expansion[43] for[190] several[479] consecutive[259] minutes[368]. But[330] I[482] must[226] be[341] content[7] with[449] only[517] one[470] more[348] and[236] a[10] concluding[84] illustration[416]; a[10] remarkable[381] and[236] most[216] significant[143] one[470], by[406] which[16] you[227] will[584] not[518] fail[126]

to[261] see[370], that[14] not[518] only[517] is[487] the[19] most[216] marvellous[35] event[28] in[107] this[256] book[230] corroborated[27] by[406] plain[28] facts[484] of[89] the[19] present[112] day[112], but[330] that[14] these[527] marvels[25] (like[410] all[145] marvels[25]) are[314] mere[393] repetitions[54] of[89] the[19] ages[146]; so[281] that[14] for[190] the[19] millionth[258] time[577] we[465] say[306] amen[184] with[449] Solomon[8]--Verily[113] there[340] is[487] nothing[324] new[36] under[533] the[19] sun[397].

In[107] the[19] sixth[1] Christian[235] century[149] lived[415] Procopius[154], a[10] Christian[235] magistrate[64] of[89] Constantinople[330], in[107] the[19] days[351] when[189] Justinian[27] was[454] Emperor[262] and[236] Belisarius[25] general[37]. As[113] many[282] know[60], he[362] wrote[69] the[19] history[183] of[89] his[433] own[248] times[121], a[10] work[385] every[389] way[435] of[89] uncommon[88] value[567]. By[406] the[19] best[315] authorities[322], he[362] has[399] always[367] been[185] considered[484] a[10] most[216] trustworthy[303] and[236] unexaggerating historian[147], except[545] in[107] some[265] one[470] or[519] two[527] particulars[230], not[518] at[65] all[145] affecting[264] the[19] matter[176] presently[166] to[261] be[341] mentioned[149].

Now[20], in[107] this[256] history[183] of[89] his[433], Procopius[154] mentions[243] that[14], during[309] the[19] term[416] of[89] his[433] prefecture[9] at[65] Constantinople[330], a[10] great[259] sea[67]-monster[480] was[454] captured[126] in[107] the[19] neighboring[399] Propontis[110], or[519] Sea[67] of[89] Marmora[8], after[358] having[69] destroyed[197] vessels[150] at[65] intervals[295] in[107] those[427] waters[556] for[190] a[10] period[196] of[89] more[348] than[77] fifty[406] years[116]. A[10] fact[12] thus[362] set[422] down[133] in[107] substantial[101] history[183] cannot easily[45] be[341] gainsaid[24]. Nor[137] is[487] there[340] any[501] reason[238] it[162] should[255] be[341]. Of[89] what[243] precise[158] species[69] this[256] sea[67]-monster[480] was[454], is[487] not[518] mentioned[149]. But[330] as[113] he[362] destroyed[197] ships[21], as[113] well[263] as[113] for[190] other[282] reasons[186], he[362] must[226] have[254] been[185] a[10] whale[422]; and[236] I[482] am[375] strongly[168] inclined[76] to[261] think[424] a[10] sperm[26] whale[422]. And[236] I[482] will[584] tell[392] you[227] why[177]. For[190] a[10] long[544] time[577] I[482] fancied[100] that[14] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422] had[364] been[185] always[367] unknown[10] in[107] the[19] Mediterranean[241] and[236] the[19] deep[483] waters[556] connecting[430] with[449] it[162]. Even[198] now[20] I[482] am[375] certain[31] that[14] those[427] seas[350] are[314] not[518], and[236] perhaps[75] never[206] can[450] be[341], in[107] the[19] present[112] constitution[480] of[89] things[4], a[10] place[107] for[190] his[433] habitual[214] gregarious[204] resort[425]. But[330] further[53] investigations[29] have[254] recently[128] proved[312] to[261] me[2], that[14] in[107] modern[446] times[121] there[340] have[254] been[185] isolated[93] instances[252] of[89] the[19] presence[492] of[89] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422] in[107] the[19] Mediterranean[241]. I[482] am[375] told[82], on[392] good[221] authority[146], that[14] on[392] the[19] Barbary[119] coast[287], a[10] Commodore[415] Davis[211] of[89] the[19] British[81] navy[83] found[260] the[19] skeleton[231] of[89] a[10] sperm[26] whale[422]. Now[20], as[113] a[10] vessel[155] of[89] war[169] readily[467] passes[350] through[295] the[19] Dardanelles[296], hence[503] a[10] sperm[26] whale[422] could[375], by[406] the[19] same[541] route[197], pass[153] out[66] of[89] the[19] Mediterranean[241] into[554] the[19] Propontis[110].

In[107] the[19] Propontis[110], as[113] far[258] as[113] I[482] can[450] learn[341], none[365] of[89] that[14] peculiar[291] substance[316] called[237] brit[20] is[487] to[261] be[341] found[260], the[19] aliment[423] of[89] the[19] right[499] whale[422]. But[330] I[482] have[254] every[389] reason[238] to[261] believe[191] that[14] the[19] food[248] of[89] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422]--squid[318] or[519] cuttle-fish[187]--lurks[115] at[65] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] that[14] sea[67], because[540] large[385] creatures[5], but[330] by[406] no[235] means[502] the[19] largest[139] of[89] that[14] sort[42], have[254] been[185] found[260] at[65] its[234] surface[328]. If[141], then[45], you[227] properly[93] put[190] these[527] statements[42] together[440], and[236] reason[238] upon[419] them[146] a[10] bit[72], you[227] will[584] clearly[53] perceive[131] that[14], according[281] to[261] all[145] human[43] reasoning[68], Procopius[154]'s[483] sea[67]-monster[480], that[14] for[190] half[119] a[10] century[149] stove[373] the[19] ships[21] of[89] a[10] Roman[333] Emperor[262], must[226] in[107] all[145] probability[377] have[254] been[185] a[10] sperm[26] whale[422].

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Though[400], consumed[78] with[449] the[19] hot[424] fire[559] of[89] his[433] purpose[514], Ahab[232] in[107] all[145] his[433] thoughts[26] and[236] actions[201] ever[208] had[364] in[107] view[370] the[19] ultimate[221] capture[361] of[89] Moby[362] Dick[25]; though[400] he[362] seemed[132] ready[464] to[261] sacrifice[317] all[145] mortal[371] interests[27] to[261] that[14] one[470] passion[38]; nevertheless[104] it[162] may[236] have[254] been[185] that[14] he[362] was[454] by[406] nature[159] and[236] long[544] habituation[326] far[258] too[11] wedded[489] to[261] a[10] fiery[42] whaleman[98]'s[483] ways[101], altogether[31] to[261] abandon[12] the[19] collateral[203] prosecution[480] of[89] the[19] voyage[137]. Or[519] at[65] least[453] if[141] this[256] were[324] otherwise[542], there[340] were[324] not[518] wanting[361] other[282] motives[5] much[61] more[348] influential[426] with[449] him[248]. It[162] would[282] be[341] refining[136] too[11] much[61], perhaps[75], even[198] considering[115] his[433] monomania[336], to[261] hint[335] that[14] his[433] vindictiveness[234] towards[417] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] might[496] have[254] possibly[201] extended[531] itself[312] in[107] some[265] degree[209] to[261] all[145] sperm[26] whales[331], and[236] that[14] the[19] more[348] monsters[129] he[362] slew[137] by[406] so[281] much[61] the[19] more[348] he[362] multiplied[191] the[19] chances[400] that[14] each[520] subsequently[342] encountered[102] whale[422] would[282] prove[396] to[261] be[341] the[19] hated[499] one[470] he[362] hunted[439]. But[330] if[141] such[420] an[138] hypothesis[262] be[341] indeed[522] exceptionable[31], there[340] were[324] still[278] additional[131] considerations[88] which[16], though[400] not[518] so[281] strictly[303] according[281] with[449] the[19] wildness[424] of[89] his[433] ruling[161] passion[38], yet[443] were[324] by[406] no[235] means[502] incapable[181] of[89] swaying[315] him[248].

To[261] accomplish[254] his[433] object[100] Ahab[232] must[226] use[176] tools[21]; and[236] of[89] all[145] tools[21] used[102] in[107] the[19] shadow[438] of[89] the[19] moon[45], men[62] are[314] most[216] apt[40] to[261] get[126] out[66] of[89] order[343]. He[362] knew[480], for[190] example[479], that[14] however[44] magnetic[181] his[433] ascendency[480] in[107] some[265] respects[403] was[454] over[82] Starbuck, yet[443] that[14] ascendency[480] did[444] not[518] cover[172] the[19] complete[191] spiritual[467] man[17] any[501] more[348] than[77] mere[393] corporeal[355] superiority[507] involves[167] intellectual[243] mastership[43]; for[190] to[261] the[19] purely[138] spiritual[467], the[19] intellectual[243] but[330] stand[530] in[107] a[10] sort[42] of[89] corporeal[355] relation[129]. Starbuck's[483] body[348] and[236] Starbuck's[483] coerced[443] will[584] were[324] Ahab[232]'s[483], so[281] long[544] as[113] Ahab[232] kept[290] his[433] magnet[506] at[65] Starbuck's[483] brain[158]; still[278] he[362] knew[480] that[14] for[190] all[145] this[256] the[19] chief[156] mate[508], in[107] his[433] soul[428], abhorred[324] his[433] captain[295]'s[483] quest[36], and[236] could[375] he[362], would[282] joyfully[498] disintegrate[7] himself[282] from[316] it[162], or[519] even[198] frustrate[362] it[162]. It[162] might[496] be[341] that[14] a[10] long[544] interval[114] would[282] elapse[78] ere[83] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]

was[454] seen[154]. During[309] that[14] long[544] interval[114] Starbuck would[282] ever[208] be[341] apt[40] to[261] fall[90] into[554] open[464] relapses[229] of[89] rebellion[486] against[417] his[433] captain[295]'s[483] leadership[163], unless[54] some[265] ordinary[225], prudential[154], circumstantial[102] influences[232] were[324] brought[85] to[261] bear[48] upon[419] him[248]. Not[518] only[517] that[14], but[330] the[19] subtle[143] insanity[115] of[89] Ahab[232] respecting[540] Moby[362] Dick[25] was[454] noways[295] more[348] significantly[23] manifested[440] than[77] in[107] his[433] superlative[35] sense[85] and[236] shrewdness[262] in[107] foreseeing[366] that[14], for[190] the[19] present[112], the[19] hunt[418] should[255] in[107] some[265] way[435] be[341] stripped[301] of[89] that[14] strange[440] imaginative[128] impiousness[196] which[16] naturally[362] invested[60] it[162]; that[14] the[19] full[414] terror[85] of[89] the[19] voyage[137] must[226] be[341] kept[290] withdrawn[35] into[554] the[19] obscure[143] background[397] (for[190] few[49] men[62]'s[483] courage[48] is[487] proof[161] against[417] protracted[122] meditation[21] unrelieved[22] by[406] action[102]); that[14] when[189] they[382] stood[1] their[219] long[544] night[108] watches[458], his[433] officers[439] and[236] men[62] must[226] have[254] some[265] nearer[303] things[4] to[261] think[424] of[89] than[77] Moby[362] Dick[25]. For[190] however[44] eagerly[100] and[236] impetuously[86] the[19] savage[398] crew[126] had[364] hailed[411] the[19] announcement[457] of[89] his[433] quest[36]; yet[443] all[145] sailors[64] of[89] all[145] sorts[354] are[314] more[348] or[519] less[261] capricious[6] and[236] unreliable[31]-- they[382] live[554] in[107] the[19] varying[303] outer[359] weather[405], and[236] they[382] inhale[339] its[234] fickleness[201]-- and[236] when[189] retained[155] for[190] any[501] object[100] remote[141] and[236] blank[156] in[107] the[19] pursuit[305], however[44] promissory[425] of[89] life[71] and[236] passion[38] in[107] the[19] end[149], it[162] is[487] above[502] all[145] things[4] requisite[400] that[14] temporary[235] interests[27] and[236] employments[216] should[255] intervene[363] and[236] hold[204] them[146] healthily[102] suspended[245] for[190] the[19] final[357] dash[355].

Nor[137] was[454] Ahab[232] unmindful[225] of[89] another[269] thing[309]. In[107] times[121] of[89] strong[145] emotion[355] mankind[40] disdain[256] all[145] base[258] considerations[88]; but[330] such[420] times[121] are[314] evanescent[303]. The[19] permanent[339] constitutional[330] condition[62] of[89] the[19] manufactured[139] man[17], thought[186] Ahab[232], is[487] sordidness[22]. Granting[235] that[14] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] fully[530] incites[201] the[19] hearts[431] of[89] this[256] my[36] savage[398] crew[126], and[236] playing[471] round[287] their[219] savageness[88] even[198] breeds[447] a[10] certain[31] generous[355] knight[176]-errantism in[107] them[146], still[278], while[55] for[190] the[19] love[391] of[89] it[162] they[382] give[142] chase[89] to[261] Moby[362] Dick[25], they[382] must[226] also[119] have[254] food[248] for[190] their[219] more[348] common[304], daily[201] appetites[249]. For[190] even[198] the[19] high[361] lifted[448] and[236] chivalric[243] Crusaders[29] of[89] old[447] times[121] were[324] not[518] content[7] to[261] traverse[181] two[527] thousand[586] miles[278] of[89] land[406] to[261] fight[330] for[190] their[219] holy[61] sepulchre[75], without[309] committing[24] burglaries[83], picking[331] pockets[240], and[236] gaining[225] other[282] pious[237] perquisites[25] by[406] the[19] way[435]. Had[364] they[382] been[185] strictly[303] held[212] to[261] their[219] one[470] final[357] and[236] romantic[133] object[100]-- that[14] final[357] and[236] romantic[133] object[100], too[11] many[282] would[282] have[254] turned[492] from[316] in[107] disgust[201]. I[482] will[584] not[518] strip[396] these[527] men[62], thought[186] Ahab[232], of[89] all[145] hopes[36] of[89] cash[290]--aye[86], cash[290]. They[382] may[236] scorn[8] cash[290] now[20]; but[330] let[66] some[265] months[17] go[20] by[406], and[236] no[235] perspective[357] promise[461] of[89] it[162] to[261] them[146], and[236] then[45] this[256] same[541] quiescent[460] cash[290] all[145] at[65] once[248] mutinying[24] in[107] them[146], this[256] same[541] cash[290] would[282] soon[18] cashier[27] Ahab[232].

Nor[137] was[454] there[340] wanting[361] still[278] another[269] precautionary[4] motive[54] more[348] related[377] to[261] Ahab[232] personally[64]. Having[69] impulsively[122], it[162] is[487] probable[213], and[236] perhaps[75] somewhat[77] prematurely[374] revealed[530] the[19] prime[425] but[330] private[541] purpose[514] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] voyage[137], Ahab[232] was[454] now[20] entirely[148] conscious[443] that[14], in[107] so[281] doing[227], he[362] had[364] indirectly[155] laid[181] himself[282] open[464] to[261] the[19] unanswerable[50] charge[308] of[89] usurpation[110]; and[236] with[449] perfect[307] impunity[106], both[558] moral[221] and[236] legal[145], his[433] crew[126] if[141] so[281] disposed[154], and[236] to[261] that[14] end[149] competent[348], could[375] refuse[337] all[145] further[53] obedience[74] to[261] him[248], and[236] even[198] violently[340] wrest[253] from[316] him[248] the[19] command[190]. From[316] even[198] the[19] barely[221] hinted[253] imputation[371] of[89] usurpation[110], and[236] the[19] possible[277] consequences[167] of[89] such[420] a[10] suppressed[211] impression[219] gaining[225] ground[127], Ahab[232] must[226] of[89] course[171] have[254] been[185] most[216] anxious[256] to[261] protect[77] himself[282]. That[14] protection[71] could[375] only[517] consist[103] in[107] his[433] own[248] predominating[262] brain[158] and[236] heart[470] and[236] hand[252], backed[270] by[406] a[10] heedful[133], closely[218] calculating[368] attention[518] to[261] every[389] minute[236] atmospheric[83] influence[299] which[16] it[162] was[454] possible[277] for[190] his[433] crew[126] to[261] be[341] subjected[43] to[261].

For[190] all[145] these[527] reasons[186] then[45], and[236] others[317] perhaps[75] too[11] analytic[396] to[261] be[341] verbally[4] developed[396] here[135], Ahab[232] plainly[450] saw[113] that[14] he[362] must[226] still[278] in[107] a[10] good[221] degree[209] continue[225] true[483] to[261] the[19] natural[298], nominal[336] purpose[514] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] voyage[137]; observe[213] all[145] customary[79] usages[262]; and[236] not[518] only[517] that[14], but[330] force[406] himself[282] to[261] evince[433] all[145] his[433] well[263] known[86] passionate[480] interest[323] in[107] the[19] general[37] pursuit[305] of[89] his[433] profession[202].

Be[341] all[145] this[256] as[113] it[162] may[236], his[433] voice[233] was[454] now[20] often[227] heard[444] hailing[400] the[19] three[329] mastheads[157] and[236] admonishing[291] them[146] to[261] keep[381] a[10] bright[205] look[523]-out[66], and[236] not[518] omit[296] reporting[388] even[198] a[10] porpoise[487]. This[256] vigilance[124] was[454] not[518] long[544] without[309] reward[116].

CHAPTER[293] 47[21]

The[19] Mat[316]-Maker[52]

It[162] was[454] a[10] cloudy[284], sultry[403] afternoon[128]; the[19] seamen[6] were[324] lazily[347] lounging[325] about[123] the[19] decks[386], or[519] vacantly[423] gazing[117] over[82] into[554] the[19] lead[362]-colored[213] waters[556]. Queequeg and[236] I[482] were[324] mildly[115] employed[263] weaving[113] what[243] is[487] called[237] a[10] sword[273]-mat[316], for[190] an[138] additional[131] lashing[19] to[261] our[234] boat[439]. So[281] still[278] and[236] subdued[8] and[236] yet[443] somehow[425] preluding[80] was[454] all[145] the[19] scene[228], and[236] such[420] an[138] incantation[102] of[89] revelry[279] lurked[453] in[107] the[19] air[209], that[14] each[520] silent[382] sailor[561] seemed[132] resolved[158] into[554] his[433] own[248] invisible[186] self[442].

I[482] was[454] the[19] attendant[13] or[519] page[425] of[89] Queequeg, while[55] busy[130] at[65] the[19] mat[316]. As[113] I[482] kept[290] passing[147] and[236] repassing[98] the[19] filling[330] or[519] woof[414] of[89] marline[98]

between[77] the[19] long[544] yarns[122] of[89] the[19] warp[382], using[14] my[36] own[248] hand[252] for[190] the[19] shuttle[465],
and[236] as[113] Queequeg, standing[144] sideways[496], ever[208] and[236] anon[88] slid[132] his[433] heavy[421]
oaken[492] sword[273] between[77] the[19] threads[19], and[236] idly[188] looking[318] off[111] upon[419]
the[19] water[520], carelessly[184] and[236] unthinkingly[364] drove[427] home[450] every[389] yarn[118];
I[482] say[306] so[281] strange[440] a[10] dreaminess[41] did[444] there[340] then[45] reign[145] all[145] over[82]
the[19] ship[438] and[236] all[145] over[82] the[19] sea[67], only[517] broken[255] by[406] the[19] intermitting[141]
dull[546] sound[181] of[89] the[19] sword[273], that[14] it[162] seemed[132] as[113] if[141] this[256] were[324]
the[19] Loom[280] of[89] Time[577], and[236] I[482] myself[99] were[324] a[10] shuttle[465] mechanically[143]
weaving[113] and[236] weaving[113] away[443] at[65] the[19] Fates[553]. There[340] lay[62] the[19] fixed[564]
threads[19] of[89] the[19] warp[382] subject[382] to[261] but[330] one[470] single[77], ever[208] returning[53],
unchanging[80] vibration[78], and[236] that[14] vibration[78] merely[57] enough[217] to[261] admit[321]
of[89] the[19] crosswise[350] interblending of[89] other[282] threads[19] with[449] its[234] own[248].
This[256] warp[382] seemed[132] necessity[81]; and[236] here[135], thought[186] I[482], with[449] my[36] own[248]
hand[252] I[482] ply[108] my[36] own[248] shuttle[465] and[236] weave[46] my[36] own[248] destiny[255] into[554]
these[527] unalterable[27] threads[19]. Meantime[210], Queequeg's[483] impulsive[389],
indifferent[255] sword[273], sometimes[77] hitting[127] the[19] woof[414] slantingly[68],
or[519] crookedly[60], or[519] strongly[168], or[519] weakly[132], as[113] the[19] case[346] might[496] be[341];
and[236] by[406] this[256] difference[3] in[107] the[19] concluding[84] blow[230] producing[1] a[10]
corresponding[427] contrast[205] in[107] the[19] final[357] aspect[147] of[89] the[19] completed[102] fabric[191];
this[256] savage[398]'s[483] sword[273], thought[186] I[482], which[16] thus[362] finally[69] shapes[525] and[236] fashions[74]
both[558] warp[382] and[236] woof[414]; this[256] easy[281], indifferent[255] sword[273] must[226] be[341] chance[292]--
aye[86], chance[292], free[483] will[584], and[236] necessity[81]--no[235] wise[16] incompatible[320]--
all[145] interweavingly working[113] together[440]. The[19] straight[346] warp[382]
of[89] necessity[81], not[518] to[261] be[341] swerved[25] from[316] its[234] ultimate[221] course[171]--
its[234] every[389] alternating[83] vibration[78], indeed[522], only[517] tending[293] to[261] that[14];
free[483] will[584] still[278] free[483] to[261] ply[108] her[400] shuttle[465] between[77] given[141] threads[19];
and[236] chance[292], though[400] restrained[309] in[107] its[234] play[89] within[503] the[19] right[499] lines[241]
of[89] necessity[81], and[236] sideways[496] in[107] its[234] motions[62] directed[498] by[406] free[483] will[584],
though[400] thus[362] prescribed[128] to[261] by[406] both[558], chance[292] by[406] turns[136] rules[318] either[45],
and[236] has[399] the[19] last[436] featuring[357] blow[230] at[65] events[390].

Thus[362] we[465] were[324] weaving[113] and[236] weaving[113] away[443] when[189] I[482] started[492] at[65] a[10] sound[181]
so[281] strange[440], long[544] drawn[564], and[236] musically[201] wild[230] and[236] unearthly[110],
that[14] the[19] ball[141] of[89] free[483] will[584] dropped[2] from[316] my[36] hand[252], and[236] I[482] stood[1]
gazing[117] up[405] at[65] the[19] clouds[342] whence[494] that[14] voice[233] dropped[2] like[410] a[10] wing[101].
High[361] aloft[276] in[107] the[19] cross[416]-trees[354] was[454] that[14] mad[235] Gay[323]-Header, Tashtego.
His[433] body[348] was[454] reaching[141] eagerly[100] forward[364], his[433] hand[252] stretched[63] out[66]
like[410] a[10] wand[450], and[236] at[65] brief[59] sudden[309] intervals[295] he[362] continued[44] his[433] cries[104].
To[261] be[341] sure[41] the[19] same[541] sound[181] was[454] that[14] very[515] moment[258] perhaps[75] being[264]
heard[444] all[145] over[82] the[19] seas[350], from[316] hundreds[458] of[89] whalemen[451]'s[483] look[523]-outs[52]
perched[151] as[113] high[361] in[107] the[19] air[209]; but[330] from[316] few[49] of[89] those[427] lungs[40] could[375]
that[14] accustomed[295] old[447] cry[561] have[254] derived[494] such[420] a[10] marvellous[35] cadence[330]
as[113] from[316] Tashtego the[19] Indian[303]'s[483].

As[113] he[362] stood[1] hovering[520] over[82] you[227] half[119] suspended[245] in[107] air[209], so[281] wildly[356]
and[236] eagerly[100] peering[446] towards[417] the[19] horizon[516], you[227] would[282] have[254] thought[186]
him[248] some[265] prophet[25] or[519] seer[44] beholding[248] the[19] shadows[480] of[89] Fate[74],
and[236] by[406] those[427] wild[230] cries[104] announcing[337] their[219] coming[140].

"There[340] she[391] blows[361]! there[340]! there[340]! there[340]! she[391] blows[361]! she[391] blows[361]!"

"Where[579]-away[443]?"

"On[392] the[19] lee[472]-beam[298], about[123] two[527] miles[278] off[111]! a[10] school[315] of[89] them[146]!"

Instantly[186] all[145] was[454] commotion[155].

The[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] blows[361] as[113] a[10] clock[489] ticks[453], with[449] the[19] same[541] undeviating[138]
and[236] reliable[111] uniformity[350]. And[236] thereby[190] whalemen[451] distinguish[76] this[256]
fish[187] from[316] other[282] tribes[402] of[89] his[433] genus[165].

"There[340] go[20] flukes[155]!" was[454] now[20] the[19] cry[561] from[316] Tashtego;
and[236] the[19] whales[331] disappeared[5].

"Quick[241], steward[82]!" cried[506] Ahab[232]. "Time[577]! time[577]!"

Dough-Boy[110] hurried[335] below[397], glanced[411] at[65] the[19] watch[89], and[236] reported[123] the[19] exact[408]
minute[236] to[261] Ahab[232].

The[19] ship[438] was[454] now[20] kept[290] away[443] from[316] the[19] wind[262], and[236] she[391] went[516] gently[284]
rolling[253] before[344] it[162]. Tashtego reporting[388] that[14] the[19] whales[331]
had[364] gone[190] down[133] heading[364] to[261] leeward[265], we[465] confidently[225] looked[232]
to[261] see[370] them[146] again[52] directly[58] in[107] advance[70] of[89] our[234] bows[460].
For[190] that[14] singular[216] craft[187] at[65] times[121] evinced[94] by[406] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] when[189],
sounding[331] with[449] his[433] head[219] in[107] one[470] direction[67], he[362] nevertheless[104],
while[55] concealed[97] beneath[320] the[19] surface[328], mills[501] around[66], and[236] swiftly[441]
swims[403] off[111] in[107] the[19] opposite[107] quarter[6]--this[256] deceitfulness[444] of[89] his[433]
could[375] not[518] now[20] be[341] in[107] action[102]; for[190] there[340] was[454] no[235] reason[238] to[261] suppose[120]
that[14] the[19] fish[187] seen[154] by[406] Tashtego had[364] been[185] in[107] any[501] way[435] alarmed[344],
or[519] indeed[522] knew[480] at[65] all[145] of[89] our[234] vicinity[208]. One[470] of[89] the[19] men[62] selected[286]
for[190] shipkeepers--that[14] is[487], those[427] not[518] appointed[82] to[261] the[19] boats[83],
by[406] this[256] time[577] relieved[158] the[19] Indian[303] at[65] the[19] main[501]-mast[44] head[219].
The[19] sailors[64] at[65] the[19] fore[259] and[236] mizzen[4] had[364] come[420] down[133]; the[19] line[25]
tubs[410] were[324] fixed[564] in[107] their[219] places[423]; the[19] cranes[377] were[324] thrust[379] out[66];

the[19] mainyard[191] was[454] backed[270], and[236] the[19] three[329] boats[83] swung[205] over[82]
the[19] sea[67] like[410] three[329] samphire[6] baskets[445] over[82] high[361] cliffs[290].
Outside[75] of[89] the[19] bulwarks[411] their[219] eager[516] crews[559] with[449] one[470] hand[252] clung[336]
to[261] the[19] rail[51], while[55] one[470] foot[467] was[454] expectantly[284] poised[198] on[392] the[19] gunwale[198].
So[281] look[523] the[19] long[544] line[25] of[89] man[17]-of[89]-war[6]'s[483] men[62] about[123] to[261] throw[345]
themselves[510] on[392] board[540] an[138] enemy[431]'s[483] ship[438].

But[330] at[65] this[256] critical[38] instant[279] a[10] sudden[309] exclamation[156] was[454] heard[444] that[14] took[68]
every[389] eye[220] from[316] the[19] whale[422]. With[449] a[10] start[117] all[145] glared[327] at[65] dark[471] Ahab[232],
who[319] was[454] surrounded[75] by[406] five[103] dusky[98] phantoms[13] that[14] seemed[132] fresh[540] formed[294]
out[66] of[89] air[209].

CHAPTER[293] 48[78]

The[19] First[13] Lowering[240]

The[19] phantoms[13], for[190] so[281] they[382] then[45] seemed[132], were[324] flitting[411] on[392] the[19] other[282]
side[246] of[89] the[19] deck[505], and[236], with[449] a[10] noiseless[21] celerity[69], were[324] casting[19] loose[159]
the[19] tackles[278] and[236] bands[468] of[89] the[19] boat[439] which[16] swung[205] there[340]. This[256] boat[439] had[364]
always[367] been[185] deemed[17] one[470] of[89] the[19] spare[295] boats[83], though[400] technically[247] called[237]
the[19] captain[295]'s[483], on[392] account[102] of[89] its[234] hanging[222] from[316] the[19] starboard[309] quarter[6].
The[19] figure[55] that[14] now[20] stood[1] by[406] its[234] bows[460] was[454] tall[373] and[236] swart[32],
with[449] one[470] white[82] tooth[108] evilly[136] protruding[41] from[316] its[234] steel[184]-like[410] lips[585].
A[10] rumpled[26] Chinese[44] jacket[481] of[89] black[581] cotton[444] funereally[83] invested[60] him[248],
with[449] wide[465] black[581] trowsers[206] of[89] the[19] same[541] dark[471] stuff[471]. But[330] strangely[155]
crowning[235] this[256] ebonness was[454] a[10] glistening[24] white[82] plaited[82] turban[146],
the[19] living[117] hair[237] braided[261] and[236] coiled[4] round[287] and[236] round[287] upon[419] his[433] head[219].
Less[261] swart[32] in[107] aspect[147], the[19] companions[19] of[89] this[256] figure[55] were[324] of[89] that[14] vivid[180],
tiger[293]-yellow[95] complexion[243] peculiar[291] to[261] some[265] of[89] the[19] aboriginal[15] natives[165]
of[89] the[19] Manillas[283];--a[10] race[392] notorious[215] for[190] a[10] certain[31] diabolism[479] of[89] subtilty[63],
and[236] by[406] some[265] honest[287] white[82] mariners[347] supposed[423] to[261] be[341] the[19] paid[490] spies[314]
and[236] secret[409] confidential[147] agents[242] on[392] the[19] water[520] of[89] the[19] devil[411], their[219] lord[106],
whose[286] counting[345]-room[65] they[382] suppose[120] to[261] be[341] elsewhere[154].

While[55] yet[443] the[19] wondering[263] ship[438]'s[483] company[280] were[324] gazing[117] upon[419] these[527] strangers[226],
Ahab[232] cried[506] out[66] to[261] the[19] white[82]-turbaned[83] old[447] man[17] at[65] their[219] head[219],
"All[145] ready[464] there[340], Fedallah?"

"Ready[464]," was[454] the[19] half[119]-hissed[29] reply[271].

"Lower[47] away[443] then[45]; d[67]'ye[163] hear[386]?" shouting[421] across[129] the[19] deck[505].
"Lower[47] away[443] there[340], I[482] say[306]."

Such[420] was[454] the[19] thunder[356] of[89] his[433] voice[233], that[14] spite[431] of[89] their[219]
amazement[223] the[19] men[62] sprang[253] over[82] the[19] rail[51]; the[19] sheaves[149] whirled[174]
round[287] in[107] the[19] blocks[6]; with[449] a[10] wallow[252], the[19] three[329] boats[83] dropped[2]
into[554] the[19] sea[67]; while[55], with[449] a[10] dexterous[25], off[111]-handed[189] daring[322],
unknown[10] in[107] any[501] other[282] vocation[408], the[19] sailors[64], goat[113]-like[410], leaped[314]
down[133] the[19] rolling[253] ship[438]'s[483] side[246] into[554] the[19] tossed[227] boats[83] below[397].

Hardly[182] had[364] they[382] pulled[213] out[66] from[316] under[533] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] lee[472], when[189] a[10] fourth[399] keel[39],
coming[140] from[316] the[19] windward[170] side[246], pulled[213] round[287] under[533] the[19] stern[442],
and[236] showed[507] the[19] five[103] strangers[226] rowing[375] Ahab[232], who[319], standing[144] erect[245]
in[107] the[19] stern[442], loudly[275] hailed[411] Starbuck, Stubb, and[236] Flask[199], to[261] spread[348]
themselves[510] widely[171], so[281] as[113] to[261] cover[172] a[10] large[385] expanse[98] of[89] water[520].
But[330] with[449] all[145] their[219] eyes[125] again[52] riveted[264] upon[419] the[19] swart[32] Fedallah and[236]
his[433] crew[126], the[19] inmates[480] of[89] the[19] other[282] boats[83] obeyed[311] not[518] the[19] command[190].

"Captain[295] Ahab[232]?-" said[252] Starbuck.

"Spread[348] yourselves[192]," cried[506] Ahab[232]; "give[142] way[435], all[145] four[175] boats[83].
Thou[173], Flask[199], pull[35] out[66] more[348] to[261] leeward[265]!"

"Aye[86], aye[86], sir[271]," cheerily[282] cried[506] little[554] King[324]-Post[2], sweeping[61] round[287] his[433]
great[259] steering[252] oar[61]. "Lay[62] back[457]!" addressing[54] his[433] crew[126]. "There[340]!--there[340]!--
there[340] again[52]! There[340] she[391] blows[361] right[499] ahead[5], boys[22]!--lay[62] back[457]!

"Never[206] heed[163] yonder[41] yellow[95] boys[22], Archy[110]."

"Oh[367], I[482] don[280]'t[500] mind[118]'em[4], sir[271]," said[252] Archy[110]; "I[482] knew[480] it[162] all[145] before[344] now[20].
Didn't[500] I[482] hear[386] 'em in[107] the[19] hold[204]? And[236] didn't[500] I[482] tell[392] Cabaco here[135] of[89] it[162]?
What[243] say[306] ye[483], Cabaco? They[382] are[314] stowaways, Mr[219]. Flask[199]."

"Pull[35], pull[35], my[36] fine[333] hearts[431]-alive[298]; pull[35], my[36] children[374];
pull[35], my[36] little[554] ones[396]," drawlingly[453] and[236] soothingly[85] sighed[445] Stubb
to[261] his[433] crew[126], some[265] of[89] whom[324] still[278] showed[507] signs[211] of[89] uneasiness[307].
"Why[177] don[280]'t[500] you[227] break[483] your[162] backbones[218], my[36] boys[22]? What[243] is[487] it[162] you[227] stare[236] at[65]?
Those[427] chaps[280] in[107] yonder[41] boat[439]? Tut[109]! They[382] are[314] only[517] five[103] more[348] hands[87]
come[420] to[261] help[526] us[569] never[206] mind[118] from[316] where[579] the[19] more[348] the[19] merrier[27].
Pull[35], then[45], do[353] pull[35]; never[206] mind[118] the[19] brimstone[206] devils[377] are[314] good[221]
fellows[131] enough[217]. So[281], so[281]; there[340] you[227] are[314] now[20]; that[14]'s[76] the[19] stroke[436]
for[190] a[10] thousand[586] pounds[74]; that[14]'s[76] the[19] stroke[436] to[261] sweep[471] the[19] stakes[322]!
Hurrah[277] for[190] the[19] gold[231] cup[13] of[89] sperm[26] oil[118], my[36] heroes[295]!

Three[329] cheers[416], men[62]--all[145] hearts[431] alive[298]! Easy[281], easy[281]; don[280]'t[500] be[341] in[107] a[10] hurry[183]--
don[280]'t[500] be[341] in[107] a[10] hurry[183]. Why[177] don[280]'t[500] you[227] snap[110] your[162] oars[398], you[227] rascals[308]?
Bite[517] something[181], you[227] dogs[393]! So[281], so[281], so[281], then[45]:--softly[461], softly[461]!
That[14]'s[76] it[162]--that[14]'s[76] it[162]! long[544] and[236] strong[145]. Give[142] way[435] there[340], give[142] way[435]!
The[19] devil[411] fetch[261] ye[483], ye[483] ragamuffin[4] rapscallions[541]; ye[483] are[314] all[145] asleep[492].
Stop[48] snoring[424], ye[483] sleepers[367], and[236] pull[35]. Pull[35], will[584] ye[483]? pull[35],
can[450]'t[500] ye[483]? pull[35], won't[500] ye[483]? Why[177] in[107] the[19] name[477] of[89] gudgeons[468] and[236]
ginger[449]-cakes[321] don[280]'t[500] ye[483] pull[35]?--pull[35] and[236] break[483] something[181]! pull[35],
and[236] start[117] your[162] eyes[125] out[66]! Here[135]," whipping[26] out[66] the[19] sharp[427] knife[503]
from[316] his[433] girdle[9]; "every[389] mother[276]'s[483] son[26] of[89] ye[483] draw[106] his[433] knife[503],
and[236] pull[35] with[449] the[19] blade[83] between[77] his[433] teeth[82]. That[14]'s[76] it[162]--that[14]'s[76] it[162].
Now[20] ye[483] do[353] something[181]; that[14] looks[150] like[410] it[162], my[36] steel[184]-bits[256]. Start[117] her[400]--
start[117] her[400], my[36] silverspoons! Start[117] her[400], marling-spikes[60]!"

Stubb's[483] exordium[295] to[261] his[433] crew[126] is[487] given[141] here[135] at[65] large[385],
because[540] he[362] had[364] rather[178] a[10] peculiar[291] way[435] of[89] talking[513] to[261] them[146] in[107] general[37],
and[236] especially[371] in[107] inculcating[260] the[19] religion[354] of[89] rowing[375].
But[330] you[227] must[226] not[518] suppose[120] from[316] this[256] specimen[155] of[89] his[433] sermonizings[83]
that[14] he[362] ever[208] flew[424] into[554] downright[402] passions[173] with[449] his[433] congregation[23].
Not[518] at[65] all[145]; and[236] therein[68] consisted[412] his[433] chief[156] peculiarity[211].
He[362] would[282] say[306] the[19] most[216] terrific[315] things[4] to[261] his[433] crew[126], in[107] a[10] tone[13]
so[281] strangely[155] compounded[218] of[89] fun[347] and[236] fury[30], and[236] the[19] fury[30] seemed[132]
so[281] calculated[321] merely[57] as[113] a[10] spice[43] to[261] the[19] fun[347], that[14] no[235] oarsman[60]
could[375] hear[386] such[420] queer[156] invocations[152] without[309] pulling[217] for[190]
dear[333] life[71], and[236] yet[443] pulling[217] for[190] the[19] mere[393] joke[568] of[89] the[19] thing[309].
Besides[465] he[362] all[145] the[19] time[577] looked[232] so[281] easy[281] and[236] indolent[53] himself[282],
so[281] loungingly[42] managed[14] his[433] steering[252]-oar[61], and[236] so[281] broadly[202] gaped[83]--
open[464]-mouthed at[65] times[121]--that[14] the[19] mere[393] sight[365] of[89] such[420] a[10] yawning[480] commander[108],
by[406] sheer[147] force[406] of[89] contrast[205], acted[553] like[410] a[10] charm[251] upon[419] the[19] crew[126].
Then[45] again[52], Stubb was[454] one[470] of[89] those[427] odd[19] sort[42] of[89] humorists[289],
whose[286] jollity[152] is[487] sometimes[77] so[281] curiously[261] ambiguous[46], as[113] to[261] put[190]
all[145] inferiors[211] on[392] their[219] guard[205] in[107] the[19] matter[176] of[89] obeying[163] them[146].

In[107] obedience[74] to[261] a[10] sign[8] from[316] Ahab[232], Starbuck was[454] now[20] pulling[217] obliquely[122]
across[129] Stubb's[483] bow[146]; and[236] when[189] for[190] a[10] minute[236] or[519] so[281] the[19] two[527] boats[83] were[324]
pretty[252] near[70] to[261] each[520] other[282], Stubb hailed[411] the[19] mate[508].

"Mr[219]. Starbuck! larboard[203] boat[439] there[340], ahoy[26]! a[10] word[486] with[449] ye[483], sir[271],
if[141] ye[483] please[153]!"

"Halloa[83]!" returned[214] Starbuck, turning[69] round[287] not[518] a[10] single[77] inch[65]
as[113] he[362] spoke[185]; still[278] earnestly[98] but[330] whisperingly[203] urging[350] his[433] crew[126];
his[433] face[556] set[422] like[410] a[10] flint[153] from[316] Stubb's[483].

"What[243] think[424] ye[483] of[89] those[427] yellow[95] boys[22], sir[271]!

"Smuggled[260] on[392] board[540], somehow[425], before[344] the[19] ship[438] sailed[248].
(Strong[145], strong[145], boys[22]!)" in[107] a[10] whisper[315] to[261] his[433] crew[126],
then[45] speaking[22] out[66] loud[556] again[52]: "A[10] sad[341] business[168], Mr[219]. Stubb!
(seethe[46] her[400], seethe[46] her[400], my[36] lads[252]!) but[330] never[206] mind[118], Mr[219]. Stubb,
all[145] for[190] the[19] best[315]. Let[66] all[145] your[162] crew[126] pull[35] strong[145], come[420] what[243] will[584].
(Spring[148], my[36] men[62], spring[148]!) There[340]'s[483] hogsheads[163] of[89] sperm[26] ahead[5],
Mr[219]. Stubb, and[236] that[14]'s[76] what[243] ye[483] came[549] for[190]. (Pull[35], my[36] boys[22]!)
Sperm[26], sperm[26]'s[483] the[19] play[89]! This[256] at[65] least[453] is[487] duty[468]; duty[468] and[236] profit[498]
hand[252] in[107] hand[252]."

"Aye[86], aye[86], I[482] thought[186] as[113] much[61]," soliloquized[336] Stubb, when[189] the[19]
boats[83] diverged[10], "as[113] soon[18] as[113] I[482] clapt[314] eye[220] on[392] 'em, I[482] thought[186] so[281].
Aye[86], and[236] that[14]'s[76] what[243] he[362] went[516] into[554] the[19] after[358] hold[204] for[190], so[281] often[227],
as[113] Dough-Boy[110] long[544] suspected[189]. They[382] were[324] hidden[78] down[133] there[340].
The[19] White[82] Whale[422]'s[483] at[65] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] it[162]. Well[263], well[263], so[281] be[341] it[162]!
Can[450]'t[500] be[341] helped[204]! All[145] right[499]! Give[142] way[435] men[62]! It[162] ain't[500] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]
to[261]-day[112]! Give[142] way[435]!"

Now[20] the[19] advent[129] of[89] these[527] outlandish[292] strangers[226] at[65] such[420] a[10] critical[38]
instant[279] as[113] the[19] lowering[240] of[89] the[19] boats[83] from[316] the[19] deck[505], this[256] had[364] not[518]
unreasonably[213] awakened[390] a[10] sort[42] of[89] superstitious[49] amazement[223] in[107] some[265] of[89]
the[19] ship[438]'s[483] company[280]; but[330] Archy[110]'s[483] fancied[100] discovery[416] having[69] some[265] time[577]
previous[376] got[286] abroad[504] among[483] them[146], though[400] indeed[522] not[518] credited[66] then[45],
this[256] had[364] in[107] some[265] small[350] measure[520] prepared[59] them[146] for[190] the[19] event[28].
It[162] took[68] off[111] the[19] extreme[31] edge[323] of[89] their[219] wonder[76]; and[236] so[281] what[243] with[449] all[145]
this[256] and[236] Stubb's[483] confident[122] way[435] of[89] accounting[224] for[190] their[219] appearance[138],
they[382] were[324] for[190] the[19] time[577] freed[23] from[316] superstitious[49] surmisings[481]; though[400] the[19]
affair[388] still[278] left[159] abundant[17] room[65] for[190] all[145] manner[153] of[89] wild[230] conjectures[78]
as[113] to[261] dark[471] Ahab[232]'s[483] precise[158] agency[189] in[107] the[19] matter[176] from[316] the[19] beginning[188].
For[190] me[2], I[482] silently[533] recalled[346] the[19] mysterious[304] shadows[480] I[482] had[364] seen[154]
creeping[104] on[392] board[540] the[19] Pequod[288] during[309] the[19] dim[14] Nantucket[283] dawn[72],
as[113] well[263] as[113] the[19] enigmatical[204] hintings of[89] the[19] unaccountable[316] Elijah[160].

Meantime[210], Ahab[232], out[66] of[89] hearing[325] of[89] his[433] officers[439], having[69] sided[303]
the[19] furthest[361] to[261] windward[170], was[454] still[278] ranging[261] ahead[5] of[89] the[19] other[282] boats[83];
a[10] circumstance[407] bespeaking[9] how[19] potent[422] a[10] crew[126] was[454] pulling[217] him[248].
Those[427] tiger[293] yellow[95] creatures[5] of[89] his[433] seemed[132] all[145] steel[184] and[236] whalebone[290];
like[410] five[103] trip[345]-hammers[44] they[382] rose[449] and[236] fell[421] with[449] regular[400] strokes[455]

of[89] strength[168], which[16] periodically[427] started[492] the[19] boat[439] along[423] the[19] water[520]
like[410] a[10] horizontal[252] burst[174] boiler[287] out[66] of[89] a[10] Mississippi[83] steamer[11].
As[113] for[190] Fedallah, who[319] was[454] seen[154] pulling[217] the[19] harpooneer oar[61],
he[362] had[364] thrown[359] aside[408] his[433] black[581] jacket[481], and[236] displayed[179] his[433] naked[70] chest[98]
with[449] the[19] whole[199] part[207] of[89] his[433] body[348] above[502] the[19] gunwale[198], clearly[53] cut[310]
against[417] the[19] alternating[83] depressions[232] of[89] the[19] watery[59] horizon[516];
while[55] at[65] the[19] other[282] end[149] of[89] the[19] boat[439] Ahab[232], with[449] one[470] arm[25], like[410] a[10] fencer[131]'s[483],
thrown[359] half[119] backward[19] into[554] the[19] air[209], as[113] if[141] to[261] counterbalance[253] any[501]
tendency[68] to[261] trip[345]; Ahab[232] was[454] seen[154] steadily[379] managing[120] his[433] steering[252] oar[61]
as[113] in[107] a[10] thousand[586] boat[439] lowerings ere[83] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] had[364] torn[237] him[248].
All[145] at[65] once[248] the[19] outstretched[48] arm[25] gave[572] a[10] peculiar[291] motion[544]
and[236] then[45] remained[72] fixed[564], while[55] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] five[103] oars[398] were[324] seen[154]
simultaneously[558] peaked[111]. Boat[439] and[236] crew[126] sat[77] motionless[498] on[392] the[19] sea[67].
Instantly[186] the[19] three[329] spread[348] boats[83] in[107] the[19] rear[252] paused[390] on[392] their[219] way[435].
The[19] whales[331] had[364] irregularly[287] settled[540] bodily[172] down[133] into[554] the[19] blue[240],
thus[362] giving[207] no[235] distantly[336] discernible[136] token[502] of[89] the[19] movement[128],
though[400] from[316] his[433] closer[111] vicinity[208] Ahab[232] had[364] observed[340] it[162].

"Every[389] man[17] look[523] out[66] along[423] his[433] oars[398]!" cried[506] Starbuck. "Thou[173], Queequeg,
stand[530] up[405]!"

Nimbly[159] springing[481] up[405] on[392] the[19] triangular[498] raised[493] box[226] in[107] the[19] bow[146],
the[19] savage[398] stood[1] erect[245] there[340], and[236] with[449] intensely[102] eager[516] eyes[125] gazed[13]
off[111] towards[417] the[19] spot[46] where[579] the[19] chase[89] had[364] last[436] been[185] descried[313].
Likewise[193] upon[419] the[19] extreme[31] stern[442] of[89] the[19] boat[439] where[579] it[162] was[454] also[119]
triangularly[27] platformed level[378] with[449] the[19] gunwale[198], Starbuck himself[282]
was[454] seen[154] coolly[156] and[236] adroitly[503] balancing[39] himself[282] to[261] the[19] jerking[2]
tossings[295] of[89] his[433] chip[157] of[89] a[10] craft[187], and[236] silently[533] eyeing[49] the[19] vast[43]
blue[240] eye[220] of[89] the[19] sea[67].

Not[518] very[515] far[258] distant[353] Flask[199]'s[483] boat[439] was[454] also[119] lying[204] breathlessly[26] still[278];
its[234] commander[108] recklessly[72] standing[144] upon[419] the[19] top[70] of[89] the[19] loggerhead[117],
a[10] stout[29] sort[42] of[89] post[2] rooted[232] in[107] the[19] keel[39], and[236] rising[464] some[265] two[527] feet[349]
above[502] the[19] level[378] of[89] the[19] stern[442] platform[270]. It[162] is[487] used[102] for[190] catching[263] turns[136]
with[449] the[19] whale[422] line[25]. Its[234] top[70] is[487] not[518] more[348] spacious[133] than[77] the[19] palm[114] of[89] a[10]
man[17]'s[415] hand[252], and[236] standing[144] upon[419] such[420] a[10] base[258] as[113] that[14], Flask[199] seemed[132] perched[151]
at[65] the[19] mast[44]-head[116] of[89] some[265] ship[438] which[16] had[364] sunk[336] to[261] all[145] but[330] her[400] trucks[364].
But[330] little[554] King[324]-Post[2] was[454] small[350] and[236] short[522], and[236] at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577] little[554]
King[324]-Post[2] was[454] full[414] of[89] a[10] large[385] and[236] tall[373] ambition[90], so[281] that[14] this[256] logger[28]
head[219] stand[530]-point[438] of[89] his[433] did[444] by[406] no[235] means[502] satisfy[75] King[324]-Post[2].

"I[482] can[450]'t[500] see[370] three[329] seas[350] off[111]; tip[82] us[569] up[405] an[138] oar[61] there[340], and[236] let[66]
me[2] onto[38] that[14]."

Upon[419] this[256], Daggoo, with[449] either[45] hand[252] upon[419] the[19] gunwale[198] to[261] steady[21] his[433] way[435],
swiftly[441] slid[132] aft[2], and[236] then[45] erecting[15] himself[282] volunteered[10] his[433] lofty[161]
shoulders[476] for[190] a[10] pedestal[152].

"Good[221] a[10] mast[44]-head[116] as[113] any[501], sir[271]. Will[584] you[227] mount[34]?"

"That[14] I[482] will[584], and[236] thank[166] ye[483] very[515] much[61], my[36] fine[333] fellow[369];
only[517] I[482] wish[95] you[227] fifty[406] feet[349] taller[261]."

Whereupon[44] planting[362] his[433] feet[349] firmly[308] against[417] two[527] opposite[107] planks[284] of[89]
the[19] boat[439], the[19] gigantic[157] negro[102], stooping[492] a[10] little[554], presented[320] his[433] flat[445] palm[114]
to[261] Flask[199]'s[483] foot[467], and[236] then[45] putting[243] Flask[199]'s[483] hand[252] on[392] his[433] hearse[34]-plumed[409]
head[219] and[236] bidding[340] him[248] spring[148] as[113] he[362] himself[282] should[255] toss[237], with[449] one[470]
dexterous[25] fling[335] landed[451] the[19] little[554] man[17] high[361] and[236] dry[430] on[392] his[433] shoulders[476].
And[236] here[135] was[454] Flask[199] now[20] standing[144], Daggoo with[449] one[470] lifted[448] arm[25] furnishing[471]
him[248] with[449] a[10] breastband to[261] lean[279] against[417] and[236] steady[21] himself[282] by[406].

At[65] any[501] time[577] it[162] is[487] a[10] strange[440] sight[365] to[261] the[19] tyro[83] to[261] see[370] with[449]
what[243] wondrous[30] habitude[372] of[89] unconscious[152] skill[502] the[19] whaleman[98]
will[584] maintain[357] an[138] erect[245] posture[347] in[107] his[433] boat[439], even[198] when[189] pitched[101]
about[123] by[406] the[19] most[216] riotously[193] perverse[537] and[236] cross[416]-running[296] seas[350].
Still[278] more[348] strange[440] to[261] see[370] him[248] giddily[562] perched[151] upon[419] the[19] logger[28]
head[219] itself[312], under[533] such[420] circumstances[267]. But[330] the[19] sight[365] of[89] little[554]
Flask[199] mounted[191] upon[419] gigantic[157] Daggoo was[454] yet[443] more[348] curious[264];
for[190] sustaining[389] himself[282] with[449] a[10] cool[102], indifferent[255], easy[281], unthought[186] of[89],
barbaric[559] majesty[268], the[19] noble[226] negro[102] to[261] every[389] roll[473] of[89] the[19] sea[67] harmoniously[236]
rolled[226] his[433] fine[333] form[238]. On[392] his[433] broad[267] back[457], flaxen[68]-haired Flask[199]
seemed[132] a[10] snow[498]-flake[157]. The[19] bearer[256] looked[232] nobler[354] than[77] the[19] rider[113].
Though[400] truly[530] vivacious[347], tumultuous[355], ostentatious[19] little[554] Flask[199]
would[282] now[20] and[236] then[45] stamp[292] with[449] impatience[153]; but[330] not[518] one[470] added[52]
heave[308] did[444] he[362] thereby[190] give[142] to[261] the[19] negro[102]'s[483] lordly[14] chest[98].
So[281] have[254] I[482] seen[154] Passion[38] and[236] Vanity[44] stamping[213] the[19] living[117]
magnanimous[128] earth[513], but[330] the[19] earth[513] did[444] not[518] alter[50] her[400] tides[36] and[236] her[400]
seasons[192] for[190] that[14].

Meanwhile[282] Stubb, the[19] third[301] mate[508], betrayed[498] no[235] such[420] far[258]-gazing[117] solicitudes[43].
The[19] whales[331] might[496] have[254] made[563] one[470] of[89] their[219] regular[400] soundings[99],
not[518] a[10] temporary[235] dive[316] from[316] mere[393] fright[18]; and[236] if[141] that[14] were[324] the[19] case[346],
Stubb, as[113] his[433] wont[268] in[107] such[420] cases[108], it[162] seems[19], was[454] resolved[158] to[261] solace[26]
the[19] languishing[243] interval[114] with[449] his[433] pipe[124]. He[362] withdrew[400] it[162] from[316]

his[433] hatband[446], where[579] he[362] always[367] wore[92] it[162] aslant[422] like[410] a[10] feather[127].
He[362] loaded[55] it[162], and[236] rammed[78] home[450] the[19] loading[23] with[449] his[433] thumb[141]-end[149];
but[330] hardly[182] had[364] he[362] ignited[350] his[433] match[441] across[129] the[19] rough[75] sandpaper[25]
of[89] his[433] hand[252], when[189] Tashtego, his[433] harpooneer, whose[286] eyes[125] had[364] been[185]
setting[151] to[261] windward[170] like[410] two[527] fixed[564] stars[286], suddenly[193] dropped[2] like[410] light[382]
from[316] his[433] erect[245] attitude[100] to[261] his[433] seat[88], crying[321] out[66] in[107] a[10] quick[241] phrensy[314]
of[89] hurry[183], "Down[133], down[133] all[145], and[236] give[142] way[435]!--there[340] they[382] are[314]!"

To[261] a[10] landsman[331], no[235] whale[422], nor[137] any[501] sign[8] of[89] a[10] herring[26], would[282] have[254] been[185]
visible[94] at[65] that[14] moment[258]; nothing[324] but[330] a[10] troubled[327] bit[72] of[89] greenish[390]
white[82] water[520], and[236] thin[445] scattered[17] puffs[136] of[89] vapor[85] hovering[520] over[82] it[162],
and[236] suffusingly blowing[248] off[111] to[261] leeward[265], like[410] the[19] confused[117] scud[124] from[316]
white[82] rolling[253] billows[295]. The[19] air[209] around[66] suddenly[193] vibrated[376] and[236] tingled[120],
as[113] it[162] were[324], like[410] the[19] air[209] over[82] intensely[102] heated[269] plates[115] of[89] iron[169].
Beneath[320] this[256] atmospheric[83] waving[364] and[236] curling[27], and[236] partially[263] beneath[320]
a[10] thin[445] layer[296] of[89] water[520], also[119], the[19] whales[331] were[324] swimming[367]. Seen[154] in[107] advance[70]
of[89] all[145] the[19] other[282] indications[180], the[19] puffs[136] of[89] vapor[85] they[382] spouted[395],
seemed[132] their[219] forerunning[224] couriers[325] and[236] detached[5] flying[354] outriders[59].

All[145] four[175] boats[83] were[324] now[20] in[107] keen[202] pursuit[305] of[89] that[14] one[470] spot[46]
of[89] troubled[327] water[520] and[236] air[209]. But[330] it[162] bade[411] far[258] to[261] outstrip[93] them[146];
it[162] flew[424] on[392] and[236] on[392], as[113] a[10] mass[36] of[89] interblending bubbles[552] borne[493]
down[133] a[10] rapid[321] stream[184] from[316] the[19] hills[352].

"Pull[35], pull[35], my[36] good[221] boys[22]," said[252] Starbuck, in[107] the[19] lowest[287] possible[277]
but[330] intensest[389] concentrated[208] whisper[315] to[261] his[433] men[62]; while[55] the[19] sharp[427]
fixed[564] glance[362] from[316] his[433] eyes[125] darted[362] straight[346] ahead[5] of[89] the[19] bow[146],
almost[518] seemed[132] as[113] two[527] visible[94] needles[265] in[107] two[527] unerring[110] binnacle[98] compasses[344].
He[362] did[444] not[518] say[306] much[61] to[261] his[433] crew[126], though[400], nor[137] did[444] his[433] crew[126] say[306] anything[480]
to[261] him[248]. Only[517] the[19] silence[309] of[89] the[19] boat[439] was[454] at[65] intervals[295] startlingly[203]
pierced[197] by[406] one[470] of[89] his[433] peculiar[291] whispers[336], now[20] harsh[282] with[449] command[190],
now[20] soft[226] with[449] entreaty[481].

How[19] different[276] the[19] loud[556] little[554] King[324]-Post[2]. "Sing[549] out[66] and[236]
say[306] something[181], my[36] hearties[248]. Roar[147] and[236] pull[35], my[36] thunderbolts[20]!
Beach[183] me[2], beach[183] me[2] on[392] their[219] black[581] backs[480], boys[22]; only[517] do[353] that[14] for[190] me[2],
and[236] I[482]'ll[300] sign[8] over[82] to[261] you[227] my[36] Martha[253]'s[483] Vineyard[92] plantation[3], boys[22];
including[123] wife[37] and[236] children[374], boys[22]. Lay[62] me[2] on[392]--lay[62] me[2] on[392]!
O[24] Lord[106], Lord[106]! but[330] I[482] shall[66] go[20] stark[376], staring[523] mad[235]! See[370]! see[370] that[14]
white[82] water[520]!" And[236] so[281] shouting[421], he[362] pulled[213] his[433] hat[107] from[316] his[433] head[219],
and[236] stamped[31] up[405] and[236] down[133] on[392] it[162]; then[45] picking[331] it[162] up[405], flirted[83] it[162]
far[258] off[111] upon[419] the[19] sea[67]; and[236] finally[69] fell[421] to[261] rearing[251] and[236] plunging[93]
in[107] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] stern[442] like[410] a[10] crazed[292] colt[230] from[316] the[19] prairie[214].

"Look[523] at[65] that[14] chap[287] now[20]," philosophically[59] drawled[356] Stubb, who[319], with[449] his[433]
unlighted[250] short[522] pipe[124], mechanically[143] retained[155] between[77] his[433] teeth[82],
at[65] a[10] short[522] distance[264], followed[234] after[358]--"He[362]'s[483] got[286] fits[369], that[14] Flask[199] has[399].
Fits[369]? yes[143], give[142] him[248] fits[369]--that[14]'s[76] the[19] very[515] word[486]--pitch[115] fits[369] into[554] 'em.
Merrily[61], merrily[61], hearts[431]-alive[298]. Pudding[176] for[190] supper[4], you[227] know[60];--
merry[486]'s[483] the[19] word[486]. Pull[35], babes[448]--pull[35], sucklings[330]--pull[35], all[145].
But[330] what[243] the[19] devil[411] are[314] you[227] hurrying[339] about[123]? Softly[461], softly[461],
and[236] steadily[379], my[36] men[62]. Only[517] pull[35], and[236] keep[381] pulling[217]; nothing[324] more[348].
Crack[83] all[145] your[162] backbones[218], and[236] bite[517] your[162] knives[140] in[107] two[527]--that[14]'s[76] all[145].
Take[279] it[162] easy[281]--why[177] don[280]'t[500] ye[483] take[279] it[162] easy[281], I[482] say[306], and[236] burst[174] all[145] your[162]
livers[83] and[236] lungs[40]!"

But[330] what[243] it[162] was[454] that[14] inscrutable[29] Ahab[232] said[252] to[261] that[14]
tiger[293]-yellow[95] crew[126] of[89] his[433]--these[527] were[324] words[107] best[315] omitted[117] here[135];
for[190] you[227] live[554] under[533] the[19] blessed[473] light[382] of[89] the[19] evangelical[26] land[406].
Only[517] the[19] infidel[183] sharks[206] in[107] the[19] audacious[142] seas[350] may[236] give[142] ear[515]
to[261] such[420] words[107], when[189], with[449] tornado[31] brow[474], and[236] eyes[125] of[89] red[293] murder[448],
and[236] foam[160]-glued[120] lips[585], Ahab[232] leaped[314] after[358] his[433] prey[347].

Meanwhile[282], all[145] the[19] boats[83] tore[493] on[392]. The[19] repeated[381] specific[383]
allusions[117] of[89] Flask[199] to[261] "that[14] whale[422]," as[113] he[362] called[237] the[19] fictitious[31]
monster[480] which[16] he[362] declared[29] to[261] be[341] incessantly[194] tantalizing[261]
his[433] boat[439]'s[483] bow[146] with[449] its[234] tail[102]--these[527] allusions[117] of[89] his[433] were[324] at[65]
times[121] so[281] vivid[180] and[236] life[71]-like[410], that[14] they[382] would[282] cause[220] some[265] one[470]
or[519] two[527] of[89] his[433] men[62] to[261] snatch[276] a[10] fearful[183] look[523] over[82] his[433] shoulder[168].
But[330] this[256] was[454] against[417] all[145] rule[393]; for[190] the[19] oarsmen[59] must[226] put[190]
out[66] their[219] eyes[125], and[236] ram[375] a[10] skewer[327] through[295] their[219] necks[279];
usages[262] announcing[337] that[14] they[382] must[226] have[254] no[235] organs[410] but[330] ears[560];
and[236] no[235] limbs[315] but[330] arms[536], in[107] these[527] critical[38] moments[434].

It[162] was[454] a[10] sight[365] full[414] of[89] quick[241] wonder[76] and[236] awe[305]! The[19] vast[43] swells[446]
of[89] the[19] omnipotent[448] sea[67]; the[19] surging[403], hollow[511] roar[147] they[382] made[563],
as[113] they[382] rolled[226] along[423] the[19] eight[316] gunwales[42], like[410] gigantic[157] bowls[127] in[107] a[10]
boundless[386] bowling-green[549]; the[19] brief[59] suspended[245] agony[242] of[89] the[19] boat[439],
as[113] it[162] would[282] tip[82] for[190] an[138] instant[279] on[392] the[19] knife[503]-like[410] edge[323] of[89] the[19]
sharper[339] waves[443], that[14] almost[518] seemed[132] threatening[193] to[261] cut[310] it[162] in[107] two[527];
the[19] sudden[309] profound[371] dip[19] into[554] the[19] watery[59] glens[155] and[236] hollows[111];
the[19] keen[202] spurrings and[236] goadings[169] to[261] gain[101] the[19] top[70] of[89] the[19] opposite[107] hill[219];
the[19] headlong[4], sled-like[410] slide[118] down[133] its[234] other[282] side[246];--all[145] these[527],
with[449] the[19] cries[104] of[89] the[19] headsmen[51] and[236] harpooneers, and[236] the[19] shuddering[143]

gasps[439] of[89] the[19] oarsmen[59], with[449] the[19] wondrous[30] sight[365] of[89] the[19] ivory[76]
Pequod[288] bearing[354] down[133] upon[419] her[400] boats[83] with[449] outstretched[48] sails[344],
like[410] a[10] wild[230] hen[314] after[358] her[400] screaming[64] brood[232];--all[145] this[256] was[454] thrilling[128].
Not[518] the[19] raw[93] recruit[11], marching[57] from[316] the[19] bosom[82] of[89] his[433] wife[37] into[554]
the[19] fever[186] heat[218] of[89] his[433] first[13] battle[105]; not[518] the[19] dead[568] man[17]'s[415] ghost[246]
encountering[332] the[19] first[13] unknown[10] phantom[101] in[107] the[19] other[282] world[126];--
neither[74] of[89] these[527] can[450] feel[461] stranger[233] and[236] stronger[234] emotions[205] than[77]
that[14] man[17] does[565], who[319] for[190] the[19] first[13] time[577] finds[455] himself[282] pulling[217]
into[554] the[19] charmed[542], churned[26] circle[282] of[89] the[19] hunted[439] sperm[26] whale[422].

The[19] dancing[192] white[82] water[520] made[563] by[406] the[19] chase[89] was[454] now[20] becoming[460] more[348]
and[236] more[348] visible[94], owing[98] to[261] the[19] increasing[329] darkness[493] of[89] the[19] dun[181]
cloud[218]-shadows[480] flung[255] upon[419] the[19] sea[67]. The[19] jets[6] of[89] vapor[85] no[235] longer[559] blended[366],
but[330] tilted[41] everywhere[469] to[261] right[499] and[236] left[159]; the[19] whales[331] seemed[132]
separating[105] their[219] wakes[60]. The[19] boats[83] were[324] pulled[213] more[348] apart[526];
Starbuck giving[207] chase[89] to[261] three[329] whales[331] running[296] dead[568] to[261] leeward[265].
Our[234] sail[218] was[454] now[20] set[422], and[236], with[449] the[19] still[278] rising[464] wind[262], we[465] rushed[199] along[423];
the[19] boat[439] going[227] with[449] such[420] madness[282] through[295] the[19] water[520], that[14] the[19] lee[472]
oars[398] could[375] scarcely[71] be[341] worked[245] rapidly[116] enough[217] to[261] escape[565] being[264] torn[237]
from[316] the[19] row[328]-locks[157].

Soon[18] we[465] were[324] running[296] through[295] a[10] suffusing[83] wide[465] veil[69] of[89] mist[322];
neither[74] ship[438] nor[137] boat[439] to[261] be[341] seen[154].

"Give[142] way[435], men[62]," whispered[89] Starbuck, drawing[407] still[278] further[53] aft[2] the[19] sheet[327]
of[89] his[433] sail[218]; "there[340] is[487] time[577] to[261] kill[219] a[10] fish[187] yet[443] before[344] the[19] squall[467] comes[268].
There[340]'s[483] white[82] water[520] again[52]!--close[65] to[261]! Spring[148]!"

Soon[18] after[358], two[527] cries[104] in[107] quick[241] succession[17] on[392] each[520] side[246] of[89] us[569] denoted[86]
that[14] the[19] other[282] boats[83] had[364] got[286] fast[208]; but[330] hardly[182] were[324] they[382] overheard[512],
when[189] with[449] a[10] lightning[171]-like[410] hurtling[347] whisper[315] Starbuck said[252]:
"Stand[530] up[405]!" and[236] Queequeg, harpoon[67] in[107] hand[252], sprang[253] to[261] his[433] feet[349].

Though[400] not[518] one[470] of[89] the[19] oarsmen[59] was[454] then[45] facing[68] the[19] life[71] and[236] death[543]
peril[565] so[281] close[65] to[261] them[146] ahead[5], yet[443] with[449] their[219] eyes[125] on[392] the[19] intense[89]
countenance[553] of[89] the[19] mate[508] in[107] the[19] stern[442] of[89] the[19] boat[439], they[382] knew[480]
that[14] the[19] imminent[22] instant[279] had[364] come[420]; they[382] heard[444], too[11], an[138] enormous[327]
wallowing[218] sound[181] as[113] of[89] fifty[406] elephants[452] stirring[130] in[107] their[219] litter[212].
Meanwhile[282] the[19] boat[439] was[454] still[278] booming[379] through[295] the[19] mist[322],
the[19] waves[443] curling[27] and[236] hissing[403] around[66] us[569] like[410] the[19] erected[412] crests[171]
of[89] enraged[19] serpents[403].

"That[14]'s[76] his[433] hump[20]. There[340], there[340], give[142] it[162] to[261] him[248]!" whispered[89] Starbuck.

A[10] short[522] rushing[344] sound[181] leaped[314] out[66] of[89] the[19] boat[439]; it[162] was[454] the[19] darted[362] iron[169]
of[89] Queequeg. Then[45] all[145] in[107] one[470] welded[102] commotion[155] came[549] an[138] invisible[186]
push[278] from[316] astern[39], while[55] forward[364] the[19] boat[439] seemed[132] striking[22] on[392] a[10] ledge[244];
the[19] sail[218] collapsed[230] and[236] exploded[384]; a[10] gush[203] of[89] scalding[181] vapor[85] shot[443] up[405]
near[70] by[406]; something[181] rolled[226] and[236] tumbled[494] like[410] an[138] earthquake[20] beneath[320] us[569].
The[19] whole[199] crew[126] were[324] half[119] suffocated[70] as[113] they[382] were[324] tossed[227]
helter-skelter[21] into[554] the[19] white[82] curdling[20] cream[227] of[89] the[19] squall[467].
Squall[467], whale[422], and[236] harpoon[67] had[364] all[145] blended[366] together[440]; and[236] the[19] whale[422],
merely[57] grazed[39] by[406] the[19] iron[169], escaped[197].

Though[400] completely[385] swamped[344], the[19] boat[439] was[454] nearly[575] unharmed[92].
Swimming[367] round[287] it[162] we[465] picked[129] up[405] the[19] floating[30] oars[398], and[236] lashing[19]
them[146] across[129] the[19] gunwale[198], tumbled[494] back[457] to[261] our[234] places[423].
There[340] we[465] sat[77] up[405] to[261] our[234] knees[214] in[107] the[19] sea[67], the[19] water[520] covering[24]
every[389] rib[84] and[236] plank[243], so[281] that[14] to[261] our[234] downward[157] gazing[117] eyes[125]
the[19] suspended[245] craft[187] seemed[132] a[10] coral[22] boat[439] grown[299] up[405] to[261] us[569] from[316]
the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] ocean[224].

The[19] wind[262] increased[406] to[261] a[10] howl[283]; the[19] waves[443] dashed[304] their[219] bucklers[405] together[440];
the[19] whole[199] squall[467] roared[315], forked[386], and[236] crackled[248] around[66] us[569]
like[410] a[10] white[82] fire[559] upon[419] the[19] prairie[214], in[107] which[16] unconsumed[212],
we[465] were[324] burning[70]; immortal[15] in[107] these[527] jaws[341] of[89] death[543]! In[107] vain[216] we[465]
hailed[411] the[19] other[282] boats[83]; as[113] well[263] roar[147] to[261] the[19] live[554] coals[163] down[133]
the[19] chimney[94] of[89] a[10] flaming[269] furnace[123] as[113] hail[75] those[427] boats[83] in[107] that[14] storm[218].
Meanwhile[282] the[19] driving[280] scud[124], rack[415], and[236] mist[322], grew[5] darker[20]
with[449] the[19] shadows[480] of[89] night[108]; no[235] sign[8] of[89] the[19] ship[438] could[375] be[341] seen[154].
The[19] rising[464] sea[67] forbade[202] all[145] attempts[13] to[261] bale[65] out[66] the[19] boat[439].
The[19] oars[398] were[324] useless[327] as[113] propellers[39], performing[444] now[20] the[19] office[256]
of[89] life[71]-preservers. So[281], cutting[454] the[19] lashing[19] of[89] the[19] waterproof[252]
match[441] keg[26], after[358] many[282] failures[165] Starbuck contrived[179] to[261] ignite[479]
the[19] lamp[330] in[107] the[19] lantern[220]; then[45] stretching[413] it[162] on[392] a[10] waif[58] pole[20],
handed[189] it[162] to[261] Queequeg as[113] the[19] standard[507]-bearer[256] of[89] this[256] forlorn[89] hope[211].
There[340], then[45], he[362] sat[77], holding[311] up[405] that[14] imbecile[217] candle[248] in[107] the[19] heart[470]
of[89] that[14] almighty[473] forlornness[253]. There[340], then[45], he[362] sat[77], the[19] sign[8]
and[236] symbol[426] of[89] a[10] man[17] without[309] faith[511], hopelessly[367] holding[311] up[405] hope[211]
in[107] the[19] midst[533] of[89] despair[187].

Wet[299], drenched[116] through[295], and[236] shivering[559] cold[330], despairing[341] of[89] ship[438] or[519] boat[439],
we[465] lifted[448] up[405] our[234] eyes[125] as[113] the[19] dawn[72] came[549] on[392]. The[19] mist[322] still[278] spread[348]
over[82] the[19] sea[67], the[19] empty[450] lantern[220] lay[62] crushed[197] in[107] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] boat[439].

Suddenly[193] Queequeg started[492] to[261] his[433] feet[349], hollowing[20] his[433] hand[252] to[261] his[433] ear[515]. We[465] all[145] heard[444] a[10] faint[316] creaking[39], as[113] of[89] ropes[461] and[236] yards[386] hitherto[533] muffled[58] by[406] the[19] storm[218]. The[19] sound[181] came[549] nearer[303] and[236] nearer[303]; the[19] thick[502] mists[241] were[324] dimly[298] parted[201] by[406] a[10] huge[132], vague[70] form[238]. Affrighted[35], we[465] all[145] sprang[253] into[554] the[19] sea[67] as[113] the[19] ship[438] at[65] last[436] loomed[145] into[554] view[370], bearing[354] right[499] down[133] upon[419] us[569] within[503] a[10] distance[264] of[89] not[518] much[61] more[348] than[77] its[234] length[202].

Floating[30] on[392] the[19] waves[443] we[465] saw[113] the[19] abandoned[493] boat[439], as[113] for[190] one[470] instant[279] it[162] tossed[227] and[236] gaped[83] beneath[320] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] bows[460] like[410] a[10] chip[157] at[65] the[19] base[258] of[89] a[10] cataract[192]; and[236] then[45] the[19] vast[43] hull[323] rolled[226] over[82] it[162], and[236] it[162] was[454] seen[154] no[235] more[348] till[181] it[162] came[549] up[405] weltering[213] astern[39]. Again[52] we[465] swam[111] for[190] it[162], were[324] dashed[304] against[417] it[162] by[406] the[19] seas[350], and[236] were[324] at[65] last[436] taken[222] up[405] and[236] safely[206] landed[451] on[392] board[540]. Ere[83] the[19] squall[467] came[549] close[65] to[261], the[19] other[282] boats[83] had[364] cut[310] loose[159] from[316] their[219] fish[187] and[236] returned[214] to[261] the[19] ship[438] in[107] good[221] time[577]. The[19] ship[438] had[364] given[141] us[569] up[405], but[330] was[454] still[278] cruising[298], if[141] haply[422] it[162] might[496] light[382] upon[419] some[265] token[502] of[89] our[234] perishing[60],-- an[138] oar[61] or[519] a[10] lance[76] pole[20].

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The[19] Hyena[451]

There[340] are[314] certain[31] queer[156] times[121] and[236] occasions[115] in[107] this[256] strange[440] mixed[459] affair[388] we[465] call[259] life[71] when[189] a[10] man[17] takes[362] this[256] whole[199] universe[426] for[190] a[10] vast[43] practical[74] joke[568], though[400] the[19] wit[571] thereof[533] he[362] but[330] dimly[298] discerns[84], and[236] more[348] than[77] suspects[117] that[14] the[19] joke[568] is[487] at[65] nobody[41]'s[483] expense[465] but[330] his[433] own[248]. However[44], nothing[324] dispirits, and[236] nothing[324] seems[19] worth[84] while[55] disputing[144]. He[362] bolts[147] down[133] all[145] events[390], all[145] creeds[376], and[236] beliefs[54], and[236] persuasions[154], all[145] hard[337] things[4] visible[94] and[236] invisible[186], never[206] mind[118] how[19] knobby[156]; as[113] an[138] ostrich[253] of[89] potent[422] digestion[524] gobbles[26] down[133] bullets[358] and[236] gun[152] flints[195]. And[236] as[113] for[190] small[350] difficulties[482] and[236] worryings[440], prospects[212] of[89] sudden[309] disaster[47], peril[565] of[89] life[71] and[236] limb[43]; all[145] these[527], and[236] death[543] itself[312], seem[404] to[261] him[248] only[517] sly[302], good[221]-natured hits[350], and[236] jolly[50] punches[25] in[107] the[19] side[246] bestowed[157] by[406] the[19] unseen[173] and[236] unaccountable[316] old[447] joker[127]. That[14] odd[19] sort[42] of[89] wayward[158] mood[547] I[482] am[375] speaking[22] of[89], comes[268] over[82] a[10] man[17] only[517] in[107] some[265] time[577] of[89] extreme[31] tribulation[256]; it[162] comes[268] in[107] the[19] very[515] midst[533] of[89] his[433] earnestness[256], so[281] that[14] what[243] just[108] before[344] might[496] have[254] seemed[132] to[261] him[248] a[10] thing[309] most[216] momentous[150], now[20] seems[19] but[330] a[10] part[207] of[89] the[19] general[37] joke[568]. There[340] is[487] nothing[324] like[410] the[19] perils[140] of[89] whaling[155] to[261] breed[450] this[256] free[483] and[236] easy[281] sort[42] of[89] genial[173], desperado[303] philosophy[14]; and[236] with[449] it[162] I[482] now[20] regarded[393] this[256] whole[199] voyage[137] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288], and[236] the[19] great[259] White[82] Whale[422] its[234] object[100].

"Queequeg," said[252] I[482], when[189] they[382] had[364] dragged[460] me[2], the[19] last[436] man[17], to[261] the[19] deck[505], and[236] I[482] was[454] still[278] shaking[206] myself[99] in[107] my[36] jacket[481] to[261] fling[335] off[111] the[19] water[520]; "Queequeg, my[36] fine[333] friend[179], does[565] this[256] sort[42] of[89] thing[309] often[227] happen[352]?" Without[309] much[61] emotion[355], though[400] soaked[55] through[295] just[108] like[410] me[2], he[362] gave[572] me[2] to[261] understand[111] that[14] such[420] things[4] did[444] often[227] happen[352].

"Mr[219]. Stubb," said[252] I[482], turning[69] to[261] that[14] worthy[60], who[319], buttoned[235] up[405] in[107] his[433] oil[118]-jacket[481], was[454] now[20] calmly[170] smoking[470] his[433] pipe[124] in[107] the[19] rain[190]; "Mr[219]. Stubb, I[482] think[424] I[482] have[254] heard[444] you[227] say[306] that[14] of[89] all[145] whalemen[451] you[227] ever[208] met[130], our[234] chief[156] mate[508], Mr[219]. Starbuck, is[487] by[406] far[258] the[19] most[216] careful[252] and[236] prudent[183]. I[482] suppose[120] then[45], that[14] going[227] plump[105] on[392] a[10] flying[354] whale[422] with[449] your[162] sail[218] set[422] in[107] a[10] foggy[374] squall[467] is[487] the[19] height[20] of[89] a[10] whaleman[98]'s[483] discretion[396]?"

"Certain[31]. I[482]'ve[149] lowered[279] for[190] whales[331] from[316] a[10] leaking[298] ship[438] in[107] a[10] gale[440] off[111] Cape[23] Horn[139]."

"Mr[219]. Flask[199]," said[252] I[482], turning[69] to[261] little[554] King[324]-Post[2], who[319] was[454] standing[144] close[65] by[406]; "you[227] are[314] experienced[93] in[107] these[527] things[4], and[236] I[482] am[375] not[518]. Will[584] you[227] tell[392] me[2] whether[454] it[162] is[487] an[138] unalterable[27] law[231] in[107] this[256] fishery[136], Mr[219]. Flask[199], for[190] an[138] oarsman[60] to[261] break[483] his[433] own[248] back[457] pulling[217] himself[282] back[457]-foremost[61] into[554] death[543]'s[483] jaws[341]?"

"Can[450]'t[500] you[227] twist[30] that[14] smaller[236]?" said[252] Flask[199]. "Yes[143], that[14]'s[76] the[19] law[231]. I[482] should[255] like[410] to[261] see[370] a[10] boat[439]'s[483] crew[126] backing[223] water[520] up[405] to[261] a[10] whale[422] face[556] foremost[61]. Ha[387], ha[387]! the[19] whale[422] would[282] give[142] them[146] squint[296] for[190] squint[296], mind[118] that[14]!"

Here[135] then[45], from[316] three[329] impartial[159] witnesses[424], I[482] had[364] a[10] deliberate[29] statement[187] of[89] the[19] entire[230] case[346]. Considering[115], therefore[94], that[14] squalls[104] and[236] capsizings in[107] the[19] water[520] and[236] consequent[61] bivouacks on[392] the[19] deep[483], were[324] matters[515] of[89] common[304] occurrence[497] in[107] this[256] kind[451] of[89] life[71]; considering[115] that[14] at[65] the[19] superlatively[4] critical[38] instant[279] of[89] going[227] on[392] to[261] the[19] whale[422] I[482] must[226] resign[125] my[36] life[71] into[554] the[19] hands[87] of[89] him[248] who[319] steered[106] the[19] boat[439]-- oftentimes[30] a[10] fellow[369] who[319] at[65] that[14] very[515] moment[258] is[487] in[107] his[433] impetuousness[217] upon[419] the[19] point[438] of[89] scuttling[60] the[19] craft[187] with[449] his[433] own[248] frantic[211] stampings[120]; considering[115] that[14] the[19] particular[336] disaster[47] to[261] our[234] own[248] particular[336] boat[439] was[454] chiefly[90] to[261] be[341] imputed[140] to[261] Starbuck's[483] driving[280] on[392] to[261] his[433] whale[422] almost[518] in[107] the[19] teeth[82] of[89] a[10] squall[467], and[236] considering[115] that[14] Starbuck, notwithstanding[387], was[454] famous[254] for[190] his[433] great[259] heedfulness[4] in[107] the[19] fishery[136];

considering[115] that[14] I[482] belonged[455] to[261] this[256] uncommonly[194] prudent[183] Starbuck's[483] boat[439];
and[236] finally[69] considering[115] in[107] what[243] a[10] devil[411]'s[483] chase[89] I[482] was[454] implicated[7],
touching[80] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]: taking[146] all[145] things[4] together[440], I[482] say[306],
I[482] thought[186] I[482] might[496] as[113] well[263] go[20] below[397] and[236] make[175] a[10] rough[75] draft[369] of[89] my[36] will[584].
"Queequeg," said[252] I[482], "come[420] along[423], you[227] shall[66] be[341] my[36] lawyer[166],
executor[159], and[236] legatee[31]."

It[162] may[236] seem[404] strange[440] that[14] of[89] all[145] men[62] sailors[64] should[255] be[341] tinkering[55]
at[65] their[219] last[436] wills[473] and[236] testaments[141], but[330] there[340] are[314] no[235] people[482]
in[107] the[19] world[126] more[348] fond[174] of[89] that[14] diversion[169]. This[256] was[454] the[19] fourth[399]
time[577] in[107] my[36] nautical[42] life[71] that[14] I[482] had[364] done[135] the[19] same[541] thing[309].
After[358] the[19] ceremony[37] was[454] concluded[157] upon[419] the[19] present[112] occasion[211],
I[482] felt[440] all[145] the[19] easier[314]; a[10] stone[398] was[454] rolled[226] away[443] from[316] my[36] heart[470].
Besides[465], all[145] the[19] days[351] I[482] should[255] now[20] live[554] would[282] be[341] as[113] good[221] as[113] the[19] days[351]
that[14] Lazarus[27] lived[415] after[358] his[433] resurrection[281]; a[10] supplementary[210]
clean[26] gain[101] of[89] so[281] many[282] months[17] or[519] weeks[522] as[113] the[19] case[346] may[236] be[341].
I[482] survived[77] myself[99]; my[36] death[543] and[236] burial[218] were[324] locked[105] up[405] in[107] my[36] chest[98].
I[482] looked[232] round[287] me[2] tranquilly[83] and[236] contentedly[27], like[410] a[10] quiet[337]
ghost[246] with[449] a[10] clean[26] conscience[75] sitting[136] inside[438] the[19] bars[435] of[89] a[10]
snug[310] family[347] vault[84].

Now[20] then[45], thought[186] I[482], unconsciously[59] rolling[253] up[405] the[19] sleeves[363] of[89] my[36] frock[200],
here[135] goes[205] for[190] a[10] cool[102], collected[472] dive[316] at[65] death[543] and[236] destruction[423],
and[236] the[19] devil[411] fetch[261] the[19] hindmost[106].

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Ahab[232]'s[483] Boat[439] and[236] Crew[126]. Fedallah

"Who[319] would[282] have[254] thought[186] it[162], Flask[199]!" cried[506] Stubb;
"if[141] I[482] had[364] but[330] one[470] leg[331] you[227] would[282] not[518] catch[523] me[2] in[107] a[10] boat[439],
unless[54] maybe[92] to[261] stop[48] the[19] plug[127]-hole[73] with[449] my[36] timber[59] toe[424].
Oh[367]! he[362]'s[483] a[10] wonderful[291] old[447] man[17]!"

"I[482] don[280]'t[500] think[424] it[162] so[281] strange[440], after[358] all[145], on[392] that[14] account[102],"
said[252] Flask[199]. "If[141] his[433] leg[331] were[324] off[111] at[65] the[19] hip[461], now[20], it[162] would[282] be[341]
a[10] different[276] thing[309]. That[14] would[282] disable[124] him[248]; but[330] he[362] has[399] one[470] knee[235],
and[236] good[221] part[207] of[89] the[19] other[282] left[159], you[227] know[60]."

"I[482] don[280]'t[500] know[60] that[14], my[36] little[554] man[17]; I[482] never[206] yet[443] saw[113] him[248] kneel[510]."

Among[483] whale[422]-wise[16] people[482] it[162] has[399] often[227] been[185] argued[19] whether[454],
considering[115] the[19] paramount[197] importance[579] of[89] his[433] life[71] to[261] the[19]
success[197] of[89] the[19] voyage[137], it[162] is[487] right[499] for[190] a[10] whaling[155] captain[295]
to[261] jeopardize[203] that[14] life[71] in[107] the[19] active[54] perils[140] of[89] the[19] chase[89].
So[281] Tamerlane[270]'s[483] soldiers[416] often[227] argued[19] with[449] tears[470] in[107] their[219] eyes[125],
whether[454] that[14] invaluable[2] life[71] of[89] his[433] ought[170] to[261] be[341] carried[232] into[554]
the[19] thickest[316] of[89] the[19] fight[330].

But[330] with[449] Ahab[232] the[19] question[562] assumed[460] a[10] modified[564] aspect[147].
Considering[115] that[14] with[449] two[527] legs[108] man[17] is[487] but[330] a[10] hobbling[402] wight[232]
in[107] all[145] times[121] of[89] danger[383]; considering[115] that[14] the[19] pursuit[305] of[89] whales[331]
is[487] always[367] under[533] great[259] and[236] extraordinary[346] difficulties[482];
that[14] every[389] individual[233] moment[258], indeed[522], then[45] comprises[234] a[10] peril[565];
under[533] these[527] circumstances[267] is[487] it[162] wise[16] for[190] any[501] maimed[116] man[17] to[261] enter[204]
a[10] whale[422]-boat[439] in[107] the[19] hunt[418]? As[113] a[10] general[37] thing[309], the[19] joint[65]-owners[208]
of[89] the[19] Pequod[288] must[226] have[254] plainly[450] thought[186] not[518].

Ahab[232] well[263] knew[480] that[14] although[535] his[433] friends[169] at[65] home[450] would[282] think[424]
little[554] of[89] his[433] entering[423] a[10] boat[439] in[107] certain[31] comparatively[203] harmless[268]
vicissitudes[124] of[89] the[19] chase[89], for[190] the[19] sake[523] of[89] being[264] near[70] the[19] scene[228]
of[89] action[102] and[236] giving[207] his[433] orders[199] in[107] person[550], yet[443] for[190] Captain[295] Ahab[232]
to[261] have[254] a[10] boat[439] actually[69] apportioned[386] to[261] him[248] as[113] a[10] regular[400]
headsman[143] in[107] the[19] hunt[418]--above[502] all[145] for[190] Captain[295] Ahab[232] to[261] be[341] supplied[338]
with[449] five[103] extra[201] men[62], as[113] that[14] same[541] boat[439]'s[483] crew[126], he[362] well[263] knew[480]
that[14] such[420] generous[355] conceits[217] never[206] entered[447] the[19] heads[366] of[89] the[19] owners[208]
of[89] the[19] Pequod[288]. Therefore[94] he[362] had[364] not[518] solicited[432] a[10] boat[439]'s[483] crew[126]
from[316] them[146], nor[137] had[364] he[362] in[107] any[501] way[435] hinted[253] his[433] desires[401] on[392] that[14] head[219].
Nevertheless[104] he[362] had[364] taken[222] private[541] measures[359] of[89] his[433] own[248] touching[80]
all[145] that[14] matter[176]. Until[316] Cabaco's[483] published[393] discovery[416],
the[19] sailors[64] had[364] little[554] foreseen[368] it[162], though[400] to[261] be[341] sure[41] when[189],
after[358] being[264] a[10] little[554] while[55] out[66] of[89] port[409], all[145] hands[87] had[364] concluded[157]
the[19] customary[79] business[168] of[89] fitting[96] the[19] whaleboats[283] for[190] service[343];
when[189] some[265] time[577] after[358] this[256] Ahab[232] was[454] now[20] and[236] then[45] found[260] bestirring[84]
himself[282] in[107] the[19] matter[176] of[89] making[415] thole-pins[279] with[449] his[433] own[248] hands[87]
for[190] what[243] was[454] thought[186] to[261] be[341] one[470] of[89] the[19] spare[295] boats[83], and[236] even[198]
solicitously[203] cutting[454] the[19] small[350] wooden[35] skewers[23], which[16] when[189]
the[19] line[25] is[487] running[296] out[66] are[314] pinned[83] over[82] the[19] groove[70] in[107] the[19] bow[146]:
when[189] all[145] this[256] was[454] observed[340] in[107] him[248], and[236] particularly[106] his[433] solicitude[341]
in[107] having[69] an[138] extra[201] coat[7] of[89] sheathing[98] in[107] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] boat[439],
as[113] if[141] to[261] make[175] it[162] better[34] withstand[263] the[19] pointed[413] pressure[102] of[89] his[433]

ivory[76] limb[43]; and[236] also[119] the[19] anxiety[221] he[362] evinced[94] in[107] exactly[315] shaping[160]
the[19] thigh[108] board[540], or[519] clumsy[394] cleat[98], as[113] it[162] is[487] sometimes[77] called[237],
the[19] horizontal[252] piece[121] in[107] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] bow[146] for[190] bracing[336] the[19] knee[235]
against[417] in[107] darting[147] or[519] stabbing[300] at[65] the[19] whale[422]; when[189] it[162] was[454]
observed[340] how[19] often[227] he[362] stood[1] up[405] in[107] that[14] boat[439] with[449] his[433] solitary[407]
knee[235] fixed[564] in[107] the[19] semi-circular[198] depression[235] in[107] the[19] cleat[98],
and[236] with[449] the[19] carpenter[262]'s[483] chisel[247] gouged[356] out[66] a[10] little[554] here[135]
and[236] straightened[346] it[162] a[10] little[554] there[340]; all[145] these[527] things[4], I[482] say[306],
had[364] awakened[390] much[61] interest[323] and[236] curiosity[501] at[65] the[19] time[577].
But[330] almost[518] everybody[77] supposed[423] that[14] this[256] particular[336] preparative[235]
heedfulness[4] in[107] Ahab[232] must[226] only[517] be[341] with[449] a[10] view[370] to[261] the[19] ultimate[221]
chase[89] of[89] Moby[362] Dick[25]; for[190] he[362] had[364] already[93] revealed[530] his[433] intention[272]
to[261] hunt[418] that[14] mortal[371] monster[480] in[107] person[550]. But[330] such[420] a[10] supposition[297]
did[444] by[406] no[235] means[502] involve[34] the[19] remotest[95] suspicion[368] as[113] to[261] any[501] boat[439]'s[483]
crew[126] being[264] assigned[457] to[261] that[14] boat[439].

Now[20], with[449] the[19] subordinate[204] phantoms[13], what[243] wonder[76] remained[72] soon[18]
waned[221] away[443]; for[190] in[107] a[10] whaler[91] wonders[115] soon[18] wane[402]. Besides[465], now[20] and[236] then[45]
such[420] unaccountable[316] odds[250] and[236] ends[301] of[89] strange[440] nations[274] come[420] up[405] from[316]
the[19] unknown[10] nooks[533] and[236] ash[481]-holes[41] of[89] the[19] earth[513] to[261] man[17] these[527] floating[30]
outlaws[125] of[89] whalers[116]; and[236] the[19] ships[21] themselves[510] often[227] pick[447] up[405] such[420] queer[156]
castaway[439] creatures[5] found[260] tossing[213] about[123] the[19] open[464] sea[67] on[392] planks[284],
bits[256] of[89] wreck[171], oars[398], whaleboats[283], canoes[471], blown[147]-off[111] Japanese[364] junks[300],
and[236] what[243] not[518]; that[14] Beelzebub[541] himself[282] might[496] climb[80] up[405] the[19] side[246] and[236] step[204]
down[133] into[554] the[19] cabin[192] to[261] chat[205] with[449] the[19] captain[295], and[236] it[162] would[282] not[518] create[525]
any[501] unsubduable[174] excitement[60] in[107] the[19] forecastle[367].

But[330] be[341] all[145] this[256] as[113] it[162] may[236], certain[31] it[162] is[487] that[14] while[55] the[19] subordinate[204]
phantoms[13] soon[18] found[260] their[219] place[107] among[483] the[19] crew[126], though[400] still[278] as[113] it[162]
were[324] somehow[425] distinct[259] from[316] them[146], yet[443] that[14] hair[237]-turbaned[83] Fedallah
remained[72] a[10] muffled[58] mystery[254] to[261] the[19] last[436]. Whence[494] he[362] came[549] in[107] a[10] mannerly[83]
world[126] like[410] this[256], by[406] what[243] sort[42] of[89] unaccountable[316] tie[139] he[362] soon[18] evinced[94]
himself[282] to[261] be[341] linked[155] with[449] Ahab[232]'s[483] peculiar[291] fortunes[322]; nay[358], so[281] far[258]
as[113] to[261] have[254] some[265] sort[42] of[89] a[10] half[119]-hinted[253] influence[299]; Heaven[163] knows[286],
but[330] it[162] might[496] have[254] been[185] even[198] authority[146] over[82] him[248]; all[145] this[256] none[365] knew[480].
But[330] one[470] cannot sustain[264] an[138] indifferent[255] air[209] concerning[368] Fedallah. He[362] was[454]
such[420] a[10] creature[82] as[113] civilized[441], domestic[303] people[482] in[107] the[19] temperate[241] zone[173]
only[517] see[370] in[107] their[219] dreams[299], and[236] that[14] but[330] dimly[298]; but[330] the[19] like[410] of[89] whom[324]
now[20] and[236] then[45] glide[128] among[483] the[19] unchanging[80] Asiatic[16] communities[136],
especially[371] the[19] Oriental[147] isles[425] to[261] the[19] east[524] of[89] the[19] continent[120]--
those[427] insulated[350], immemorial[52], unalterable[27] countries[279], which[16] even[198] in[107]
these[527] modern[446] days[351] still[278] preserve[192] much[61] of[89] the[19] ghostly[236] aboriginalness
of[89] earth[513]'s[483] primal[177] generations[124], when[189] the[19] memory[333] of[89] the[19] first[13]
man[17] was[454] a[10] distinct[259] recollection[217], and[236] all[145] men[62] his[433] descendants[26],
unknowing[177] whence[494] he[362] came[549], eyed[363] each[520] other[282] as[113] real[305] phantoms[13], and[236] asked[369]
of[89] the[19] sun[397] and[236] the[19] moon[45] why[177] they[382] were[324] created[37] and[236] to[261] what[243] end[149];
when[189] though[400], according[281] to[261] Genesis[162], the[19] angels[29] indeed[522] consorted[330] with[449]
the[19] daughters[197] of[89] men[62], the[19] devils[377] also[119], add[236] the[19] uncanonical[426] Robbins[103],
indulged[24] in[107] mundane[242] amours[102].

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The[19] Spirit[227]-Spout[224]

Days[351], weeks[522] passed[87], and[236] under[533] easy[281] sail[218], the[19] ivory[76] Pequod[288]
had[364] slowly[149] swept[305] across[129] four[175] several[479] cruising[298]-grounds[448];
that[14] off[111] the[19] Azores[273]; off[111] the[19] Cape[23] de[404] Verdes[33]; on[392] the[19] Plate[396]
(so[281] called[237]), being[264] off[111] the[19] mouth[414] of[89] the[19] Rio[31] de[404] la[417] Plata[120];
and[236] the[19] Carrol[192] Ground[127], an[138] unstaked, watery[59] locality[116],
southerly[24] from[316] St[193]. Helena[255].

It[162] was[454] while[55] gliding[248] through[295] these[527] latter[497] waters[556] that[14] one[470]
serene[18] and[236] moonlight[122] night[108], when[189] all[145] the[19] waves[443] rolled[226] by[406] like[410]
scrolls[479] of[89] silver[205]; and[236], by[406] their[219] soft[226], suffusing[83] seethings,
made[563] what[243] seemed[132] a[10] silvery[42] silence[309], not[518] a[10] solitude[15]; on[392] such[420] a[10]
silent[382] night[108] a[10] silvery[42] jet[423] was[454] seen[154] far[258] in[107] advance[70] of[89] the[19] white[82]
bubbles[552] at[65] the[19] bow[146]. Lit[26] up[405] by[406] the[19] moon[45], it[162] looked[232] celestial[437];
seemed[132] some[265] plumed[409] and[236] glittering[144] god[185] uprising[375] from[316] the[19] sea[67].
Fedallah first[13] descried[313] this[256] jet[423]. For[190] of[89] these[527] moonlight[122] nights[224],
it[162] was[454] his[433] wont[268] to[261] mount[34] to[261] the[19] main[501]-mast[44] head[219], and[236] stand[530]
a[10] look[523]-out[66] there[340], with[449] the[19] same[541] precision[154] as[113] if[141] it[162] had[364] been[185] day[112].
And[236] yet[443], though[400] herds[341] of[89] whales[331] were[324] seen[154] by[406] night[108], not[518] one[470]
whaleman[98] in[107] a[10] hundred[93] would[282] venture[40] a[10] lowering[240] for[190] them[146].
You[227] may[236] think[424] with[449] what[243] emotions[205], then[45], the[19] seamen[6] beheld[132]
this[256] old[447] Oriental[147] perched[151] aloft[276] at[65] such[420] unusual[322] hours[127];
his[433] turban[146] and[236] the[19] moon[45], companions[19] in[107] one[470] sky[331]. But[330] when[189],
after[358] spending[348] his[433] uniform[173] interval[114] there[340] for[190] several[479] successive[423]
nights[224] without[309] uttering[341] a[10] single[77] sound[181]; when[189], after[358] all[145] this[256] silence[309],
his[433] unearthly[110] voice[233] was[454] heard[444] announcing[337] that[14] silvery[42], moon[45]-lit[397] jet[423],
every[389] reclining[316] mariner[265] started[492] to[261] his[433] feet[349] as[113] if[141] some[265] winged[144]
spirit[227] had[364] lighted[422] in[107] the[19] rigging[516], and[236] hailed[411] the[19] mortal[371] crew[126].

"There[340] she[391] blows[361]!" Had[364] the[19] trump[25] of[89] judgment[83] blown[147],
they[382] could[375] not[518] have[254] quivered[310] more[348]; yet[443] still[278] they[382] felt[440] no[235] terror[85];
rather[178] pleasure[145]. For[190] though[400] it[162] was[454] a[10] most[216] unwonted[481] hour[384],
yet[443] so[281] impressive[140] was[454] the[19] cry[561], and[236] so[281] deliriously[110] exciting[152],
that[14] almost[518] every[389] soul[428] on[392] board[540] instinctively[210] desired[480] a[10] lowering[240].

Walking[523] the[19] deck[505] with[449] quick[241], side[246]-lunging[280] strides[423], Ahab[232] commanded[571]
the[19] t[500]'gallant[323] sails[344] and[236] royals[223] to[261] be[341] set[422], and[236] every[389] stunsail spread[348].
The[19] best[315] man[17] in[107] the[19] ship[438] must[226] take[279] the[19] helm[285]. Then[45], with[449] every[389]
mast[44]-head[116] manned[282], the[19] piled[126]-up[405] craft[187] rolled[226] down[133] before[344] the[19] wind[262].
The[19] strange[440], upheaving[86], lifting[100] tendency[68] of[89] the[19] taffrail[83] breeze[227]
filling[330] the[19] hollows[111] of[89] so[281] many[282] sails[344], made[563] the[19] buoyant[159], hovering[520] deck[505]
to[261] feel[461] like[410] air[209] beneath[320] the[19] feet[349]; while[55] still[278] she[391] rushed[199] along[423],
as[113] if[141] two[527] antagonistic[425] influences[232] were[324] struggling[107] in[107] her[400]--one[470] to[261] mount[34]
direct[314] to[261] heaven[163], the[19] other[282] to[261] drive[548] yawingly to[261] some[265] horizontal[252] goal[127].
And[236] had[364] you[227] watched[340] Ahab[232]'s[483] face[556] that[14] night[108], you[227] would[282] have[254] thought[186]
that[14] in[107] him[248] also[119] two[527] different[276] things[4] were[324] warring[84]. While[55] his[433] one[470] live[554]
leg[331] made[563] lively[272] echoes[48] along[423] the[19] deck[505], every[389] stroke[436] of[89] his[433] dead[568] limb[43]
sounded[163] like[410] a[10] coffin[284]-tap[367]. On[392] life[71] and[236] death[543] this[256] old[447] man[17] walked[92].
But[330] though[400] the[19] ship[438] so[281] swiftly[441] sped[227], and[236] though[400] from[316] every[389] eye[220],
like[410] arrows[473], the[19] eager[516] glances[363] shot[443], yet[443] the[19] silvery[42] jet[423] was[454] no[235]
more[348] seen[154] that[14] night[108]. Every[389] sailor[561] swore[470] he[362] saw[113] it[162] once[248], but[330] not[518]
a[10] second[386] time[577].

This[256] midnight[539]-spout[224] had[364] almost[518] grown[299] a[10] forgotten[170] thing[309], when[189],
some[265] days[351] after[358], lo[418]! at[65] the[19] same[541] silent[382] hour[384], it[162] was[454] again[52] announced[451]:
again[52] it[162] was[454] descried[313] by[406] all[145]; but[330] upon[419] making[415] sail[218] to[261] overtake[410] it[162],
once[248] more[348] it[162] disappeared[5] as[113] if[141] it[162] had[364] never[206] been[185]. And[236] so[281] it[162] served[460]
us[569] night[108] after[358] night[108], till[181] no[235] one[470] heeded[47] it[162] but[330] to[261] wonder[76] at[65] it[162].
Mysteriously[275] jetted[182] into[554] the[19] clear[408] moonlight[122], or[519] starlight[325],
as[113] the[19] case[346] might[496] be[341]; disappearing[392] again[52] for[190] one[470] whole[199] day[112],
or[519] two[527] days[351], or[519] three[329]; and[236] somehow[425] seeming[59] at[65] every[389] distinct[259]
repetition[403] to[261] be[341] advancing[444] still[278] further[53] and[236] further[53] in[107] our[234] van[164],
this[256] solitary[407] jet[423] seemed[132] for[190] ever[208] alluring[295] us[569] on[392].

Nor[137] with[449] the[19] immemorial[52] superstition[268] of[89] their[219] race[392],
and[236] in[107] accordance[369] with[449] the[19] preternaturalness, as[113] it[162] seemed[132],
which[16] in[107] many[282] things[4] invested[60] the[19] Pequod[288], were[324] there[340] wanting[361]
some[265] of[89] the[19] seamen[6] who[319] swore[470] that[14] whenever[15] and[236] wherever[408] descried[313];
at[65] however[44] remote[141] times[121], or[519] in[107] however[44] far[258] apart[526] latitudes[267]
and[236] longitudes[252], that[14] unnearable spout[224] was[454] cast[99] by[406] one[470] selfsame[395] whale[422];
and[236] that[14] whale[422], Moby[362] Dick[25]. For[190] a[10] time[577], there[340] reigned[208], too[11], a[10] sense[85]
of[89] peculiar[291] dread[251] at[65] this[256] flitting[411] apparition[143], as[113] if[141] it[162] were[324]
treacherously[292] beckoning[9] us[569] on[392] and[236] on[392], in[107] order[343] that[14] the[19] monster[480]
might[496] turn[17] round[287] upon[419] us[569], and[236] rend[310] us[569] at[65] last[436] in[107] the[19] remotest[95]
and[236] most[216] savage[398] seas[350].

These[527] temporary[235] apprehensions[361], so[281] vague[70] but[330] so[281] awful[539], derived[494] a[10]
wondrous[30] potency[26] from[316] the[19] contrasting[286] serenity[27] of[89] the[19] weather[405],
in[107] which[16], beneath[320] all[145] its[234] blue[240] blandness[4], some[265] thought[186] there[340]
lurked[453] a[10] devilish[181] charm[251], as[113] for[190] days[351] and[236] days[351] we[465] voyaged[306] along[423],
through[295] seas[350] so[281] wearily[434], lonesomely[242] mild[117], that[14] all[145] space[468],
in[107] repugnance[92] to[261] our[234] vengeful[504] errand[264], seemed[132] vacating[70] itself[312]
of[89] life[71] before[344] our[234] urn-like[410] prow[451].

But[330], at[65] last[436], when[189] turning[69] to[261] the[19] eastward[244], the[19] Cape[23] winds[399]
began[132] howling[204] around[66] us[569], and[236] we[465] rose[449] and[236] fell[421] upon[419] the[19] long[544],
troubled[327] seas[350] that[14] are[314] there[340]; when[189] the[19] ivory[76]-tusked[244] Pequod[288] sharply[135]
bowed[26] to[261] the[19] blast[13], and[236] gored[305] the[19] dark[471] waves[443] in[107] her[400] madness[282], till[181],
like[410] showers[128] of[89] silver[205] chips[333], the[19] foamflakes flew[424] over[82] her[400] bulwarks[411];
then[45] all[145] this[256] desolate[126] vacuity[43] of[89] life[71] went[516] away[443], but[330] gave[572] place[107]
to[261] sights[24] more[348] dismal[110] than[77] before[344].

Close[65] to[261] our[234] bows[460], strange[440] forms[48] in[107] the[19] water[520] darted[362] hither[342] and[236] thither[118]
before[344] us[569]; while[55] thick[502] in[107] our[234] rear[252] flew[424] the[19] inscrutable[29] sea[67]-ravens. And[236]
every[389] morning[417], perched[151] on[392] our[234] stays[324], rows[375] of[89] these[527] birds[332] were[324] seen[154];
and[236] spite[431] of[89] our[234] hootings[129], for[190] a[10] long[544] time[577] obstinately[122] clung[336] to[261] the[19] hemp[245],
as[113] though[400] they[382] deemed[17] our[234] ship[438] some[265] drifting[445], uninhabited[146] craft[187];
a[10] thing[309] appointed[82] to[261] desolation[143], and[236] therefore[94] fit[12] roosting-place[92]
for[190] their[219] homeless[316] selves[327]. And[236] heaved[52] and[236] heaved[52], still[278] unrestingly[136]
heaved[52] the[19] black[581] sea[67], as[113] if[141] its[234] vast[43] tides[36] were[324] a[10] conscience[75];
and[236] the[19] great[259] mundane[242] soul[428] were[324] in[107] anguish[75] and[236] remorse[130] for[190] the[19] long[544]
sin[228] and[236] suffering[543] it[162] had[364] bred[128].

Cape[23] of[89] Good[221] Hope[211], do[353] they[382] call[259] ye[483]? Rather[178] Cape[23] Tormentoto,
as[113] called[237] of[89] yore[160]; for[190] long[544] allured[15] by[406] the[19] perfidious[19] silences[333]
that[14] before[344] had[364] attended[206] us[569], we[465] found[260] ourselves[15] launched[336] into[554] this[256]
tormented[256] sea[67], where[579] guilty[290] beings[6] transformed[111] into[554] those[427] fowls[206]
and[236] these[527] fish[187], seemed[132] condemned[518] to[261] swim[226] on[392] everlastingly[44] without[309]
any[501] haven[432] in[107] store[420], or[519] beat[449] that[14] black[581] air[209] without[309] any[501] horizon[516].
But[330] calm[39], snow[498]-white[362], and[236] unvarying[19]; still[278] directing[215] its[234] fountain[524]
of[89] feathers[386] to[261] the[19] sky[331]; still[278] beckoning[9] us[569] on[392] from[316] before[344],
the[19] solitary[407] jet[423] would[282] at[65] times[121] be[341] descried[313].

During[309] all[145] this[256] blackness[448] of[89] the[19] elements[225], Ahab[232], though[400] assuming[330]
for[190] the[19] time[577] the[19] almost[518] continual[222] command[190] of[89] the[19] drenched[116] and[236]
dangerous[2] deck[505], manifested[440] the[19] gloomiest[336] reserve[368]; and[236] more[348] seldom[140]
than[77] ever[208] addressed[169] his[433] mates[264]. In[107] tempestuous[431] times[121] like[410] these[527],
after[358] everything[233] above[502] and[236] aloft[276] has[399] been[185] secured[284], nothing[324] more[348]
can[450] be[341] done[135] but[330] passively[31] to[261] await[86] the[19] issue[117] of[89] the[19] gale[440].
Then[45] Captain[295] and[236] crew[126] become[548] practical[74] fatalists[152]. So[281], with[449] his[433]
ivory[76] leg[331] inserted[102] into[554] its[234] accustomed[295] hole[73], and[236] with[449] one[470] hand[252]
firmly[308] grasping[427] a[10] shroud[260], Ahab[232] for[190] hours[127] and[236] hours[127] would[282] stand[530]
gazing[117] dead[568] to[261] windward[170], while[55] an[138] occasional[202] squall[467] of[89] sleet[149]
or[519] snow[498] would[282] all[145] but[330] congeal[32] his[433] very[515] eyelashes[253] together[440].
Meantime[210], the[19] crew[126] driven[228] from[316] the[19] forward[364] part[207] of[89] the[19] ship[438]
by[406] the[19] perilous[141] seas[350] that[14] burstingly broke[356] over[82] its[234] bows[460],
stood[1] in[107] a[10] line[25] along[423] the[19] bulwarks[411] in[107] the[19] waist[52]; and[236] the[19] better[34]
to[261] guard[205] against[417] the[19] leaping[397] waves[443], each[520] man[17] had[364] slipped[227]
himself[282] into[554] a[10] sort[42] of[89] bowline[379] secured[284] to[261] the[19] rail[51], in[107] which[16]
he[362] swung[205] as[113] in[107] a[10] loosened[479] belt[323]. Few[49] or[519] no[235] words[107] were[324] spoken[507];
and[236] the[19] silent[382] ship[438], as[113] if[141] manned[282] by[406] painted[340] sailors[64] in[107] wax[245],
day[112] after[358] day[112] tore[493] on[392] through[295] all[145] the[19] swift[376] madness[282] and[236] gladness[354]
of[89] the[19] demoniac[279] waves[443]. By[406] night[108] the[19] same[541] muteness[88] of[89] humanity[95]
before[344] the[19] shrieks[400] of[89] the[19] ocean[224] prevailed[233]; still[278] in[107] silence[309] the[19] men[62]
swung[205] in[107] the[19] bowlines[141]; still[278] wordless[402] Ahab[232] stood[1] up[405] to[261] the[19] blast[13].
Even[198] when[189] wearied[229] nature[159] seemed[132] demanding[4] repose[463] he[362] would[282] not[518] seek[292]
that[14] repose[463] in[107] his[433] hammock[323]. Never[206] could[375] Starbuck forget[426] the[19] old[447]
man[17]'s[415] aspect[147], when[189] one[470] night[108] going[227] down[133] into[554] the[19] cabin[192] to[261] mark[169]
how[19] the[19] barometer[98] stood[1], he[362] saw[113] him[248] with[449] closed[523] eyes[125] sitting[136]
straight[346] in[107] his[433] floor[418]-screwed[453] chair[253]; the[19] rain[190] and[236] half[119]-melted[398]
sleet[149] of[89] the[19] storm[218] from[316] which[16] he[362] had[364] some[265] time[577] before[344] emerged[100],
still[278] slowly[149] dripping[92] from[316] the[19] unremoved[110] hat[107] and[236] coat[7].
On[392] the[19] table[572] beside[276] him[248] lay[62] unrolled[59] one[470] of[89] those[427] charts[98]
of[89] tides[36] and[236] currents[218] which[16] have[254] previously[250] been[185] spoken[507] of[89].
His[433] lantern[220] swung[205] from[316] his[433] tightly[259] clenched[198] hand[252].
Though[400] the[19] body[348] was[454] erect[245], the[19] head[219] was[454] thrown[359] back[457] so[281] that[14]
the[19] closed[523] eyes[125] were[324] pointed[413] towards[417] the[19] needle[459] of[89] the[19] tell[392]-tale[132]
that[14] swung[205] from[316] a[10] beam[298] in[107] the[19] ceiling[30].*

*The[19] cabin[192]-compass[463] is[487] called[237] the[19] tell[392]-tale[132], because[540] without[309]
going[227] to[261] the[19] compass[463] at[65] the[19] helm[285], the[19] Captain[295], while[55] below[397],
can[450] inform[77] himself[282] of[89] the[19] course[171] of[89] the[19] ship[438].

Terrible[132] old[447] man[17]! thought[186] Starbuck with[449] a[10] shudder[17], sleeping[341] in[107] this[256] gale[440],
still[278] thou[173] steadfastly[106] eyest thy[43] purpose[514].

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The[19] Albatross[298]

South[257]-eastward[244] from[316] the[19] Cape[23], off[111] the[19] distant[353] Crozetts,
a[10] good[221] cruising[298] ground[127] for[190] Right[499] Whalemen[451], a[10] sail[218] loomed[145] ahead[5],
the[19] Goney[415] (Albatross[298]) by[406] name[477]. As[113] she[391] slowly[149] drew[175] nigh[254],
from[316] my[36] lofty[161] perch[295] at[65] the[19] fore[259]-mast[98]-head[219], I[482] had[364] a[10] good[221] view[370]
of[89] that[14] sight[365] so[281] remarkable[381] to[261] a[10] tyro[83] in[107] the[19] far[258] ocean[224] fisheries[6]--
a[10] whaler[91] at[65] sea[67], and[236] long[544] absent[122] from[316] home[450].

As[113] if[141] the[19] waves[443] had[364] been[185] fullers[25], this[256] craft[187] was[454] bleached[80]
like[410] the[19] skeleton[231] of[89] a[10] stranded[299] walrus[111]. All[145] down[133] her[400] sides[331],
this[256] spectral[120] appearance[138] was[454] traced[507] with[449] long[544] channels[247] of[89] reddened[394] rust[19],
while[55] all[145] her[400] spars[15] and[236] her[400] rigging[516] were[324] like[410] the[19] thick[502] branches[364]
of[89] trees[354] furred[405] over[82] with[449] hoar-frost[78]. Only[517] her[400] lower[47] sails[344] were[324] set[422].
A[10] wild[230] sight[365] it[162] was[454] to[261] see[370] her[400] long[544]-bearded[364] look[523]-outs[52] at[65] those[427] three[329]
mast[44]-heads[279]. They[382] seemed[132] clad[457] in[107] the[19] skins[337] of[89] beasts[359], so[281] torn[237] and[236]
bepatched[89] the[19] raiment[114] that[14] had[364] survived[77] nearly[575] four[175] years[116] of[89] cruising[298].
Standing[144] in[107] iron[169] hoops[170] nailed[419] to[261] the[19] mast[44], they[382] swayed[136] and[236] swung[205]
over[82] a[10] fathomless[340] sea[67]; and[236] though[400], when[189] the[19] ship[438] slowly[149] glided[152]
close[65] under[533] our[234] stern[442], we[465] six[415] men[62] in[107] the[19] air[209] came[549] so[281] nigh[254] to[261] each[520]
other[282] that[14] we[465] might[496] almost[518] have[254] leaped[314] from[316] the[19] mast[44]-heads[279] of[89] one[470]
ship[438] to[261] those[427] of[89] the[19] other[282]; yet[443], those[427] forlorn[89]-looking[318] fishermen[24],
mildly[115] eyeing[49] us[569] as[113] they[382] passed[87], said[252] not[518] one[470] word[486] to[261] our[234] own[248]
look[523]-outs[52], while[55] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505] hail[75] was[454] being[264] heard[444] from[316] below[397].

"Ship[438] ahoy[26]! Have[254] ye[483] seen[154] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]?"

But[330] as[113] the[19] strange[440] captain[295], leaning[559] over[82] the[19] pallid[22] bulwarks[411],
was[454] in[107] the[19] act[10] of[89] putting[243] his[433] trumpet[104] to[261] his[433] mouth[414], it[162] somehow[425]
fell[421] from[316] his[433] hand[252] into[554] the[19] sea[67]; and[236] the[19] wind[262] now[20] rising[464] amain[279],
he[362] in[107] vain[216] strove[180] to[261] make[175] himself[282] heard[444] without[309] it[162].
Meantime[210] his[433] ship[438] was[454] still[278] increasing[329] the[19] distance[264] between[77] us[569].
While[55] in[107] various[183] silent[382] ways[101] the[19] seamen[6] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288] were[324] evincing[187]
their[219] observance[495] of[89] this[256] ominous[70] incident[339] at[65] the[19] first[13] mere[393] mention[510]
of[89] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]'s[483] name[477] to[261] another[269] ship[438], Ahab[232] for[190] a[10] moment[258] paused[390];

it[162] almost[518] seemed[132] as[113] though[400] he[362] would[282] have[254] lowered[279] a[10] boat[439]
to[261] board[540] the[19] stranger[233], had[364] not[518] the[19] threatening[193] wind[262] forbade[202].
But[330] taking[146] advantage[169] of[89] his[433] windward[170] position[383], he[362] again[52] seized[337]
his[433] trumpet[104], and[236] knowing[240] by[406] her[400] aspect[147] that[14] the[19] stranger[233] vessel[155] was[454]
a[10] Nantucketer and[236] shortly[425] bound[108] home[450], he[362] loudly[275] hailed[411]--"Ahoy[26] there[340]!
This[256] is[487] the[19] Pequod[288], bound[108] round[287] the[19] world[126]! Tell[392] them[146] to[261] address[512]
all[145] future[44] letters[170] to[261] the[19] Pacific[294] ocean[224]! and[236] this[256] time[577] three[329] years[116],
if[141] I[482] am[375] not[518] at[65] home[450], tell[392] them[146] to[261] address[512] them[146] to[261]-"

At[65] that[14] moment[258] the[19] two[527] wakes[60] were[324] fairly[211] crossed[202], and[236] instantly[186],
then[45], in[107] accordance[369] with[449] their[219] singular[216] ways[101], shoals[340] of[89] small[350]
harmless[268] fish[187], that[14] for[190] some[265] days[351] before[344] had[364] been[185] placidly[29] swimming[367]
by[406] our[234] side[246], darted[362] away[443] with[449] what[243] seemed[132] shuddering[143] fins[556],
and[236] ranged[435] themselves[510] fore[259] and[236] aft[2] with[449] the[19] stranger[233]'s[483] flanks[46].
Though[400] in[107] the[19] course[171] of[89] his[433] continual[222] voyagings[8] Ahab[232] must[226] often[227]
before[344] have[254] noticed[157] a[10] similar[101] sight[365], yet[443], to[261] any[501] monomaniac[336] man[17],
the[19] veriest[192] trifles[78] capriciously[83] carry[160] meanings[186].

"Swim[226] away[443] from[316] me[2], do[353] ye[483]?" murmured[238] Ahab[232], gazing[117] over[82] into[554] the[19] water[520].
There[340] seemed[132] but[330] little[554] in[107] the[19] words[107], but[330] the[19] tone[13] conveyed[223] more[348] of[89] deep[483]
helpless[26] sadness[23] than[77] the[19] insane[416] old[447] man[17] had[364] ever[208] before[344] evinced[94].
But[330] turning[69] to[261] the[19] steersman[290], who[319] thus[362] far[258] had[364] been[185] holding[311] the[19] ship[438]
in[107] the[19] wind[262] to[261] diminish[340] her[400] headway[492], he[362] cried[506] out[66] in[107] his[433] old[447] lion[84]
voice[233],--"Up[405] helm[285]! Keep[381] her[400] off[111] round[287] the[19] world[126]!"

Round[287] the[19] world[126]! There[340] is[487] much[61] in[107] that[14] sound[181] to[261] inspire[571]
proud[108] feelings[120]; but[330] whereto[306] does[565] all[145] that[14] circumnavigation[399] conduct[161]?
Only[517] through[295] numberless[4] perils[140] to[261] the[19] very[515] point[438] whence[494] we[465] started[492],
where[579] those[427] that[14] we[465] left[159] behind[80] secure[92], were[324] all[145] the[19] time[577] before[344] us[569].

Were[324] this[256] world[126] an[138] endless[489] plain[28], and[236] by[406] sailing[232] eastward[244] we[465] could[375]
for[190] ever[208] reach[43] new[36] distances[110], and[236] discover[291] sights[24] more[348] sweet[417] and[236] strange[440]
than[77] any[501] Cyclades[141] or[519] Islands[59] of[89] King[324] Solomon[8], then[45] there[340] were[324] promise[461]
in[107] the[19] voyage[137]. But[330] in[107] pursuit[305] of[89] those[427] far[258] mysteries[445] we[465] dream[86] of[89],
or[519] in[107] tormented[256] chase[89] of[89] that[14] demon[22] phantom[101] that[14], some[265] time[577] or[519] other[282],
swims[403] before[344] all[145] human[43] hearts[431]; while[55] chasing[227] such[420] over[82] this[256] round[287] globe[23],
they[382] either[45] lead[362] us[569] on[392] in[107] barren[415] mazes[485] or[519] midway[418] leave[450] us[569] whelmed[89].

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The[19] Gam[437]

The[19] ostensible[25] reason[238] why[177] Ahab[232] did[444] not[518] go[20] on[392] board[540] of[89] the[19] whaler[91]
we[465] had[364] spoken[507] was[454] this[256]: the[19] wind[262] and[236] sea[67] betokened[205] storms[327].
But[330] even[198] had[364] this[256] not[518] been[185] the[19] case[346], he[362] would[282] not[518] after[358] all[145],
perhaps[75], have[254] boarded[52] her[400]--judging[288] by[406] his[433] subsequent[312] conduct[161] on[392]
similar[101] occasions[115]--if[141] so[281] it[162] had[364] been[185] that[14], by[406] the[19] process[29] of[89] hailing[400],
he[362] had[364] obtained[186] a[10] negative[384] answer[164] to[261] the[19] question[562] he[362] put[190].
For[190], as[113] it[162] eventually[163] turned[492] out[66], he[362] cared[95] not[518] to[261] consort[94],
even[198] for[190] five[103] minutes[368], with[449] any[501] stranger[233] captain[295], except[545] he[362] could[375]
contribute[454] some[265] of[89] that[14] information[389] he[362] so[281] absorbingly[557] sought[82].
But[330] all[145] this[256] might[496] remain[326] inadequately[198] estimated[5], were[324] not[518]
something[181] said[252] here[135] of[89] the[19] peculiar[291] usages[262] of[89] whaling[155]-vessels[198]
when[189] meeting[183] each[520] other[282] in[107] foreign[198] seas[350], and[236] especially[371] on[392]
a[10] common[304] cruising[298]-ground[127].

If[141] two[527] strangers[226] crossing[402] the[19] Pine[54] Barrens[152] in[107] New[36] York[523] State[135],
or[519] the[19] equally[336] desolate[126] Salisbury[172] Plain[28] in[107] England[348]; if[141] casually[181]
encountering[332] each[520] other[282] in[107] such[420] inhospitable[34] wilds[110], these[527] twain[313],
for[190] the[19] life[71] of[89] them[146], cannot well[263] avoid[444] a[10] mutual[35] salutation[102];
and[236] stopping[406] for[190] a[10] moment[258] to[261] interchange[382] the[19] news[314];
and[236], perhaps[75], sitting[136] down[133] for[190] a[10] while[55] and[236] resting[455] in[107] concert[159]:
then[45], how[19] much[61] more[348] natural[298] that[14] upon[419] the[19] illimitable[364] Pine[54] Barrens[152]
and[236] Salisbury[172] Plains[21] of[89] the[19] sea[67], two[527] whaling[155] vessels[150] descrying[141]
each[520] other[282] at[65] the[19] ends[301] of[89] the[19] earth[513]--off[111] lone[19] Fanning[363]'s[483] Island[516],
or[519] the[19] far[258] away[443] King[324]'s[483] Mills[501]; how[19] much[61] more[348] natural[298], I[482] say[306], that[14] under[533]
such[420] circumstances[267] these[527] ships[21] should[255] not[518] only[517] interchange[382] hails[192],
but[330] come[420] into[554] still[278] closer[111], more[348] friendly[495] and[236] sociable[263] contact[263].
And[236] especially[371] would[282] this[256] seem[404] to[261] be[341] a[10] matter[176] of[89] course[171], in[107] the[19] case[346]
of[89] vessels[150] owned[196] in[107] one[470] seaport[296], and[236] whose[286] captains[124], officers[439],
and[236] not[518] a[10] few[49] of[89] the[19] men[62] are[314] personally[64] known[86] to[261] each[520] other[282];
and[236] consequently[441], have[254] all[145] sorts[354] of[89] dear[333] domestic[303] things[4]
to[261] talk[173] about[123].

For[190] the[19] long[544] absent[122] ship[438], the[19] outward[393]-bounder, perhaps[75],
has[399] letters[170] on[392] board[540]; at[65] any[501] rate[515], she[391] will[584] be[341] sure[41] to[261] let[66] her[400]
have[254] some[265] papers[434] of[89] a[10] date[261] a[10] year[347] or[519] two[527] later[87] than[77] the[19] last[436]
one[470] on[392] her[400] blurred[310] and[236] thumb[141]-worn[174] files[225]. And[236] in[107] return[407] for[190]
that[14] courtesy[239], the[19] outward[393]-bound[108] ship[438] would[282] receive[327] the[19] latest[523]
whaling[155] intelligence[30] from[316] the[19] cruising[298]-ground[127] to[261] which[16] she[391]
may[236] be[341] destined[197], a[10] thing[309] of[89] the[19] utmost[43] importance[579] to[261] her[400].
And[236] in[107] degree[209], all[145] this[256] will[584] hold[204] true[483] concerning[368] whaling[155] vessels[150]

crossing[402] each[520] other[282]'s[483] track[169] on[392] the[19] cruising[298]-ground[127] itself[312],
even[198] though[400] they[382] are[314] equally[336] long[544] absent[122] from[316] home[450]. For[190] one[470]
of[89] them[146] may[236] have[254] received[12] a[10] transfer[549] of[89] letters[170] from[316] some[265] third[301],
and[236] now[20] far[258] remote[141] vessel[155]; and[236] some[265] of[89] those[427] letters[170] may[236] be[341]
for[190] the[19] people[482] of[89] the[19] ship[438] she[391] now[20] meets[518]. Besides[465], they[382] would[282]
exchange[342] the[19] whaling[155] news[314], and[236] have[254] an[138] agreeable[521] chat[205].
For[190] not[518] only[517] would[282] they[382] meet[16] with[449] all[145] the[19] sympathies[396] of[89] sailors[64],
but[330] likewise[193] with[449] all[145] the[19] peculiar[291] congenialities arising[303] from[316]
a[10] common[304] pursuit[305] and[236] mutually[250] shared[376] privations[102] and[236] perils[140].

Nor[137] would[282] difference[3] of[89] country[362] make[175] any[501] very[515] essential[124] difference[3];
that[14] is[487], so[281] long[544] as[113] both[558] parties[162] speak[337] one[470] language[322], as[113] is[487] the[19] case[346]
with[449] Americans[81] and[236] English[69]. Though[400], to[261] be[341] sure[41], from[316] the[19] small[350] number[196]
of[89] English[69] whalers[116], such[420] meetings[279] do[353] not[518] very[515] often[227] occur[512], and[236] when[189] they[382]
do[353] occur[512] there[340]. is[487] too[11] apt[40] to[261] be[341] a[10] sort[42] of[89] shyness[18] between[77] them[146];
for[190] your[162] Englishman[101] is[487] rather[178] reserved[234], and[236] your[162] Yankee[211], he[362] does[565] not[518]
fancy[396] that[14] sort[42] of[89] thing[309] in[107] anybody[58] but[330] himself[282]. Besides[465], the[19] English[69]
whalers[116] sometimes[77] affect[298] a[10] kind[451] of[89] metropolitan[169] superiority[507]
over[82] the[19] American[272] whalers[116]; regarding[23] the[19] long[544], lean[279] Nantucketer,
with[449] his[433] nondescript[3] provincialisms[165], as[113] a[10] sort[42] of[89] sea[67]-peasant[61]. But[330]
where[579] this[256] superiority[507] in[107] the[19] English[69] whaleman[98] does[565] really[406] consist[103],
it[162] would[282] be[341] hard[337] to[261] say[306], seeing[426] that[14] the[19] Yankees[44] in[107] one[470] day[112], collectively[292],
kill[219] more[348] whales[331] than[77] all[145] the[19] English[69], collectively[292], in[107] ten[198] years[116].
But[330] this[256] is[487] a[10] harmless[268] little[554] foible[223] in[107] the[19] English[69] whale[422]-hunters[423], which[16]
the[19] Nantucketer does[565] not[518] take[279] much[61] to[261] heart[470]; probably[244], because[540] he[362] knows[286]
that[14] he[362] has[399] a[10] few[49] foibles[415] himself[282].

So[281], then[45], we[465] see[370] that[14] of[89] all[145] ships[21] separately[350] sailing[232] the[19] sea[67],
the[19] whalers[116] have[254] most[216] reason[238] to[261] be[341] sociable[263]--and[236] they[382] are[314] so[281].
Whereas[18], some[265] merchant[332] ships[21] crossing[402] each[520] other[282]'s[483] wake[205] in[107] the[19]
mid[84]-Atlantic[198], will[584] oftentimes[30] pass[153] on[392] without[309] so[281] much[61] as[113] a[10] single[77]
word[486] of[89] recognition[5], mutually[250] cutting[454] each[520] other[282] on[392] the[19] high[361] seas[350],
like[410] a[10] brace[403] of[89] dandies[340] in[107] Broadway[92]; and[236] all[145] the[19] time[577] indulging[413],
perhaps[75], in[107] finical[5] criticism[262] upon[419] each[520] other[282]'s[483] rig[415].
As[113] for[190] Men[62]-of[89]-War[169], when[189] they[382] chance[292] to[261] meet[16] at[65] sea[67], they[382] first[13]
go[20] through[295] such[420] a[10] string[446] of[89] silly[314] bowings[235] and[236] scrapings[83],
such[420] a[10] ducking[156] of[89] ensigns[141], that[14] there[340] does[565] not[518] seem[404] to[261] be[341] much[61]
right[499]-down[133] hearty[140] good[221]-will[214] and[236] brotherly[301] love[391] about[123] it[162] at[65] all[145].
As[113] touching[80] Slave[126]-ships[21] meeting[183], why[177], they[382] are[314] in[107] such[420] a[10]
prodigious[223] hurry[183], they[382] run[172] away[443] from[316] each[520] other[282] as[113] soon[18] as[113] possible[277].
And[236] as[113] for[190] Pirates[19], when[189] they[382] chance[292] to[261] cross[416] each[520] other[282]'s[483]
cross[416]-bones[128], the[19] first[13] hail[75] is[487]--"How[19] many[282] skulls[136]?"--
the[19] same[541] way[435] that[14] whalers[116] hail[75]--"How[19] many[282] barrels[368]?"
And[236] that[14] question[562] once[248] answered[100], pirates[19] straightway[210] steer[426] apart[526],
for[190] they[382] are[314] infernal[84] villains[2] on[392] both[558] sides[331], and[236] don[280]'t[500] like[410]
to[261] see[370] overmuch[82] of[89] each[520] other[282]'s[483] villanous[336] likenesses[270].

But[330] look[523] at[65] the[19] godly[186], honest[287], unostentatious[247], hospitable[468], sociable[263],
free[483]-and[236]-easy[281] whaler[91]! What[243] does[565] the[19] whaler[91] do[353] when[189] she[391] meets[518]
another[269] whaler[91] in[107] any[501] sort[42] of[89] decent[136] weather[405]? She[391] has[399] a[10] "Gam[437],"
a[10] thing[309] so[281] utterly[46] unknown[10] to[261] all[145] other[282] ships[21] that[14] they[382] never[206]
heard[444] of[89] the[19] name[477] even[198]; and[236] if[141] by[406] chance[292] they[382] should[255] hear[386] of[89] it[162],
they[382] only[517] grin[401] at[65] it[162], and[236] repeat[2] gamesome[110] stuff[471] about[123] "spouters"
and[236] "blubber[232]-boilers[69]," and[236] such[420] like[410] pretty[252] exclamations[278].
Why[177] it[162] is[487] that[14] all[145] Merchant[332]-seamen[6], and[236] also[119] all[145] Pirates[19] and[236]
Man[17]-of[89]-War[6]'s[483] men[62], and[236] Slave[126]-ship[438] sailors[64], cherish[181] such[420] a[10] scornful[34]
feeling[384] towards[417] Whale[422]-ships[21]; this[256] is[487] a[10] question[562] it[162] would[282] be[341] hard[337]
to[261] answer[164]. Because[540], in[107] the[19] case[346] of[89] pirates[19], say[306], I[482] should[255] like[410] to[261] know[60]
whether[454] that[14] profession[202] of[89] theirs[137] has[399] any[501] peculiar[291] glory[173] about[123] it[162].
It[162] sometimes[77] ends[301] in[107] uncommon[88] elevation[272], indeed[522]; but[330] only[517] at[65] the[19] gallows[486].
And[236] besides[465], when[189] a[10] man[17] is[487] elevated[541] in[107] that[14] odd[19] fashion[467], he[362] has[399]
no[235] proper[249] foundation[42] for[190] his[433] superior[479] altitude[315]. Hence[503], I[482] conclude[1],
that[14] in[107] boasting[223] himself[282] to[261] be[341] high[361] lifted[448] above[502] a[10] whaleman[98],
in[107] that[14] assertion[464] the[19] pirate[214] has[399] no[235] solid[494] basis[15] to[261] stand[530] on[392].

But[330] what[243] is[487] a[10] Gam[437]? You[227] might[496] wear[250] out[66] your[162] index[270]-finger[190] running[296]
up[405] and[236] down[133] the[19] columns[262] of[89] dictionaries[417], and[236] never[206] find[138] the[19] word[486],
Dr[364]. Johnson[69] never[206] attained[177] to[261] that[14] erudition[4]; Noah[69] Webster[281]'s[483]
ark[25] does[565] not[518] hold[204] it[162]. Nevertheless[104], this[256] same[541] expressive[234] word[486]
has[399] now[20] for[190] many[282] years[116] been[185] in[107] constant[149] use[176] among[483] some[265] fifteen[289]
thousand[586] true[483] born[236] Yankees[44]. Certainly[124], it[162] needs[41] a[10] definition[1],
and[236] should[255] be[341] incorporated[129] into[554] the[19] Lexicon[165]. With[449] that[14] view[370],
let[66] me[2] learnedly[117] define[79] it[162].

GAM[437]. NOUN[38]--A[10] social[149] meeting[183] of[89] two[527] (or[519] more[348]) Whaleships, generally[402] on[392]
a[10] cruising[298]-ground[127]; when[189], after[358] exchanging[250] hails[192], they[382] exchange[342]
visits[444] by[406] boats[83]' crews[559], the[19] two[527] captains[124] remaining[64], for[190] the[19] time[577],
on[392] board[540] of[89] one[470] ship[438], and[236] the[19] two[527] chief[156] mates[264] on[392] the[19] other[282].

There[340] is[487] another[269] little[554] item[60] about[123] Gamming which[16] must[226] not[518]
be[341] forgotten[170] here[135]. All[145] professions[295] have[254] their[219] own[248] little[554]
peculiarities[38] of[89] detail[41]; so[281] has[399] the[19] whale[422] fishery[136]. In[107] a[10] pirate[214],
man[17]-of[89]-war[6], or[519] slave[126] ship[438], when[189] the[19] captain[295] is[487] rowed[411] anywhere[436]
in[107] his[433] boat[439], he[362] always[367] sits[105] in[107] the[19] stern[442] sheets[281] on[392] a[10] comfortable[402],

sometimes[77] cushioned[250] seat[88] there[340], and[236] often[227] steers[232] himself[282] with[449] a[10] pretty[252]
little[554] milliner[104]'s[483] tiller[445] decorated[305] with[449] gay[323] cords[388] and[236] ribbons[41].
But[330] the[19] whale[422]-boat[439] has[399] no[235] seat[88] astern[39], no[235] sofa[34] of[89] that[14] sort[42] whatever[38],
and[236] no[235] tiller[445] at[65] all[145]. High[361] times[121] indeed[522], if[141] whaling[155] captains[124] were[324] wheeled[542]
about[123] the[19] water[520] on[392] castors[264] like[410] gouty[57] old[447] aldermen[199] in[107] patent[69] chairs[19].
And[236] as[113] for[190] a[10] tiller[445], the[19] whale[422]-boat[439] never[206] admits[309] of[89] any[501] such[420] effeminacy[173];
and[236] therefore[94] as[113] in[107] gamming a[10] complete[191] boat[439]'s[483] crew[126] must[226] leave[450] the[19] ship[438],
and[236] hence[503] as[113] the[19] boat[439] steerer[217] or[519] harpooneer is[487] of[89] the[19] number[196],
that[14] subordinate[204] is[487] the[19] steersman[290] upon[419] the[19] occasion[211], and[236] the[19] captain[295],
having[69] no[235] place[107] to[261] sit[215] in[107], is[487] pulled[213] off[111] to[261] his[433] visit[229] all[145] standing[144]
like[410] a[10] pine[54] tree[482]. And[236] often[227] you[227] will[584] notice[76] that[14] being[264] conscious[443]
of[89] the[19] eyes[125] of[89] the[19] whole[199] visible[94] world[126] resting[455] on[392] him[248] from[316]
the[19] sides[331] of[89] the[19] two[527] ships[21], this[256] standing[144] captain[295] is[487] all[145] alive[298]
to[261] the[19] importance[579] of[89] sustaining[389] his[433] dignity[338] by[406] maintaining[140] his[433] legs[108].
Nor[137] is[487] this[256] any[501] very[515] easy[281] matter[176]; for[190] in[107] his[433] rear[252] is[487] the[19] immense[301]
projecting[336] steering[252] oar[61] hitting[127] him[248] now[20] and[236] then[45] in[107] the[19] small[350] of[89]
his[433] back[457], the[19] after[358]-oar[61] reciprocating[25] by[406] rapping[214] his[433] knees[214] in[107] front[196].
He[362] is[487] thus[362] completely[385] wedged[55] before[344] and[236] behind[80], and[236] can[450] only[517]
expand[254] himself[282] sideways[496] by[406] settling[98] down[133] on[392] his[433] stretched[63] legs[108];
but[330] a[10] sudden[309], violent[336] pitch[115] of[89] the[19] boat[439] will[584] often[227] go[20] far[258] to[261] topple[199] him[248],
because[540] length[202] of[89] foundation[42] is[487] nothing[324] without[309] corresponding[427] breadth[252].
Merely[57] make[175] a[10] spread[348] angle[205] of[89] two[527] poles[122], and[236] you[227] cannot stand[530] them[146] up[405].
Then[45], again[52], it[162] would[282] never[206] do[353] in[107] plain[28] sight[365] of[89] the[19] world[126]'s[483] riveted[264] eyes[125],
it[162] would[282] never[206] do[353], I[482] say[306], for[190] this[256] straddling[141] captain[295] to[261] be[341] seen[154]
steadying[107] himself[282] the[19] slightest[44] particle[26] by[406] catching[263] hold[204] of[89] anything[480]
with[449] his[433] hands[87]; indeed[522], as[113] token[502] of[89] his[433] entire[230], buoyant[159] self[442]-command[190],
he[362] generally[402] carries[440] his[433] hands[87] in[107] his[433] trowsers[206]' pockets[240]; but[330] perhaps[75] being[264]
generally[402] very[515] large[385], heavy[421] hands[87], he[362] carries[440] them[146] there[340] for[190] ballast[58].
Nevertheless[104] there[340] have[254] occurred[205] instances[252], well[263] authenticated[30] ones[396] too[11],
where[579] the[19] captain[295] has[399] been[185] known[86] for[190] an[138] uncommonly[194] critical[38] moment[258] or[519] two[527],
in[107] a[10] sudden[309] squall[467] say[306]--to[261] seize[445] hold[204] of[89] the[19] nearest[26] oarsman[60]'s[483] hair[237],
and[236] hold[204] on[392] there[340] like[410] grim[19] death[543].

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The[19] Town[172]-Ho[31]'s[483] Story[197]

(As[113] told[82] at[65] the[19] Golden[508] Inn[190])

The[19] Cape[23] of[89] Good[221] Hope[211], and[236] all[145] the[19] watery[59] region[145] round[287] about[123] there[340],
is[487] much[61] like[410] some[265] noted[414] four[175] corners[124] of[89] a[10] great[259] highway[249], where[579] you[227]
meet[16] more[348] travellers[491] than[77] in[107] any[501] other[282] part[207].

It[162] was[454] not[518] very[515] long[544] after[358] speaking[22] the[19] Goney[415] that[14] another[269]
homeward[282]-bound[188] whaleman[98], the[19] Town[172]-Ho[31],* was[454] encountered[102].
She[391] was[454] manned[282] almost[518] wholly[497] by[406] Polynesians[350]. In[107] the[19] short[522] gam[437] that[14]
ensued[337] she[391] gave[572] us[569] strong[145] news[314] of[89] Moby[362] Dick[25]. To[261] some[265] the[19] general[37]
interest[323] in[107] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] was[454] now[20] wildly[356] heightened[53] by[406] a[10] circumstance[407]
of[89] the[19] Town[172]-Ho[31]'s[483] story[197], which[16] seemed[132] obscurely[193] to[261] involve[34] with[449] the[19] whale[422]
a[10] certain[31] wondrous[30], inverted[93] visitation[221] of[89] one[470] of[89] those[427] so[281] called[237]
judgments[481] of[89] God[185] which[16] at[65] times[121] are[314] said[252] to[261] overtake[410] some[265] men[62].
This[256] latter[497] circumstance[407], with[449] its[234] own[248] particular[336] accompaniments[25],
forming[354] what[243] may[236] be[341] called[237] the[19] secret[409] part[207] of[89] the[19] tragedy[409] about[123] to[261]
be[341] narrated[283], never[206] reached[386] the[19] ears[560] of[89] Captain[295] Ahab[232] or[519] his[433] mates[264].
For[190] that[14] secret[409] part[207] of[89] the[19] story[197] was[454] unknown[10] to[261] the[19] captain[295]
of[89] the[19] Town[172]-Ho[31] himself[282]. It[162] was[454] the[19] private[541] property[398] of[89] three[329]
confederate[69] white[82] seamen[6] of[89] that[14] ship[438], one[470] of[89] whom[324], it[162] seems[19],
communicated[18] it[162] to[261] Tashtego with[449] Romish[160] injunctions[137] of[89] secrecy[382],
but[330] the[19] following[181] night[108] Tashtego rambled[219] in[107] his[433] sleep[233], and[236] revealed[530]
so[281] much[61] of[89] it[162] in[107] that[14] way[435], that[14] when[189] he[362] was[454] wakened[314] he[362] could[375] not[518]
well[263] withhold[141] the[19] rest[302]. Nevertheless[104], so[281] potent[422] an[138] influence[299] did[444]
this[256] thing[309] have[254] on[392] those[427] seamen[6] in[107] the[19] Pequod[288] who[319] came[549] to[261] the[19] full[414]
knowledge[270] of[89] it[162], and[236] by[406] such[420] a[10] strange[440] delicacy[201], to[261] call[259] it[162] so[281],
were[324] they[382] governed[401] in[107] this[256] matter[176], that[14] they[382] kept[290] the[19] secret[409] among[483]
themselves[510] so[281] that[14] it[162] never[206] transpired[162] abaft[26] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] main[501]-mast[44].
Interweaving[201] in[107] its[234] proper[249] place[107] this[256] darker[20] thread[44] with[449] the[19] story[197]
as[113] publicly[230] narrated[283] on[392] the[19] ship[438], the[19] whole[199] of[89] this[256] strange[440] affair[388]
I[482] now[20] proceed[367] to[261] put[190] on[392] lasting[74] record[571].

*The[19] ancient[463] whale[422]-cry[561] upon[419] first[13] sighting[454] a[10] whale[422] from[316] the[19] mast[44]-head[116],
still[278] used[102] by[406] whalemen[451] in[107] hunting[45] the[19] famous[254] Gallipagos[283] terrapin[170].

For[190] my[36] humor[368]'s[483] sake[523], I[482] shall[66] preserve[192] the[19] style[303] in[107] which[16] I[482] once[248] narrated[283]
it[162] at[65] Lima[120], to[261] a[10] lounging[325] circle[282] of[89] my[36] Spanish[124] friends[169], one[470] saint[324]'s[483] eve[245],
smoking[470] upon[419] the[19] thick[502]-gilt[491] tiled[291] piazza[354] of[89] the[19] Golden[508] Inn[190]. Of[89] those[427]
fine[333] cavaliers[44], the[19] young[389] Dons[70], Pedro[75] and[236] Sebastian[102], were[324] on[392] the[19] closer[111]
terms[297] with[449] me[2]; and[236] hence[503] the[19] interluding questions[300] they[382] occasionally[509] put[190],
and[236] which[16] are[314] duly[163] answered[100] at[65] the[19] time[577].

"Some[265] two[527] years[116] prior[201] to[261] my[36] first[13] learning[219] the[19] events[390] which[16] I[482] am[375] about[123] rehearsing[65] to[261] you[227], gentlemen[340], the[19] Town[172]-Ho[31], Sperm[26] Whaler[91] of[89] Nantucket[283], was[454] cruising[298] in[107] your[162] Pacific[294] here[135], not[518] very[515] many[282] days[351]' sail[218] eastward[244] from[316] the[19] eaves[364] of[89] this[256] good[221] Golden[508] Inn[190]. She[391] was[454] somewhere[201] to[261] the[19] northward[63] of[89] the[19] Line[25]. One[470] morning[417] upon[419] handling[135] the[19] pumps[128] according[281] to[261] daily[201] usage[454], it[162] was[454] observed[340] that[14] she[391] made[563] more[348] water[520] in[107] her[400] hold[204] than[77] common[304]. They[382] supposed[423] a[10] sword[273]-fish[187] had[364] stabbed[443] her[400], gentlemen[340]. But[330] the[19] captain[295], having[69] some[265] unusual[322] reason[238] for[190] believing[64] that[14] rare[296] good[221] luck[453] awaited[132] him[248] in[107] those[427] latitudes[267]; and[236] therefore[94] being[264] very[515] averse[5] to[261] quit[295] them[146], and[236] the[19] leak[41] not[518] being[264] then[45] considered[484] at[65] all[145] dangerous[2], though[400], indeed[522], they[382] could[375] not[518] find[138] it[162] after[358] searching[15] the[19] hold[204] as[113] low[407] down[133] as[113] was[454] possible[277] in[107] rather[178] heavy[421] weather[405], the[19] ship[438] still[278] continued[44] her[400] cruisings[263], the[19] mariners[347] working[113] at[65] the[19] pumps[128] at[65] wide[465] and[236] easy[281] intervals[295]; but[330] no[235] good[221] luck[453] came[549]; more[348] days[351] went[516] by[406] and[236] not[518] only[517] was[454] the[19] leak[41] yet[443] undiscovered[136], but[330] it[162] sensibly[232] increased[406]. So[281] much[61] so[281], that[14] now[20] taking[146] some[265] alarm[178], the[19] captain[295], making[415] all[145] sail[218], stood[1] away[443] for[190] the[19] nearest[26] harbor[289] among[483] the[19] islands[59], there[340] to[261] have[254] his[433] hull[323] hove[368] out[66] and[236] repaired[143].

"Though[400] no[235] small[350] passage[285] was[454] before[344] her[400], yet[443], if[141] the[19] commonest[52] chance[292] favoured[61], he[362] did[444] not[518] at[65] all[145] fear[103] that[14] his[433] ship[438] would[282] founder[120] by[406] the[19] way[435], because[540] his[433] pumps[128] were[324] of[89] the[19] best[315], and[236] being[264] periodically[427] relieved[158] at[65] them[146], those[427] six[415]-and[236]-thirty[521] men[62] of[89] his[433] could[375] easily[45] keep[381] the[19] ship[438] free[483]; never[206] mind[118] if[141] the[19] leak[41] should[255] double[20] on[392] her[400]. In[107] truth[350], well[263] nigh[254] the[19] whole[199] of[89] this[256] passage[285] being[264] attended[206] by[406] very[515] prosperous[365] breezes[127], the[19] Town[172]-Ho[31] had[364] all[145] but[330] certainly[124] arrived[553] in[107] perfect[307] safety[388] at[65] her[400] port[409] without[309] the[19] occurrence[497] of[89] the[19] least[453] fatality[223], had[364] it[162] not[518] been[185] for[190] the[19] brutal[134] overbearing[285] of[89] Radney, the[19] mate[508], a[10] Vineyarder, and[236] the[19] bitterly[259] provoked[38] vengeance[72] of[89] Steelkilt, a[10] Lakeman and[236] desperado[303] from[316] Buffalo[299].

"'Lakeman!--Buffalo[299]! Pray[311], what[243] is[487] a[10] Lakeman, and[236] where[579] is[487] Buffalo[299]?' said[252] Don[280] Sebastian[102], rising[464] in[107] his[433] swinging[379] mat[316] of[89] grass[418].

"On[392] the[19] eastern[86] shore[280] of[89] our[234] Lake[43] Erie[541], Don[280]; but[330]--I[482] crave[183] your[162] courtesy[239]--may[236] be[341], you[227] shall[66] soon[18] hear[386] further[53] of[89] all[145] that[14]. Now[20], gentlemen[340], in[107] square[302]-sail[218] brigs[231] and[236] three[329]-masted[241] ships[21], well[263] nigh[254] as[113] large[385] and[236] stout[29] as[113] any[501] that[14] ever[208] sailed[248] out[66] of[89] your[162] old[447] Callao[25] to[261] far[258] Manilla[283]; this[256] Lakeman, in[107] the[19] land[406]-locked[83] heart[470] of[89] our[234] America[133], had[364] yet[443] been[185] nurtured[31] by[406] all[145] those[427] agrarian[41] freebooting[27] impressions[110] popularly[301] connected[202] with[449] the[19] open[464] ocean[224]. For[190] in[107] their[219] interflowing[83] aggregate[136], those[427] grand[229] fresh[540]-water[159] seas[350] of[89] ours[94],--Erie[541], and[236] Ontario[383], and[236] Huron[93], and[236] Superior[479], and[236] Michigan[507],--possess[35] an[138] ocean[224]-like[410] expansiveness[335], with[449] many[282] of[89] the[19] ocean[224]'s[483] noblest[140] traits[264]; with[449] many[282] of[89] its[234] rimmed[41] varieties[23] of[89] races[169] and[236] of[89] climes[348]. They[382] contain[112] round[287] archipelagoes[83] of[89] romantic[133] isles[425], even[198] as[113] the[19] Polynesian[31] waters[556] do[353]; in[107] large[385] part[207], are[314] shored[314] by[406] two[527] great[259] contrasting[286] nations[274], as[113] the[19] Atlantic[198] is[487]; they[382] furnish[160] long[544] maritime[243] approaches[141] to[261] our[234] numerous[558] territorial[8] colonies[323] from[316] the[19] East[524], dotted[399] all[145] round[287] their[219] banks[145]; here[135] and[236] there[340] are[314] frowned[30] upon[419] by[406] batteries[435], and[236] by[406] the[19] goat[113]-like[410] craggy[19] guns[225] of[89] lofty[161] Mackinaw[333]; they[382] have[254] heard[444] the[19] fleet[206] thunderings[144] of[89] naval[152] victories[502]; at[65] intervals[295], they[382] yield[39] their[219] beaches[364] to[261] wild[230] barbarians[15], whose[286] red[293] painted[340] faces[97] flash[424] from[316] out[66] their[219] peltry[290] wigwams[328]; for[190] leagues[116] and[236] leagues[116] are[314] flanked[69] by[406] ancient[463] and[236] unentered[177] forests[238], where[579] the[19] gaunt[62] pines[398] stand[530] like[410] serried[249] lines[241] of[89] kings[474] in[107] Gothic[157] genealogies[409]; those[427] same[541] woods[29] harboring[261] wild[230] Afric[252] beasts[359] of[89] prey[347], and[236] silken[488] creatures[5] whose[286] exported[106] furs[13] give[142] robes[463] to[261] Tartar[21] Emperors[247]; they[382] mirror[543] the[19] paved[97] capitals[154] of[89] Buffalo[299] and[236] Cleveland[138], as[113] well[263] as[113] Winnebago[31] villages[316]; they[382] float[231] alike[122] the[19] full[414]-rigged[39] merchant[332] ship[438], the[19] armed[299] cruiser[214] of[89] the[19] State[135], the[19] steamer[11], and[236] the[19] beech[392] canoe[290]; they[382] are[314] swept[305] by[406] Borean[20] and[236] dismasting blasts[245] as[113] direful[137] as[113] any[501] that[14] lash[266] the[19] salted[212] wave[556]; they[382] know[60] what[243] shipwrecks[232] are[314], for[190] out[66] of[89] sight[365] of[89] land[406], however[44] inland[146], they[382] have[254] drowned[83] full[414] many[282] a[10] midnight[539] ship[438] with[449] all[145] its[234] shrieking[516] crew[126]. Thus[362], gentlemen[340], though[400] an[138] inlander, Steelkilt was[454] wild[230]-ocean[224] born[236], and[236] wild[230]-ocean[224] nurtured[31]; as[113] much[61] of[89] an[138] audacious[142] mariner[265] as[113] any[501]. And[236] for[190] Radney, though[400] in[107] his[433] infancy[371] he[362] may[236] have[254] laid[181] him[248] down[133] on[392] the[19] lone[19] Nantucket[283] beach[183], to[261] nurse[210] at[65] his[433] maternal[371] sea[67]; though[400] in[107] after[358] life[71] he[362] had[364] long[544] followed[234] our[234] austere[454] Atlantic[198] and[236] your[162] contemplative[44] Pacific[294]; yet[443] was[454] he[362] quite[327] as[113] vengeful[504] and[236] full[414] of[89] social[149] quarrel[315] as[113] the[19] backwoods[44] seaman[166], fresh[540] from[316] the[19] latitudes[267] of[89] buckhorn[367] handled[241] Bowie-knives[80]. Yet[443] was[454] this[256] Nantucketer a[10] man[17] with[449] some[265] good[221]-hearted[83] traits[264]; and[236] this[256] Lakeman, a[10] mariner[265], who[319] though[400] a[10] sort[42] of[89] devil[411] indeed[522], might[496] yet[443] by[406] inflexible[264] firmness[386], only[517] tempered[270] by[406] that[14] common[304] decency[407] of[89] human[43] recognition[5] which[16] is[487] the[19] meanest[486] slave[126]'s[483] right[499]; thus[362] treated[277], this[256] Steelkilt had[364] long[544] been[185] retained[155] harmless[268] and[236] docile[24]. At[65] all[145] events[390], he[362] had[364] proved[312] so[281] thus[362] far[258]; but[330] Radney was[454] doomed[54] and[236] made[563] mad[235], and[236] Steelkilt--but[330], gentlemen[340], you[227] shall[66] hear[386].

"It[162] was[454] not[518] more[348] than[77] a[10] day[112] or[519] two[527] at[65] the[19] furthest[361] after[358] pointing[295] her[400] prow[451] for[190] her[400] island[516] haven[432], that[14] the[19] Town[172]-Ho[31]'s[483] leak[41] seemed[132] again[52] increasing[329], but[330] only[517] so[281] as[113] to[261] require[228] an[138] hour[384] or[519] more[348] at[65] the[19] pumps[128] every[389] day[112].

You[227] must[226] know[60] that[14] in[107] a[10] settled[540] and[236] civilized[441] ocean[224] like[410] our[234] Atlantic[198], for[190] example[479], some[265] skippers[155] think[424] little[554] of[89] pumping[127] their[219] whole[199] way[435] across[129] it[162]; though[400] of[89] a[10] still[278], sleepy[452] night[108], should[255] the[19] officer[70] of[89] the[19] deck[505] happen[352] to[261] forget[426] his[433] duty[468] in[107] that[14] respect[441], the[19] probability[377] would[282] be[341] that[14] he[362] and[236] his[433] shipmates[98] would[282] never[206] again[52] remember[499] it[162], on[392] account[102] of[89] all[145] hands[87] gently[284] subsiding[83] to[261] the[19] bottom[461]. Nor[137] in[107] the[19] solitary[407] and[236] savage[398] seas[350] far[258] from[316] you[227] to[261] the[19] westward[381], gentlemen[340], is[487] it[162] altogether[31] unusual[322] for[190] ships[21] to[261] keep[381] clanging[127] at[65] their[219] pump[390]-handles[314] in[107] full[414] chorus[98] even[198] for[190] a[10] voyage[137] of[89] considerable[75] length[202]! that[14] is[487], if[141] it[162] lie[212] along[423] a[10] tolerably[21] accessible[163] coast[287], or[519] if[141] any[501] other[282] reasonable[88] retreat[506] is[487] afforded[37] them[146]. It[162] is[487] only[517] when[189] a[10] leaky[299] vessel[155] is[487] in[107] some[265] very[515] out[66] of[89] the[19] way[435] part[207] of[89] those[427] waters[556], some[265] really[406] landless[54] latitude[258], that[14] her[400] captain[295] begins[374] to[261] feel[461] a[10] little[554] anxious[256].

"Much[61] this[256] way[435] had[364] it[162] been[185] with[449] the[19] Town[172]-Ho[31]; so[281] when[189] her[400] leak[41] was[454] found[260] gaining[225] once[248] more[348], there[340] was[454] in[107] truth[350] some[265] small[350] concern[180] manifested[440] by[406] several[479] of[89] her[400] company[280]; especially[371] by[406] Radney the[19] mate[508]. He[362] commanded[571] the[19] upper[403] sails[344] to[261] be[341] well[263] hoisted[367], sheeted[99] home[450] anew[262], and[236] every[389] way[435] expanded[507] to[261] the[19] breeze[227]. Now[20] this[256] Radney, I[482] suppose[120], was[454] as[113] little[554] of[89] a[10] coward[92], and[236] as[113] little[554] inclined[76] to[261] any[501] sort[42] of[89] nervous[154] apprehensiveness[4] touching[80] his[433] own[248] person[550] as[113] any[501] fearless[132], unthinking[253] creature[82] on[392] land[406] or[519] on[392] sea[67] that[14] you[227] can[450] conveniently[253] imagine[385], gentlemen[340]. Therefore[94] when[189] he[362] betrayed[498] this[256] imagine[385], solicitude[341] about[123] the[19] safety[388] of[89] the[19] ship[438], some[265] of[89] the[19] seamen[6] declared[29] that[14] it[162] was[454] only[517] on[392] account[102] of[89] his[433] being[264] a[10] part[207] owner[260] in[107] her[400]. So[281] when[189] they[382] were[324] working[113] that[14] evening[581] at[65] the[19] pumps[128], there[340] was[454] on[392] this[256] head[219] no[235] small[350] gamesomeness[285] slily[142] going[227] on[392] among[483] them[146], as[113] they[382] stood[1] with[449] their[219] feet[349] continually[303] overflowed[336] by[406] the[19] rippling[206] clear[408] water[520]; clear[408] as[113] any[501] mountain[231] spring[148], gentlemen[340]--that[14] bubbling[261] from[316] the[19] pumps[128] ran[391] across[129] the[19] deck[505], and[236] poured[476] itself[312] out[66] in[107] steady[21] spouts[75] at[65] the[19] lee[472] scupper-holes[41].

"Now[20], as[113] you[227] well[263] know[60], it[162] is[487] not[518] seldom[140] the[19] case[346] in[107] this[256] conventional[201] world[126] of[89] ours[94]--watery[59] or[519] otherwise[542]; that[14] when[189] a[10] person[550] placed[556] in[107] command[190] over[82] his[433] fellow[369]-men[62] finds[455] one[470] of[89] them[146] to[261] be[341] very[515] significantly[23] his[433] superior[479] in[107] general[37] pride[279] of[89] manhood[270], straightway[210] against[417] that[14] man[17] he[362] conceives[105] an[138] unconquerable[398] dislike[471] and[236] bitterness[7]; and[236] if[141] he[362] had[364] a[10] chance[292] he[362] will[584] pull[35] down[133] and[236] pulverize[373] that[14] subaltern[78]'s[483] tower[36], and[236] make[175] a[10] little[554] heap[31] of[89] dust[434] of[89] it[162]. Be[341] this[256] conceit[58] of[89] mine[482] as[113] it[162] may[236], gentlemen[340], at[65] all[145] events[390] Steelkilt was[454] a[10] tall[373] and[236] noble[226] animal[22] with[449] a[10] head[219] like[410] a[10] Roman[333], and[236] a[10] flowing[298] golden[508] beard[23] like[410] the[19] tasseled[105] housings[454] of[89] your[162] last[436] viceroy[141]'s[483] snorting[238] charger[64]; and[236] a[10] brain[158], and[236] a[10] heart[470], and[236] a[10] soul[428] in[107] him[248], gentlemen[340], which[16] had[364] made[563] Steelkilt Charlemagne[292], had[364] he[362] been[185] born[236] son[26] to[261] Charlemagne[292]'s[483] father[339]. But[330] Radney, the[19] mate[508], was[454] ugly[101] as[113] a[10] mule[461]; yet[443] as[113] hardy[241], as[113] stubborn[452], as[113] malicious[361]. He[362] did[444] not[518] love[391] Steelkilt, and[236] Steelkilt knew[480] it[162].

"Espying[498] the[19] mate[508] drawing[407] near[70] as[113] he[362] was[454] toiling[371] at[65] the[19] pump[390] with[449] the[19] rest[302], the[19] Lakeman affected[283] not[518] to[261] notice[76] him[248], but[330] unawed[246], went[516] on[392] with[449] his[433] gay[323] banterings.

"'Aye[86], aye[86], my[36] merry[486] lads[252], it[162]'s[483] a[10] lively[272] leak[41] this[256]; hold[204] a[10] cannikin[2], one[470] of[89] ye[483], and[236] let[66]'s[483] have[254] a[10] taste[134]. By[406] the[19] Lord[106], it[162]'s[483] worth[84] bottling[434]! I[482] tell[392] ye[483] what[243], men[62], old[447] Rad[551]'s[483] investment[31] must[226] go[20] for[190] it[162]! he[362] had[364] best[315] cut[310] away[443] his[433] part[207] of[89] the[19] hull[323] and[236] tow[160] it[162] home[450]. The[19] fact[12] is[487], boys[22], that[14] sword[273]-fish[187] only[517] began[132] the[19] job[269]; he[362]'s[483] come[420] back[457] again[52] with[449] a[10] gang[522] of[89] ship[438]-carpenters[185], saw[113]-fish[187], and[236] file[322]-fish[187], and[236] what[243] not[518]; and[236] the[19] whole[199] posse[102] of[89] 'em are[314] now[20] hard[337] at[65] work[385] cutting[454] and[236] slashing[41] at[65] the[19] bottom[461]; making[415] improvements[57], I[482] suppose[120]. If[141] old[447] Rad[551] were[324] here[135] now[20], I[482]'d[67] tell[392] him[248] to[261] jump[50] overboard[247] and[236] scatter[246] 'em. They[382]'re[155] playing[471] the[19] devil[411] with[449] his[433] estate[24], I[482] can[450] tell[392] him[248]. But[330] he[362]'s[483] a[10] simple[271] old[447] soul[428],--Rad[551], and[236] a[10] beauty[262] too[11]. Boys[22], they[382] say[306] the[19] rest[302] of[89] his[433] property[398] is[487] invested[60] in[107] looking[318]-glasses[527]. I[482] wonder[76] if[141] he[362]'d[67] give[142] a[10] poor[533] devil[411] like[410] me[2] the[19] model[413] of[89] his[433] nose[176].'

"'Damn[468] your[162] eyes[125]! what[243]'s[483] that[14] pump[390] stopping[406] for[190]?' roared[315] Radney, pretending[475] not[518] to[261] have[254] heard[444] the[19] sailors[64]' talk[173]. 'Thunder[356] away[443] at[65] it[162]!'

'Aye[86], aye[86], sir[271],' said[252] Steelkilt, merry[486] as[113] a[10] cricket[111]. 'Lively[272], boys[22], lively[272], now[20]!' And[236] with[449] that[14] the[19] pump[390] clanged[132] like[410] fifty[406] fire[559]-engines[294]; the[19] men[62] tossed[227] their[219] hats[379] off[111] to[261] it[162], and[236] ere[83] long[544] that[14] peculiar[291] gasping[363] of[89] the[19] lungs[40] was[454] heard[444] which[16] denotes[52] the[19] fullest[82] tension[101] of[89] life[71]'s[483] utmost[43] energies[404].

"Quitting[155] the[19] pump[390] at[65] last[436], with[449] the[19] rest[302] of[89] his[433] band[541], the[19] Lakeman went[516] forward[364] all[145] panting[553], and[236] sat[77] himself[282] down[133] on[392] the[19] windlass[231]; his[433] face[556] fiery[42] red[293], his[433] eyes[125] bloodshot[26], and[236] wiping[497] the[19] profuse[182] sweat[132] from[316] his[433] brow[474]. Now[20] what[243] cozening[105] fiend[59] it[162] was[454], gentlemen[340], that[14] possessed[95] Radney to[261] meddle[217] with[449] such[420] a[10] man[17] in[107] that[14] corporeally[282] exasperated[190] state[135], I[482] know[60] not[518]; but[330] so[281] it[162] happened[156]. Intolerably[181] striding[110] along[423] the[19] deck[505], the[19] mate[508] commanded[571] him[248] to[261] get[126] a[10] broom[559] and[236] sweep[471] down[133] the[19] planks[284], and[236] also[119] a[10] shovel[107], and[236] remove[306] some[265] offensive[117] matters[515] consequent[61] upon[419] allowing[282] a[10] pig[241] to[261] run[172] at[65] large[385].

"Now[20], gentlemen[340], sweeping[61] a[10] ship[438]'s[483] deck[505] at[65] sea[67] is[487] a[10] piece[121] of[89] household[67] work[385] which[16] in[107] all[145] times[121] but[330] raging[173] gales[42] is[487] regularly[37] attended[206] to[261] every[389] evening[581]; it[162] has[399] been[185] known[86] to[261] be[341] done[135] in[107] the[19] case[346] of[89] ships[21] actually[69] foundering[283] at[65] the[19] time[577]. Such[420], gentlemen[340], is[487] the[19] inflexibility[365] of[89] sea[67]-usages[262] and[236] the[19] instinctive[66] love[391] of[89] neatness[35] in[107] seamen[6]; some[265] of[89] whom[324] would[282] not[518] willingly[390] drown[522] without[309] first[13] washing[338] their[219] faces[97]. But[330] in[107] all[145] vessels[150] this[256] broom[559] business[168] is[487] the[19] prescriptive[368] province[162] of[89] the[19] boys[22], if[141] boys[22] there[340] be[341] aboard[298]. Besides[465], it[162] was[454] the[19] stronger[234] men[62] in[107] the[19] Town[172]-Ho[31] that[14] had[364] been[185] divided[469] into[554] gangs[348], taking[146] turns[136] at[65] the[19] pumps[128]; and[236] being[264] the[19] most[216] athletic[34] seaman[166] of[89] them[146] all[145], Steelkilt had[364] been[185] regularly[37] assigned[457] captain[295] of[89] one[470] of[89] the[19] gangs[348]; consequently[441] he[362] should[255] have[254] been[185] freed[23] from[316] any[501] trivial[92] business[168] not[518] connected[202] with[449] truly[530] nautical[42] duties[137], such[420] being[264] the[19] case[346] with[449] his[433] comrades[410]. I[482] mention[510] all[145] these[527] particulars[230] so[281] that[14] you[227] may[236] understand[111] exactly[315] how[19] this[256] affair[388] stood[1] between[77] the[19] two[527] men[62].

"But[330] there[340] was[454] more[348] than[77] this[256]: the[19] order[343] about[123] the[19] shovel[107] was[454] almost[518] as[113] plainly[450] meant[157] to[261] sting[225] and[236] insult[38] Steelkilt, as[113] though[400] Radney had[364] spat[115] in[107] his[433] face[556]. Any[501] man[17] who[319] has[399] gone[190] sailor[561] in[107] a[10] whale[422]-ship[98] will[584] understand[111] this[256]; and[236] all[145] this[256] and[236] doubtless[101] much[61] more[348], the[19] Lakeman fully[530] comprehended[104] when[189] the[19] mate[508] uttered[454] his[433] command[190]. But[330] as[113] he[362] sat[77] still[278] for[190] a[10] moment[258], and[236] as[113] he[362] steadfastly[106] looked[232] into[554] the[19] mate[508]'s[483] malignant[23] eye[220] and[236] perceived[76] the[19] stacks[416] of[89] powder[5]-casks[265] heaped[211] up[405] in[107] him[248] and[236] the[19] slow[96]-match[441] silently[533] burning[70] along[423] towards[417] them[146]; as[113] he[362] instinctively[210] saw[113] all[145] this[256], that[14] strange[440] forbearance[180] and[236] unwillingness[277] to[261] stir[290] up[405] the[19] deeper[253] passionateness[210] in[107] any[501] already[93] ireful[394] being[264]--a[10] repugnance[92] most[216] felt[440], when[189] felt[440] at[65] all[145], by[406] really[406] valiant[359] men[62] even[198] when[189] aggrieved[133]-- this[256] nameless[427] phantom[101] feeling[384], gentlemen[340], stole[135] over[82] Steelkilt.

"Therefore[94], in[107] his[433] ordinary[225] tone[13], only[517] a[10] little[554] broken[255] by[406] the[19] bodily[172] exhaustion[430] he[362] was[454] temporarily[22] in[107], he[362] answered[100] him[248] saying[9] that[14] sweeping[61] the[19] deck[505] was[454] not[518] his[433] business[168], and[236] he[362] would[282] not[518] do[353] it[162]. And[236] then[45], without[309] at[65] all[145] alluding[243] to[261] the[19] shovel[107], he[362] pointed[413] to[261] three[329] lads[252], as[113] the[19] customary[79] sweepers[50]; who[319], not[518] being[264] billeted[27] at[65] the[19] pumps[128], had[364] done[135] little[554] or[519] nothing[324] all[145] day[112]. To[261] this[256], Radney replied[163], with[449] an[138] oath[115], in[107] a[10] most[216] domineering[98] and[236] outrageous[247] manner[153] unconditionally[124] reiterating[27] his[433] command[190]; meanwhile[282] advancing[444] upon[419] the[19] still[278] seated[158] Lakeman, with[449] an[138] uplifted[533] cooper[35]'s[483] club[83] hammer[364] which[16] he[362] had[364] snatched[513] from[316] a[10] cask[503] near[70] by[406].

"Heated[269] and[236] irritated[204] as[113] he[362] was[454] by[406] his[433] spasmodic[303] toil[89] at[65] the[19] pumps[128], for[190] all[145] his[433] first[13] nameless[427] feeling[384] of[89] forbearance[180] the[19] sweating[391] Steelkilt could[375] but[330] ill[236] brook[490] this[256] bearing[354] in[107] the[19] mate[508]; but[330] somehow[425] still[278] smothering[223] the[19] conflagration[225] within[503] him[248], without[309] speaking[22] he[362] remained[72] doggedly[180] rooted[232] to[261] his[433] seat[88], till[181] at[65] last[436] the[19] incensed[136] Radney shook[161] the[19] hammer[364] within[503] a[10] few[49] inches[301] of[89] his[433] face[556], furiously[252] commanding[76] him[248] to[261] do[353] his[433] bidding[340].

"Steelkilt rose[449], and[236] slowly[149] retreating[106] round[287] the[19] windlass[231], steadily[379] followed[234] by[406] the[19] mate[508] with[449] his[433] menacing[285] hammer[364], deliberately[336] repeated[381] his[433] intention[272] not[518] to[261] obey[67]. Seeing[426], however[44], that[14] his[433] forbearance[180] had[364] not[518] the[19] slightest[44] effect[215], by[406] an[138] awful[539] and[236] unspeakable[4] intimation[363] with[449] his[433] twisted[279] hand[252] he[362] warned[508] off[111] the[19] foolish[509] and[236] infatuated[4] man[17]; but[330] it[162] was[454] to[261] no[235] purpose[514]. And[236] in[107] this[256] way[435] the[19] two[527] went[516] once[248] slowly[149] round[287] the[19] windlass[231]; when[189], resolved[158] at[65] last[436] no[235] longer[559] to[261] retreat[506], bethinking[40] him[248] that[14] he[362] had[364] now[20] forborne[361] as[113] much[61] as[113] comported[290] with[449] his[433] humor[368], the[19] Lakeman paused[390] on[392] the[19] hatches[4] and[236] thus[362] spoke[185] to[261] the[19] officer[70]:

"'Mr[219]. Radney, I[482] will[584] not[518] obey[67] you[227]. Take[279] that[14] hammer[364] away[443], or[519] look[523] to[261] yourself[176].' But[330] the[19] predestinated[332] mate[508] coming[140] still[278] closer[111] to[261] him[248], where[579] the[19] Lakeman stood[1] fixed[564], now[20] shook[161] the[19] heavy[421] hammer[364] within[503] an[138] inch[65] of[89] his[433] teeth[82]; meanwhile[282] repeating[160] a[10] string[446] of[89] insufferable[295] maledictions[165]. Retreating[106] not[518] the[19] thousandth[120] part[207] of[89] an[138] inch[65]; stabbing[300] him[248] in[107] the[19] eye[220] with[449] the[19] unflinching[92] poniard[19] of[89] his[433] glance[362], Steelkilt, clenching[64] his[433] right[499] hand[252] behind[80] him[248] and[236] creepingly[210] drawing[407] it[162] back[457], told[82] his[433] persecutor[110] that[14] if[141] the[19] hammer[364] but[330] grazed[39] his[433] cheek[327] he[362] (Steelkilt) would[282] murder[448] him[248]. But[330], gentlemen[340], the[19] fool[5] had[364] been[185] branded[474] for[190] the[19] slaughter[81] by[406] the[19] gods[325]. Immediately[172] the[19] hammer[364] touched[367] the[19] cheek[327]; the[19] next[27] instant[279] the[19] lower[47] jaw[213] of[89] the[19] mate[508] was[454] stove[373] in[107] his[433] head[219]; he[362] fell[421] on[392] the[19] hatch[241] spouting[81] blood[208] like[410] a[10] whale[422].

"Ere[83] the[19] cry[561] could[375] go[20] aft[2] Steelkilt was[454] shaking[206] one[470] of[89] the[19] backstays[98] leading[59] far[258] aloft[276] to[261] where[579] two[527] of[89] his[433] comrades[410] were[324] standing[144] their[219] mastheads[157]. They[382] were[324] both[558] Canallers.

"'Canallers!' cried[506] Don[280] Pedro[75]. 'We[465] have[254] seen[154] many[282] whaleships in[107] our[234] harbors[348], but[330] never[206] heard[444] of[89] your[162] Canallers. Pardon[143]: who[319] and[236] what[243] are[314] they[382]?'

"'Canallers, Don[280], are[314] the[19] boatmen[116] belonging[168] to[261] our[234] grand[229] Erie[541] Canal[29]. You[227] must[226] have[254] heard[444] of[89] it[162].'

"'Nay[358], Senor[296]; hereabouts[116] in[107] this[256] dull[546], warm[178], most[216] lazy[182], and[236] hereditary[125] land[406], we[465] know[60] but[330] little[554] of[89] your[162] vigorous[113] North[174].'

"'Aye[86]? Well[263] then[45], Don[280], refill[102] my[36] cup[13]. Your[162] chicha[350]'s[483] very[515] fine[333]; and[236] ere[83] proceeding[422] further[53] I[482] will[584] tell[392] ye[483] what[243] our[234] Canallers are[314]; for[190] such[420] information[389] may[236] throw[345] side[246]-light[382] upon[419] my[36] story[197].'

"For[190] three[329] hundred[93] and[236] sixty[332] miles[278], gentlemen[340], through[295] the[19] entire[230] breadth[252] of[89] the[19] state[135] of[89] New[36] York[523]; through[295] numerous[558] populous[4] cities[346] and[236] most[216] thriving[321] villages[316]; through[295] long[544], dismal[110], uninhabited[146] swamps[201], and[236] affluent[315], cultivated[140] fields[64], unrivalled[154] for[190] fertility[270]; by[406] billiard[110]-room[65] and[236] bar[144]-room[65]; through[295] the[19] holy[61]-of[89]-holies of[89] great[259] forests[238]; on[392] Roman[333] arches[314] over[82] Indian[303] rivers[320]; through[295] sun[397] and[236] shade[116]; by[406] happy[416] hearts[431] or[519] broken[255]; through[295] all[145] the[19] wide[465] contrasting[286] scenery[102] of[89] those[427] noble[226] Mohawk[4] counties[478]; and[236] especially[371], by[406] rows[375] of[89] snow[498]-white[362] chapels[129], whose[286] spires[115] stand[530] almost[518] like[410] milestones[27], flows[6] one[470] continual[222] stream[184] of[89] Venetianly corrupt[501] and[236] often[227] lawless[461] life[71]. There[340]'s[483] your[162] true[483] Ashantee[399], gentlemen[340]; there[340] howl[283] your[162] pagans[295]; where[579] you[227] ever[208] find[138] them[146], next[27] door[135] to[261] you[227]; under[533] the[19] long[544]-flung[255] shadow[438], and[236] the[19] snug[310] patronizing[367] lee[472] of[89] churches[44]. For[190] by[406] some[265] curious[264] fatality[223], as[113] it[162] is[487] often[227] noted[414] of[89] your[162] metropolitan[169] freebooters[92] that[14] they[382] ever[208] encamp[109] around[66] the[19] halls[55] of[89] justice[7], so[281] sinners[196], gentlemen[340], most[216] abound[15] in[107] holiest[359] vicinities.

"'Is[487] that[14] a[10] friar[216] passing[147]?' said[252] Don[280] Pedro[75], looking[318] downwards[468] into[554] the[19] crowded[95] plazza, with[449] humorous[7] concern[180].

"'Well[263] for[190] our[234] northern[252] friend[179], Dame[449] Isabella[401]'s[483] Inquisition[339] wanes[142] in[107] Lima[120],' laughed[166] Don[280] Sebastian[102]. 'Proceed[367], Senor[296].'

"'A[10] moment[258]! Pardon[143]!' cried[506] another[269] of[89] the[19] company[280]. 'In[107] the[19] name[477] of[89] all[145] us[569] Limeese, I[482] but[330] desire[241] to[261] express[91] to[261] you[227], sir[271] sailor[561], that[14] we[465] have[254] by[406] no[235] means[502] overlooked[183] your[162] delicacy[201] in[107] not[518] substituting[143] present[112] Lima[120] for[190] distant[353] Venice[173] in[107] your[162] corrupt[501] comparison[255]. Oh[367]! do[353] not[518] bow[146] and[236] look[523] surprised[55]: you[227] know[60] the[19] proverb[204] all[145] along[423] this[256] coast[287]--"Corrupt[501] as[113] Lima[120]." It[162] but[330] bears[97] out[66] your[162] saying[9], too[11]; churches[44] more[348] plentiful[19] than[77] billiard[110]-tables[13], and[236] for[190] ever[208] open[464]-and[236] "Corrupt[501] as[113] Lima[120]." So[281], too[11], Venice[173]; I[482] have[254] been[185] there[340]; the[19] holy[61] city[82] of[89] the[19] blessed[473] evangelist[4], St[193]. Mark[169]!--St[193]. Dominic[287], purge[27] it[162]! Your[162] cup[13]! Thanks[68]: here[135] I[482] refill[102]; now[20], you[227] pour[415] out[66] again[52].'

"Freely[386] depicted[46] in[107] his[433] own[248] vocation[408], gentlemen[340], the[19] Canaller would[282] make[175] a[10] fine[333] dramatic[317] hero[213], so[281] abundantly[76] and[236] picturesquely[83] wicked[5] is[487] he[362]. Like[410] Mark[169] Antony[105], for[190] days[351] and[236] days[351] along[423] his[433] green[549]-turfed, flowery[284] Nile[553], he[362] indolently[536] floats[36], openly[196] toying[402] with[449] his[433] red[293]-cheeked Cleopatra[25], ripening[132] his[433] apricot[83] thigh[108] upon[419] the[19] sunny[200] deck[505]. But[330] ashore[122], all[145] this[256] effeminacy[173] is[487] dashed[304]. The[19] brigandish guise[110] which[16] the[19] Canaller so[281] proudly[345] sports[438]; his[433] slouched[364] and[236] gaily[275]-ribboned hat[107] betoken[204] his[433] grand[229] features[150]. A[10] terror[85] to[261] the[19] smiling[232] innocence[236] of[89] the[19] villages[316] through[295] which[16] he[362] floats[36]; his[433] swart[32] visage[279] and[236] bold[356] swagger[3] are[314] not[518] unshunned[531] in[107] cities[346]. Once[248] a[10] vagabond[137] on[392] his[433] own[248] canal[29], I[482] have[254] received[12] good[221] turns[136] from[316] one[470] of[89] these[527] Canallers; I[482] thank[166] him[248] heartily[254]; would[282] fain[264] be[341] not[518] ungrateful[389]; but[330] it[162] is[487] often[227] one[470] of[89] the[19] prime[425] redeeming[399] qualities[21] of[89] your[162] man[17] of[89] violence[486], that[14] at[65] times[121] he[362] has[399] as[113] stiff[549] an[138] arm[25] to[261] back[457] a[10] poor[533] stranger[233] in[107] a[10] strait[324], as[113] to[261] plunder[59] a[10] wealthy[434] one[470]. In[107] sum[213], gentlemen[340], what[243] the[19] wildness[424] of[89] this[256] canal[29] life[71] is[487], is[487] emphatically[127] evinced[94] by[406] this[256]; that[14] our[234] wild[230] whale[422]-fishery[136] contains[81] so[281] many[282] of[89] its[234] most[216] finished[218] graduates[287], and[236] that[14] scarce[462] any[501] race[392] of[89] mankind[40], except[545] Sydney[463] men[62], are[314] so[281] much[61] distrusted[136] by[406] our[234] whaling[155] captains[124]. Nor[137] does[565] it[162] at[65] all[145] diminish[340] the[19] curiousness[151] of[89] this[256] matter[176], that[14] to[261] many[282] thousands[7] of[89] our[234] rural[359] boys[22] and[236] young[389] men[62] born[236] along[423] its[234] line[25], the[19] probationary[102] life[71] of[89] the[19] Grand[229] Canal[29] furnishes[165] the[19] sole[462] transition[59] between[77] quietly[380] reaping[355] in[107] a[10] Christian[235] corn[237]-field[275], and[236] recklessly[72] ploughing[140] the[19] waters[556] of[89] the[19] most[216] barbaric[559] seas[350].

"'I[482] see[370]! I[482] see[370]!' impetuously[86] exclaimed[281] Don[280] Pedro[75], spilling[25] his[433] chicha[350] upon[419] his[433] silvery[42] ruffles[44]. 'No[235] need[32] to[261] travel[362]! The[19] world[126]'s[483] one[470] Lima[120]. I[482] had[364] thought[186], now[20], that[14] at[65] your[162] temperate[241] North[174] the[19] generations[124] were[324] cold[330] and[236] holy[61] as[113] the[19] hills[352].-- But[330] the[19] story[197].'

"I[482] had[364] left[159] off[111], gentlemen[340], where[579] the[19] Lakeman shook[161] the[19] backstay[206]. Hardly[182] had[364] he[362] done[135] so[281], when[189] he[362] was[454] surrounded[75] by[406] the[19] three[329] junior[24] mates[264] and[236] the[19] four[175] harpooneers, who[319] all[145] crowded[95] him[248] to[261] the[19] deck[505]. But[330] sliding[540] down[133] the[19] ropes[461] like[410] baleful[504] comets[27], the[19] two[527] Canallers rushed[199] into[554] the[19] uproar[111], and[236] sought[82] to[261] drag[426] their[219] man[17] out[66] of[89] it[162] towards[417] the[19] forecastle[367]. Others[317] of[89] the[19] sailors[64] joined[210] with[449] them[146] in[107] this[256] attempt[385], and[236] a[10] twisted[279] turmoil[97] ensued[337]; while[55] standing[144] out[66] of[89] harm[191]'s[483] way[435], the[19] valiant[359] captain[295] danced[316] up[405] and[236] down[133] with[449] a[10] whale[422]-pike[412], calling[56] upon[419] his[433] officers[439] to[261] manhandle[364] that[14] atrocious[141] scoundrel[320], and[236] smoke[99] him[248] along[423] to[261] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505]. At[65] intervals[295], he[362] ran[391] close[65] up[405] to[261] the[19] revolving[21] border[197] of[89] the[19] confusion[495], and[236] prying[513] into[554] the[19] heart[470] of[89] it[162] with[449] his[433] pike[412], sought[82] to[261] prick[189] out[66] the[19] object[100] of[89] his[433] resentment[133].

But[330] Steelkilt and[236] his[433] desperadoes[92] were[324] too[11] much[61] for[190] them[146] all[145]; they[382] succeeded[76] in[107] gaining[225] the[19] forecastle[367] deck[505], where[579], hastily[155] slewing[364] about[123] three[329] or[519] four[175] large[385] casks[213] in[107] a[10] line[25] with[449] the[19] windlass[231], these[527] sea[67]-Parisians entrenched[127] themselves[510] behind[80] the[19] barricade[387].

"'Come[420] out[66] of[89] that[14], ye[483] pirates[19]!' roared[315] the[19] captain[295], now[20] menacing[285] them[146] with[449] a[10] pistol[167] in[107] each[520] hand[252], just[108] brought[85] to[261] him[248] by[406] the[19] steward[82]. 'Come[420] out[66] of[89] that[14], ye[483] cut[310]-throats[338]!'

"Steelkilt leaped[314] on[392] the[19] barricade[387], and[236] striding[110] up[405] and[236] down[133] there[340], defied[156] the[19] worst[241] the[19] pistols[213] could[375] do[353]; but[330] gave[572] the[19] captain[295] to[261] understand[111] distinctly[26], that[14] his[433] (Steelkilt's[483]) death[543] would[282] be[341] the[19] signal[264] for[190] a[10] murderous[86] mutiny[193] on[392] the[19] part[207] of[89] all[145] hands[87]. Fearing[475] in[107] his[433] heart[470] lest[499] this[256] might[496] prove[396] but[330] too[11] true[483], the[19] captain[295] a[10] little[554] desisted[227], but[330] still[278] commanded[571] the[19] insurgents[83] instantly[186] to[261] return[407] to[261] their[219] duty[468].

"'Will[584] you[227] promise[461] not[518] to[261] touch[486] us[569], if[141] we[465] do[353]?' demanded[223] their[219] ringleader[198].

"'Turn[17] to[261]! turn[17] to[261]!--I[482] make[175] no[235] promise[461]; to[261] your[162] duty[468]! Do[353] you[227] want[350] to[261] sink[190] the[19] ship[438], by[406] knocking[82] off[111] at[65] a[10] time[577] like[410] this[256]? Turn[17] to[261]!' and[236] he[362] once[248] more[348] raised[493] a[10] pistol[167].

"'Sink[190] the[19] ship[438]?' cried[506] Steelkilt. 'Aye[86], let[66] her[400] sink[190]. Not[518] a[10] man[17] of[89] us[569] turns[136] to[261], unless[54] you[227] swear[322] not[518] to[261] raise[265] a[10] rope[265]-yarn[98] against[417] us[569]. What[243] say[306] ye[483], men[62]?' turning[69] to[261] his[433] comrades[410]. A[10] fierce[394] cheer[337] was[454] their[219] response[7].

"The[19] Lakeman now[20] patrolled[147] the[19] barricade[387], all[145] the[19] while[55] keeping[482] his[433] eye[220] on[392] the[19] Captain[295], and[236] jerking[2] out[66] such[420] sentences[248] as[113] these[527]:-- 'It[162]'s[483] not[518] our[234] fault[428]; we[465] didn't[500] want[350] it[162]; I[482] told[82] him[248] to[261] take[279] his[433] hammer[364] away[443]; it[162] was[454] boy[110]'s[483] business[168]; he[362] might[496] have[254] known[86] me[2] before[344] this[256]; I[482] told[82] him[248] not[518] to[261] prick[189] the[19] buffalo[299]; I[482] believe[191] I[482] have[254] broken[255] a[10] finger[190] here[135] against[417] his[433] cursed[441] jaw[213]; ain't[500] those[427] mincing[237] knives[140] down[133] in[107] the[19] forecastle[367] there[340], men[62]? look[523] to[261] those[427] handspikes[209], my[36] hearties[248]. Captain[295], by[406] God[185], look[523] to[261] yourself[176]; say[306] the[19] word[486]; don[280]'t[500] be[341] a[10] fool[5]; forget[426] it[162] all[145]; we[465] are[314] ready[464] to[261] turn[17] to[261]; treat[270] us[569] decently[149], and[236] we[465]'re[155] your[162] men[62]; but[330] we[465] won't[500] be[341] flogged[36].'

"'Turn[17] to[261]! I[482] make[175] no[235] promises[146], turn[17] to[261], I[482] say[306]!'

"'Look[523] ye[483], now[20],' cried[506] the[19] Lakeman, flinging[389] out[66] his[433] arm[25] towards[417] him[248], 'there[340] are[314] a[10] few[49] of[89] us[569] here[135] (and[236] I[482] am[375] one[470] of[89] them[146]) who[319] have[254] shipped[26] for[190] the[19] cruise[117], d[67]'ye[163] see[370]; now[20] as[113] you[227] well[263] know[60], sir[271], we[465] can[450] claim[217] our[234] discharge[320] as[113] soon[18] as[113] the[19] anchor[141] is[487] down[133]; so[281] we[465] don[280]'t[500] want[350] a[10] row[328]; it[162]'s[483] not[518] our[234] interest[323]; we[465] want[350] to[261] be[341] peaceable[31]; we[465] are[314] ready[464] to[261] work[385], but[330] we[465] won't[500] be[341] flogged[36].'

"'Turn[17] to[261]!' roared[315] the[19] Captain[295].

"Steelkilt glanced[411] round[287] him[248] a[10] moment[258], and[236] then[45] said[252]:--'I[482] tell[392] you[227] what[243] it[162] is[487] now[20], Captain[295], rather[178] than[77] kill[219] ye[483], and[236] be[341] hung[479] for[190] such[420] a[10] shabby[24] rascal[231], we[465] won't[500] lift[229] a[10] hand[252] against[417] ye[483] unless[54] ye[483] attack[74] us[569]; but[330] till[181] you[227] say[306] the[19] word[486] about[123] not[518] flogging[60] us[569], we[465] don[280]'t[500] do[353] a[10] hand[252]'s[483] turn[17].'

"'Down[133] into[554] the[19] forecastle[367] then[45], down[133] with[449] ye[483], I[482]'ll[300] keep[381] ye[483] there[340] till[181] ye[483]'re[155] sick[250] of[89] it[162]. Down[133] ye[483] go[20].'

"'Shall[66] we[465]?' cried[506] the[19] ringleader[198] to[261] his[433] men[62]. Most[216] of[89] them[146] were[324] against[417] it[162]; but[330] at[65] length[202], in[107] obedience[74] to[261] Steelkilt, they[382] preceded[518] him[248] down[133] into[554] their[219] dark[471] den[299], growlingly[446] disappearing[392], like[410] bears[97] into[554] a[10] cave[84].

"As[113] the[19] Lakeman's[483] bare[245] head[219] was[454] just[108] level[378] with[449] the[19] planks[284], the[19] Captain[295] and[236] his[433] posse[102] leaped[314] the[19] barricade[387], and[236] rapidly[116] drawing[407] over[82] the[19] slide[118] of[89] the[19] scuttle[27], planted[82] their[219] group[104] of[89] hands[87] upon[419] it[162], and[236] loudly[275] called[237] for[190] the[19] steward[82] to[261] bring[173] the[19] heavy[421] brass[63] padlock[330] belonging[168] to[261] the[19] companionway[14].

Then[45] opening[306] the[19] slide[118] a[10] little[554], the[19] Captain[295] whispered[89] something[181] down[133] the[19] crack[83], closed[523] it[162], and[236] turned[492] the[19] key[140] upon[419] them[146]--ten[198] in[107] number[196]-- leaving[231] on[392] deck[505] some[265] twenty[433] or[519] more[348], who[319] thus[362] far[258] had[364] remained[72] neutral[434].

"All[145] night[108] a[10] wide[465]-awake[255] watch[89] was[454] kept[290] by[406] all[145] the[19] officers[439], forward[364] and[236] aft[2], especially[371] about[123] the[19] forecastle[367] scuttle[27] and[236] fore[259] hatchway[64]; at[65] which[16] last[436] place[107] it[162] was[454] feared[39] the[19] insurgents[83] might[496] emerge[369], after[358] breaking[6] through[295] the[19] bulkhead[364] below[397]. But[330] the[19] hours[127] of[89] darkness[493] passed[87] in[107] peace[216]; the[19] men[62] who[319] still[278] remained[72] at[65] their[219] duty[468] toiling[371] hard[337] at[65] the[19] pumps[128], whose[286] clinking[540] and[236] clanking[250] at[65] intervals[295] through[295] the[19] dreary[445] night[108] dismally[122] resounded[213] through[295] the[19] ship[438].

"At[65] sunrise[445] the[19] Captain[295] went[516] forward[364], and[236] knocking[82] on[392] the[19] deck[505],

summoned[77] the[19] prisoners[254] to[261] work[385]; but[330] with[449] a[10] yell[316] they[382] refused[412].
Water[520] was[454] then[45] lowered[279] down[133] to[261] them[146], and[236] a[10] couple[261] of[89] handfuls[106]
of[89] biscuit[369] were[324] tossed[227] after[358] it[162]; when[189] again[52] turning[69] the[19] key[140] upon[419]
them[146] and[236] pocketing[83] it[162], the[19] Captain[295] returned[214] to[261] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505].
Twice[366] every[389] day[112] for[190] three[329] days[351] this[256] was[454] repeated[381]; but[330] on[392] the[19] fourth[399]
morning[417] a[10] confused[117] wrangling[31], and[236] then[45] a[10] scuffling[76] was[454] heard[444],
as[113] the[19] customary[79] summons[63] was[454] delivered[120]; and[236] suddenly[193] four[175] men[62]
burst[174] up[405] from[316] the[19] forecastle[367], saying[9] they[382] were[324] ready[464] to[261] turn[17] to[261].
The[19] fetid[132] closeness[83] of[89] the[19] air[209], and[236] a[10] famishing[106] diet[110], united[419] perhaps[75]
to[261] some[265] fears[259] of[89] ultimate[221] retribution[25], had[364] constrained[471] them[146] to[261]
surrender[314] at[65] discretion[396]. Emboldened[29] by[406] this[256], the[19] Captain[295] reiterated[205]
his[433] demand[320] to[261] the[19] rest[302], but[330] Steelkilt shouted[300] up[405] to[261] him[248] a[10] terrific[315]
hint[335] to[261] stop[48] his[433] babbling[279] and[236] betake[257] himself[282] where[579] he[362] belonged[455].
On[392] the[19] fifth[403] morning[417] three[329] others[317] of[89] the[19] mutineers[59] bolted[74] up[405] into[554]
the[19] air[209] from[316] the[19] desperate[316] arms[536] below[397] that[14] sought[82] to[261] restrain[357] them[146].
Only[517] three[329] were[324] left[159].

"'Better[34] turn[17] to[261], now[20]?' said[252] the[19] Captain[295] with[449] a[10] heartless[190] jeer[186].

"'Shut[59] us[569] up[405] again[52], will[584] ye[483]!' cried[506] Steelkilt.

"Oh[367]! certainly[124]," said[252] the[19] Captain[295], and[236] the[19] key[140] clicked[279].

"It[162] was[454] at[65] this[256] point[438], gentlemen[340], that[14] enraged[19] by[406] the[19] defection[399]
of[89] seven[188] of[89] his[433] former[157] associates[125], and[236] stung[34] by[406] the[19] mocking[315] voice[233]
that[14] had[364] last[436] hailed[411] him[248], and[236] maddened[273] by[406] his[433] long[544] entombment[25] in[107] a[10] place[107]
as[113] black[581] as[113] the[19] bowels[499] of[89] despair[187]; it[162] was[454] then[45] that[14] Steelkilt proposed[328]
to[261] the[19] two[527] Canallers, thus[362] far[258] apparently[261] of[89] one[470] mind[118] with[449] him[248], to[261] burst[174]
out[66] of[89] their[219] hole[73] at[65] the[19] next[27] summoning[74] of[89] the[19] garrison[20]; and[236] armed[299]
with[449] their[219] keen[202] mincing[237] knives[140] (long[544], crescentic[4], heavy[421] implements[420]
with[449] a[10] handle[546] at[65] each[520] end[149]) run[172] amuck[136] from[316] the[19] bowsprit[120] to[261] the[19] taffrail[83];
and[236] if[141] by[406] any[501] devilishness[83] of[89] desperation[27] possible[277], seize[445] the[19] ship[438].
For[190] himself[282], he[362] would[282] do[353] this[256], he[362] said[252], whether[454] they[382] joined[210] him[248]
or[519] not[518]. That[14] was[454] the[19] last[436] night[108] he[362] should[255] spend[357] in[107] that[14] den[299].
But[330] the[19] scheme[337] met[130] with[449] no[235] opposition[312] on[392] the[19] part[207] of[89] the[19] other[282] two[527];
they[382] swore[470] they[382] were[324] ready[464] for[190] that[14], or[519] for[190] any[501] other[282] mad[235] thing[309],
for[190] anything[480] in[107] short[522] but[330] a[10] surrender[314]. And[236] what[243] was[454] more[348], they[382] each[520]
insisted[138] upon[419] being[264] the[19] first[13] man[17] on[392] deck[505], when[189] the[19] time[577] to[261] make[175]
the[19] rush[6] should[255] come[420]. But[330] to[261] this[256] their[219] leader[353] as[113] fiercely[111] objected[67],
reserving[125] that[14] priority[165] for[190] himself[282]; particularly[106] as[113] his[433] two[527] comrades[410]
would[282] not[518] yield[39], the[19] one[470] to[261] the[19] other[282], in[107] the[19] matter[176]; and[236] both[558] of[89] them[146]
could[375] not[518] be[341] first[13], for[190] the[19] ladder[391] would[282] but[330] admit[321] one[470] man[17] at[65] a[10] time[577].
And[236] here[135], gentlemen[340], the[19] foul[528] play[89] of[89] these[527] miscreants[366] must[226] come[420] out[66].

"Upon[419] hearing[325] the[19] frantic[211] project[158] of[89] their[219] leader[353], each[520] in[107] his[433] own[248]
separate[495] soul[428] had[364] suddenly[193] lighted[422], it[162] would[282] seem[404], upon[419] the[19] same[541]
piece[121] of[89] treachery[349], namely[324]: to[261] be[341] the[19] foremost[61] in[107] breaking[6] out[66],
in[107] order[343] to[261] be[341] the[19] first[13] of[89] the[19] three[329], though[400] the[19] last[436] of[89] the[19] ten[198],
to[261] surrender[314]; and[236] thereby[190] secure[92] whatever[38] small[350] chance[292] of[89] pardon[143]
such[420] conduct[161] might[496] merit[353]. But[330] when[189] Steelkilt made[563] known[86] his[433]
determination[35] still[278] to[261] lead[362] them[146] to[261] the[19] last[436], they[382] in[107] some[265] way[435],
by[406] some[265] subtle[143] chemistry[232] of[89] villany[505], mixed[459] their[219] before[344] secret[409]
treacheries[146] together[440]; and[236] when[189] their[219] leader[353] fell[421] into[554] a[10] doze[260],
verbally[4] opened[461] their[219] souls[82] to[261] each[520] other[282] in[107] three[329] sentences[248];
and[236] bound[108] the[19] sleeper[136] with[449] cords[388], and[236] gagged[265] him[248] with[449] cords[388];
and[236] shrieked[151] out[66] for[190] the[19] Captain[295] at[65] midnight[539].

"Thinking[385] murder[448] at[65] hand[252], and[236] smelling[160] in[107] the[19] dark[471] for[190] the[19] blood[208],
he[362] and[236] all[145] his[433] armed[299] mates[264] and[236] harpooneers rushed[199] for[190] the[19] forecastle[367].
In[107] a[10] few[49] minutes[368] the[19] scuttle[27] was[454] opened[461], and[236], bound[108] hand[252] and[236] foot[467],
the[19] still[278] struggling[107] ringleader[198] was[454] shoved[136] up[405] into[554] the[19] air[209]
by[406] his[433] perfidious[19] allies[31], who[319] at[65] once[248] claimed[125] the[19] honor[497]
of[89] securing[93] a[10] man[17] who[319] had[364] been[185] fully[530] ripe[238] for[190] murder[448].
But[330] all[145] these[527] were[324] collared[253], and[236] dragged[460] along[423] the[19] deck[505] like[410]
dead[568] cattle[264]; and[236], side[246] by[406] side[246], were[324] seized[337] up[405] into[554] the[19] mizzen[4] rigging[516],
like[410] three[329] quarters[336] of[89] meat[160], and[236] there[340] they[382] hung[479] till[181] morning[417].
'Damn[468] ye[483],' cried[506] the[19] Captain[295], pacing[253] to[261] and[236] fro[183] before[344] them[146],
'the[19] vultures[107] would[282] not[518] touch[486] ye[483], ye[483] villains[2]!'

"At[65] sunrise[445] he[362] summoned[77] all[145] hands[87]; and[236] separating[105] those[427] who[319] had[364] rebelled[269]
from[316] those[427] who[319] had[364] taken[222] no[235] part[207] in[107] the[19] mutiny[193], he[362] told[82] the[19] former[157]
that[14] he[362] had[364] a[10] good[221] mind[118] to[261] flog[21] them[146] all[145] round[287]--thought[186], upon[419] the[19] while[55],
he[362] would[282] do[353] so[281]--he[362] ought[170] to[261]--justice[7] demanded[223] it[162]; but[330] for[190] the[19] present[112],
considering[115] their[219] timely[305] surrender[314], he[362] would[282] let[66] them[146] go[20] with[449] a[10] reprimand[83],
which[16] he[362] accordingly[249] administered[410] in[107] the[19] vernacular[417].

"'But[330] as[113] for[190] you[227], ye[483] carrion[111] rogues[495],' turning[69] to[261] the[19] three[329] men[62]
in[107] the[19] rigging[516]--'for[190] you[227], I[482] mean[504] to[261] mince[221] ye[483] up[405] for[190] the[19] try[266]-pots[184];'
and[236], seizing[327] a[10] rope[265], he[362] applied[122] it[162] with[449] all[145] his[433] might[496] to[261] the[19] backs[480]
of[89] the[19] two[527] traitors[472], till[181] they[382] yelled[61] no[235] more[348], but[330] lifelessly[339] hung[479]
their[219] heads[366] sideways[496], as[113] the[19] two[527] crucified[169] thieves[437] are[314] drawn[564].

"'My[36] wrist[117] is[487] sprained[415] with[449] ye[483]!' he[362] cried[506], at[65] last[436]; 'but[330] there[340] is[487] still[278]
rope[265] enough[217] left[159] for[190] you[227], my[36] fine[333] bantam[27], that[14] wouldn't[500] give[142] up[405].

Take[279] that[14] gag[446] from[316] his[433] mouth[414], and[236] let[66] us[569] hear[386] what[243] he[362] can[450] say[306] for[190] himself[282].'

"For[190] a[10] moment[258] the[19] exhausted[552] mutineer[64] made[563] a[10] tremulous[264] motion[544] of[89] his[433] cramped[340] jaws[341], and[236] then[45] painfully[547] twisting[445] round[287] his[433] head[219], said[252] in[107] a[10] sort[42] of[89] hiss[117], 'What[243] I[482] say[306] is[487] this[256]--and[236] mind[118] it[162] well[263]--- if[141] you[227] flog[21] me[2], I[482] murder[448] you[227]!'

"'Say[306] ye[483] so[281]? then[45] see[370] how[19] ye[483] frighten[202] me[2]'--and[236] the[19] Captain[295] drew[175] off[111] with[449] the[19] rope[265] to[261] strike[374].

"'Best[315] not[518],' hissed[29] the[19] Lakeman.

"'But[330] I[482] must[226],'--and[236] the[19] rope[265] was[454] once[248] more[348] drawn[564] back[457] for[190] the[19] stroke[436].

"Steelkilt here[135] hissed[29] out[66] something[181], inaudible[516] to[261] all[145] but[330] the[19] Captain[295]; who[319], to[261] the[19] amazement[223] of[89] all[145] hands[87], started[492] back[457], paced[145] the[19] deck[505] rapidly[116] two[527] or[519] three[329] times[121], and[236] then[45] suddenly[193] throwing[120] down[133] his[433] rope[265], said[252], 'I[482] won't[500] do[353] it[162]--let[66] him[248] go[20]-- cut[310] him[248] down[133]: d[67]'ye[163] hear[386]?'

But[330] as[113] the[19] junior[24] mates[264] were[324] hurrying[339] to[261] execute[518] the[19] order[343], a[10] pale[292] man[17], with[449] a[10] bandaged[168] head[219], arrested[266] them[146]--Radney the[19] chief[156] mate[508]. Ever[208] since[374] the[19] blow[230], he[362] had[364] lain[424] in[107] his[433] berth[283]; but[330] that[14] morning[417], hearing[325] the[19] tumult[269] on[392] the[19] deck[505], he[362] had[364] crept[165] out[66], and[236] thus[362] far[258] had[364] watched[340] the[19] whole[199] scene[228]. Such[420] was[454] the[19] state[135] of[89] his[433] mouth[414], that[14] he[362] could[375] hardly[182] speak[337]; but[330] mumbling[278] something[181] about[123] his[433] being[264] willing[514] and[236] able[362] to[261] do[353] what[243] the[19] captain[295] dared[294] not[518] attempt[385], he[362] snatched[513] the[19] rope[265] and[236] advanced[55] to[261] his[433] pinioned[279] foe[479].

"'You[227] are[314] a[10] coward[92]!' hissed[29] the[19] Lakeman.

"'So[281] I[482] am[375], but[330] take[279] that[14].' The[19] mate[508] was[454] in[107] the[19] very[515] act[10] of[89] striking[22], when[189] another[269] hiss[117] stayed[117] his[433] uplifted[533] arm[25]. He[362] paused[390]: and[236] then[45] pausing[19] no[235] more[348], made[563] good[221] his[433] word[486], spite[431] of[89] Steelkilt's[483] threat[518], whatever[38] that[14] might[496] have[254] been[185]. The[19] three[329] men[62] were[324] then[45] cut[310] down[133], all[145] hands[87] were[324] turned[492] to[261], and[236], sullenly[361] worked[245] by[406] the[19] moody[447] seamen[6], the[19] iron[169] pumps[128] clanged[132] as[113] before[344].

"Just[108] after[358] dark[471] that[14] day[112], when[189] one[470] watch[89] had[364] retired[158] below[397], a[10] clamor[173] was[454] heard[444] in[107] the[19] forecastle[367]; and[236] the[19] two[527] trembling[280] traitors[472] running[296] up[405], besieged[427] the[19] cabin[192] door[135], saying[9] they[382] durst[441] not[518] consort[94] with[449] the[19] crew[126]. Entreaties[169], cuffs[248], and[236] kicks[370] could[375] not[518] drive[548] them[146] back[457], so[281] at[65] their[219] own[248] instance[141] they[382] were[324] put[190] down[133] in[107] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] run[172] for[190] salvation[346]. Still[278], no[235] sign[8] of[89] mutiny[193] reappeared[59] among[483] the[19] rest[302]. On[392] the[19] contrary[166], it[162] seemed[132], that[14] mainly[34] at[65] Steelkilt's[483] instigation[146], they[382] had[364] resolved[158] to[261] maintain[357] the[19] strictest[154] peacefulness[169], obey[67] all[145] orders[199] to[261] the[19] last[436], and[236], when[189] the[19] ship[438] reached[386] port[409], desert[255] her[400] in[107] a[10] body[348]. But[330] in[107] order[343] to[261] insure[339] the[19] speediest[330] end[149] to[261] the[19] voyage[137], they[382] all[145] agreed[481] to[261] another[269] thing[309]--namely[324], not[518] to[261] sing[549] out[66] for[190] whales[331], in[107] case[346] any[501] should[255] be[341] discovered[36]. For[190], spite[431] of[89] her[400] leak[41], and[236] spite[431] of[89] all[145] her[400] other[282] perils[140], the[19] Town[172]-Ho[31] still[278] maintained[345] her[400] mast[44]-heads[279], and[236] her[400] captain[295] was[454] just[108] as[113] willing[514] to[261] lower[47] for[190] a[10] fish[187] that[14] moment[258], as[113] on[392] the[19] day[112] his[433] craft[187] first[13] struck[441] the[19] cruising[298] ground[127]; and[236] Radney the[19] mate[508] was[454] quite[327] as[113] ready[464] to[261] change[386] his[433] berth[283] for[190] a[10] boat[439], and[236] with[449] his[433] bandaged[168] mouth[414] seek[292] to[261] gag[446] in[107] death[543] the[19] vital[204] jaw[213] of[89] the[19] whale[422].

"But[330] though[400] the[19] Lakeman had[364] induced[45] the[19] seamen[6] to[261] adopt[105] this[256] sort[42] of[89] passiveness[19] in[107] their[219] conduct[161], he[362] kept[290] his[433] own[248] counsel[437] (at[65] least[453] till[181] all[145] was[454] over[82]) concerning[368] his[433] own[248] proper[249] and[236] private[541] revenge[140] upon[419] the[19] man[17] who[319] had[364] stung[34] him[248] in[107] the[19] ventricles[367] of[89] his[433] heart[470]. He[362] was[454] in[107] Radney the[19] chief[156] mate[508]'s[483] watch[89]; and[236] as[113] if[141] the[19] infatuated[4] man[17] sought[82] to[261] run[172] more[348] than[77] half[119] way[435] to[261] meet[16] his[433] doom[73], after[358] the[19] scene[228] at[65] the[19] rigging[516], he[362] insisted[138], against[417] the[19] express[91] counsel[437] of[89] the[19] captain[295], upon[419] resuming[283] the[19] head[219] of[89] his[433] watch[89] at[65] night[108]. Upon[419] this[256], and[236] one[470] or[519] two[527] other[282] circumstances[267], Steelkilt systematically[102] built[20] the[19] plan[99] of[89] his[433] revenge[140].

"During[309] the[19] night[108], Radney had[364] an[138] unseaman-like[410] way[435] of[89] sitting[136] on[392] the[19] bulwarks[411] of[89] the[19] quarterdeck[120], and[236] leaning[559] his[433] arm[25] upon[419] the[19] gunwale[198] of[89] the[19] boat[439] which[16] was[454] hoisted[367] up[405] there[340], a[10] little[554] above[502] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] side[246]. In[107] this[256] attitude[100], it[162] was[454] well[263] known[86], he[362] sometimes[77] dozed[127]. There[340] was[454] a[10] considerable[75] vacancy[11] between[77] the[19] boat[439] and[236] the[19] ship[438], and[236] down[133] between[77] this[256] was[454] the[19] sea[67]. Steelkilt calculated[321] his[433] time[577], and[236] found[260] that[14] his[433] next[27] trick[26] at[65] the[19] helm[285] would[282] come[420] round[287] at[65] two[527] o[24]'clock[489], in[107] the[19] morning[417] of[89] the[19] third[301] day[112] from[316] that[14] in[107] which[16] he[362] had[364] been[185] betrayed[498]. At[65] his[433] leisure[215], he[362] employed[263] the[19] interval[114] in[107] braiding[345] something[181] very[515] carefully[374] in[107] his[433] watches[458] below[397].

"'What[243] are[314] you[227] making[415] there[340]?' said[252] a[10] shipmate[283].

"'What[243] do[353] you[227] think[424]? what[243] does[565] it[162] look[523] like[410]?'

"'Like[410] a[10] lanyard[369] for[190] your[162] bag[141]; but[330] it[162]'s[483] an[138] odd[19] one[470], seems[19] to[261] me[2].'

'Yes[143], rather[178] oddish,' said[252] the[19] Lakeman, holding[311] it[162] at[65] arm[25]'s[483] length[202] before[344] him[248]; 'but[330] I[482] think[424] it[162] will[584] answer[164]. Shipmate[283], I[482] haven[432]'t[500] enough[217] twine[104],--have[254] you[227] any[501]?'

"But[330] there[340] was[454] none[365] in[107] the[19] forecastle[367].

"'Then[45] I[482] must[226] get[126] some[265] from[316] old[447] Rad[551];' and[236] he[362] rose[449] to[261] go[20] aft[2].

"'You[227] don[280]'t[500] mean[504] to[261] go[20] a[10] begging[104] to[261] him[248]!' said[252] a[10] sailor[561].

"'Why[177] not[518]? Do[353] you[227] think[424] he[362] won't[500] do[353] me[2] a[10] turn[17], when[189] it[162]'s[483] to[261] help[526] himself[282] in[107] the[19] end[149], shipmate[283]?' and[236] going[227] to[261] the[19] mate[508], he[362] looked[232] at[65] him[248] quietly[380], and[236] asked[369] him[248] for[190] some[265] twine[104] to[261] mend[220] his[433] hammock[323]. It[162] was[454] given[141] him[248]--neither[74] twine[104] nor[137] lanyard[369] were[324] seen[154] again[52]; but[330] the[19] next[27] night[108] an[138] iron[169] ball[141], closely[218] netted[83], partly[311] rolled[226] from[316] the[19] pocket[461] of[89] the[19] Lakeman's[483] monkey[335] jacket[481], as[113] he[362] was[454] tucking[89] the[19] coat[7] into[554] his[433] hammock[323] for[190] a[10] pillow[376]. Twenty[433]-four[175] hours[127] after[358], his[433] trick[26] at[65] the[19] silent[382] helm[285]--nigh[254] to[261] the[19] man[17] who[319] was[454] apt[40] to[261] doze[260] over[82] the[19] grave[344] always[367] ready[464] dug[165] to[261] the[19] seaman[166]'s[483] hand[252]--that[14] fatal[460] hour[384] was[454] then[45] to[261] come[420]; and[236] in[107] the[19] fore[259]-ordaining soul[428] of[89] Steelkilt, the[19] mate[508] was[454] already[93] stark[376] and[236] stretched[63] as[113] a[10] corpse[133], with[449] his[433] forehead[380] crushed[197] in[107].

"But[330], gentlemen[340], a[10] fool[5] saved[446] the[19] would[282]-be[341] murderer[498] from[316] the[19] bloody[357] deed[101] he[362] had[364] planned[66]. Yet[443] complete[191] revenge[140] he[362] had[364], and[236] without[309] being[264] the[19] avenger[489]. For[190] by[406] a[10] mysterious[304] fatality[223], Heaven[163] itself[312] seemed[132] to[261] step[204] in[107] to[261] take[279] out[66] of[89] his[433] hands[87] into[554] its[234] own[248] the[19] damning[169] thing[309] he[362] would[282] have[254] done[135].

"It[162] was[454] just[108] between[77] daybreak[18] and[236] sunrise[445] of[89] the[19] morning[417] of[89] the[19] second[386] day[112], when[189] they[382] were[324] washing[338] down[133] the[19] decks[386], that[14] a[10] stupid[107] Teneriffe[172] man[17], drawing[407] water[520] in[107] the[19] main[501]-chains[283], all[145] at[65] once[248] shouted[300] out[66], 'There[340] she[391] rolls[475]! there[340] she[391] rolls[475]!' Jesu[163], what[243] a[10] whale[422]! It[162] was[454] Moby[362] Dick[25].

"'Moby[362] Dick[25]!' cried[506] Don[280] Sebastian[102]; 'St[193]. Dominic[287]! Sir[271] sailor[561], but[330] do[353] whales[331] have[254] christenings[27]? Whom[324] call[259] you[227] Moby[362] Dick[25]?'

"'A[10] very[515] white[82], and[236] famous[254], and[236] most[216] deadly[49] immortal[15] monster[480], Don[280];--but[330] that[14] would[282] be[341] too[11] long[544] a[10] story[197].'

"'How[19]? how[19]?' cried[506] all[145] the[19] young[389] Spaniards[117], crowding[283].

"'Nay[358], Dons[70], Dons[70]--nay[358], nay[358]! I[482] cannot rehearse[382] that[14] now[20]. Let[66] me[2] get[126] more[348] into[554] the[19] air[209], Sirs[275].'

"'The[19] chicha[350]! the[19] chicha[350]!' cried[506] Don[280] Pedro[75]; 'our[234] vigorous[113] friend[179] looks[150] faint[316];--fill[380] up[405] his[433] empty[450] glass[27]!'

"No[235] need[32], gentlemen[340]; one[470] moment[258], and[236] I[482] proceed[367].--Now[20], gentlemen[340], so[281] suddenly[193] perceiving[88] the[19] snowy[152] whale[422] within[503] fifty[406] yards[386] of[89] the[19] ship[438]--forgetful[156] of[89] the[19] compact[446] among[483] the[19] crew[126]--in[107] the[19] excitement[60] of[89] the[19] moment[258], the[19] Teneriffe[172] man[17] had[364] instinctively[210] and[236] involuntarily[124] lifted[448] his[433] voice[233] for[190] the[19] monster[480], though[400] for[190] some[265] little[554] time[577] past[111] it[162] had[364] been[185] plainly[450] beheld[132] from[316] the[19] three[329] sullen[335] mast[44]-heads[279]. All[145] was[454] now[20] a[10] phrensy[314]. 'The[19] White[82] Whale[422]--the[19] White[82] Whale[422]!' was[454] the[19] cry[561] from[316] captain[295], mates[264], and[236] harpooneers, who[319], undeterred[337] by[406] fearful[183] rumours[240], were[324] all[145] anxious[256] to[261] capture[361] so[281] famous[254] and[236] precious[234] a[10] fish[187]; while[55] the[19] dogged[432] crew[126] eyed[363] askance[306], and[236] with[449] curses[497], the[19] appalling[282] beauty[262] of[89] the[19] vast[43] milky[23] mass[36], that[14] lit[26] up[405] by[406] a[10] horizontal[252] spangling[320] sun[397], shifted[167] and[236] glistened[424] like[410] a[10] living[117] opal[116] in[107] the[19] blue[240] morning[417] sea[67]. Gentlemen[340], a[10] strange[440] fatality[223] pervades[196] the[19] whole[199] career[165] of[89] these[527] events[390], as[113] if[141] verily[113] mapped[22] out[66] before[344] the[19] world[126] itself[312] was[454] charted[135]. The[19] mutineer[64] was[454] the[19] bowsman[290] of[89] the[19] mate[508], and[236] when[189] fast[208] to[261] a[10] fish[187], it[162] was[454] his[433] duty[468] to[261] sit[215] next[27] him[248], while[55] Radney stood[1] up[405] with[449] his[433] lance[76] in[107] the[19] prow[451], and[236] haul[19] in[107] or[519] slacken[241] the[19] line[25], at[65] the[19] word[486] of[89] command[190]. Moreover[326], when[189] the[19] four[175] boats[83] were[324] lowered[279], the[19] mate[508]'s[483] got[286] the[19] start[117]; and[236] none[365] howled[333] more[348] fiercely[111] with[449] delight[25] than[77] did[444] Steelkilt, as[113] he[362] strained[516] at[65] his[433] oar[61]. After[358] a[10] stiff[549] pull[35], their[219] harpooneer got[286] fast[208], and[236], spear[188] in[107] hand[252], Radney sprang[253] to[261] the[19] bow[146]. He[362] was[454] always[367] a[10] furious[89] man[17], it[162] seems[19], in[107] a[10] boat[439]. And[236] now[20] his[433] bandaged[168] cry[561] was[454], to[261] beach[183] him[248] on[392] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] topmost[346] back[457]. Nothing[324] loath[473], his[433] bowsman[290] hauled[80] him[248] up[405] and[236] up[405], through[295] a[10] blinding[298] foam[160] that[14] blent[160] two[527] whitenesses together[440]; till[181] of[89] a[10] sudden[309] the[19] boat[439] struck[441] as[113] against[417] a[10] sunken[83] ledge[244], and[236] keeling[117] over[82], spilled[434] out[66] the[19] standing[144] mate[508]. That[14] instant[279], as[113] he[362] fell[421] on[392] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] slippery[204] back[457], the[19] boat[439] righted[240], and[236] was[454] dashed[304] aside[408] by[406] the[19] swell[280], while[55] Radney was[454] tossed[227] over[82] into[554] the[19] sea[67], on[392] the[19] other[282] flank[434] of[89] the[19] whale[422]. He[362] struck[441] out[66] through[295] the[19] spray[76], and[236], for[190] an[138] instant[279], was[454] dimly[298] seen[154] through[295] that[14] veil[69], wildly[356] seeking[427] to[261] remove[306] himself[282] from[316] the[19] eye[220] of[89] Moby[362] Dick[25]. But[330] the[19] whale[422] rushed[199] round[287] in[107] a[10] sudden[309] maelstrom[367]; seized[337] the[19] swimmer[105] between[77] his[433] jaws[341]; and[236] rearing[251] high[361] up[405] with[449] him[248],

plunged[340] headlong[4] again[52], and[236] went[516] down[133].

"Meantime[210], at[65] the[19] first[13] tap[367] of[89] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] bottom[461], the[19] Lakeman had[364] slackened[31] the[19] line[25], so[281] as[113] to[261] drop[22] astern[39] from[316] the[19] whirlpool[23]; calmly[170] looking[318] on[392], he[362] thought[186] his[433] own[248] thoughts[26]. But[330] a[10] sudden[309], terrific[315], downward[157] jerking[2] of[89] the[19] boat[439], quickly[183] brought[85] his[433] knife[503] to[261] the[19] line[25]. He[362] cut[310] it[162]; and[236] the[19] whale[422] was[454] free[483]. But[330], at[65] some[265] distance[264], Moby[362] Dick[25] rose[449] again[52], with[449] some[265] tatters[89] of[89] Radney's[483] red[293] woollen[27] shirt[413], caught[105] in[107] the[19] teeth[82] that[14] had[364] destroyed[197] him[248]. All[145] four[175] boats[83] gave[572] chase[89] again[52]; but[330] the[19] whale[422] eluded[40] them[146], and[236] finally[69] wholly[497] disappeared[5].

"In[107] good[221] time[577], the[19] Town[172]-Ho[31] reached[386] her[400] port[409]--a[10] savage[398], solitary[407] place[107]-- where[579] no[235] civilized[441] creature[82] resided[77]. There[340], headed[124] by[406] the[19] Lakeman, all[145] but[330] five[103] or[519] six[415] of[89] the[19] foremastmen deliberately[336] deserted[178] among[483] the[19] palms[173]; eventually[163], as[113] it[162] turned[492] out[66], seizing[327] a[10] large[385] double[20] war[169]-canoe[290] of[89] the[19] savages[247], and[236] setting[151] sail[218] for[190] some[265] other[282] harbor[289].

"The[19] ship[438]'s[483] company[280] being[264] reduced[275] to[261] but[330] a[10] handful[330], the[19] captain[295] called[237] upon[419] the[19] Islanders[279] to[261] assist[7] him[248] in[107] the[19] laborious[17] business[168] of[89] heaving[174] down[133] the[19] ship[438] to[261] stop[48] the[19] leak[41]. But[330] to[261] such[420] unresting[128] vigilance[124] over[82] their[219] dangerous[2] allies[31] was[454] this[256] small[350] band[541] of[89] whites[418] necessitated[541], both[558] by[406] night[108] and[236] by[406] day[112], and[236] so[281] extreme[31] was[454] the[19] hard[337] work[385] they[382] underwent[241], that[14] upon[419] the[19] vessel[155] being[264] ready[464] again[52] for[190] sea[67], they[382] were[324] in[107] such[420] a[10] weakened[256] condition[62] that[14] the[19] captain[295] durst[441] not[518] put[190] off[111] with[449] them[146] in[107] so[281] heavy[421] a[10] vessel[155]. After[358] taking[146] counsel[437] with[449] his[433] officers[439], he[362] anchored[42] the[19] ship[438] as[113] far[258] off[111] shore[280] as[113] possible[277]; loaded[55] and[236] ran[391] out[66] his[433] two[527] cannon[515] from[316] the[19] bows[460]; stacked[261] his[433] muskets[399] on[392] the[19] poop[400]; and[236] warning[531] the[19] Islanders[279] not[518] to[261] approach[23] the[19] ship[438] at[65] their[219] peril[565], took[68] one[470] man[17] with[449] him[248], and[236] setting[151] the[19] sail[218] of[89] his[433] best[315] whale[422]-boat[439], steered[106] straight[346] before[344] the[19] wind[262] for[190] Tahiti[183], five[103] hundred[93] miles[278] distant[353], to[261] procure[209] a[10] reinforcement[166] to[261] his[433] crew[126].

"On[392] the[19] fourth[399] day[112] of[89] the[19] sail[218], a[10] large[385] canoe[290] was[454] descried[313], which[16] seemed[132] to[261] have[254] touched[367] at[65] a[10] low[407] isle[41] of[89] corals[330]. He[362] steered[106] away[443] from[316] it[162]; but[330] the[19] savage[398] craft[187] bore[27] down[133] on[392] him[248]; and[236] soon[18] the[19] voice[233] of[89] Steelkilt hailed[411] him[248] to[261] heave[308] to[261], or[519] he[362] would[282] run[172] him[248] under[533] water[520]. The[19] captain[295] presented[320] a[10] pistol[167]. With[449] one[470] foot[467] on[392] each[520] prow[451] of[89] the[19] yoked[417] war[169]-canoes[28], the[19] Lakeman laughed[166] him[248] to[261] scorn[8]; assuring[86] him[248] that[14] if[141] the[19] pistol[167] so[281] much[61] as[113] clicked[279] in[107] the[19] lock[297], he[362] would[282] bury[354] him[248] in[107] bubbles[552] and[236] foam[160].

"'What[243] do[353] you[227] want[350] of[89] me[2]?' cried[506] the[19] captain[295].

"'Where[579] are[314] you[227] bound[108]? and[236] for[190] what[243] are[314] you[227] bound[108]?' demanded[223] Steelkilt; 'no[235] lies[27].'

"'I[482] am[375] bound[108] to[261] Tahiti[183] for[190] more[348] men[62].'

"'Very[515] good[221]. Let[66] me[2] board[540] you[227] a[10] moment[258]--I[482] come[420] in[107] peace[216].' With[449] that[14] he[362] leaped[314] from[316] the[19] canoe[290], swam[111] to[261] the[19] boat[439]; and[236] climbing[18] the[19] gunwale[198], stood[1] face[556] to[261] face[556] with[449] the[19] captain[295].

"'Cross[416] your[162] arms[536], sir[271]; throw[345] back[457] your[162] head[219]. Now[20], repeat[2] after[358] me[2]. As[113] soon[18] as[113] Steelkilt leaves[441] me[2], I[482] swear[322] to[261] beach[183] this[256] boat[439] on[392] yonder[41] island[516], and[236] remain[326] there[340] six[415] days[351]. If[141] I[482] do[353] not[518], may[236] lightning[171] strike[374] me[2]!'

"'A[10] pretty[252] scholar[376],' laughed[166] the[19] Lakeman. 'Adios, Senor[296]!' and[236] leaping[397] into[554] the[19] sea[67], he[362] swam[111] back[457] to[261] his[433] comrades[410].

"Watching[330] the[19] boat[439] till[181] it[162] was[454] fairly[211] beached[98], and[236] drawn[564] up[405] to[261] the[19] roots[263] of[89] the[19] cocoa-nut[142] trees[354], Steelkilt made[563] sail[218] again[52], and[236] in[107] due[266] time[577] arrived[553] at[65] Tahiti[183], his[433] own[248] place[107] of[89] destination[453]. There[340], luck[453] befriended[476] him[248]; two[527] ships[21] were[324] about[123] to[261] sail[218] for[190] France[54], and[236] were[324] providentially[273] in[107] want[350] of[89] precisely[217] that[14] number[196] of[89] men[62] which[16] the[19] sailor[561] headed[124]. They[382] embarked[262], and[236] so[281] for[190] ever[208] got[286] the[19] start[117] of[89] their[219] former[157] captain[295], had[364] he[362] been[185] at[65] all[145] minded[335] to[261] work[385] them[146] legal[145] retribution[25].

"Some[265] ten[198] days[351] after[358] the[19] French[491] ships[21] sailed[248], the[19] whale[422]-boat[439] arrived[553], and[236] the[19] captain[295] was[454] forced[28] to[261] enlist[120] some[265] of[89] the[19] more[348] civilized[441] Tahitians[170], who[319] had[364] been[185] somewhat[77] used[102] to[261] the[19] sea[67]. Chartering[416] a[10] small[350] native[399] schooner[92], he[362] returned[214] with[449] them[146] to[261] his[433] vessel[155]; and[236] finding[350] all[145] right[499] there[340], again[52] resumed[7] his[433] cruisings[263].

"Where[579] Steelkilt now[20] is[487], gentlemen[340], none[365] know[60]; but[330] upon[419] the[19] island[516] of[89] Nantucket[283], the[19] widow[231] of[89] Radney still[278] turns[136] to[261] the[19] sea[67] which[16] refuses[217] to[261] give[142] up[405] its[234] dead[568]; still[278] in[107] dreams[299] sees[187] the[19] awful[539] white[82] whale[422] that[14] destroyed[197] him[248].

"'Are[314] you[227] through[295]?' said[252] Don[280] Sebastian[102], quietly[380].

"'I[482] am[375], Don[280].'

"'Then[45] I[482] entreat[40] you[227], tell[392] me[2] if[141] to[261] the[19] best[315] of[89] your[162] own[248] convictions[133],

this[256] your[162] story[197] is[487] in[107] substance[316] really[406] true[483]? It[162] is[487] so[281] passing[147] wonderful[291]! Did[444] you[227] get[126] it[162] from[316] an[138] unquestionable[129] source[254]? Bear[48] with[449] me[2] if[141] I[482] seem[404] to[261] press[91].'

"'Also[119] bear[48] with[449] all[145] of[89] us[569], sir[271] sailor[561]; for[190] we[465] all[145] join[61] in[107] Don[280] Sebastian[102]'s[483] suit[373],' cried[506] the[19] company[280], with[449] exceeding[320] interest[323].

"'Is[487] there[340] a[10] copy[380] of[89] the[19] Holy[61] Evangelists[146] in[107] the[19] Golden[508] Inn[190], gentlemen[340]?'

"'Nay[358],' said[252] Don[280] Sebastian[102]; 'but[330] I[482] know[60] a[10] worthy[60] priest[60] near[70] by[406], who[319] will[584] quickly[183] procure[209] one[470] for[190] me[2]. I[482] go[20] for[190] it[162]; but[330] are[314] you[227] well[263] advised[233]? this[256] may[236] grow[163] too[11] serious[97].'

"'Will[584] you[227] be[341] so[281] good[221] as[113] to[261] bring[173] the[19] priest[60] also[119], Don[280]?'

"'Though[400] there[340] are[314] no[235] Auto-da-Fe[4]'s[483] in[107] Lima[120] now[20],' said[252] one[470] of[89] the[19] company[280] to[261] another[269]; 'I[482] fear[103] our[234] sailor[561] friend[179] runs[399] risks[100] of[89] the[19] archiepiscopacy[4]. Let[66] us[569] withdraw[235] more[348] out[66] of[89] the[19] moonlight[122]. I[482] see[370] no[235] need[32] of[89] this[256].'

"'Excuse[410] me[2] for[190] running[296] after[358] you[227], Don[280] Sebastian[102]; but[330] may[236] I[482] also[119] beg[399] that[14] you[227] will[584] be[341] particular[336] in[107] procuring[507] the[19] largest[139] sized[133] Evangelists[146] you[227] can[450].'

'This[256] is[487] the[19] priest[60], he[362] brings[44] you[227] the[19] Evangelists[146],' said[252] Don[280] Sebastian[102], gravely[174], returning[53] with[449] a[10] tall[373] and[236] solemn[303] figure[55].

"'Let[66] me[2] remove[306] my[36] hat[107]. Now[20], venerable[57] priest[60], further[53] into[554] the[19] light[382], and[236] hold[204] the[19] Holy[61] Book[230] before[344] me[2] that[14] I[482] may[236] touch[486] it[162].

"'So[281] help[526] me[2] Heaven[163], and[236] on[392] my[36] honor[497] the[19] story[197] I[482] have[254] told[82] ye[483], gentlemen[340], is[487] in[107] substance[316] and[236] its[234] great[259] items[18], true[483]. I[482] know[60] it[162] to[261] be[341] true[483]; it[162] happened[156] on[392] this[256] ball[141]; I[482] trod[319] the[19] ship[438]; I[482] knew[480] the[19] crew[126]; I[482] have[254] seen[154] and[236] talked[7] with[449] Steelkilt since[374] the[19] death[543] of[89] Radney."

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Of[89] the[19] Monstrous[395] Pictures[371] of[89] Whales[331]

I[482] shall[66] ere[83] long[544] paint[94] to[261] you[227] as[113] well[263] as[113] one[470] can[450] without[309] canvas[557], something[181] like[410] the[19] true[483] form[238] of[89] the[19] whale[422] as[113] he[362] actually[69] appears[268] to[261] the[19] eye[220] of[89] the[19] whaleman[98] when[189] in[107] his[433] own[248] absolute[105] body[348] the[19] whale[422] is[487] moored[379] alongside[540] the[19] whaleship[31] so[281] that[14] he[362] can[450] be[341] fairly[211] stepped[306] upon[419] there[340]. It[162] may[236] be[341] worth[84] while[55], therefore[94], previously[250] to[261] advert[136] to[261] those[427] curious[264] imaginary[189] portraits[340] of[89] him[248] which[16] even[198] down[133] to[261] the[19] present[112] day[112] confidently[225] challenge[158] the[19] faith[511] of[89] the[19] landsman[331]. It[162] is[487] time[577] to[261] set[422] the[19] world[126] right[499] in[107] this[256] matter[176], by[406] proving[23] such[420] pictures[371] of[89] the[19] whale[422] all[145] wrong[70].

It[162] may[236] be[341] that[14] the[19] primal[177] source[254] of[89] all[145] those[427] pictorial[122] delusions[386] will[584] be[341] found[260] among[483] the[19] oldest[248] Hindoo[247], Egyptian[358], and[236] Grecian[103] sculptures[203]. For[190] ever[208] since[374] those[427] inventive[262] but[330] unscrupulous[322] times[121] when[189] on[392] the[19] marble[364] panellings[83] of[89] temples[381], the[19] pedestals[146] of[89] statues[124], and[236] on[392] shields[312], medallions[339], cups[58], and[236] coins[294], the[19] dolphin[110] was[454] drawn[564] in[107] scales[543] of[89] chain[159]-armor[127] like[410] Saladin[280]'s[483], and[236] a[10] helmeted[85] head[219] like[410] St[193]. George[110]'s[483]; ever[208] since[374] then[45] has[399] something[181] of[89] the[19] same[541] sort[42] of[89] license[13] prevailed[233], not[518] only[517] in[107] most[216] popular[229] pictures[371] of[89] the[19] whale[422], but[330] in[107] many[282] scientific[435] presentations[104] of[89] him[248].

Now[20], by[406] all[145] odds[250], the[19] most[216] ancient[463] extant[557] portrait[124] anyways[213] purporting[471] to[261] be[341] the[19] whale[422]'s[483], is[487] to[261] be[341] found[260] in[107] the[19] famous[254] cavern-pagoda[354] of[89] Elephants[452], in[107] India[258]. The[19] Brahmins[208] maintain[357] that[14] in[107] the[19] almost[518] endless[489] sculptures[203] of[89] that[14] immemorial[52] pagoda[354], all[145] the[19] trades[111] and[236] pursuits[412], every[389] conceivable[147] avocation[211] of[89] man[17], were[324] prefigured[113] ages[146] before[344] any[501] of[89] them[146] actually[69] came[549] into[554] being[264]. No[235] wonder[76] then[45], that[14] in[107] some[265] sort[42] our[234] noble[226] profession[202] of[89] whaling[155] should[255] have[254] been[185] there[340] shadowed[18] forth[152]. The[19] Hindoo[247] whale[422] referred[350] to[261], occurs[183] in[107] a[10] separate[495] department[104] of[89] the[19] wall[509], depicting[161] the[19] incarnation[306] of[89] Vishnu[380] in[107] the[19] form[238] of[89] leviathan[384], learnedly[117] known[86] as[113] the[19] Matse Avatar[306]. But[330] though[400] this[256] sculpture[376] is[487] half[119] man[17] and[236] half[119] whale[422], so[281] as[113] only[517] to[261] give[142] the[19] tail[102] of[89] the[19] latter[497], yet[443] that[14] small[350] section[1] of[89] him[248] is[487] all[145] wrong[70]. It[162] looks[150] more[348] like[410] the[19] tapering[416] tail[102] of[89] an[138] anaconda[25], than[77] the[19] broad[267] palms[173] of[89] the[19] true[483] whale[422]'s[483] majestic[13] flukes[155].

But[330] go[20] to[261] the[19] old[447] Galleries[361], and[236] look[523] now[20] at[65] a[10] great[259] Christian[235] painter[270]'s[483] portrait[124] of[89] this[256] fish[187]; for[190] he[362] succeeds[192] no[235] better[34] than[77] the[19] antediluvian[212] Hindoo[247]. It[162] is[487] Guido[285]'s[483] picture[264] of[89] Perseus[170] rescuing[480] Andromeda[45] from[316] the[19] sea[67]-monster[480] or[519] whale[422]. Where[579] did[444] Guido[285] get[126] the[19] model[413] of[89] such[420] a[10] strange[440] creature[82] as[113] that[14]? Nor[137] does[565] Hogarth[80], in[107] painting[320] the[19] same[541] scene[228] in[107] his[433] own[248] "Perseus[170] Descending[181]," make[175] out[66] one[470] whit[367] better[34]. The[19] huge[132]

corpulence[24] of[89] that[14] Hogarthian[292] monster[480] undulates[116] on[392] the[19] surface[328], scarcely[71] drawing[407] one[470] inch[65] of[89] water[520]. It[162] has[399] a[10] sort[42] of[89] howdah[111] on[392] its[234] back[457], and[236] its[234] distended[106] tusked[244] mouth[414] into[554] which[16] the[19] billows[295] are[314] rolling[253], might[496] be[341] taken[222] for[190] the[19] Traitors[472]' Gate[481] leading[59] from[316] the[19] Thames[328] by[406] water[520] into[554] the[19] Tower[36]. Then[45], there[340] are[314] the[19] Prodromus[69] whales[331] of[89] the[19] old[447] Scotch[481] Sibbald[76], and[236] Jonah[41]'s[483] whale[422], as[113] depicted[46] in[107] the[19] prints[441] of[89] old[447] Bibles[296] and[236] the[19] cuts[26] of[89] old[447] primers[272]. What[243] shall[66] be[341] said[252] of[89] these[527]? As[113] for[190] the[19] book[230]-binder[43]'s[483] whale[422] winding[486] like[410] a[10] vine-stalk[143] round[287] the[19] stock[437] of[89] a[10] descending[181] anchor[141]-- as[113] stamped[31] and[236] gilded[41] on[392] the[19] backs[480] and[236] titlepages of[89] many[282] books[525] both[558] old[447] and[236] new[36]--that[14] is[487] a[10] very[515] picturesque[453] but[330] purely[138] fabulous[335] creature[82], imitated[217], I[482] take[279] it[162], from[316] the[19] like[410] figures[66] on[392] antique[58] vases[259]. Though[400] universally[403] denominated[122] a[10] dolphin[110], I[482] nevertheless[104] call[259] this[256] book[230]-binder[43]'s[483] fish[187] an[138] attempt[385] at[65] a[10] whale[422]; because[540] it[162] was[454] so[281] intended[495] when[189] the[19] device[191] was[454] first[13] introduced[265]. It[162] was[454] introduced[265] by[406] an[138] old[447] Italian[396] publisher[454] somewhere[201] about[123] the[19] 15th[38] century[149], during[309] the[19] Revival[24] of[89] Learning[219]; and[236] in[107] those[427] days[351], and[236] even[198] down[133] to[261] a[10] comparatively[203] late[351] period[196], dolphins[192] were[324] popularly[301] supposed[423] to[261] be[341] a[10] species[69] of[89] the[19] Leviathan[384].

In[107] the[19] vignettes[41] and[236] other[282] embellishments[345] of[89] some[265] ancient[463] books[525] you[227] will[584] at[65] times[121] meet[16] with[449] very[515] curious[264] touches[26] at[65] the[19] whale[422], where[579] all[145] manner[153] of[89] spouts[75], jets[6] d[67]'eau[172], hot[424] springs[35] and[236] cold[330], Saratoga[76] and[236] Baden-Baden[88], come[420] bubbling[261] up[405] from[316] his[433] unexhausted[153] brain[158]. In[107] the[19] title[168]-page[425] of[89] the[19] original[463] edition[462] of[89] the[19] "Advancement[306] of[89] Learning[219]" you[227] will[584] find[138] some[265] curious[264] whales[331].

But[330] quitting[155] all[145] these[527] unprofessional[443] attempts[13], let[66] us[569] glance[362] at[65] those[427] pictures[371] of[89] leviathan[384] purporting[471] to[261] be[341] sober[121], scientific[435] delineations[75], by[406] those[427] who[319] know[60]. In[107] old[447] Harris[75]'s[483] collection[270] of[89] voyages[368] there[340] are[314] some[265] plates[115] of[89] whales[331] extracted[69] from[316] a[10] Dutch[325] book[230] of[89] voyages[368], A[10].D[236]. 1671[573], entitled[189] "A[10] Whaling[155] Voyage[137] to[261] Spitzbergen[78] in[107] the[19] ship[438] Jonas[188] in[107] the[19] Whale[422], Peter[419] Peterson[400] of[89] Friesland[273], master[131]." In[107] one[470] of[89] those[427] plates[115] the[19] whales[331], like[410] great[259] rafts[522] of[89] logs[296], are[314] represented[107] lying[204] among[483] ice[443]-isles[425], with[449] white[82] bears[97] running[296] over[82] their[219] living[117] backs[480]. In[107] another[269] plate[396], the[19] prodigious[223] blunder[12] is[487] made[563] of[89] representing[118] the[19] whale[422] with[449] perpendicular[83] flukes[155].

Then[45] again[52], there[340] is[487] an[138] imposing[365] quarto[292], written[388] by[406] one[470] Captain[295] Colnett, a[10] Post[2] Captain[295] in[107] the[19] English[69] navy[83], entitled[189] "A[10] Voyage[137] round[287] Cape[23] Horn[139] into[554] the[19] South[257] Seas[350], for[190] the[19] purpose[514] of[89] extending[231] the[19] Spermaceti[283] Whale[422] Fisheries[6]." In[107] this[256] book[230] is[487] an[138] outline[242] purporting[471] to[261] be[341] a[10] "Picture[264] of[89] a[10] Physeter[314] or[519] Spermaceti[283] whale[422], drawn[564] by[406] scale[271] from[316] one[470] killed[409] on[392] the[19] coast[287] of[89] Mexico[529], August[29], 1793[396], and[236] hoisted[367] on[392] deck[505]." I[482] doubt[71] not[518] the[19] captain[295] had[364] this[256] veracious[88] picture[264] taken[222] for[190] the[19] benefit[514] of[89] his[433] marines[294]. To[261] mention[510] but[330] one[470] thing[309] about[123] it[162], let[66] me[2] say[306] that[14] it[162] has[399] an[138] eye[220] which[16] applied[122], according[281] to[261] the[19] accompanying[371] scale[271], to[261] a[10] full[414] grown[299] sperm[26] whale[422], would[282] make[175] the[19] eye[220] of[89] that[14] whale[422] a[10] bow[146]-window[10] some[265] five[103] feet[349] long[544]. Ah[132], my[36] gallant[323] captain[295], why[177] did[444] ye[483] not[518] give[142] us[569] Jonah[41] looking[318] out[66] of[89] that[14] eye[220]!

Nor[137] are[314] the[19] most[216] conscientious[196] compilations[208] of[89] Natural[298] History[183] for[190] the[19] benefit[514] of[89] the[19] young[389] and[236] tender[454], free[483] from[316] the[19] same[541] heinousness[57] of[89] mistake[471]. Look[523] at[65] that[14] popular[229] work[385] "Goldsmith[43]'s[483] Animated[143] Nature[159]." In[107] the[19] abridged[69] London[41] edition[462] of[89] 1807[430], there[340] are[314] plates[115] of[89] an[138] alleged[163] "whale[422]" and[236] a[10] "narwhale[362]." I[482] do[353] not[518] wish[95] to[261] seem[404] inelegant[15], but[330] this[256] unsightly[4] whale[422] looks[150] much[61] like[410] an[138] amputated[125] sow[144]; and[236], as[113] for[190] the[19] narwhale[362], one[470] glimpse[12] at[65] it[162] is[487] enough[217] to[261] amaze[266] one[470], that[14] in[107] this[256] nineteenth[36] century[149] such[420] a[10] hippogriff[292] could[375] be[341] palmed[158] for[190] genuine[44] upon[419] any[501] intelligent[346] public[3] of[89] schoolboys[127].

Then[45], again[52], in[107] 1825[125], Bernard[359] Germain[41], Count[332] de[404] Lacepede[155], a[10] great[259] naturalist[122], published[393] a[10] scientific[435] systemized whale[422] book[230], wherein[396] are[314] several[479] pictures[371] of[89] the[19] different[276] species[69] of[89] the[19] Leviathan[384]. All[145] these[527] are[314] not[518] only[517] incorrect[120], but[330] the[19] picture[264] of[89] the[19] Mysticetus or[519] Greenland[110] whale[422] (that[14] is[487] to[261] say[306] the[19] Right[499] whale[422]), even[198] Scoresby, a[10] long[544] experienced[93] man[17] as[113] touching[80] that[14] species[69], declares[242] not[518] to[261] have[254] its[234] counterpart[350] in[107] nature[159].

But[330] the[19] placing[287] of[89] the[19] cap[328]-sheaf to[261] all[145] this[256] blundering[400] business[168] was[454] reserved[234] for[190] the[19] scientific[435] Frederick[107] Cuvier[158], brother[46] to[261] the[19] famous[254] Baron[361]. In[107] 1836[360], he[362] published[393] a[10] Natural[298] History[183] of[89] Whales[331], in[107] which[16] he[362] gives[529] what[243] he[362] calls[15] a[10] picture[264] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]. Before[344] showing[445] that[14] picture[264] to[261] any[501] Nantucketer, you[227] had[364] best[315] provide[172] for[190] your[162] summary[420] retreat[506] from[316] Nantucket[283]. In[107] a[10] word[486], Frederick[107] Cuvier[158]'s[483] Sperm[26] Whale[422] is[487] not[518] a[10] Sperm[26] Whale[422], but[330] a[10] squash[342]. Of[89] course[171], he[362] never[206] had[364] the[19] benefit[514] of[89] a[10] whaling[155] voyage[137] (such[420] men[62] seldom[140] have[254]), but[330] whence[494] he[362] derived[494] that[14] picture[264], who[319] can[450] tell[392]? Perhaps[75] he[362] got[286] it[162] as[113] his[433] scientific[435] predecessor[410] in[107] the[19] same[541] field[275], Desmarest[111], got[286] one[470] of[89] his[433] authentic[384] abortions[140]; that[14] is[487], from[316] a[10] Chinese[44] drawing[407]. And[236] what[243] sort[42] of[89] lively[272] lads[252] with[449] the[19] pencil[122] those[427] Chinese[44] are[314], many[282] queer[156] cups[58] and[236] saucers[213] inform[77] us[569].

As[113] for[190] the[19] sign[8]-painters' whales[331] seen[154] in[107] the[19] streets[374] hanging[222]
over[82] the[19] shops[107] of[89] oil[118]-dealers[93], what[243] shall[66] be[341] said[252] of[89] them[146]?
They[382] are[314] generally[402] Richard[141] III[167]. whales[331], with[449] dromedary[183] humps[252],
and[236] very[515] savage[398]; breakfasting[83] on[392] three[329] or[519] four[175] sailor[561] tarts[259],
that[14] is[487] whaleboats[283] full[414] of[89] mariners[347]: their[219] deformities[133]
floundering[283] in[107] seas[350] of[89] blood[208] and[236] blue[240] paint[94].

But[330] these[527] manifold[14] mistakes[70] in[107] depicting[161] the[19] whale[422] are[314] not[518] so[281] very[515]
surprising[359] after[358] all[145]. Consider[259]! Most[216] of[89] the[19] scientific[435] drawings[468] have[254]
been[185] taken[222] from[316] the[19] stranded[299] fish[187]; and[236] these[527] are[314] about[123] as[113] correct[414] as[113] a[10]
drawing[407] of[89] a[10] wrecked[527] ship[438], with[449] broken[255] back[457], would[282] correctly[444] represent[281]
the[19] noble[226] animal[22] itself[312] in[107] all[145] its[234] undashed pride[279] of[89] hull[323] and[236] spars[15].
Though[400] elephants[452] have[254] stood[1] for[190] their[219] full[414]-lengths[469], the[19] living[117]
Leviathan[384] has[399] never[206] yet[443] fairly[211] floated[6] himself[282] for[190] his[433] portrait[124].
The[19] living[117] whale[422], in[107] his[433] full[414] majesty[268] and[236] significance[330], is[487] only[517]
to[261] be[341] seen[154] at[65] sea[67] in[107] unfathomable[420] waters[556]; and[236] afloat[2] the[19] vast[43]
bulk[181] of[89] him[248] is[487] out[66] of[89] sight[365], like[410] a[10] launched[336] line[25]-of[89]-battle[105] ship[438];
and[236] out[66] of[89] that[14] element[38] it[162] is[487] a[10] thing[309] eternally[86] impossible[305] for[190] mortal[371]
man[17] to[261] hoist[9] him[248] bodily[172] into[554] the[19] air[209], so[281] as[113] to[261] preserve[192] all[145] his[433] mighty[2]
swells[446] and[236] undulations[106]. And[236], not[518] to[261] speak[337] of[89] the[19] highly[52] presumable[380]
difference[3] of[89] contour[402] between[77] a[10] young[389] suckling[364] whale[422] and[236] a[10] full[414]-grown[299]
Platonian Leviathan[384]; yet[443], even[198] in[107] the[19] case[346] of[89] one[470] of[89] those[427] young[389]
sucking[373] whales[331] hoisted[367] to[261] a[10] ship[438]'s[483] deck[505], such[420] is[487] then[45] the[19] outlandish[292],
eel[86]-like[410], limbered[261], varying[303] shape[99] of[89] him[248], that[14] his[433] precise[158] expression[115]
the[19] devil[411] himself[282] could[375] not[518] catch[523].

But[330] it[162] may[236] be[341] fancied[100], that[14] from[316] the[19] naked[70] skeleton[231] of[89] the[19] stranded[299] whale[422],
accurate[147] hints[260] may[236] be[341] derived[494] touching[80] his[433] true[483] form[238]. Not[518] at[65] all[145].
For[190] it[162] is[487] one[470] of[89] the[19] more[348] curious[264] things[4] about[123] this[256] Leviathan[384],
that[14] his[433] skeleton[231] gives[529] very[515] little[554] idea[250] of[89] his[433] general[37] shape[99].
Though[400] Jeremy[175] Bentham[258]'s[483] skeleton[231], which[16] hangs[170] for[190] candelabra[91]
in[107] the[19] library[110] of[89] one[470] of[89] his[433] executors[14], correctly[444] conveys[303] the[19] idea[250]
of[89] a[10] burly[541]-browed utilitarian[67] old[447] gentleman[399], with[449] all[145] Jeremy[175]'s[483]
other[282] leading[59] personal[492] characteristics[364]; yet[443] nothing[324] of[89] this[256]
kind[451] could[375] be[341] inferred[165] from[316] any[501] leviathan[384]'s[483] articulated[423] bones[5].
In[107] fact[12], as[113] the[19] great[259] Hunter[287] says[424], the[19] mere[393] skeleton[231] of[89] the[19] whale[422]
bears[97] the[19] same[541] relation[129] to[261] the[19] fully[530] invested[60] and[236] padded[116] animal[22]
as[113] the[19] insect[171] does[565] to[261] the[19] chrysalis[396] that[14] so[281] roundingly envelopes[402] it[162].
This[256] peculiarity[211] is[487] strikingly[583] evinced[94] in[107] the[19] head[219], as[113] in[107] some[265] part[207]
of[89] this[256] book[230] will[584] be[341] incidentally[261] shown[446]. It[162] is[487] also[119] very[515] curiously[261]
displayed[179] in[107] the[19] side[246] fin[286], the[19] bones[5] of[89] which[16] almost[518] exactly[315] answer[164]
to[261] the[19] bones[5] of[89] the[19] human[43] hand[252], minus[153] only[517] the[19] thumb[141]. This[256] fin[286] has[399]
four[175] regular[400] bone[184]-fingers[345], the[19] index[270], middle[39], ring[579], and[236] little[554] finger[190].
But[330] all[145] these[527] are[314] permanently[492] lodged[238] in[107] their[219] fleshy[26] covering[24],
as[113] the[19] human[43] fingers[345] in[107] an[138] artificial[310] covering[24]. "However[44] recklessly[72]
the[19] whale[422] may[236] sometimes[77] serve[269] us[569]," said[252] humorous[7] Stubb one[470] day[112],
"he[362] can[450] never[206] be[341] truly[530] said[252] to[261] handle[546] us[569] without[309] mittens[55]."

For[190] all[145] these[527] reasons[186], then[45], any[501] way[435] you[227] may[236] look[523] at[65] it[162],
you[227] must[226] needs[41] conclude[1] that[14] the[19] great[259] Leviathan[384] is[487] that[14] one[470]
creature[82] in[107] the[19] world[126] which[16] must[226] remain[326] unpainted[25] to[261] the[19] last[436].
True[483], one[470] portrait[124] may[236] hit[322] the[19] mark[169] much[61] nearer[303] than[77] another[269],
but[330] none[365] can[450] hit[322] it[162] with[449] any[501] very[515] considerable[75] degree[209] of[89] exactness[84].
So[281] there[340] is[487] no[235] earthly[64] way[435] of[89] finding[350] out[66] precisely[217] what[243]
the[19] whale[422] really[406] looks[150] like[410]. And[236] the[19] only[517] mode[49] in[107] which[16] you[227]
can[450] derive[414] even[198] a[10] tolerable[198] idea[250] of[89] his[433] living[117] contour[402],
is[487] by[406] going[227] a[10] whaling[155] yourself[176]; but[330] by[406] so[281] doing[227], you[227] run[172]
no[235] small[350] risk[97] of[89] being[264] eternally[86] stove[373] and[236] sunk[336] by[406] him[248].
Wherefore[220], it[162] seems[19] to[261] me[2] you[227] had[364] best[315] not[518] be[341] too[11] fastidious[361]
in[107] your[162] curiosity[501] touching[80] this[256] Leviathan[384].

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Of[89] the[19] Less[261] Erroneous[112] Pictures[371] of[89] Whales[331] and[236] the[19] True[483] Pictures[371] of[89] Whaling[155] Scenes[339]

In[107] connexion[400] with[449] the[19] monstrous[395] pictures[371] of[89] whales[331], I[482] am[375] strongly[168]
tempted[460] here[135] to[261] enter[204] upon[419] those[427] still[278] more[348] monstrous[395] stories[264] of[89] them[146]
which[16] are[314] to[261] be[341] found[260] in[107] certain[31] books[525], both[558] ancient[463] and[236] modern[446],
especially[371] in[107] Pliny[159], Purchas[274], Hackluyt[125], Harris[75], Cuvier[158], &c[62]. But[330] I[482]
pass[153] that[14] matter[176] by[406].

I[482] know[60] of[89] only[517] four[175] published[393] outlines[303] of[89] the[19] great[259]
Sperm[26] Whale[422]; Colnett's[483], Huggins[430]'s[483], Frederick[107] Cuvier[158]'s[483], and[236] Beale[27]'s[483]. In[107]
the[19] previous[376] chapter[293] Colnett and[236] Cuvier[158] have[254] been[185] referred[350] to[261].
Huggins[430]'s[483] is[487] far[258] better[34] than[77] theirs[137]; but[330], by[406] great[259] odds[250],
Beale[27]'s[483] is[487] the[19] best[315]. All[145] Beale[27]'s[483] drawings[468] of[89] this[256] whale[422]
are[314] good[221], excepting[289] the[19] middle[39] figure[55] in[107] the[19] picture[264] of[89] three[329]
whales[331] in[107] various[183] attitudes[167], capping[78] his[433] second[386] chapter[293].
His[433] frontispiece[227], boats[83] attacking[258] Sperm[26] Whales[331], though[400] no[235] doubt[71]
calculated[321] to[261] excite[292] the[19] civil[58] scepticism[83] of[89] some[265] parlor[522] men[62],

is[487] admirably[127] correct[414] and[236] life[71]-like[410] in[107] its[234] general[37] effect[215].
Some[265] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] drawings[468] in[107] J[115]. Ross[386] Browne[400] are[314] pretty[252]
correct[414] in[107] contour[402]; but[330] they[382] are[314] wretchedly[126] engraved[25].
That[14] is[487] not[518] his[433] fault[428] though[400].

Of[89] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422], the[19] best[315] outline[242] pictures[371] are[314] in[107] Scoresby;
but[330] they[382] are[314] drawn[564] on[392] too[11] small[350] a[10] scale[271] to[261] convey[403] a[10] desirable[277] impression[219].
He[362] has[399] but[330] one[470] picture[264] of[89] whaling[155] scenes[339], and[236] this[256] is[487] a[10] sad[341] deficiency[185],
because[540] it[162] is[487] by[406] such[420] pictures[371] only[517], when[189] at[65] all[145] well[263] done[135], that[14] you[227]
can[450] derive[414] anything[480] like[410] a[10] truthful[292] idea[250] of[89] the[19] living[117] whale[422] as[113] seen[154]
by[406] his[433] living[117] hunters[423].

But[330], taken[222] for[190] all[145] in[107] all[145], by[406] far[258] the[19] finest[66], though[400] in[107]
some[265] details[286] not[518] the[19] most[216] correct[414], presentations[104] of[89] whales[331]
and[236] whaling[155] scenes[339] to[261] be[341] anywhere[436] found[260], are[314] two[527] large[385]
French[491] engravings[237], well[263] executed[128], and[236] taken[222] from[316] paintings[479] by[406]
one[470] Garnery. Respectively[254], they[382] represent[281] attacks[444] on[392] the[19] Sperm[26]
and[236] Right[499] Whale[422]. In[107] the[19] first[13] engraving[125] a[10] noble[226] Sperm[26] Whale[422]
is[487] depicted[46] in[107] full[414] majesty[268] of[89] might[496], just[108] risen[280] beneath[320] the[19] boat[439]
from[316] the[19] profundities[292] of[89] the[19] ocean[224], and[236] bearing[354] high[361] in[107] the[19].
air[209] upon[419] his[433] back[457] the[19] terrific[315] wreck[171] of[89] the[19] stoven planks[284].
The[19] prow[451] of[89] the[19] boat[439] is[487] partially[263] unbroken[290], and[236] is[487] drawn[564] just[108]
balancing[39] upon[419] the[19] monster[480]'s[483] spine[236]; and[236] standing[144] in[107] that[14] prow[451],
for[190] that[14] one[470] single[77] incomputable flash[424] of[89] time[577], you[227] behold[525]
an[138] oarsman[60], half[119] shrouded[465] by[406] the[19] incensed[136] boiling[99] spout[224] of[89]
the[19] whale[422], and[236] in[107] the[19] act[10] of[89] leaping[397], as[113] if[141] from[316] a[10] precipice[341].
The[19] action[102] of[89] the[19] whole[199] thing[309] is[487] wonderfully[12] good[221] and[236] true[483].
The[19] half[119]-emptied[311] line[25]-tub[339] floats[36] on[392] the[19] whitened[481] sea[67];
the[19] wooden[35] poles[122] of[89] the[19] spilled[434] harpoons[6] obliquely[122] bob[485] in[107] it[162];
the[19] heads[366] of[89] the[19] swimming[367] crew[126] are[314] scattered[17] about[123] the[19] whale[422]
in[107] contrasting[286] expressions[292] of[89] affright[306]; while[55] in[107] the[19] black[581]
stormy[115] distance[264] the[19] ship[438] is[487] bearing[354] down[133] upon[419] the[19] scene[228].
Serious[97] fault[428] might[496] be[341] found[260] with[449] the[19] anatomical[68] details[286]
of[89] this[256] whale[422], but[330] let[66] that[14] pass[153]; since[374], for[190] the[19] life[71] of[89] me[2],
I[482] could[375] not[518] draw[106] so[281] good[221] a[10] one[470].

In[107] the[19] second[386] engraving[125], the[19] boat[439] is[487] in[107] the[19] act[10] of[89] drawing[407] alongside[540]
the[19] barnacled flank[434] of[89] a[10] large[385] running[296] Right[499] Whale[422], that[14] rolls[475]
his[433] black[581] weedy[513] bulk[181] in[107] the[19] sea[67] like[410] some[265] mossy[192] rock[264]-slide[118] from[316]
the[19] Patagonian[31] cliffs[290]. His[433] jets[6] are[314] erect[245], full[414], and[236] black[581] like[410] soot[192];
so[281] that[14] from[316] so[281] abounding[143] a[10] smoke[99] in[107] the[19] chimney[94], you[227] would[282] think[424]
there[340] must[226] be[341] a[10] brave[218] supper[4] cooking[369] in[107] the[19] great[259] bowels[499] below[397].
Sea[67] fowls[206] are[314] pecking[64] at[65] the[19] small[350] crabs[331], shell[152]-fish[187], and[236] other[282] sea[67]
candies[122] and[236] maccaroni[83], which[16] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422] sometimes[77] carries[440] on[392]
his[433] pestilent[377] back[457]. And[236] all[145] the[19] while[55] the[19] thick[502]-lipped leviathan[384]
is[487] rushing[344] through[295] the[19] deep[483], leaving[231] tons[363] of[89] tumultuous[355] white[82] curds[504]
in[107] his[433] wake[205], and[236] causing[258] the[19] slight[259] boat[439] to[261] rock[264] in[107] the[19] swells[446]
like[410] a[10] skiff[2] caught[105] nigh[254] the[19] paddle[39]-wheels[116] of[89] an[138] ocean[224] steamer[11].
Thus[362], the[19] fore[259]-ground[43] is[487] all[145] raging[173] commotion[155]; but[330] behind[80],
in[107] admirable[267] artistic[370] contrast[205], is[487] the[19] glassy[489] level[378] of[89] a[10] sea[67] becalmed[443],
the[19] drooping[279] unstarched[388] sails[344] of[89] the[19] powerless[165] ship[438], and[236] the[19] inert[155]
mass[36] of[89] a[10] dead[568] whale[422], a[10] conquered[140] fortress[149], with[449] the[19] flag[270] of[89] capture[361]
lazily[347] hanging[222] from[316] the[19] whale[422]-pole[20] inserted[102] into[554] his[433] spout[224]-hole[73].

Who[319] Garnery the[19] painter[270] is[487], or[519] was[454], I[482] know[60] not[518]. But[330] my[36] life[71]
for[190] it[162] he[362] was[454] either[45] practically[138] conversant[166] with[449] his[433] subject[382],
or[519] else[212] marvellously[393] tutored[75] by[406] some[265] experienced[93] whaleman[98].
The[19] French[491] are[314] the[19] lads[252] for[190] painting[320] action[102]. Go[20] and[236] gaze[568] upon[419]
all[145] the[19] paintings[479] in[107] Europe[153], and[236] where[579] will[584] you[227] find[138] such[420] a[10]
gallery[417] of[89] living[117] and[236] breathing[403] commotion[155] on[392] canvas[557], as[113] in[107] that[14]
triumphal[564] hall[165] at[65] Versailles[399]; where[579] the[19] beholder[451] fights[295] his[433] way[435],
pell-mell[117], through[295] the[19] consecutive[259] great[259] battles[235] of[89] France[54];
where[579] every[389] sword[273] seems[19] a[10] flash[424] of[89] the[19] Northern[252] Lights[59],
and[236] the[19] successive[423] armed[299] kings[474] and[236] Emperors[247] dash[355] by[406], like[410] a[10]
charge[308] of[89] crowned[527] centaurs[553]? Not[518] wholly[497] unworthy[280] of[89] a[10] place[107]
in[107] that[14] gallery[417], are[314] these[527] sea[67] battle[105]-pieces[20] of[89] Garnery.

The[19] natural[298] aptitude[95] of[89] the[19] French[491] for[190] seizing[327] the[19] picturesqueness[201]
of[89] things[4] seems[19] to[261] be[341] peculiarly[182] evinced[94] in[107] what[243] paintings[479]
and[236] engravings[237] they[382] have[254] of[89] their[219] whaling[155] scenes[339].
With[449] not[518] one[470] tenth[243] of[89] England[348]'s[483] experience[127] in[107] the[19] fishery[136],
and[236] not[518] the[19] thousandth[120] part[207] of[89] that[14] of[89] the[19] Americans[81], they[382] have[254]
nevertheless[104] furnished[201] both[558] nations[274] with[449] the[19] only[517] finished[218] sketches[394]
at[65] all[145] capable[424] of[89] conveying[70] the[19] real[305] spirit[227] of[89] the[19] whale[422] hunt[418].
For[190] the[19] most[216] part[207], the[19] English[69] and[236] American[272] whale[422] draughtsmen[444]
seem[404] entirely[148] content[7] with[449] presenting[342] the[19] mechanical[31]
outline[242] of[89] things[4], such[420] as[113] the[19] vacant[367] profile[34] of[89] the[19] whale[422];
which[16], so[281] far[258] as[113] picturesqueness[201] of[89] effect[215] is[487] concerned[583],
is[487] about[123] tantamount[133] to[261] sketching[190] the[19] profile[34] of[89] a[10] pyramid[310].
Even[198] Scoresby, the[19] justly[91] renowned[480] Right[499] whaleman[98],
after[358] giving[207] us[569] a[10] stiff[549] full[414] length[202] of[89] the[19] Greenland[110] whale[422],
and[236] three[329] or[519] four[175] delicate[34] miniatures[397] of[89] narwhales and[236] porpoises[298],
treats[262] us[569] to[261] a[10] series[494] of[89] classical[51] engravings[237] of[89] boat[439] hooks[561],

chopping[299] knives[140], and[236] grapnels[188]; and[236] with[449] the[19] microscopic[385] diligence[84]
of[89] a[10] Leuwenhoeck submits[81] to[261] the[19] inspection[211] of[89] a[10] shivering[559] world[126]
ninety[2]-six[59] fac-similes[247] of[89] magnified[140] Arctic[364] snow[498] crystals[429].
I[482] mean[504] no[235] disparagement[213] to[261] the[19] excellent[161] voyager[25] (I[482] honor[497] him[248]
for[190] a[10] veteran[122]), but[330] in[107] so[281] important[104] a[10] matter[176] it[162] was[454] certainly[124]
an[138] oversight[406] not[518] to[261] have[254] procured[133] for[190] every[389] crystal[344] a[10] sworn[376]
affidavit[86] taken[222] before[344] a[10] Greenland[110] Justice[7] of[89] the[19] Peace[216].

In[107] addition[187] to[261] those[427] fine[333] engravings[237] from[316] Garnery, there[340] are[314] two[527]
other[282] French[491] engravings[237] worthy[60] of[89] note[59], by[406] some[265] one[470] who[319] subscribes[69]
himself[282] "H[349]. Durand[76]." One[470] of[89] them[146], though[400] not[518] precisely[217] adapted[263] to[261] our[234]
present[112] purpose[514], nevertheless[104] deserves[229] mention[510] on[392] other[282] accounts[311].
It[162] is[487] a[10] quiet[337] noon[445]-scene[228] among[483] the[19] isles[425] of[89] the[19] Pacific[294]; a[10] French[491]
whaler[91] anchored[42], inshore[522], in[107] a[10] calm[39], and[236] lazily[347] taking[146] water[520] on[392] board[540];
the[19] loosened[479] sails[344] of[89] the[19] ship[438], and[236] the[19] long[544] leaves[441] of[89] the[19] palms[173]
in[107] the[19] background[397], both[558] drooping[279] together[440] in[107] the[19] breezeless[83] air[209].
The[19] effect[215] is[487] very[515] fine[333], when[189] considered[484] with[449] reference[116] to[261] its[234]
presenting[342] the[19] hardy[241] fishermen[24] under[533] one[470] of[89] their[219] few[49] aspects[322] of[89]
oriental[147] repose[463]. The[19] other[282] engraving[125] is[487] quite[327] a[10] different[276] affair[388]:
the[19] ship[438] hove[368]-to[261] upon[419] the[19] open[464] sea[67], and[236] in[107] the[19] very[515] heart[470] of[89]
the[19] Leviathanic life[71], with[449] a[10] Right[499] Whale[422] alongside[540]; the[19] vessel[155]
(in[107] the[19] act[10] of[89] cutting[454]-in[107]) hove[368] over[82] to[261] the[19] monster[480] as[113] if[141] to[261] a[10] quay[124];
and[236] a[10] boat[439], hurriedly[12] pushing[39] off[111] from[316] this[256] scene[228] of[89] activity[293],
is[487] about[123] giving[207] chase[89] to[261] whales[331] in[107] the[19] distance[264]. The[19] harpoons[6]
and[236] lances[8] lie[212] levelled[126] for[190] use[176]; three[329] oarsmen[59] are[314] just[108] setting[151]
the[19] mast[44] in[107] its[234] hole[73]; while[55] from[316] a[10] sudden[309] roll[473] of[89] the[19] sea[67], the[19] little[554]
craft[187] stands[256] half[119]-erect[245] out[66] of[89] the[19] water[520], like[410] a[10] rearing[251] horse[409].
From[316] the[19] ship[438], the[19] smoke[99] of[89] the[19] torments[427] of[89] the[19] boiling[99] whale[422] is[487]
going[227] up[405] like[410] the[19] smoke[99] over[82] a[10] village[218] of[89] smithies[213]; and[236] to[261] windward[170],
a[10] black[581] cloud[218], rising[464] up[405] with[449] earnest[495] of[89] squalls[104] and[236] rains[310],
seems[19] to[261] quicken[128] the[19] activity[293] of[89] the[19] excited[283] seamen[6].

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Of[89] Whales[331] in[107] Paint[94]; in[107] Teeth[82]; in[107] Wood[46]; in[107] Sheet[327]-Iron[259]; in[107] Stone[398]; in[107] Mountains[202]; in[107] Stars[286]

On[392] Tower[36]-hill[219], as[113] you[227] go[20] down[133] to[261] the[19] London[41] docks[99], you[227] may[236] have[254] seen[154]
a[10] crippled[480] beggar[327] (or[519] kedger, as[113] the[19] sailors[64] say[306]) holding[311] a[10] painted[340] board[540]
before[344] him[248], representing[118] the[19] tragic[140] scene[228] in[107] which[16] he[362] lost[308] his[433] leg[331].
There[340] are[314] three[329] whales[331] and[236] three[329] boats[83]; and[236] one[470] of[89] the[19] boats[83]
(presumed[300] to[261] contain[112] the[19] missing[210] leg[331] in[107] all[145] its[234] original[463] integrity[412])
is[487] being[264] crunched[315] by[406] the[19] jaws[341] of[89] the[19] foremost[61] whale[422].
Any[501] time[577] these[527] ten[198] years[116], they[382] tell[392] me[2], has[399] that[14] man[17] held[212] up[405]
that[14] picture[264], and[236] exhibited[20] that[14] stump[277] to[261] an[138] incredulous[361] world[126].
But[330] the[19] time[577] of[89] his[433] justification[102] has[399] now[20] come[420]. His[433] three[329] whales[331]
are[314] as[113] good[221] whales[331] as[113] were[324] ever[208] published[393] in[107] Wapping[191], at[65] any[501] rate[515];
and[236] his[433] stump[277] as[113] unquestionable[129] a[10] stump[277] as[113] any[501] you[227] will[584] find[138] in[107]
the[19] western[227] clearings[498]. But[330], though[400] for[190] ever[208] mounted[191] on[392] that[14] stump[277],
never[206] a[10] stump[277]-speech[378] does[565] the[19] poor[533] whaleman[98] make[175]; but[330], with[449] downcast[181] eyes[125],
stands[256] ruefully[100] contemplating[134] his[433] own[248] amputation[191].

Throughout[159] the[19] Pacific[294], and[236] also[119] in[107] Nantucket[283], and[236] New[36] Bedford[83],
and[236] Sag[83] Harbor[289], you[227] will[584] come[420] across[129] lively[272] sketches[394] of[89] whales[331]
and[236] whaling[155]-scenes[339], graven[97] by[406] the[19] fishermen[24] themselves[510] on[392]
Sperm[26] Whale[422]-teeth[82], or[519] ladies[66]' busks[411] wrought[22] out[66] of[89] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422]-bone[184],
and[236] other[282] like[410] skrimshander articles[259], as[113] the[19] whalemen[451] call[259]
the[19] numerous[558] little[554] ingenious[102] contrivances[99] they[382] elaborately[107] carve[25]
out[66] of[89] the[19] rough[75] material[161], in[107] their[219] hours[127] of[89] ocean[224] leisure[215].
Some[265] of[89] them[146] have[254] little[554] boxes[381] of[89] dentistical-looking[318] implements[420],
specially[87] intended[495] for[190] the[19] skrimshandering business[168]. But[330], in[107] general[37],
they[382] toil[89] with[449] their[219] jack[299]-knives[386] alone[2]; and[236], with[449] that[14] almost[518]
omnipotent[448] tool[31] of[89] the[19] sailor[561], they[382] will[584] turn[17] you[227] out[66] anything[480]
you[227] please[153], in[107] the[19] way[435] of[89] a[10] mariner[265]'s[483] fancy[396].

Long[544] exile[256] from[316] Christendom[400] and[236] civilization[92] inevitably[127] restores[93] a[10] man[17]
to[261] that[14] condition[62] in[107] which[16] God[185] placed[556] him[248], i[482].e[443]. what[243] is[487] called[237] savagery[232].
Your[162] true[483] whale[422]-hunter[287] is[487] as[113] much[61] a[10] savage[398] as[113] an[138] Iroquois[94]. I[482] myself[99]
am[375] a[10] savage[398], owning[136] no[235] allegiance[42] but[330] to[261] the[19] King[324] of[89] the[19] Cannibals[27];
and[236] ready[464] at[65] any[501] moment[258] to[261] rebel[489] against[417] him[248].

Now[20], one[470] of[89] the[19] peculiar[291] characteristics[364] of[89] the[19] savage[398] in[107]
his[433] domestic[303] hours[127], is[487] his[433] wonderful[291] patience[295] of[89] industry[113].
An[138] ancient[463] Hawaiian[161] war[169]-club[83] or[519] spear[188]-paddle[39], in[107] its[234] full[414]
multiplicity[81] and[236] elaboration[275] of[89] carving[54], is[487] as[113] great[259] a[10] trophy[463]
of[89] human[43] perseverance[73] as[113] a[10] Latin[420] lexicon[165]. For[190], with[449] but[330] a[10] bit[72]
of[89] broken[255] sea[67]-shell[152] or[519] a[10] shark[4]'s[483] tooth[108], that[14] miraculous[276] intricacy[25]
of[89] wooden[35] net[23]-work[208] has[399] been[185] achieved[251]; and[236] it[162] has[399] cost[567] steady[21]
years[116] of[89] steady[21] application[258].

As[113] with[449] the[19] Hawaiian[161] savage[398], so[281] with[449] the[19] white[82] sailor[561]-savage[398].
With[449] the[19] same[541] marvellous[35] patience[295], and[236] with[449] the[19] same[541] single[77]

shark[4]'s[483] tooth[108], of[89] his[433] one[470] poor[533] jack[299]-knife[60], he[362] will[584] carve[25] you[227] a[10] bit[72] of[89] bone[184] sculpture[376], not[518] quite[327] as[113] workmanlike[364], but[330] as[113] close[65] packed[55] in[107] its[234] maziness[325] of[89] design[31], as[113] the[19] Greek[261] savage[398], Achilles[170]'s[483] shield[69]; and[236] full[414] of[89] barbaric[559] spirit[227] and[236] suggestiveness[330], as[113] the[19] prints[441] of[89] that[14] fine[333] old[447] Dutch[325] savage[398], Albert[252] Durer[372].

Wooden[35] whales[331], or[519] whales[331] cut[310] in[107] profile[34] out[66] of[89] the[19] small[350] dark[471] slabs[231] of[89] the[19] noble[226] South[257] Sea[67] war[169]-wood[46], are[314] frequently[475] met[130] with[449] in[107] the[19] forecastles[160] of[89] American[272] whalers[116]. Some[265] of[89] them[146] are[314] done[135] with[449] much[61] accuracy[484].

At[65] some[265] old[447] gable-roofed[64] country[362] houses[166] you[227] will[584] see[370] brass[63] whales[331] hung[479] by[406] the[19] tail[102] for[190] knockers[50] to[261] the[19] road[533]-side[246] door[135]. When[189] the[19] porter[253] is[487] sleepy[452], the[19] anvil[314]-headed[124] whale[422] would[282] be[341] best[315]. But[330] these[527] knocking[82] whales[331] are[314] seldom[140] remarkable[381] as[113] faithful[284] essays[272]. On[392] the[19] spires[115] of[89] some[265] old[447]-fashioned[432] churches[44] you[227] will[584] see[370] sheet[327]-iron[259] whales[331] placed[556] there[340] for[190] weathercocks[160]; but[330] they[382] are[314] so[281] elevated[541], and[236] besides[465] that[14] are[314] to[261] all[145] intents[168] and[236] purposes[415] so[281] labelled[66] with[449] "Hands[87] off[111]!" you[227] cannot examine[203] them[146] closely[218] enough[217] to[261] decide[354] upon[419] their[219] merit[353].

In[107] bony[23], ribby regions[320] of[89] the[19] earth[513], where[579] at[65] the[19] base[258] of[89] high[361] broken[255] cliffs[290] masses[361] of[89] rock[264] lie[212] strewn[9] in[107] fantastic[325] groupings[397] upon[419] the[19] plain[28], you[227] will[584] often[227] discover[291] images[87] as[113] of[89] the[19] petrified[191] forms[48] of[89] the[19] Leviathan[384] partly[311] merged[210] in[107] grass[418], which[16] of[89] a[10] windy[317] day[112] breaks[522] against[417] them[146] in[107] a[10] surf[283] of[89] green[549] surges[298].

Then[45], again[52], in[107] mountainous[273] countries[279] where[579] the[19] traveller[258] is[487] continually[303] girdled[312] by[406] amphitheatrical heights[464]; here[135] and[236] there[340] from[316] some[265] lucky[439] point[438] of[89] view[370] you[227] will[584] catch[523] passing[147] glimpses[446] of[89] the[19] profiles[523] of[89] whales[331] defined[288] along[423] the[19] undulating[521] ridges[132]. But[330] you[227] must[226] be[341] a[10] thorough[98] whaleman[98], to[261] see[370] these[527] sights[24]; and[236] not[518] only[517] that[14], but[330] if[141] you[227] wish[95] to[261] return[407] to[261] such[420] a[10] sight[365] again[52], you[227] must[226] be[341] sure[41] and[236] take[279] the[19] exact[408] intersecting[348] latitude[258] and[236] longitude[239] of[89] your[162] first[13] stand[530]-point[438], else[212] so[281] chance[292]-like[410] are[314] such[420] observations[451] of[89] the[19] hills[352], that[14] your[162] precise[158], previous[376] stand[530]-point[438] would[282] require[228] a[10] laborious[17] re-discovery[416]; like[410] the[19] Solomon[8] islands[59], which[16] still[278] remain[326] incognita[25], though[400] once[248] high[361]-ruffed Mendanna trod[319] them[146] and[236] old[447] Figuera chronicled[226] them[146].

Nor[137] when[189] expandingly lifted[448] by[406] your[162] subject[382], can[450] you[227] fail[126] to[261] trace[327] out[66] great[259] whales[331] in[107] the[19] starry[477] heavens[494], and[236] boats[83] in[107] pursuit[305] of[89] them[146]; as[113] when[189] long[544] filled[232] with[449] thoughts[26] of[89] war[169] the[19] Eastern[86] nations[274] saw[113] armies[50] locked[105] in[107] battle[105] among[483] the[19] clouds[342]. Thus[362] at[65] the[19] North[174] have[254] I[482] chased[389] Leviathan[384] round[287] and[236] round[287] the[19] Pole[20] with[449] the[19] revolutions[211] of[89] the[19] bright[205] points[245] that[14] first[13] defined[288] him[248] to[261] me[2]. And[236] beneath[320] the[19] effulgent[99] Antarctic[141] skies[30] I[482] have[254] boarded[52] the[19] Argo-Navis, and[236] joined[210] the[19] chase[89] against[417] the[19] starry[477] Cetus[225] far[258] beyond[421] the[19] utmost[43] stretch[318] of[89] Hydrus[84] and[236] the[19] Flying[354] Fish[187].

With[449] a[10] frigate[44]'s[483] anchors[273] for[190] my[36] bridle[446]-bitts and[236] fasces[140] of[89] harpoons[6] for[190] spurs[342], would[282] I[482] could[375] mount[34] that[14] whale[422] and[236] leap[342] the[19] topmost[346] skies[30], to[261] see[370] whether[454] the[19] fabled[173] heavens[494] with[449] all[145] their[219] countless[111] tents[450] really[406] lie[212] encamped[438] beyond[421] my[36] mortal[371] sight[365]!

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Steering[252] north[174]-eastward[244] from[316] the[19] Crozetts, we[465] fell[421] in[107] with[449] vast[43] meadows[42] of[89] brit[20], the[19] minute[236], yellow[95] substance[316], upon[419] which[16] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422] largely[211] feeds[304]. For[190] leagues[116] and[236] leagues[116] it[162] undulated[265] round[287] us[569], so[281] that[14] we[465] seemed[132] to[261] be[341] sailing[232] through[295] boundless[386] fields[64] of[89] ripe[238] and[236] golden[508] wheat[10].

On[392] the[19] second[386] day[112], numbers[285] of[89] Right[499] Whales[331] were[324] seen[154], who[319], secure[92] from[316] the[19] attack[74] of[89] a[10] Sperm[26]-Whaler[91] like[410] the[19] Pequod[288], with[449] open[464] jaws[341] sluggishly[331] swam[111] through[295] the[19] brit[20], which[16], adhering[163] to[261] the[19] fringing[424] fibres[45] of[89] that[14] wondrous[30] Venetian[59] blind[375] in[107] their[219] mouths[26], was[454] in[107] that[14] manner[153] separated[384] from[316] the[19] water[520] that[14] escaped[197] at[65] the[19] lips[585].

As[113] morning[417] mowers[99], who[319] side[246] by[406] side[246] slowly[149] and[236] seethingly advance[70] their[219] scythes[259] through[295] the[19] long[544] wet[299] grass[418] of[89] marshy[308] meads[18]; even[198] so[281] these[527] monsters[129] swam[111], making[415] a[10] strange[440], grassy[25], cutting[454] sound[181]; and[236] leaving[231] behind[80] them[146] endless[489] swaths[84] of[89] blue[240] upon[419] the[19] yellow[95] sea[67].*

*That[14] part[207] of[89] the[19] sea[67] known[86] among[483] whalemen[451] as[113] the[19] "Brazil[36] Banks[145]" does[565] not[518] bear[48] that[14] name[477] as[113] the[19] Banks[145] of[89] Newfoundland[208] do[353], because[540] of[89] there[340] being[264] shallows[376] and[236] soundings[99] there[340], but[330] because[540] of[89] this[256] remarkable[381] meadow[310]-like[410] appearance[138], caused[308] by[406] the[19] vast[43] drifts[434] of[89] brit[20] continually[303] floating[30] in[107] those[427] latitudes[267],

where[579] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422] is[487] often[227] chased[389].

But[330] it[162] was[454] only[517] the[19] sound[181] they[382] made[563] as[113] they[382] parted[201] the[19] brit[20] which[16] at[65] all[145] reminded[25] one[470] of[89] mowers[99]. Seen[154] from[316] the[19] mast[44]-heads[279], especially[371] when[189] they[382] paused[390] and[236] were[324] stationary[360] for[190] a[10] while[55], their[219] vast[43] black[581] forms[48] looked[232] more[348] like[410] lifeless[19] masses[361] of[89] rock[264] than[77] anything[480] else[212]. And[236] as[113] in[107] the[19] great[259] hunting[45] countries[279] of[89] India[258], the[19] stranger[233] at[65] a[10] distance[264] will[584] sometimes[77] pass[153] on[392] the[19] plains[21] recumbent[76] elephants[452] without[309] knowing[240] them[146] to[261] be[341] such[420], taking[146] them[146] for[190] bare[245], blackened[516] elevations[92] of[89] the[19] soil[430]; even[198] so[281], often[227], with[449] him[248], who[319] for[190] the[19] first[13] time[577] beholds[181] this[256] species[69] of[89] the[19] leviathans[336] of[89] the[19] sea[67]. And[236] even[198] when[189] recognized[410] at[65] last[436], their[219] immense[301] magnitude[203] renders[249] it[162] very[515] hard[337] really[406] to[261] believe[191] that[14] such[420] bulky[11] masses[361] of[89] overgrowth[287] can[450] possibly[201] be[341] instinct[72], in[107] all[145] parts[470], with[449] the[19] same[541] sort[42] of[89] life[71] that[14] lives[245] in[107] a[10] dog[322] or[519] a[10] horse[409].

Indeed[522]. in[107] other[282] respects[403], you[227] can[450] hardly[182] regard[448] any[501] creatures[5] of[89] the[19] deep[483] with[449] the[19] same[541] feelings[120] that[14] you[227] do[353] those[427] of[89] the[19] shore[280]. For[190] though[400] some[265] old[447] naturalists[140] have[254] maintained[345] that[14] all[145] creatures[5] of[89] the[19] land[406] are[314] of[89] their[219] kind[451] in[107] the[19] sea[67]; and[236] though[400] taking[146] a[10] broad[267] general[37] view[370] of[89] the[19] thing[309], this[256] may[236] very[515] well[263] be[341]; yet[443] coming[140] to[261] specialties[425], where[579], for[190] example[479], does[565] the[19] ocean[224] furnish[160] any[501] fish[187] that[14] in[107] disposition[131] answers[369] to[261] the[19] sagacious[10] kindness[376] of[89] the[19] dog[322]? The[19] accursed[203] shark[4] alone[2] can[450] in[107] any[501] generic[152] respect[441] be[341] said[252] to[261] bear[48] comparative[87] analogy[97] to[261] him[248].

But[330] though[400], to[261] landsmen[117] in[107] general[37], the[19] native[399] inhabitants[110] of[89] the[19] seas[350] have[254] ever[208] been[185] regarded[393] with[449] emotions[205] unspeakably[102] unsocial[191] and[236] repelling[19]; though[400] we[465] know[60] the[19] sea[67] to[261] be[341] an[138] everlasting[249] terra[198] incognita[25], so[281] that[14] Columbus[527] sailed[248] over[82] numberless[4] unknown[10] worlds[388] to[261] discover[291] his[433] one[470] superficial[531] western[227] one[470]; though[400], by[406] vast[43] odds[250], the[19] most[216] terrific[315] of[89] all[145] mortal[371] disasters[138] have[254] immemorially[210] and[236] indiscriminately[398] befallen[16] tens[367] and[236] hundreds[458] of[89] thousands[7] of[89] those[427] who[319] have[254] gone[190] upon[419] the[19] waters[556]; though[400] but[330] a[10] moment[258]'s[483] consideration[196] will[584] teach[250] that[14], however[44] baby[236] man[17] may[236] brag[58] of[89] his[433] science[317] and[236] skill[502], and[236] however[44] much[61], in[107] a[10] flattering[287] future[44], that[14] science[317] and[236] skill[502] may[236] augment[41]; yet[443] for[190] ever[208] and[236] for[190] ever[208], to[261] the[19] crack[83] of[89] doom[73], the[19] sea[67] will[584] insult[38] and[236] murder[448] him[248], and[236] pulverize[373] the[19] stateliest[445], stiffest[354] frigate[44] he[362] can[450] make[175]; nevertheless[104], by[406] the[19] continual[222] repetition[403] of[89] these[527] very[515] impressions[110], man[17] has[399] lost[308] that[14] sense[85] of[89] the[19] full[414] awfulness[306] of[89] the[19] sea[67] which[16] aboriginally[111] belongs[402] to[261] it[162].

The[19] first[13] boat[439] we[465] read[98] of[89], floated[6] on[392] an[138] ocean[224], that[14] with[449] Portuguese[116] vengeance[72] had[364] whelmed[89] a[10] whole[199] world[126] without[309] leaving[231] so[281] much[61] as[113] a[10] widow[231]. That[14] same[541] ocean[224] rolls[475] now[20]; that[14] same[541] ocean[224] destroyed[197] the[19] wrecked[527] ships[21] of[89] last[436] year[347]. Yea[204], foolish[509] mortals[72], Noah[69]'s[483] flood[167] is[487] not[518] yet[443] subsided[445]; two[527] thirds[141] of[89] the[19] fair[320] world[126] it[162] yet[443] covers[454].

Wherein[396] differ[22] the[19] sea[67] and[236] the[19] land[406], that[14] a[10] miracle[309] upon[419] one[470] is[487] not[518] a[10] miracle[309] upon[419] the[19] other[282]? Preternatural[385] terrors[192] rested[314] upon[419] the[19] Hebrews[64], when[189] under[533] the[19] feet[349] of[89] Korah[493] and[236] his[433] company[280] the[19] live[554] ground[127] opened[461] and[236] swallowed[104] them[146] up[405] for[190] ever[208]; yet[443] not[518] a[10] modern[446] sun[397] ever[208] sets[83], but[330] in[107] precisely[217] the[19] same[541] manner[153] the[19] live[554] sea[67] swallows[384] up[405] ships[21] and[236] crews[559].

But[330] not[518] only[517] is[487] the[19] sea[67] such[420] a[10] foe[479] to[261] man[17] who[319] is[487] an[138] alien[8] to[261] it[162], but[330] it[162] is[487] also[119] a[10] fiend[59] to[261] its[234] own[248] off[111]-spring[148]; worse[561] than[77] the[19] Persian[23] host[5] who[319] murdered[273] his[433] own[248] guests[320]; sparing[427] not[518] the[19] creatures[5] which[16] itself[312] hath[585] spawned[232]. Like[410] a[10] savage[398] tigress[295] that[14] tossing[213] in[107] the[19] jungle[116] overlays[395] her[400] own[248] cubs[399], so[281] the[19] sea[67] dashes[453] even[198] the[19] mightiest[395] whales[331] against[417] the[19] rocks[265], and[236] leaves[441] them[146] there[340] side[246] by[406] side[246] with[449] the[19] split[148] wrecks[480] of[89] ships[21]. No[235] mercy[378], no[235] power[145] but[330] its[234] own[248] controls[81] it[162]. Panting[553] and[236] snorting[238] like[410] a[10] mad[235] battle[105] steed[249] that[14] has[399] lost[308] its[234] rider[113], the[19] masterless[25] ocean[224] overruns[263] the[19] globe[23].

Consider[259] the[19] subtleness[27] of[89] the[19] sea[67]; how[19] its[234] most[216] dreaded[15] creatures[5] glide[128] under[533] water[520], unapparent[23] for[190] the[19] most[216] part[207], and[236] treacherously[292] hidden[78] beneath[320] the[19] loveliest[244] tints[210] of[89] azure[154]. Consider[259] also[119] the[19] devilish[181] brilliance[105] and[236] beauty[262] of[89] many[282] of[89] its[234] most[216] remorseless[266] tribes[402], as[113] the[19] dainty[338] embellished[27] shape[99] of[89] many[282] species[69] of[89] sharks[206]. Consider[259] once[248] more[348], the[19] universal[397] cannibalism[118] of[89] the[19] sea[67]; all[145] whose[286] creatures[5] prey[347] upon[419] each[520] other[282], carrying[103] on[392] eternal[155] war[169] since[374] the[19] world[126] began[132].

Consider[259] all[145] this[256]; and[236] then[45] turn[17] to[261] this[256] green[549], gentle[439], and[236] most[216] docile[24] earth[513]; consider[259] them[146] both[558], the[19] sea[67] and[236] the[19] land[406]; and[236] do[353] you[227] not[518] find[138] a[10] strange[440] analogy[97] to[261] something[181] in[107] yourself[176]? For[190] as[113] this[256] appalling[282] ocean[224] surrounds[246] the[19] verdant[441] land[406], so[281] in[107] the[19] soul[428] of[89] man[17] there[340] lies[27] one[470] insular[129] Tahiti[183], full[414] of[89] peace[216] and[236] joy[430], but[330] encompassed[46] by[406] all[145] the[19] horrors[403] of[89] the[19] half[119] known[86] life[71]. God[185] keep[381] thee[15]! Push[278] not[518] off[111] from[316] that[14] isle[41], thou[173] canst[502] never[206] return[407]!

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Slowly[149] wading[27] through[295] the[19] meadows[42] of[89] brit[20], the[19] Pequod[288] still[278] held[212] on[392] her[400] way[435] north[174]-eastward[244] towards[417] the[19] island[516] of[89] Java[126]; a[10] gentle[439] air[209] impelling[26] her[400] keel[39], so[281] that[14] in[107] the[19] surrounding[398] serenity[27] her[400] three[329] tall[373] tapering[416] masts[212] mildly[115] waved[366] to[261] that[14] languid[24] breeze[227], as[113] three[329] mild[117] palms[173] on[392] a[10] plain[28]. And[236] still[278], at[65] wide[465] intervals[295] in[107] the[19] silvery[42] night[108], the[19] lonely[137], alluring[295] jet[423] would[282] be[341] seen[154].

But[330] one[470] transparent[129] blue[240] morning[417], when[189] a[10] stillness[516] almost[518] preternatural[385] spread[348] over[82] the[19] sea[67], however[44] unattended[359] with[449] any[501] stagnant[396] calm[39]; when[189] the[19] long[544] burnished[246] sun[397]-glade on[392] the[19] waters[556] seemed[132] a[10] golden[508] finger[190] laid[181] across[129] them[146], enjoining[105] some[265] secrecy[382]; when[189] the[19] slippered[43] waves[443] whispered[89] together[440] as[113] they[382] softly[461] ran[391] on[392]; in[107] this[256] profound[371] hush[4] of[89] the[19] visible[94] sphere[329] a[10] strange[440] spectre[21] was[454] seen[154] by[406] Daggoo from[316] the[19] main[501]-mast[44]-head[116].

In[107] the[19] distance[264], a[10] great[259] white[82] mass[36] lazily[347] rose[449], and[236] rising[464] higher[574] and[236] higher[574], and[236] disentangling[336] itself[312] from[316] the[19] azure[154], at[65] last[436] gleamed[61] before[344] our[234] prow[451] like[410] a[10] snow[498]-slide[118], new[36] slid[132] from[316] the[19] hills[352]. Thus[362] glistening[24] for[190] a[10] moment[258], as[113] slowly[149] it[162] subsided[445], and[236] sank[310]. Then[45] once[248] more[348] arose[105], and[236] silently[533] gleamed[61]. It[162] seemed[132] not[518] a[10] whale[422]; and[236] yet[443] is[487] this[256] Moby[362] Dick[25]? thought[186] Daggoo. Again[52] the[19] phantom[101] went[516] down[133], but[330] on[392] re-appearing[341] once[248] more[348], with[449] a[10] stiletto-like[368] cry[561] that[14] startled[475] every[389] man[17] from[316] his[433] nod[133], the[19] negro[102] yelled[61] out[66]--"There[340]! there[340] again[52]! there[340] she[391] breaches[24]! right[499] ahead[5]! The[19] White[82] Whale[422], the[19] White[82] Whale[422]!"

Upon[419] this[256], the[19] seamen[6] rushed[199] to[261] the[19] yard[258]-arms[305], as[113] in[107] swarming[41]-time[577] the[19] bees[350] rush[6] to[261] the[19] boughs[157]. Bare[245]-headed[124] in[107] the[19] sultry[403] sun[397], Ahab[232] stood[1] on[392] the[19] bowsprit[120], and[236] with[449] one[470] hand[252] pushed[189] far[258] behind[80] in[107] readiness[420] to[261] wave[556] his[433] orders[199] to[261] the[19] helmsman[457], cast[99] his[433] eager[516] glance[362] in[107] the[19] direction[67] indicated[258] aloft[276] by[406] the[19] outstretched[48] motionless[498] arm[25] of[89] Daggoo.

Whether[454] the[19] flitting[411] attendance[46] of[89] the[19] one[470] still[278] and[236] solitary[407] jet[423] had[364] gradually[355] worked[245] upon[419] Ahab[232], so[281] that[14] he[362] was[454] now[20] prepared[59] to[261] connect[282] the[19] ideas[264] of[89] mildness[354] and[236] repose[463] with[449] the[19] first[13] sight[365] of[89] the[19] particular[336] whale[422] he[362] pursued[460]; however[44] this[256] was[454], or[519] whether[454] his[433] eagerness[275] betrayed[498] him[248]; whichever[364] way[435] it[162] might[496] have[254] been[185], no[235] sooner[338] did[444] he[362] distinctly[26] perceive[131] the[19] white[82] mass[36], than[77] with[449] a[10] quick[241] intensity[285] he[362] instantly[186] gave[572] orders[199] for[190] lowering[240].

The[19] four[175] boats[83] were[324] soon[18] on[392] the[19] water[520]; Ahab[232]'s[483] in[107] advance[70], and[236] all[145] swiftly[441] pulling[217] towards[417] their[219] prey[347]. Soon[18] it[162] went[516] down[133], and[236] while[55], with[449] oars[398] suspended[245], we[465] were[324] awaiting[408] its[234] reappearance[379], lo[418]! in[107] the[19] same[541] spot[46] where[579] it[162] sank[310], once[248] more[348] it[162] slowly[149] rose[449]. Almost[518] forgetting[136] for[190] the[19] moment[258] all[145] thoughts[26] of[89] Moby[362] Dick[25], we[465] now[20] gazed[13] at[65] the[19] most[216] wondrous[30] phenomenon[34] which[16] the[19] secret[409] seas[350] have[254] hitherto[533] revealed[530] to[261] mankind[40]. A[10] vast[43] pulpy[4] mass[36], furlongs[24] in[107] length[202] and[236] breadth[252], of[89] a[10] glancing[18] cream[227]-color[13], lay[62] floating[30] on[392] the[19] water[520], innumerable[256] long[544] arms[536] radiating[41] from[316] its[234] centre[389], and[236] curling[27] and[236] twisting[445] like[410] a[10] nest[454] of[89] anacondas, as[113] if[141] blindly[219] to[261] clutch[14] at[65] any[501] hapless[483] object[100] within[503] reach[43]. No[235] perceptible[8] face[556] or[519] front[196] did[444] it[162] have[254]; no[235] conceivable[147] token[502] of[89] either[45] sensation[286] or[519] instinct[72]; but[330] undulated[265] there[340] on[392] the[19] billows[295], an[138] unearthly[110], formless[110], chance[292]-like[410] apparition[143] of[89] life[71].

As[113] with[449] a[10] low[407] sucking[373] sound[181] it[162] slowly[149] disappeared[5] again[52], Starbuck still[278] gazing[117] at[65] the[19] agitated[140] waters[556] where[579] it[162] had[364] sunk[336], with[449] a[10] wild[230] voice[233] exclaimed[281]--"Almost[518] rather[178] had[364] I[482] seen[154] Moby[362] Dick[25] and[236] fought[66] him[248], than[77] to[261] have[254] seen[154] thee[15], thou[173] white[82] ghost[246]!"

"What[243] was[454] it[162], Sir[271]?" said[252] Flask[199].

"The[19] great[259] live[554] squid[318], which[16], they[382] say[306], few[49] whale[422]-ships[21] ever[208] beheld[132], and[236] returned[214] to[261] their[219] ports[92] to[261] tell[392] of[89] it[162]."

But[330] Ahab[232] said[252] nothing[324]; turning[69] his[433] boat[439], he[362] sailed[248] back[457] to[261] the[19] vessel[155]; the[19] rest[302] as[113] silently[533] following[181].

Whatever[38] superstitions[128] the[19] sperm[26] whalemen[451] in[107] general[37] have[254] connected[202] with[449] the[19] sight[365] of[89] this[256] object[100], certain[31] it[162] is[487], that[14] a[10] glimpse[12] of[89] it[162] being[264] so[281] very[515] unusual[322], that[14] circumstance[407] has[399] gone[190] far[258] to[261] invest[308] it[162] with[449] portentousness[136]. So[281] rarely[227] is[487] it[162] beheld[132], that[14] though[400] one[470] and[236] all[145] of[89] them[146] declare[167] it[162] to[261] be[341] the[19] largest[139] animated[143] thing[309] in[107] the[19] ocean[224], yet[443] very[515] few[49] of[89] them[146] have[254] any[501] but[330] the[19] most[216] vague[70] ideas[264] concerning[368] its[234] true[483] nature[159] and[236] form[238]; notwithstanding[387], they[382] believe[191] it[162] to[261] furnish[160] to[261] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422] his[433] only[517] food[248]. For[190] though[400] other[282] species[69] of[89] whales[331] find[138] their[219] food[248] above[502] water[520], and[236] may[236] be[341] seen[154] by[406] man[17] in[107] the[19] act[10] of[89] feeding[367], the[19] spermaceti[283] whale[422] obtains[23] his[433] whole[199] food[248] in[107] unknown[10] zones[183] below[397]

the[19] surface[328]; and[236] only[517] by[406] inference[292] is[487] it[162] that[14] any[501] one[470] can[450] tell[392] of[89] what[243], precisely[217], that[14] food[248] consists[303]. At[65] times[121], when[189] closely[218] pursued[460], he[362] will[584] disgorge[83] what[243] are[314] supposed[423] to[261] be[341] the[19] detached[5] arms[536] of[89] the[19] squid[318]; some[265] of[89] them[146] thus[362] exhibited[20] exceeding[320] twenty[433] and[236] thirty[521] feet[349] in[107] length[202]. They[382] fancy[396] that[14] the[19] monster[480] to[261] which[16] these[527] arms[536] belonged[455] ordinarily[250] clings[183] by[406] them[146] to[261] the[19] bed[273] of[89] the[19] ocean[224]; and[236] that[14] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422], unlike[406] other[282] species[69], is[487] supplied[338] with[449] teeth[82] in[107] order[343] to[261] attack[74] and[236] tear[146] it[162].

There[340] seems[19] some[265] ground[127] to[261] imagine[385] that[14] the[19] great[259] Kraken[83] of[89] Bishop[129] Pontoppodan may[236] ultimately[239] resolve[420] itself[312] into[554] Squid[318]. The[19] manner[153] in[107] which[16] the[19] Bishop[129] describes[29] it[162], as[113] alternately[185] rising[464] and[236] sinking[60], with[449] some[265] other[282] particulars[230] he[362] narrates[314], in[107] all[145] this[256] the[19] two[527] correspond[153]. But[330] much[61] abatement[136] is[487] necessary[145] with[449] respect[441] to[261] the[19] incredible[98] bulk[181] he[362] assigns[25] it[162].

By[406] some[265] naturalists[140] who[319] have[254] vaguely[230] heard[444] rumors[156] of[89] the[19] mysterious[304] creature[82], here[135] spoken[507] of[89], it[162] is[487] included[559] among[483] the[19] class[410] of[89] cuttle-fish[187], to[261] which[16], indeed[522], in[107] certain[31] external[386] respects[403] it[162] would[282] seem[404] to[261] belong[243], but[330] only[517] as[113] the[19] Anak[375] of[89] the[19] tribe[273].

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The[19] Line[25]

With[449] reference[116] to[261] the[19] whaling[155] scene[228] shortly[425] to[261] be[341] described[483], as[113] well[263] as[113] for[190] the[19] better[34] understanding[523] of[89] all[145] similar[101] scenes[339] elsewhere[154] presented[320], I[482] have[254] here[135] to[261] speak[337] of[89] the[19] magical[359], sometimes[77] horrible[398] whale[422]-line[25].

The[19] line[25] originally[367] used[102] in[107] the[19] fishery[136] was[454] of[89] the[19] best[315] hemp[245], slightly[238] vapored[367] with[449] tar[59], not[518] impregnated[393] with[449] it[162], as[113] in[107] the[19] case[346] of[89] ordinary[225] ropes[461]; for[190] while[55] tar[59], as[113] ordinarily[250] used[102], makes[32] the[19] hemp[245] more[348] pliable[296] to[261] the[19] rope[265]-maker, and[236] also[119] renders[249] the[19] rope[265] itself[312] more[348] convenient[470] to[261] the[19] sailor[561] for[190] common[304] ship[438] use[176]; yet[443], not[518] only[517] would[282] the[19] ordinary[225] quantity[316] too[11] much[61] stiffen[53] the[19] whale[422]-line[25] for[190] the[19] close[65] coiling[105] to[261] which[16] it[162] must[226] be[341] subjected[43]; but[330] as[113] most[216] seamen[6] are[314] beginning[188] to[261] learn[341], tar[59] in[107] general[37] by[406] no[235] means[502] adds[225] to[261] the[19] rope[265]'s[483] durability[402] or[519] strength[168], however[44] much[61] it[162] may[236] give[142] it[162] compactness[4] and[236] gloss[399].

Of[89] late[351] years[116] the[19] Manilla[283] rope[265] has[399] in[107] the[19] American[272] fishery[136] almost[518] entirely[148] superseded[557] hemp[245] as[113] a[10] material[161] for[190] whale[422]-lines[241]; for[190], though[400] not[518] so[281] durable[212] as[113] hemp[245], it[162] is[487] stronger[234], and[236] far[258] more[348] soft[226] and[236] elastic[370]; and[236] I[482] will[584] add[236] (since[374] there[340] is[487] an[138] aesthetics[165] in[107] all[145] things[4]), is[487] much[61] more[348] handsome[66] and[236] becoming[460] to[261] the[19] boat[439], than[77] hemp[245]. Hemp[245] is[487] a[10] dusky[98], dark[471] fellow[369], a[10] sort[42] of[89] Indian[303]; but[330] Manilla[283] is[487] as[113] a[10] golden[508]-haired[439] Circassian[269] to[261] behold[525].

The[19] whale[422]-line[25] is[487] only[517] two[527] thirds[141] of[89] an[138] inch[65] in[107] thickness[280]. At[65] first[13] sight[365], you[227] would[282] not[518] think[424] it[162] so[281] strong[145] as[113] it[162] really[406] is[487]. By[406] experiment[40] its[234] one[470] and[236] fifty[406] yarns[122] will[584] each[520] suspend[71] a[10] weight[213] of[89] one[470] hundred[93] and[236] twenty[433] pounds[74]; so[281] that[14] the[19] whole[199] rope[265] will[584] bear[48] a[10] strain[468] nearly[575] equal[261] to[261] three[329] tons[363]. In[107] length[202], the[19] common[304] sperm[26] whale[422]-line[25] measures[359] something[181] over[82] two[527] hundred[93] fathoms[375]. Towards[417] the[19] stern[442] of[89] the[19] boat[439] it[162] is[487] spirally[111] coiled[4] away[443] in[107] the[19] tub[339], not[518] like[410] the[19] worm[128]-pipe[124] of[89] a[10] still[278] though[400], but[330] so[281] as[113] to[261] form[238] one[470] round[287], cheese[10]-shaped[151] mass[36] of[89] densely[2] bedded[237] "sheaves[149]," or[519] layers[451] of[89] concentric[129] spiralizations, without[309] any[501] hollow[511] but[330] the[19] "heart[470]," or[519] minute[236] vertical[397] tube[295] formed[294] at[65] the[19] axis[20] of[89] the[19] cheese[10]. As[113] the[19] least[453] tangle[151] or[519] kink[232] in[107] the[19] coiling[105] would[282], in[107] running[296] out[66], infallibly[426] take[279] somebody[387]'s[483] arm[25], leg[331], or[519] entire[230] body[348] off[111], the[19] utmost[43] precaution[174] is[487] used[102] in[107] stowing[98] the[19] line[25] in[107] its[234] tub[339]. Some[265] harpooneers will[584] consume[403] almost[518] an[138] entire[230] morning[417] in[107] this[256] business[168], carrying[103] the[19] line[25] high[361] aloft[276] and[236] then[45] reeving[98] it[162] downwards[468] through[295] a[10] block[275] towards[417] the[19] tub[339], so[281] as[113] in[107] the[19] act[10] of[89] coiling[105] to[261] free[483] it[162] from[316] all[145] possible[277] wrinkles[318] and[236] twists[308].

In[107] the[19] English[69] boats[83] two[527] tubs[410] are[314] used[102] instead[398] of[89] one[470]; the[19] same[541] line[25] being[264] continuously[410] coiled[4] in[107] both[558] tubs[410]. There[340] is[487] some[265] advantage[169] in[107] this[256]; because[540] these[527] twin[492]-tubs[410] being[264] so[281] small[350] they[382] fit[12] more[348] readily[467] into[554] the[19] boat[439], and[236] do[353] not[518] strain[468] it[162] so[281] much[61]; whereas[18], the[19] American[272] tub[339], nearly[575] three[329] feet[349] in[107] diameter[350] and[236] of[89] proportionate[181] depth[474], makes[32] a[10] rather[178] bulky[11] freight[409] for[190] a[10] craft[187] whose[286] planks[284] are[314] but[330] one[470]-half[157] inch[65] in[107] thickness[280]; for[190] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] whale[422]-boat[439] is[487] like[410] critical[38] ice[443], which[16] will[584] bear[48] up[405] a[10] considerable[75] distributed[474] weight[213], but[330] not[518] very[515] much[61] of[89] a[10] concentrated[208] one[470]. When[189] the[19] painted[340] canvas[557] cover[172] is[487] clapped[423] on[392] the[19] american[272] line[25]-tub[339], the[19] boat[439] looks[150] as[113] if[141] it[162] were[324] pulling[217] off[111] with[449] a[10] prodigious[223] great[259] wedding[377]-cake to[261] present[112] to[261] the[19] whales[331].

Both[558] ends[301] of[89] the[19] line[25] are[314] exposed[356]; the[19] lower[47] end[149] terminating[159]
in[107] an[138] eye[220]-splice[4] or[519] loop[316] coming[140] up[405] from[316] the[19] bottom[461] against[417]
the[19] side[246] of[89] the[19] tub[339], and[236] hanging[222] over[82] its[234] edge[323] completely[385]
disengaged[410] from[316] everything[233]. This[256] arrangement[211] of[89] the[19] lower[47] end[149]
is[487] necessary[145] on[392] two[527] accounts[311]. First[13]: In[107] order[343] to[261] facilitate[211]
the[19] fastening[180] to[261] it[162] of[89] an[138] additional[131] line[25] from[316] a[10] neighboring[399] boat[439],
in[107] case[346] the[19] stricken[328] whale[422] should[255] sound[181] so[281] deep[483] as[113] to[261] threaten[113]
to[261] carry[160] off[111] the[19] entire[230] line[25] originally[367] attached[211] to[261] the[19] harpoon[67].
In[107] these[527] instances[252], the[19] whale[422] of[89] course[171] is[487] shifted[167] like[410] a[10] mug[479] of[89] ale[213],
as[113] it[162] were[324], from[316] the[19] one[470] boat[439] to[261] the[19] other[282]; though[400] the[19] first[13] boat[439]
always[367] hovers[162] at[65] hand[252] to[261] assist[7] its[234] consort[94]. Second[386]: This[256] arrangement[211]
is[487] indispensable[470] for[190] common[304] safety[388]'s[483] sake[523]; for[190] were[324] the[19] lower[47]
end[149] of[89] the[19] line[25] in[107] any[501] way[435] attached[211] to[261] the[19] boat[439], and[236] were[324]
the[19] whale[422] then[45] to[261] run[172] the[19] line[25] out[66] to[261] the[19] end[149] almost[518] in[107] a[10] single[77],
smoking[470] minute[236] as[113] he[362] sometimes[77] does[565], he[362] would[282] not[518] stop[48] there[340],
for[190] the[19] doomed[54] boat[439] would[282] infallibly[426] be[341] dragged[460] down[133] after[358] him[248]
into[554] the[19] profundity[19] of[89] the[19] sea[67]; and[236] in[107] that[14] case[346] no[235] town[172]-crier[42]
would[282] ever[208] find[138] her[400] again[52].

Before[344] lowering[240] the[19] boat[439] for[190] the[19] chase[89], the[19] upper[403] end[149] of[89] the[19] line[25]
is[487] taken[222] aft[2] from[316] the[19] tub[339], and[236] passing[147] round[287] the[19] loggerhead[117] there[340],
is[487] again[52] carried[232] forward[364] the[19] entire[230] length[202] of[89] the[19] boat[439],
resting[455] crosswise[350] upon[419] the[19] loom[280] or[519] handle[546] of[89] every[389] man[17]'s[415] oar[61],
so[281] that[14] it[162] jogs[305] against[417] his[433] wrist[117] in[107] rowing[375]; and[236] also[119] passing[147]
between[77] the[19] men[62], as[113] they[382] alternately[185] sit[215] at[65] the[19] opposite[107] gunwales[42],
to[261] the[19] leaded[210] chocks[39] or[519] grooves[189] in[107] the[19] extreme[31] pointed[413] prow[451] of[89]
the[19] boat[439], where[579] a[10] wooden[35] pin[486] or[519] skewer[327] the[19] size[503] of[89] a[10] common[304] quill[305],
prevents[185] it[162] from[316] slipping[522] out[66]. From[316] the[19] chocks[39] it[162] hangs[170] in[107] a[10] slight[259]
festoon[28] over[82] the[19] bows[460], and[236] is[487] then[45] passed[87] inside[438] the[19] boat[439] again[52];
and[236] some[265] ten[198] or[519] twenty[433] fathoms[375] (called[237] box[226]-line[25]) being[264] coiled[4] upon[419]
the[19] box[226] in[107] the[19] bows[460], it[162] continues[540] its[234] way[435] to[261] the[19] gunwale[198] still[278]
a[10] little[554] further[53] aft[2], and[236] is[487] then[45] attached[211] to[261] the[19] short[522]-warp[382]--
the[19] rope[265] which[16] is[487] immediately[172] connected[202] with[449] the[19] harpoon[67];
but[330] previous[376] to[261] that[14] connexion[400], the[19] short[522]-warp[382] goes[205] through[295] sundry[53]
mystifications[83] too[11] tedious[235] to[261] detail[41].

Thus[362] the[19] whale[422]-line[25] folds[367] the[19] whole[199] boat[439] in[107] its[234] complicated[64] coils[259],
twisting[445] and[236] writhing[12] around[66] it[162] in[107] almost[518] every[389] direction[67].
All[145] the[19] oarsmen[59] are[314] involved[149] in[107] its[234] perilous[141] contortions[96];
so[281] that[14] to[261] the[19] timid[197] eye[220] of[89] the[19] landsman[331], they[382] seem[404] as[113] Indian[303] jugglers[364],
with[449] the[19] deadliest[29] snakes[462] sportively[84] festooning[78] their[219] limbs[315].
Nor[137] can[450] any[501] son[26] of[89] mortal[371] woman[448], for[190] the[19] first[13] time[577], seat[88] himself[282] amid[240]
those[427] hempen[451] intricacies[223], and[236] while[55] straining[107] his[433] utmost[43] at[65] the[19] oar[61],
bethink[51] him[248] that[14] at[65] any[501] unknown[10] instant[279] the[19] harpoon[67] may[236] be[341] darted[362],
and[236] all[145] these[527] horrible[398] contortions[96] be[341] put[190] in[107] play[89] like[410] ringed[379] lightnings[174];
he[362] cannot be[341] thus[362] circumstanced[64] without[309] a[10] shudder[17] that[14] makes[32]
the[19] very[515] marrow[318] in[107] his[433] bones[5] to[261] quiver[38] in[107] him[248] like[410] a[10] shaken[23] jelly[497].
Yet[443] habit[169]--strange[440] thing[309]! what[243] cannot habit[169] accomplish[254]?--Gayer[366] sallies[142],
more[348] merry[486] mirth[457], better[34] jokes[235], and[236] brighter[260] repartees[83], you[227] never[206]
heard[444] over[82] your[162] mahogany[389], than[77] you[227] will[584] hear[386] over[82] the[19] half[119]-inch[65]
white[82] cedar[330] of[89] the[19] whaleboat[39], when[189] thus[362] hung[479] in[107] hangman[83]'s[483] nooses[366];
and[236], like[410] the[19] six[415] burghers[273] of[89] Calais[243] before[344] King[324] Edward[130], the[19] six[415]
men[62] composing[460] the[19] crew[126] pull[35] into[554] the[19] jaws[341] of[89] death[543], with[449] a[10] halter[237]
around[66] every[389] neck[239], as[113] you[227] may[236] say[306].

Perhaps[75] a[10] very[515] little[554] thought[186] will[584] now[20] enable[93] you[227] to[261] account[102]
for[190] those[427] repeated[381] whaling[155] disasters[138]--some[265] few[49] of[89] which[16] are[314]
casually[181] chronicled[226]--of[89] this[256] man[17] or[519] that[14] man[17] being[264] taken[222] out[66] of[89]
the[19] boat[439] by[406] the[19] line[25], and[236] lost[308]. For[190], when[189] the[19] line[25] is[487] darting[147] out[66],
to[261] be[341] seated[158] then[45] in[107] the[19] boat[439], is[487] like[410] being[264] seated[158] in[107] the[19] midst[533]
of[89] the[19] manifold[14] whizzings of[89] a[10] steam[106]-engine in[107] full[414] play[89],
when[189] every[389] flying[354] beam[298], and[236] shaft[56], and[236] wheel[135], is[487] grazing[310] you[227].
It[162] is[487] worse[561]; for[190] you[227] cannot sit[215] motionless[498] in[107] the[19] heart[470] of[89]
these[527] perils[140], because[540] the[19] boat[439] is[487] rocking[6] like[410] a[10] cradle[484], and[236] you[227]
are[314] pitched[101] one[470] way[435] and[236] the[19] other[282], without[309] the[19] slightest[44] warning[531];
and[236] only[517] by[406] a[10] certain[31] self[442]-adjusting buoyancy[15] and[236] simultaneousness[380]
of[89] volition[431] and[236] action[102], can[450] you[227] escape[565] being[264] made[563] a[10] Mazeppa[273] of[89],
and[236] run[172] away[443] with[449] where[579] the[19] all[145]-seeing[426] sun[397] himself[282] could[375] never[206]
pierce[259] you[227] out[66].

Again[52]: as[113] the[19] profound[371] calm[39] which[16] only[517] apparently[261] precedes[249] and[236]
prophesies[465] of[89] the[19] storm[218], is[487] perhaps[75] more[348] awful[539] than[77] the[19] storm[218] itself[312];
for[190], indeed[522], the[19] calm[39] is[487] but[330] the[19] wrapper[344] and[236] envelope[155] of[89] the[19] storm[218];
and[236] contains[81] it[162] in[107] itself[312], as[113] the[19] seemingly[261] harmless[268] rifle[303]
holds[92] the[19] fatal[460] powder[5], and[236] the[19] ball[141], and[236] the[19] explosion[311];
so[281] the[19] graceful[403] repose[463] of[89] the[19] line[25], as[113] it[162] silently[533] serpentines[141]
about[123] the[19] oarsmen[59] before[344] being[264] brought[85] into[554] actual[143] play[89]--
this[256] is[487] a[10] thing[309] which[16] carries[440] more[348] of[89] true[483] terror[85] than[77] any[501] other[282]
aspect[147] of[89] this[256] dangerous[2] affair[388]. But[330] why[177] say[306] more[348]? All[145] men[62] live[554]
enveloped[28] in[107] whale[422]-lines[241]. All[145] are[314] born[236] with[449] halters[78] round[287] their[219] necks[279];
but[330] it[162] is[487] only[517] when[189] caught[105] in[107] the[19] swift[376], sudden[309] turn[17] of[89] death[543],
that[14] mortals[72] realize[293] the[19] silent[382], subtle[143], everpresent perils[140] of[89] life[71].
And[236] if[141] you[227] be[341] a[10] philosopher[19], though[400] seated[158] in[107] the[19] whale[422]-boat[439],

you[227] would[282] not[518] at[65] heart[470] feel[461] one[470] whit[367] more[348] of[89] terror[85], than[77] though[400] seated[158] before[344] your[162] evening[581] fire[559] with[449] a[10] poker[167], and[236] not[518] a[10] harpoon[67], by[406] your[162] side[246].

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Stubb Kills[261] a[10] Whale[422]

If[141] to[261] Starbuck the[19] apparition[143] of[89] the[19] Squid[318] was[454] a[10] thing[309] of[89] portents[306], to[261] Queequeg it[162] was[454] quite[327] a[10] different[276] object[100].

"When[189] you[227] see[370] him[248] 'quid[58]," said[252] the[19] savage[398], honing[26] his[433] harpoon[67] in[107] the[19] bow[146] of[89] his[433] hoisted[367] boat[439], "then[45] you[227] quick[241] see[370] him[248] 'parm whale[422]."

The[19] next[27] day[112] was[454] exceedingly[257] still[278] and[236] sultry[403], and[236] with[449] nothing[324] special[326] to[261] engage[134] them[146], the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] crew[126] could[375] hardly[182] resist[298] the[19] spell[416] of[89] sleep[233] induced[45] by[406] such[420] a[10] vacant[367] sea[67]. For[190] this[256] part[207] of[89] the[19] Indian[303] Ocean[224] through[295] which[16] we[465] then[45] were[324] voyaging[102] is[487] not[518] what[243] whalemen[451] call[259] a[10] lively[272] ground[127]; that[14] is[487], it[162] affords[153] fewer[262] glimpses[446] of[89] porpoises[298], dolphins[192], flying[354]-fish[187], and[236] other[282] vivacious[347] denizens[367] of[89] more[348] stirring[130] waters[556], than[77] those[427] off[111] the[19] Rio[31] de[404] la[417] Plata[120], or[519] the[19] in[107]-shore[280] ground[127] off[111] Peru[19].

It[162] was[454] my[36] turn[17] to[261] stand[530] at[65] the[19] foremast[331]-head[219]; and[236] with[449] my[36] shoulders[476] leaning[559] against[417] the[19] slackened[31] royal[161] shrouds[264], to[261] and[236] fro[183] I[482] idly[188] swayed[136] in[107] what[243] seemed[132] an[138] enchanted[229] air[209]. No[235] resolution[91] could[375] withstand[263] it[162]; in[107] that[14] dreamy[247] mood[547] losing[205] all[145] consciousness[539], at[65] last[436] my[36] soul[428] went[516] out[66] of[89] my[36] body[348]; though[400] my[36] body[348] still[278] continued[44] to[261] sway[497] as[113] a[10] pendulum[5] will[584], long[544] after[358] the[19] power[145] which[16] first[13] moved[492] it[162] is[487] withdrawn[35].

Ere[83] forgetfulness[170] altogether[31] came[549] over[82] me[2], I[482] had[364] noticed[157] that[14] the[19] seamen[6] at[65] the[19] main[501] and[236] mizzen[4] mast[44]-heads[279] were[324] already[93] drowsy[203]. So[281] that[14] at[65] last[436] all[145] three[329] of[89] us[569] lifelessly[339] swung[205] from[316] the[19] spars[15], and[236] for[190] every[389] swing[311] that[14] we[465] made[563] there[340] was[454] a[10] nod[133] from[316] below[397] from[316] the[19] slumbering[107] helmsman[457]. The[19] waves[443], too[11], nodded[22] their[219] indolent[53] crests[171]; and[236] across[129] the[19] wide[465] trance[202] of[89] the[19] sea[67], east[524] nodded[22] to[261] west[569], and[236] the[19] sun[397] over[82] all[145].

Suddenly[193] bubbles[552] seemed[132] bursting[288] beneath[320] my[36] closed[523] eyes[125]; like[410] vices[125] my[36] hands[87] grasped[101] the[19] shrouds[264]; some[265] invisible[186], gracious[375] agency[189] preserved[335] me[2]; with[449] a[10] shock[44] I[482] came[549] back[457] to[261] life[71]. And[236] lo[418]! close[65] under[533] our[234] lee[472], not[518] forty[525] fathoms[375] off[111], a[10] gigantic[157] Sperm[26] Whale[422] lay[62] rolling[253] in[107] the[19] water[520] like[410] the[19] capsized[42] hull[323] of[89] a[10] frigate[44], his[433] broad[267], glossy[318] back[457], of[89] an[138] Ethiopian[305] hue[296], glistening[24] in[107] the[19] sun[397]'s[483] rays[43] like[410] a[10] mirror[543]. But[330] lazily[347] undulating[521] in[107] the[19] trough[143] of[89] the[19] sea[67], and[236] ever[208] and[236] anon[88] tranquilly[83] spouting[81] his[433] vapory[112] jet[423], the[19] whale[422] looked[232] like[410] a[10] portly[149] burgher[10] smoking[470] his[433] pipe[124] of[89] a[10] warm[178] afternoon[128]. But[330] that[14] pipe[124], poor[533] whale[422], was[454] thy[43] last[436]. As[113] if[141] struck[441] by[406] some[265] enchanter[86]'s[483] wand[450], the[19] sleepy[452] ship[438] and[236] every[389] sleeper[136] in[107] it[162] all[145] at[65] once[248] started[492] into[554] wakefulness[253]; and[236] more[348] than[77] a[10] score[124] of[89] voices[386] from[316] all[145] parts[470] of[89] the[19] vessel[155], simultaneously[558] with[449] the[19] three[329] notes[45] from[316] aloft[276], shouted[300] forth[152] the[19] accustomed[295] cry[561], as[113] the[19] great[259] fish[187] slowly[149] and[236] regularly[37] spouted[395] the[19] sparkling[42] brine[488] into[554] the[19] air[209].

"Clear[408] away[443] the[19] boats[83]! Luff[2]!" cried[506] Ahab[232]. And[236] obeying[163] his[433] own[248] order[343], he[362] dashed[304] the[19] helm[285] down[133] before[344] the[19] helmsman[457] could[375] handle[546] the[19] spokes[447].

The[19] sudden[309] exclamations[278] of[89] the[19] crew[126] must[226] have[254] alarmed[344] the[19] whale[422]; and[236] ere[83] the[19] boats[83] were[324] down[133], majestically[435] turning[69], he[362] swam[111] away[443] to[261] the[19] leeward[265], but[330] with[449] such[420] a[10] steady[21] tranquillity[516], and[236] making[415] so[281] few[49] ripples[434] as[113] he[362] swam[111], that[14] thinking[385] after[358] all[145] he[362] might[496] not[518] as[113] yet[443] be[341] alarmed[344], Ahab[232] gave[572] orders[199] that[14] not[518] an[138] oar[61] should[255] be[341] used[102], and[236] no[235] man[17] must[226] speak[337] but[330] in[107] whispers[336]. So[281] seated[158] like[410] Ontario[383] Indians[99] on[392] the[19] gunwales[42] of[89] the[19] boats[83], we[465] swiftly[441] but[330] silently[533] paddled[454] along[423]; the[19] calm[39] not[518] admitting[158] of[89] the[19] noiseless[21] sails[344] being[264] set[422]. Presently[166], as[113] we[465] thus[362] glided[152] in[107] chase[89], the[19] monster[480] perpendicularly[41] flitted[102] his[433] tail[102] forty[525] feet[349] into[554] the[19] air[209], and[236] then[45] sank[310] out[66] of[89] sight[365] like[410] a[10] tower[36] swallowed[104] up[405].

"There[340] go[20] flukes[155]!" was[454] the[19] cry[561], an[138] announcement[457] immediately[172] followed[234] by[406] Stubb's[483] producing[1] his[433] match[441] and[236] igniting[423] his[433] pipe[124], for[190] now[20] a[10] respite[124] was[454] granted[317]. After[358] the[19] full[414] interval[114] of[89] his[433] sounding[331] had[364] elapsed[172], the[19] whale[422] rose[449] again[52], and[236] being[264] now[20] in[107] advance[70] of[89] the[19] smoker[78]'s[483] boat[439], and[236] much[61] nearer[303] to[261] it[162] than[77] to[261] any[501] of[89] the[19] others[317], Stubb counted[81] upon[419] the[19] honor[497] of[89] the[19] capture[361]. It[162] was[454] obvious[147], now[20], that[14] the[19] whale[422] had[364] at[65] length[202] become[548] aware[174] of[89] his[433] pursuers[196]. All[145] silence[309] of[89] cautiousness[568] was[454] therefore[94] no[235] longer[559] of[89] use[176]. Paddles[78] were[324] dropped[2], and[236] oars[398] came[549] loudly[275] into[554] play[89]. And[236] still[278] puffing[4] at[65] his[433] pipe[124], Stubb cheered[406] on[392] his[433] crew[126] to[261] the[19] assault[223].

Yes[143], a[10] mighty[2] change[386] had[364] come[420] over[82] the[19] fish[187]. All[145] alive[298] to[261] his[433] jeopardy[95], he[362] was[454] going[227] "head[219] out[66]"; that[14] part[207] obliquely[122] projecting[336] from[316] the[19] mad[235] yeast[275] which[16] he[362] brewed[293].*

*It[162] will[584] be[341] seen[154] in[107] some[265] other[282] place[107] of[89] what[243] a[10] very[515] light[382] substance[316] the[19] entire[230] interior[163] of[89] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422]'s[483] enormous[327] head[219] consists[303]. Though[400] apparently[261] the[19] most[216] massive[232], it[162] is[487] by[406] far[258] the[19] most[216] buoyant[159] part[207] about[123] him[248]. So[281] that[14] with[449] ease[387] he[362] elevates[336] it[162] in[107] the[19] air[209], and[236] invariably[55] does[565] so[281] when[189] going[227] at[65] his[433] utmost[43] speed[468]. Besides[465], such[420] is[487] the[19] breadth[252] of[89] the[19] upper[403] part[207] of[89] the[19] front[196] of[89] his[433] head[219], and[236] such[420] the[19] tapering[416] cut[310]-water[520] formation[44] of[89] the[19] lower[47] part[207], that[14] by[406] obliquely[122] elevating[222] his[433] head[219], he[362] thereby[190] may[236] be[341] said[252] to[261] transform[123] himself[282] from[316] a[10] bluff[4]-bowed[26] sluggish[134] galliot[410] into[554] a[10] sharppointed New[36] York[523] pilot[559]-boat[243].

"Start[117] her[400], start[117] her[400], my[36] men[62]! Don[280]'t[500] hurry[183] yourselves[192]; take[279] plenty[406] of[89] time[577]--but[330] start[117] her[400]; start[117] her[400] like[410] thunder[356]-claps[519], that[14]'s[76] all[145]," cried[506] Stubb, spluttering[449] out[66] the[19] smoke[99] as[113] he[362] spoke[185]. "Start[117] her[400], now[20]; give[142] 'em the[19] long[544] and[236] strong[145] stroke[436], Tashtego. Start[117] her[400], Tash[299], my[36] boy[110]--start[117] her[400], all[145]; but[330] keep[381] cool[102], keep[381] cool[102]--cucumbers[4] is[487] the[19] word[486]--easy[281], easy[281]--only[517] start[117] her[400] like[410] grim[19] death[543] and[236] grinning[424] devils[377], and[236] raise[265] the[19] buried[205] dead[568] perpendicular[83] out[66] of[89] their[219] graves[350], boys[22]--that[14]'s[76] all[145]. Start[117] her[400]!"

"Woo-hoo! Wa-hee!" screamed[251] the[19] Gay[323]-Header in[107] reply[271], raising[99] some[265] old[447] war[169]-whoop to[261] the[19] skies[30]; as[113] every[389] oarsman[60] in[107] the[19] strained[516] boat[439] involuntarily[124] bounced[260] forward[364] with[449] the[19] one[470] tremendous[376] leading[59] stroke[436] which[16] the[19] eager[516] Indian[303] gave[572].

But[330] his[433] wild[230] screams[536] were[324] answered[100] by[406] others[317] quite[327] as[113] wild[230]. "Kee-hee! Kee-hee!" yelled[61] Daggoo, straining[107] forwards[528] and[236] backwards[143] on[392] his[433] seat[88], like[410] a[10] pacing[253] tiger[293] in[107] his[433] cage[41].

"Ka-la[417]! Koo-loo!" howled[333] Queequeg, as[113] if[141] smacking[350] his[433] lips[585] over[82] a[10] mouthful[98] of[89] Grenadier[4]'s[483] steak[252]. And[236] thus[362] with[449] oars[398] and[236] yells[284] the[19] keels[394] cut[310] the[19] sea[67]. Meanwhile[282], Stubb, retaining[390] his[433] place[107] in[107] the[19] van[164], still[278] encouraged[364] his[433] men[62] to[261] the[19] onset[292], all[145] the[19] while[55] puffing[4] the[19] smoke[99] from[316] his[433] mouth[414]. Like[410] desperadoes[92] they[382] tugged[40] and[236] they[382] strained[516], till[181] the[19] welcome[2] cry[561] was[454] heard[444]--"Stand[530] up[405], Tashtego!--give[142] it[162] to[261] him[248]!" The[19] harpoon[67] was[454] hurled[46]. "Stern[442] all[145]!" The[19] oarsmen[59] backed[270] water[520]; the[19] same[541] moment[258] something[181] went[516] hot[424] and[236] hissing[403] along[423] every[389] one[470] of[89] their[219] wrists[260]. It[162] was[454] the[19] magical[359] line[25]. An[138] instant[279] before[344], Stubb had[364] swiftly[441] caught[105] two[527] additional[131] turns[136] with[449] it[162] round[287] the[19] loggerhead[117], whence[494], by[406] reason[238] of[89] its[234] increased[406] rapid[321] circlings[132], a[10] hempen[451] blue[240] smoke[99] now[20] jetted[182] up[405] and[236] mingled[203] with[449] the[19] steady[21] fumes[413] from[316] his[433] pipe[124]. As[113] the[19] line[25] passed[87] round[287] and[236] round[287] the[19] loggerhead[117]; so[281] also[119], just[108] before[344] reaching[141] that[14] point[438], it[162] blisteringly passed[87] through[295] and[236] through[295] both[558] of[89] Stubb's[483] hands[87], from[316] which[16] the[19] hand[252]-cloths, or[519] squares[239] of[89] quilted[252] canvas[557] sometimes[77] worn[174] at[65] these[527] times[121], had[364] accidentally[166] dropped[2]. It[162] was[454] like[410] holding[311] an[138] enemy[431]'s[483] sharp[427] two[527]-edged[324] sword[273] by[406] the[19] blade[83], and[236] that[14] enemy[431] all[145] the[19] time[577] striving[388] to[261] wrest[253] it[162] out[66] of[89] your[162] clutch[14].

"Wet[299] the[19] line[25]! wet[299] the[19] line[25]!" cried[506] Stubb to[261] the[19] tub[339] oarsman[60] (him[248] seated[158] by[406] the[19] tub[339]) who[319], snatching[111] off[111] his[433] hat[107], dashed[304] the[19] sea[67]-water[520] into[554] it[162].* More[348] turns[136] were[324] taken[222], so[281] that[14] the[19] line[25] began[132] holding[311] its[234] place[107]. The[19] boat[439] now[20] flew[424] through[295] the[19] boiling[99] water[520] like[410] a[10] shark[4] all[145] fins[556]. Stubb and[236] Tashtego here[135] changed[21] places[423]--stem[493] for[190] stern[442]--a[10] staggering[235] business[168] truly[530] in[107] that[14] rocking[6] commotion[155].

*Partly[311] to[261] show[460] the[19] indispensableness of[89] this[256] act[10], it[162] may[236] here[135] be[341] stated[543], that[14], in[107] the[19] old[447] Dutch[325] fishery[136], a[10] mop[104] was[454] used[102] to[261] dash[355] the[19] running[296] line[25] with[449] water[520]; in[107] many[282] other[282] ships[21], a[10] wooden[35] piggin[390], or[519] bailer[26], is[487] set[422] apart[526] for[190] that[14] purpose[514]. Your[162] hat[107], however[44], is[487] the[19] most[216] convenient[470].

From[316] the[19] vibrating[436] line[25] extending[231] the[19] entire[230] length[202] of[89] the[19] upper[403] part[207] of[89] the[19] boat[439], and[236] from[316] its[234] now[20] being[264] more[348] tight[369] than[77] a[10] harpstring, you[227] would[282] have[254] thought[186] the[19] craft[187] had[364] two[527] keels[394]--one[470] cleaving[403] the[19] water[520], the[19] other[282] the[19] air[209]--as[113] the[19] boat[439] churned[26] on[392] through[295] both[558] opposing[402] elements[225] at[65] once[248]. A[10] continual[222] cascade[451] played[172] at[65] the[19] bows[460]; a[10] ceaseless[25] whirling[122] eddy[446] in[107] her[400] wake[205]; and[236], at[65] the[19] slightest[44] motion[544] from[316] within[503], even[198] but[330] of[89] a[10] little[554] finger[190], the[19] vibrating[436], cracking[203] craft[187] canted[438] over[82] her[400] spasmodic[303] gunwale[198] into[554] the[19] sea[67]. Thus[362] they[382] rushed[199]; each[520] man[17] with[449] might[496] and[236] main[501] clinging[232] to[261] his[433] seat[88], to[261] prevent[491] being[264] tossed[227] to[261] the[19] foam[160]; and[236] the[19] tall[373] form[238] of[89] Tashtego at[65] the[19] steering[252] oar[61] crouching[451] almost[518] double[20], in[107] order[343] to[261] bring[173] down[133] his[433] centre[389] of[89] gravity[430]. Whole[199] Atlantics and[236] Pacifics[399] seemed[132] passed[87] as[113] they[382] shot[443] on[392] their[219] way[435], till[181] at[65] length[202] the[19] whale[422] somewhat[77] slackened[31] his[433] flight[306].

"Haul[19] in[107]--haul[19] in[107]!" cried[506] Stubb to[261] the[19] bowsman[290]! and[236],

facing[68] round[287] towards[417] the[19] whale[422], all[145] hands[87] began[132] pulling[217]
the[19] boat[439] up[405] to[261] him[248], while[55] yet[443] the[19] boat[439] was[454] being[264] towed[376] on[392].
Soon[18] ranging[261] up[405] by[406] his[433] flank[434], Stubb, firmly[308] planting[362] his[433] knee[235]
in[107] the[19] clumsy[394] cleat[98], darted[362] dart[293] after[358] dart[293] into[554] the[19] flying[354] fish[187];
at[65] the[19] word[486] of[89] command[190], the[19] boat[439] alternately[185] sterning out[66]
of[89] the[19] way[435] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] horrible[398] wallow[252], and[236] then[45] ranging[261] up[405]
for[190] another[269] fling[335].

The[19] red[293] tide[523] now[20] poured[476] from[316] all[145] sides[331] of[89] the[19] monster[480] like[410] brooks[452]
down[133] a[10] hill[219]. His[433] tormented[256] body[348] rolled[226] not[518] in[107] brine[488] but[330] in[107] blood[208],
which[16] bubbled[155] and[236] seethed[426] for[190] furlongs[24] behind[80] in[107] their[219] wake[205].
The[19] slanting[522] sun[397] playing[471] upon[419] this[256] crimson[26] pond[350] in[107] the[19] sea[67],
sent[411] back[457] its[234] reflection[266] into[554] every[389] face[556], so[281] that[14] they[382] all[145] glowed[110]
to[261] each[520] other[282] like[410] red[293] men[62]. And[236] all[145] the[19] while[55], jet[423] after[358] jet[423]
of[89] white[82] smoke[99] was[454] agonizingly[40] shot[443] from[316] the[19] spiracle[4] of[89] the[19] whale[422],
and[236] vehement[424] puff[82] after[358] puff[82] from[316] the[19] mouth[414] of[89] the[19] excited[283] headsman[143];
as[113] at[65] every[389] dart[293], hauling[149] in[107] upon[419] his[433] crooked[236] lance[76] (by[406] the[19] line[25]
attached[211] to[261] it[162]), Stubb straightened[346] it[162] again[52] and[236] again[52], by[406] a[10] few[49]
rapid[321] blows[361] against[417] the[19] gunwale[198], then[45] again[52] and[236] again[52] sent[411] it[162]
into[554] the[19] whale[422].

"Pull[35] up[405]--pull[35] up[405]!" he[362] now[20] cried[506] to[261] the[19] bowsman[290], as[113] the[19] waning[442]
whale[422] relaxed[2] in[107] his[433] wrath[450]. "Pull[35] up[405]!--close[65] to[261]!" and[236] the[19] boat[439]
ranged[435] along[423] the[19] fish[187]'s[483] flank[434]. When[189] reaching[141] far[258] over[82] the[19] bow[146],
Stubb slowly[149] churned[26] his[433] long[544] sharp[427] lance[76] into[554] the[19] fish[187], and[236] kept[290]
it[162] there[340], carefully[374] churning[367] and[236] churning[367], as[113] if[141] cautiously[286] seeking[427]
to[261] feel[461] after[358] some[265] gold[231] watch[89] that[14] the[19] whale[422] might[496] have[254] swallowed[104],
and[236] which[16] he[362] was[454] fearful[183] of[89] breaking[6] ere[83] he[362] could[375] hook[157] it[162] out[66].
But[330] that[14] gold[231] watch[89] he[362] sought[82] was[454] the[19] innermost[27] life[71] of[89] the[19] fish[187].
And[236] now[20] it[162] is[487] struck[441]; for[190], starting[423] from[316] his[433] trance[202] into[554] that[14]
unspeakable[4] thing[309] called[237] his[433] "flurry[406]," the[19] monster[480] horribly[375] wallowed[41]
in[107] his[433] blood[208], overwrapped[402] himself[282] in[107] impenetrable[219], mad[235], boiling[99] spray[76],
so[281] that[14] the[19] imperilled[393] craft[187], instantly[186] dropping[279] astern[39], had[364] much[61] ado[124]
blindly[219] to[261] struggle[447] out[66] from[316] that[14] phrensied[314] twilight[158] into[554] the[19] clear[408]
air[209] of[89] the[19] day[112].

And[236] now[20] abating[295] in[107] his[433] flurry[406], the[19] whale[422] once[248] more[348] rolled[226] out[66] into[554] view[370]!
surging[403] from[316] side[246] to[261] side[246]; spasmodically[203] dilating[434] and[236] contracting[521]
his[433] spout[224]-hole[73], with[449] sharp[427], cracking[203], agonized[40] respirations[98].
At[65] last[436], gush[203] after[358] gush[203] of[89] clotted[378] red[293] gore[551], as[113] if[141] it[162] had[364] been[185]
the[19] purple[167] lees[163] of[89] red[293] wine[102], shot[443] into[554] the[19] frightened[172] air[209]; and[236] falling[498]
back[457] again[52], ran[391] dripping[92] down[133] his[433] motionless[498] flanks[46] into[554] the[19] sea[67].
His[433] heart[470] had[364] burst[174]!

"He[362]'s[483] dead[568], Mr[219]. Stubb," said[252] Daggoo.

"Yes[143]; both[558] pipes[17] smoked[60] out[66]!" and[236] withdrawing[152] his[433] own[248] from[316] his[433] mouth[414],
Stubb scattered[17] the[19] dead[568] ashes[243] over[82] the[19] water[520]; and[236], for[190] a[10] moment[258],
stood[1] thoughtfully[310] eyeing[49] the[19] vast[43] corpse[133] he[362] had[364] made[563].

CHAPTER[293] 62[181]

The[19] Dart[293]

A[10] word[486] concerning[368] an[138] incident[339] in[107] the[19] last[436] chapter[293].

According[281] to[261] the[19] invariable[261] usage[454] of[89] the[19] fishery[136], the[19] whale[422]-boat[439]
pushes[116] off[111] from[316] the[19] ship[438], with[449] the[19] headsman[143] or[519] whale[422]-killer[429] as[113]
temporary[235] steersman[290], and[236] the[19] harpooneer or[519] whale[422]-fastener pulling[217]
the[19] foremost[61] oar[61], the[19] one[470] known[86] as[113] the[19] harpooneer-oar[61]. Now[20] it[162] needs[41]
a[10] strong[145], nervous[154] arm[25] to[261] strike[374] the[19] first[13] iron[169] into[554] the[19] fish[187];
for[190] often[227], in[107] what[243] is[487] called[237] a[10] long[544] dart[293], the[19] heavy[421] implement[72]
has[399] to[261] be[341] flung[255] to[261] the[19] distance[264] of[89] twenty[433] or[519] thirty[521] feet[349].
But[330] however[44] prolonged[246] and[236] exhausting[361] the[19] chase[89], the[19] harpooneer is[487]
expected[96] to[261] pull[35] his[433] oar[61] meanwhile[282] to[261] the[19] uttermost[129]; indeed[522], he[362] is[487]
expected[96] to[261] set[422] an[138] example[479] of[89] superhuman[264] activity[293] to[261] the[19] rest[302], not[518] only[517]
by[406] incredible[98] rowing[375], but[330] by[406] repeated[381] loud[556] and[236] intrepid[127] exclamations[278];
and[236] what[243] it[162] is[487] to[261] keep[381] shouting[421] at[65] the[19] top[70] of[89] one[470]'s[483] compass[463],
while[55] all[145] the[19] other[282] muscles[101] are[314] strained[516] and[236] half[119] started[492]--
what[243] that[14] is[487] none[365] know[60] but[330] those[427] who[319] have[254] tried[73] it[162].
For[190] one[470], I[482] cannot bawl[174] very[515] heartily[254] and[236] work[385] very[515] recklessly[72]
at[65] one[470] and[236] the[19] same[541] time[577]. In[107] this[256] straining[107], bawling[350] state[135],
then[45], with[449] his[433] back[457] to[261] the[19] fish[187], all[145] at[65] once[248] the[19] exhausted[552]
harpooneer hears[561] the[19] exciting[152] cry[561]--"Stand[530] up[405], and[236] give[142] it[162] to[261] him[248]!"
He[362] now[20] has[399] to[261] drop[22] and[236] secure[92] his[433] oar[61], turn[17] round[287] on[392] his[433] centre[389]
half[119] way[435], seize[445] his[433] harpoon[67] from[316] the[19] crotch[111], and[236] with[449] what[243] little[554]
strength[168] may[236] remain[326], he[362] essays[272] to[261] pitch[115] it[162] somehow[425] into[554] the[19] whale[422].
No[235] wonder[76], taking[146] the[19] whole[199] fleet[206] of[89] whalemen[451] in[107] a[10] body[348], that[14] out[66]
of[89] fifty[406] fair[320] chances[400] for[190] a[10] dart[293], not[518] five[103] are[314] successful[1]; no[235] wonder[76]
that[14] so[281] many[282] hapless[483] harpooneers are[314] madly[218] cursed[441] and[236] disrated[42];
no[235] wonder[76] that[14] some[265] of[89] them[146] actually[69] burst[174] their[219] blood[208]-vessels[467]

in[107] the[19] boat[439]; no[235] wonder[76] that[14] some[265] sperm[26] whalemen[451] are[314] absent[122] four[175] years[116] with[449] four[175] barrels[368]; no[235] wonder[76] that[14] to[261] many[282] ship[438] owners[208], whaling[155] is[487] but[330] a[10] losing[205] concern[180]; for[190] it[162] is[487] the[19] harpooneer that[14] makes[32] the[19] voyage[137], and[236] if[141] you[227] take[279] the[19] breath[150] out[66] of[89] his[433] body[348] how[19] can[450] you[227] expect[275] to[261] find[138] it[162] there[340] when[189] most[216] wanted[85]!

Again[52], if[141] the[19] dart[293] be[341] successful[1], then[45] at[65] the[19] second[386] critical[38] instant[279], that[14] is[487], when[189] the[19] whale[422] starts[248] to[261] run[172], the[19] boatheader and[236] harpooneer likewise[193] start[117] to[261] running[296] fore[259] and[236] aft[2], to[261] the[19] imminent[22] jeopardy[95] of[89] themselves[510] and[236] every[389] one[470] else[212]. It[162] is[487] then[45] they[382] change[386] places[423]; and[236] the[19] headsman[143], the[19] chief[156] officer[70] of[89] the[19] little[554] craft[187], takes[362] his[433] proper[249] station[80] in[107] the[19] bows[460] of[89] the[19] boat[439].

Now[20], I[482] care[307] not[518] who[319] maintains[261] the[19] contrary[166], but[330] all[145] this[256] is[487] both[558] foolish[509] and[236] unnecessary[444]. The[19] headsman[143] should[255] stay[238] in[107] the[19] bows[460] from[316] first[13] to[261] last[436]; he[362] should[255] both[558] dart[293] the[19] harpoon[67] and[236] the[19] lance[76], and[236] no[235] rowing[375] whatever[38] should[255] be[341] expected[96] of[89] him[248], except[545] under[533] circumstances[267] obvious[147] to[261] any[501] fisherman[18]. I[482] know[60] that[14] this[256] would[282] sometimes[77] involve[34] a[10] slight[259] loss[223] of[89] speed[468] in[107] the[19] chase[89]; but[330] long[544] experience[127] in[107] various[183] whalemen[451] of[89] more[348] than[77] one[470] nation[466] has[399] convinced[469] me[2] that[14] in[107] the[19] vast[43] majority[45] of[89] failures[165] in[107] the[19] fishery[136], it[162] has[399] not[518] by[406] any[501] means[502] been[185] so[281] much[61] the[19] speed[468] of[89] the[19] whale[422] as[113] the[19] before[344] described[483] exhaustion[430] of[89] the[19] harpooneer that[14] has[399] caused[308] them[146].

To[261] insure[339] the[19] greatest[479] efficiency[150] in[107] the[19] dart[293], the[19] harpooneers of[89] this[256] world[126] must[226] start[117] to[261] their[219] feet[349] from[316] out[66] of[89] idleness[191], and[236] not[518] from[316] out[66] of[89] toil[89].

CHAPTER[293] 63[21]

The[19] Crotch[111]

Out[66] of[89] the[19] trunk[389], the[19] branches[364] grow[163]; out[66] of[89] them[146], the[19] twigs[224]. So[281], in[107] productive[480] subjects[122], grow[163] the[19] chapters[185].

The[19] crotch[111] alluded[231] to[261] on[392] a[10] previous[376] page[425] deserves[229] independent[330] mention[510]. It[162] is[487] a[10] notched[252] stick[50] of[89] a[10] peculiar[291] form[238], some[265] two[527] feet[349] in[107] length[202], which[16] is[487] perpendicularly[41] inserted[102] into[554] the[19] starboard[309] gunwale[198] near[70] the[19] bow[146], for[190] the[19] purpose[514] of[89] furnishing[471] a[10] rest[302] for[190] the[19] wooden[35] extremity[410] of[89] the[19] harpoons[6], whose[286] other[282] naked[70], barbed[27] end[149] slopingly projects[124] from[316] the[19] prow[451]. Thereby[190] the[19] weapon[223] is[487] instantly[186] at[65] hand[252] to[261] its[234] hurler[372], who[319] snatches[366] it[162] up[405] as[113] readily[467] from[316] its[234] rest[302] as[113] a[10] backwoodsman[299] swings[31] his[433] rifle[303] from[316] the[19] wall[509]. It[162] is[487] customary[79] to[261] have[254] two[527] harpoons[6] reposing[57] in[107] the[19] crotch[111], respectively[254] called[237] the[19] first[13] and[236] second[386] irons[363].

But[330] these[527] two[527] harpoons[6], each[520] by[406] its[234] own[248] cord[96], are[314] both[558] connected[202] with[449] the[19] line[25]; the[19] object[100] being[264] this[256]: to[261] dart[293] them[146] both[558], if[141] possible[277], one[470] instantly[186] after[358] the[19] other[282] into[554] the[19] same[541] whale[422]; so[281] that[14] if[141], in[107] the[19] coming[140] drag[426], one[470] should[255] draw[106] out[66], the[19] other[282] may[236] still[278] retain[153] a[10] hold[204]. It[162] is[487] a[10] doubling[361] of[89] the[19] chances[400]. But[330] it[162] very[515] often[227] happens[143] that[14] owing[98] to[261] the[19] instantaneous[322], violent[336], convulsive[250] running[296] of[89] the[19] whale[422] upon[419] receiving[124] the[19] first[13] iron[169], it[162] becomes[314] impossible[305] for[190] the[19] harpooneer, however[44] lightning[171]-like[410] in[107] his[433] movements[299], to[261] pitch[115] the[19] second[386] iron[169] into[554] him[248]. Nevertheless[104], as[113] the[19] second[386] iron[169] is[487] already[93] connected[202] with[449] the[19] line[25], and[236] the[19] line[25] is[487] running[296], hence[503] that[14] weapon[223] must[226], at[65] all[145] events[390], be[341] anticipatingly tossed[227] out[66] of[89] the[19] boat[439], somehow[425] and[236] somewhere[201]; else[212] the[19] most[216] terrible[132] jeopardy[95] would[282] involve[34] all[145] hands[87]. Tumbled[494] into[554] the[19] water[520], it[162] accordingly[249] is[487] in[107] such[420] cases[108]; the[19] spare[295] coils[259] of[89] box[226] line[25] (mentioned[149] in[107] a[10] preceding[44] chapter[293]) making[415] this[256] feat[1], in[107] most[216] instances[252], prudently[26] practicable[292]. But[330] this[256] critical[38] act[10] is[487] not[518] always[367] unattended[359] with[449] the[19] saddest[235] and[236] most[216] fatal[460] casualties[347].

Furthermore[181]: you[227] must[226] know[60] that[14] when[189] the[19] second[386] iron[169] is[487] thrown[359] overboard[247], it[162] thenceforth[362] becomes[314] a[10] dangling[318], sharp[427]-edged[61] terror[85], skittishly[166] curvetting[25] about[123] both[558] boat[439] and[236] whale[422], entangling[427] the[19] lines[241], or[519] cutting[454] them[146], and[236] making[415] a[10] prodigious[223] sensation[286] in[107] all[145] directions[124]. Nor[137], in[107] general[37], is[487] it[162] possible[277] to[261] secure[92] it[162] again[52] until[316] the[19] whale[422] is[487] fairly[211] captured[126] and[236] a[10] corpse[133].

Consider[259], now[20], how[19] it[162] must[226] be[341] in[107] the[19] case[346] of[89] four[175] boats[83] all[145] engaging[86] one[470] unusually[35] strong[145], active[54], and[236] knowing[240] whale[422]; when[189] owing[98] to[261] these[527] qualities[21] in[107] him[248], as[113] well[263] as[113] to[261] the[19] thousand[586] concurring[320] accidents[122] of[89] such[420] an[138] audacious[142] enterprise[106], eight[316] or[519] ten[198] loose[159] second[386] irons[363] may[236] be[341] simultaneously[558] dangling[318] about[123] him[248]. For[190], of[89] course[171], each[520] boat[439] is[487] supplied[338] with[449] several[479] harpoons[6] to[261] bend[434] on[392] to[261] the[19] line[25] should[255] the[19] first[13] one[470] be[341] ineffectually[282] darted[362] without[309] recovery[405]. All[145] these[527] particulars[230] are[314] faithfully[350] narrated[283] here[135], as[113] they[382] will[584] not[518] fail[126] to[261] elucidate[223] several[479] most[216] important[104] however[44] intricate[227] passages[270],

in[107] scenes[339] hereafter[479] to[261] be[341] painted[340].

CHAPTER[293] 64[270]

Stubb's[483] Supper[4]

Stubb's[483] whale[422] had[364] been[185] killed[409] some[265] distance[264] from[316] the[19] ship[438].
It[162] was[454] a[10] calm[39]; so[281], forming[354] a[10] tandem[406] of[89] three[329] boats[83], we[465] commenced[8]
the[19] slow[96] business[168] of[89] towing[78] the[19] trophy[463] to[261] the[19] Pequod[288]. And[236] now[20],
as[113] we[465] eighteen[387] men[62] with[449] our[234] thirty[521]-six[415] arms[536], and[236] one[470] hundred[93]
and[236] eighty[148] thumbs[223] and[236] fingers[345], slowly[149] toiled[411] hour[384] after[358] hour[384]
upon[419] that[14] inert[155], sluggish[134] corpse[133] in[107] the[19] sea[67]; and[236] it[162] seemed[132]
hardly[182] to[261] budge[278] at[65] all[145], except[545] at[65] long[544] intervals[295]; good[221] evidence[17]
was[454] hereby[196] furnished[201] of[89] the[19] enormousness[193] of[89] the[19] mass[36] we[465] moved[492].
For[190], upon[419] the[19] great[259] canal[29] of[89] Hang[253]-Ho[31], or[519] whatever[38] they[382] call[259] it[162],
in[107] China[253], four[175] or[519] five[103] laborers[247] on[392] the[19] foot[467]-path[234] will[584] draw[106]
a[10] bulky[11] freighted[12] junk[92] at[65] the[19] rate[515] of[89] a[10] mile[295] an[138] hour[384];
but[330] this[256] grand[229] argosy[27] we[465] towed[376] heavily[227] forged[119] along[423], as[113] if[141] laden[126]
with[449] piglead in[107] bulk[181].

Darkness[493] came[549] on[392]; but[330] three[329] lights[59] up[405] and[236] down[133] in[107] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483]
main[501]-rigging[516] dimly[298] guided[284] our[234] way[435]; till[181] drawing[407] nearer[303] we[465] saw[113]
Ahab[232] dropping[279] one[470] of[89] several[479] more[348] lanterns[362] over[82] the[19] bulwarks[411].
Vacantly[423] eyeing[49] the[19] heaving[174] whale[422] for[190] a[10] moment[258], he[362] issued[146]
the[19] usual[278] orders[199] for[190] securing[93] it[162] for[190] the[19] night[108], and[236] then[45]
handing[353] his[433] lantern[220] to[261] a[10] seaman[166], went[516] his[433] way[435] into[554] the[19] cabin[192],
and[236] did[444] not[518] come[420] forward[364] again[52] until[316] morning[417].

Though[400], in[107] overseeing[12] the[19] pursuit[305] of[89] this[256] whale[422], Captain[295] Ahab[232]
had[364] evinced[94] his[433] customary[79] activity[293], to[261] call[259] it[162] so[281];
yet[443] now[20] that[14] the[19] creature[82] was[454] dead[568], some[265] vague[70] dissatisfaction[92],
or[519] impatience[153], or[519] despair[187], seemed[132] working[113] in[107] him[248]; as[113] if[141] the[19] sight[365]
of[89] that[14] dead[568] body[348] reminded[25] him[248] that[14] Moby[362] Dick[25] was[454] yet[443] to[261] be[341] slain[268];
and[236] though[400] a[10] thousand[586] other[282] whales[331] were[324] brought[85] to[261] his[433] ship[438],
all[145] that[14] would[282] not[518] one[470] jot[9] advance[70] his[433] grand[229], monomaniac[336] object[100].
Very[515] soon[18] you[227] would[282] have[254] thought[186] from[316] the[19] sound[181] on[392] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] decks[386],
that[14] all[145] hands[87] were[324] preparing[52] to[261] cast[99] anchor[141] in[107] the[19] deep[483];
for[190] heavy[421] chains[446] are[314] being[264] dragged[460] along[423] the[19] deck[505], and[236] thrust[379]
rattling[282] out[66] of[89] the[19] port[409]-holes[41]. But[330] by[406] those[427] clanking[250] links[333],
the[19] vast[43] corpse[133] itself[312], not[518] the[19] ship[438], is[487] to[261] be[341] moored[379].
Tied[101] by[406] the[19] head[219] to[261] the[19] stern[442], and[236] by[406] the[19] tail[102] to[261] the[19] bows[460],
the[19] whale[422] now[20] lies[27] with[449] its[234] black[581] hull[323] close[65] to[261] the[19] vessel[155]'s[483],
and[236] seen[154] through[295] the[19] darkness[493] of[89] the[19] night[108], which[16] obscured[4]
the[19] spars[15] and[236] rigging[516] aloft[276], the[19] two[527]--ship[438] and[236] whale[422],
seemed[132] yoked[417] together[440] like[410] colossal[396] bullocks[168], whereof[422] one[470] reclines[128]
while[55] the[19] other[282] remains[324] standing[144].*

*A[10] little[554] item[60] may[236] as[113] well[263] be[341] related[377] here[135]. The[19] strongest[426] and[236] most[216]
reliable[111] hold[204] which[16] the[19] ship[438] has[399] upon[419] the[19] whale[422] when[189] moored[379] alongside[540],
is[487] by[406] the[19] flukes[155] or[519] tail[102]; and[236] as[113] from[316] its[234] greater[505] density[26] that[14] part[207]
is[487] relatively[241] heavier[317] than[77] any[501] other[282] (excepting[289] the[19] side[246]-fins[556]), its[234]
flexibility[25] even[198] in[107] death[543], causes[427] it[162] to[261] sink[190] low[407] beneath[320] the[19] surface[328];
so[281] that[14] with[449] the[19] hand[252] you[227] cannot get[126] at[65] it[162] from[316] the[19] boat[439], in[107] order[343] to[261] put[190]
the[19] chain[159] round[287] it[162]. But[330] this[256] difficulty[263] is[487] ingeniously[332] overcome[21]:
a[10] small[350], strong[145] line[25] is[487] prepared[59] with[449] a[10] wooden[35] float[231] at[65] its[234] outer[359] end[149],
and[236] a[10] weight[213] in[107] its[234] middle[39], while[55] the[19] other[282] end[149] is[487] secured[284] to[261] the[19] ship[438].
By[406] adroit[83] management[97] the[19] wooden[35] float[231] is[487] made[563] to[261] rise[251] on[392] the[19] other[282]
side[246] of[89] the[19] mass[36], so[281] that[14] now[20] having[69] girdled[312] the[19] whale[422], the[19] chain[159]
is[487] readily[467] made[563] to[261] follow[408] suit[373]; and[236] being[264] slipped[227] along[423] the[19] body[348],
is[487] at[65] last[436] locked[105] fast[208] round[287] the[19] smallest[443] part[207] of[89] the[19] tail[102], at[65] the[19] point[438]
of[89] junction[582] with[449] its[234] broad[267] flukes[155] or[519] lobes[290].

If[141] moody[447] Ahab[232] was[454] now[20] all[145] quiescence[127], at[65] least[453] so[281] far[258] as[113] could[375]
be[341] known[86] on[392] deck[505], Stubb, his[433] second[386] mate[508], flushed[72] with[449] conquest[277],
betrayed[498] an[138] unusual[322] but[330] still[278] good[221]-natured excitement[60].
Such[420] an[138] unwonted[481] bustle[26] was[454] he[362] in[107] that[14] the[19] staid[419] Starbuck,
his[433] official[283] superior[479], quietly[380] resigned[410] to[261] him[248] for[190] the[19] time[577]
the[19] sole[462] management[97] of[89] affairs[492]. One[470] small[350], helping[9] cause[220] of[89] all[145]
this[256] liveliness[284] in[107] Stubb, was[454] soon[18] made[563] strangely[155] manifest[257].
Stubb was[454] a[10] high[361] liver[442]; he[362] was[454] somewhat[77] intemperately[492] fond[174]
of[89] the[19] whale[422] as[113] a[10] flavorish thing[309] to[261] his[433] palate[58].

"A[10] steak[252], a[10] steak[252], ere[83] I[482] sleep[233]! You[227], Daggoo! overboard[247] you[227] go[20],
and[236] cut[310] me[2] one[470] from[316] his[433] small[350]!"

Here[135] be[341] it[162] known[86], that[14] though[400] these[527] wild[230] fishermen[24] do[353] not[518],
as[113] a[10] general[37] thing[309], and[236] according[281] to[261] the[19] great[259] military[317] maxim[499],
make[175] the[19] enemy[431] defray[237] the[19] current[52] expenses[451] of[89] the[19] war[169] (at[65] least[453]
before[344] realizing[250] the[19] proceeds[215] of[89] the[19] voyage[137]), yet[443] now[20] and[236] then[45]

you[227] find[138] some[265] of[89] these[527] Nantucketers who[319] have[254] a[10] genuine[44] relish[22]
for[190] that[14] particular[336] part[207] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] designated[41] by[406] Stubb;
comprising[243] the[19] tapering[416] extremity[410] of[89] the[19] body[348].

About[123] midnight[539] that[14] steak[252] was[454] cut[310] and[236] cooked[191]; and[236] lighted[422] by[406] two[527]
lanterns[362] of[89] sperm[26] oil[118], Stubb stoutly[109] stood[1] up[405] to[261] his[433] spermaceti[283]
supper[4] at[65] the[19] capstan[241]-head[364], as[113] if[141] that[14] capstan[241] were[324] a[10] sideboard[41].
Nor[137] was[454] Stubb the[19] only[517] banqueter[336] on[392] whale[422]'s[483] flesh[331] that[14] night[108].
Mingling[75] their[219] mumblings[12] with[449] his[433] own[248] mastications, thousands[7] on[392] thousands[7]
of[89] sharks[206], swarming[41] round[287] the[19] dead[568] leviathan[384], smackingly feasted[125]
on[392] its[234] fatness[448]. The[19] few[49] sleepers[367] below[397] in[107] their[219] bunks[25] were[324] often[227]
startled[475] by[406] the[19] sharp[427] slapping[91] of[89] their[219] tails[490] against[417] the[19] hull[323],
within[503] a[10] few[49] inches[301] of[89] the[19] sleepers[367]' hearts[431]. Peering[446] over[82] the[19] side[246] you[227]
could[375] just[108] see[370] them[146] (as[113] before[344] you[227] heard[444] them[146]) wallowing[218] in[107] the[19] sullen[335],
black[581] waters[556], and[236] turning[69] over[82] on[392] their[219] backs[480] as[113] they[382] scooped[296] out[66]
huge[132] globular[203] pieces[283] of[89] the[19] whale[422] of[89] the[19] bigness[330] of[89] a[10] human[43] head[219].
This[256] particular[336] feat[1] of[89] the[19] shark[4] seems[19] all[145] but[330] miraculous[276].
How[19] at[65] such[420] an[138] apparently[261] unassailable[133] surface[328], they[382] contrive[311] to[261] gouge[247]
out[66] such[420] symmetrical[336] mouthfuls[35], remains[324] a[10] part[207] of[89] the[19] universal[397]
problem[28] of[89] all[145] things[4]. The[19] mark[169] they[382] thus[362] leave[450] on[392] the[19] whale[422],
may[236] best[315] be[341] likened[356] to[261] the[19] hollow[511] made[563] by[406] a[10] carpenter[262] in[107] countersinking
for[190] a[10] screw[243].

Though[400] amid[240] all[145] the[19] smoking[470] horror[134] and[236] diabolism[479] of[89] a[10] sea[67]-fight[330],
sharks[206] will[584] be[341] seen[154] longingly[204] gazing[117] up[405] to[261] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] decks[386],
like[410] hungry[235] dogs[393] round[287] a[10] table[572] where[579] red[293] meat[160] is[487] being[264] carved[455],
ready[464] to[261] bolt[156] down[133] every[389] killed[409] man[17] that[14] is[487] tossed[227] to[261] them[146]; and[236] though[400],
while[55] the[19] valiant[359] butchers[102] over[82] the[19] deck[505]-table[572] are[314] thus[362] cannibally[142]
carving[54] each[520] other[282]'s[483] live[554] meat[160] with[449] carving[54]-knives[140] all[145] gilded[41]
and[236] tasselled[388], the[19] sharks[206], also[119], with[449] their[219] jewel-hilted mouths[26],
are[314] quarrelsomely carving[54] away[443] under[533] the[19] table[572] at[65] the[19] dead[568] meat[160];
and[236] though[400], were[324] you[227] to[261] turn[17] the[19] whole[199] affair[388] upside[261] down[133],
it[162] would[282] still[278] be[341] pretty[252] much[61] the[19] same[541] thing[309], that[14] is[487] to[261] say[306],
a[10] shocking[270] sharkish[51] business[168] enough[217] for[190] all[145] parties[162]; and[236] though[400]
sharks[206] also[119] are[314] the[19] invariable[261] outriders[59] of[89] all[145] slave[126] ships[21]
crossing[402] the[19] Atlantic[198], systematically[102] trotting[27] alongside[540], to[261] be[341]
handy[270] in[107] case[346] a[10] parcel[295] is[487] to[261] be[341] carried[232] anywhere[436], or[519] a[10] dead[568] slave[126]
to[261] be[341] decently[149] buried[205]; and[236] though[400] one[470] or[519] two[527] other[282] like[410] instances[252]
might[496] be[341] set[422] down[133], touching[80] the[19] set[422] terms[297], places[423], and[236] occasions[115],
when[189] sharks[206] do[353] most[216] socially[161] congregate[20], and[236] most[216] hilariously[86] feast[330];
yet[443] is[487] there[340] no[235] conceivable[147] time[577] or[519] occasion[211] when[189] you[227] will[584] find[138] them[146]
in[107] such[420] countless[111] numbers[285], and[236] in[107] gayer[366] or[519] more[348] jovial[296] spirits[471],
than[77] around[66] a[10] dead[568] sperm[26] whale[422], moored[379] by[406] night[108] to[261] a[10] whaleship[31] at[65] sea[67].
If[141] you[227] have[254] never[206] seen[154] that[14] sight[365], then[45] suspend[71] your[162] decision[249]
about[123] the[19] propriety[22] of[89] devil[411]-worship[48], and[236] the[19] expediency[316] of[89]
conciliating[38] the[19] devil[411].

But[330], as[113] yet[443], Stubb heeded[47] not[518] the[19] mumblings[12] of[89] the[19] banquet[105]
that[14] was[454] going[227] on[392] so[281] nigh[254] him[248], no[235] more[348] than[77] the[19] sharks[206] heeded[47]
the[19] smacking[350] of[89] his[433] own[248] epicurean[59] lips[585].

"Cook[41], cook[41]!--where[579]'s[483] that[14] old[447] Fleece[462]?" he[362] cried[506] at[65] length[202],
widening[44] his[433] legs[108] still[278] further[53], as[113] if[141] to[261] form[238] a[10] more[348] secure[92]
base[258] for[190] his[433] supper[4]; and[236], at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577] darting[147] his[433] fork[342]
into[554] the[19] dish[278], as[113] if[141] stabbing[300] with[449] his[433] lance[76]; "cook[41], you[227] cook[41]!--
sail[218] this[256] way[435], cook[41]!"

The[19] old[447] black[581], not[518] in[107] any[501] very[515] high[361] glee[350] at[65] having[69] been[185] previously[250]
routed[337] from[316] his[433] warm[178] hammock[323] at[65] a[10] most[216] unseasonable[249] hour[384],
came[549] shambling[174] along[423] from[316] his[433] galley[140], for[190], like[410] many[282] old[447] blacks[83],
there[340] was[454] something[181] the[19] matter[176] with[449] his[433] knee[235]-pans[330], which[16] he[362] did[444]
not[518] keep[381] well[263] scoured[23] like[410] his[433] other[282] pans[330]; this[256] old[447] Fleece[462],
as[113] they[382] called[237] him[248], came[549] shuffling[60] and[236] limping[439] along[423], assisting[86] his[433]
step[204] with[449] his[433] tongs[127], which[16], after[358] a[10] clumsy[394] fashion[467], were[324] made[563]
of[89] straightened[346] iron[169] hoops[170]; this[256] old[447] Ebony[59] floundered[182] along[423],
and[236] in[107] obedience[74] to[261] the[19] word[486] of[89] command[190], came[549] to[261] a[10] dead[568] stop[48]
on[392] the[19] opposite[107] side[246] of[89] Stubb's[483] sideboard[41]; when[189], with[449] both[558] hands[87]
folded[305] before[344] him[248], and[236] resting[455] on[392] his[433] two[527]-legged cane[69], he[362] bowed[26]
his[433] arched[4] back[457] still[278] further[53] over[82], at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577] sideways[496]
inclining[181] his[433] head[219], so[281] as[113] to[261] bring[173] his[433] best[315] ear[515] into[554] play[89].

"Cook[41]," said[252] Stubb, rapidly[116] lifting[100] a[10] rather[178] reddish[72] morsel[232]
to[261] his[433] mouth[414], "don[280]'t[500] you[227] think[424] this[256] steak[252] is[487] rather[178] overdone[25]?
You[227]'ve[477] been[185] beating[124] this[256] steak[252] too[11] much[61], cook[41]; it[162]'s[483] too[11] tender[454].
Don[280]'t[500] I[482] always[367] say[306] that[14] to[261] be[341] good[221], a[10] whale[422]-steak[252] must[226] be[341] tough[241]?
There[340] are[314] those[427] sharks[206] now[20] over[82] the[19] side[246], don[280]'t[500] you[227] see[370] they[382]
prefer[473] it[162] tough[241] and[236] rare[296]? What[243] a[10] shindy[364] they[382] are[314] kicking[116] up[405]!
Cook[41], go[20] and[236] talk[173] to[261] 'em; tell[392] 'em they[382] are[314] welcome[2] to[261] help[526]
themselves[510] civilly[147], and[236] in[107] moderation[18], but[330] they[382] must[226] keep[381] quiet[337].
Blast[13] me[2], if[141] I[482] can[450] hear[386] my[36] own[248] voice[233]. Away[443], cook[41], and[236] deliver[492]
my[36] message[15]. Here[135], take[279] this[256] lantern[220]," snatching[111] one[470] from[316] his[433] sideboard[41];
"now[20] then[45], go[20] and[236] preach[18] to[261] them[146]!"

Sullenly[361] taking[146] the[19] offered[336] lantern[220], old[447] Fleece[462] limped[253] across[129]

the[19] deck[505] to[261] the[19] bulwarks[411]; and[236] then[45], with[449] one[470] hand[252] drooping[279] his[433] light[382]
low[407] over[82] the[19] sea[67], so[281] as[113] to[261] get[126] a[10] good[221] view[370] of[89] his[433] congregation[23],
with[449] the[19] other[282] hand[252] he[362] solemnly[200] flourished[102] his[433] tongs[127], and[236] leaning[559]
far[258] over[82] the[19] side[246] in[107] a[10] mumbling[278] voice[233] began[132] addressing[54] the[19] sharks[206],
while[55] Stubb, softly[461] crawling[318] behind[80], overheard[512] all[145] that[14] was[454] said[252].

"Fellow[369]-critters: I[482]'se[152] ordered[143] here[135] to[261] say[306] dat[142] you[227] must[226] stop[48] dat[142]
dam[434] noise[254] dare[11]. You[227] hear[386]? Stop[48] dat[142] dam[434] smackin[415]' ob[100] de[404] lips[585]!
Massa[487] Stubb say[306] dat[142] you[227] can[450] fill[380] your[162] dam[434] bellies[192] up[405] to[261] de[404] hatchings[513],
but[330] by[406] Gor[171]! you[227] must[226] stop[48] dat[142] dam[434] racket[4]!"

"Cook[41]," here[135] interposed[478] Stubb, accompanying[371] the[19] word[486] with[449] a[10] sudden[309] slap[332]
on[392] the[19] shoulder[168],--Cook[41]! why[177], damn[468] your[162] eyes[125], you[227] mustn't[500] swear[322] that[14] way[435]
when[189] you[227]'re[155] preaching[304]. That[14]'s[76] no[235] way[435] to[261] convert[296] sinners[196], Cook[41]! Who[319] dat[142]?
Den[299] preach[18] to[261] him[248] yourself[176]," sullenly[361] turning[69] to[261] go[20].

No[235], Cook[41]; go[20] on[392], go[20] on[392]."

"Well[263], den[299], Belubed fellow[369]-critters:"--

"Right[499]!" exclaimed[281] Stubb, approvingly[96], "coax[339] 'em to[261] it[162], try[266] that[14],"
and[236] Fleece[462] continued[44].

"Do[353] you[227] is[487] all[145] sharks[206], and[236] by[406] natur[83] wery[192] woracious, yet[443] I[482] zay[76] to[261] you[227],
fellow[369]-critters, dat[142] dat[142] woraciousness--'top[70] dat[142] dam[434] slappin[83]' ob[100] de[404] tail[102]!
How[19] you[227] tink[4] to[261] hear[386], 'spose[50] you[227] keep[381] up[405] such[420] a[10] dam[434] slapping[91]
and[236] bitin[278]' dare[11]?"

"Cook[41]," cried[506] Stubb, collaring[10] him[248], "I[482] won't[500] have[254] that[14] swearing[40].
Talk[173] to[261] 'em gentlemanly[86]."

Once[248] more[348] the[19] sermon[167] proceeded[121].

"Your[162] woraciousness, fellow[369]-critters. I[482] don[280]'t[500] blame[337] ye[483] so[281] much[61] for[190];
dat[142] is[487] natur[83], and[236] can[450]'t[500] be[341] helped[204]; but[330] to[261] gobern dat[142] wicked[5] natur[83],
dat[142] is[487] de[404] pint[48]. You[227] is[487] sharks[206], sartin[26]; but[330] if[141] you[227] gobern de[404]
shark[4] in[107] you[227], why[177] den[299] you[227] be[341] angel[63]; for[190] all[145] angel[63] is[487] not[518]'ing
more[348] dan[363] de[404] shark[4] well[263] goberned. Now[20], look[523] here[135], bred[128]'ren, just[108]
try[266] wonst[80] to[261] be[341] cibil, a[10] helping[9] yourselbs from[316] dat[142] whale[422].
Don[280]'t[500] be[341] tearin[83]' de[404] blubber[232] out[66] your[162] neighbour[310]'s[483] mout[66], I[482] say[306].
Is[487] not[518] one[470] shark[4] dood[576] right[499] as[113] toder[152] to[261] dat[142] whale[422]? And[236], by[406] Gor[171], none[365] on[392]
you[227] has[399] de[404] right[499] to[261] dat[142] whale[422]; dat[142] whale[422] belong[243] to[261] some[265] one[470] else[212].
I[482] know[60] some[265] o[24]' you[227] has[399] berry[172] brig[98] mout[66], brigger dan[363] oders[561];
but[330] den[299] de[404] brig[98] mouts[290] sometimes[77] has[399] de[404] small[350] bellies[192]; so[281] dat[142] de[404]
brigness of[89] de[404] mout[66] is[487] not[518] to[261] swallar wid[290], but[330] to[261] bit[72] off[111] de[404]
blubber[232] for[190] de[404] small[350] fry[387] ob[100] sharks[206], dat[142] can[450]'t[500] get[126] into[554] de[404] scrouge[522]
to[261] help[526] demselves[320]."

"Well[263] done[135], old[447] Fleece[462]!" cried[506] Stubb, "that[14]'s[76] Christianity[103]; go[20] on[392]."

"No[235] use[176] goin[88]' on[392]; de[404] dam[434] willains will[584] keep[381] a[10] scrougin[278]'
and[236] slappin[83]' each[520] oder[29], Massa[487] Stubb; dey[400] don[280]'t[500] hear[386] one[470] word[486];
no[235] use[176] a[10]-preaching[304] to[261] such[420] dam[434] g'uttons as[113] you[227] call[259] 'em,
till[181] dare[11] bellies[192] is[487] full[414], and[236] dare[11] bellies[192] is[487] bottomless[376];
and[236] when[189] dey[400] do[353] get[126] 'em full[414], dey[400] wont[268] hear[386] you[227] den[299];
for[190] den[299] dey[400] sink[190] in[107] de[404] sea[67], go[20] fast[208] to[261] sleep[233] on[392] de[404] coral[22],
and[236] can[450]'t[500] hear[386] noting[72] at[65] all[145], no[235] more[348], for[190] eber[251] and[236] eber[251]."

"Upon[419] my[36] soul[428], I[482] am[375] about[123] of[89] the[19] same[541] opinion[316]; so[281] give[142]
the[19] benediction[26], Fleece[462], and[236] I[482]'ll[300] away[443] to[261] my[36] supper[4]."

Upon[419] this[256], Fleece[462], holding[311] both[558] hands[87] over[82] the[19] fishy[369] mob[308],
raised[493] his[433] shrill[238] voice[233], and[236] cried[506]--

"Cussed[17] fellow[369]-critters! Kick[16] up[405] de[404] damndest[167] row[328] as[113] ever[208] you[227] can[450];
fill[380] your[162] dam[434] bellies[192] 'till[181] dey[400] bust[181]--and[236] den[299] die[229]."

"Now[20], cook[41]," said[252] Stubb, resuming[283] his[433] supper[4] at[65] the[19] capstan[241];
Stand[530] just[108] where[579] you[227] stood[1] before[344], there[340], over[82] against[417] me[2],
and[236] pay[496] particular[336] attention[518]."

"All[145] 'dention," said[252] Fleece[462], again[52] stooping[492] over[82] upon[419] his[433] tongs[127]
in[107] the[19] desired[480] position[383].

"Well[263]," said[252] Stubb, helping[9] himself[282] freely[386] meanwhile[282];
"I[482] shall[66] now[20] go[20] back[457] to[261] the[19] subject[382] of[89] this[256] steak[252].
In[107] the[19] first[13] place[107], how[19] old[447] are[314] you[227], cook[41]?"

"What[243] dat[142] do[353] wid[290] de[404] 'teak, " said[252] the[19] old[447] black[581], testily[402].

"Silence[309]! How[19] old[447] are[314] you[227], cook[41]?"

"'Bout ninety[2], dey[400] say[306]," he[362] gloomily[452] muttered[180].

And[236] have[254] you[227] have[254] lived[415] in[107] this[256] world[126] hard[337] upon[419] one[470] hundred[93]
years[116], cook[41], and[236] don[280]'t[500] know[60] yet[443] how[19] to[261] cook[41] a[10] whale[422]-steak[252]?"

rapidly[116] bolting[454] another[269] mouthful[98] at[65] the[19] last[436] word[486],
so[281] that[14] that[14] morsel[232] seemed[132] a[10] continuation[93] of[89] the[19] question[562].
"Where[579] were[324] you[227] born[236], cook[41]?"

"'Hind[110] de[404] hatchway[64], in[107] ferry-boat[122], goin[88]' ober[270] de[404] Roanoke[518]."

"Born[236] in[107] a[10] ferry-boat[122]! That[14]'s[76] queer[156], too[11]. But[330] I[482] want[350] to[261] know[60]
what[243] country[362] you[227] were[324] born[236] in[107], cook[41]!"

"Didn't[500] I[482] say[306] de[404] Roanoke[518] country[362]?" he[362] cried[506] sharply[135].

"No[235], you[227] didn't[500], cook[41]; but[330] I[482]'ll[300] tell[392] you[227] what[243] I[482]'m[250] coming[140] to[261], cook[41].
You[227] must[226] go[20] home[450] and[236] be[341] born[236] over[82] again[52]; you[227] don[280]'t[500] know[60] how[19] to[261] cook[41]
a[10] whale[422]-steak[252] yet[443]."

"Bress[152] my[36] soul[428], if[141] I[482] cook[41] noder one[470]," he[362] growled[479], angrily[465],
turning[69] round[287] to[261] depart[297].

"Come[420] back[457] here[135], cook[41];--here[135], hand[252] me[2] those[427] tongs[127];--now[20] take[279] that[14] bit[72] of[89]
steak[252] there[340], and[236] tell[392] me[2] if[141] you[227] think[424] that[14] steak[252] cooked[191] as[113] it[162] should[255] be[341]?
Take[279] it[162], I[482] say[306]"--holding[311] the[19] tongs[127] towards[417] him[248]--"take[279] it[162], and[236] taste[134] it[162]."

Faintly[20] smacking[350] his[433] withered[14] lips[585] over[82] it[162] for[190] a[10] moment[258], the[19] old[447]
negro[102] muttered[180], "Best[315] cooked[191] 'teak I[482] eber[251] taste[134]; joosy, berry[172] joosy."

"Cook[41]," said[252] Stubb, squaring[419] himself[282] once[248] more[348]; "do[353] you[227] belong[243]
to[261] the[19] church[317]?"

"Passed[87] one[470] once[248] in[107] Cape[23]-Down[133]," said[252] the[19] old[447] man[17] sullenly[361].

"And[236] you[227] have[254] once[248] in[107] your[162] life[71] passed[87] a[10] holy[61] church[317] in[107] Cape[23]-Town[172],
where[579] you[227] doubtless[101] overheard[512] a[10] holy[61] parson[18] addressing[54] his[433]
hearers[440] as[113] his[433] beloved[169] fellow[369]-creatures[5], have[254] you[227], cook[41]!
And[236] yet[443] you[227] come[420] here[135], and[236] tell[392] me[2] such[420] a[10] dreadful[405] lie[212] as[113] you[227] did[444]
just[108] now[20], eh[76]?" said[252] Stubb. "Where[579] do[353] you[227] expect[275] to[261] go[20] to[261], cook[41]?"

"Go[20] to[261] bed[273] berry[172] soon[18]," he[362] mumbled[29], half[119]-turning[69] as[113] he[362] spoke[185].

"Avast[279]! heave[308] to[261]! I[482] mean[504] when[189] you[227] die[229], cook[41]. It[162]'s[483] an[138] awful[539] question[562].
Now[20] what[243]'s[483] your[162] answer[164]?"

"When[189] dis[23] old[447] brack[290] man[17] dies[384]," said[252] the[19] negro[102] slowly[149],
changing[219] his[433] whole[199] air[209] and[236] demeanor[196], "he[362] hisself[181] won't[500] go[20] nowhere[209];
but[330] some[265] bressed[152] angel[63] will[584] come[420] and[236] fetch[261] him[248]."

"Fetch[261] him[248]? How[19]? In[107] a[10] coach[188] and[236] four[175], as[113] they[382] fetched[127] Elijah[160]?
And[236] fetch[261] him[248] where[579]?"

"Up[405] dere[44]," said[252] Fleece[462], holding[311] his[433] tongs[127] straight[346] over[82] his[433] head[219],
and[236] keeping[482] it[162] there[340] very[515] solemnly[200].

"So[281], then[45], you[227] expect[275] to[261] go[20] up[405] into[554] our[234] main[501]-top[70], do[353] you[227], cook[41],
when[189] you[227] are[314] dead[568]? But[330] don[280]'t[500] you[227] know[60] the[19] higher[574] you[227] climb[80],
the[19] colder[325] it[162] gets[27]? Main[501]-top[70], eh[76]?"

"Didn't[500] say[306] dat[142] t[500]'all[145]," said[252] Fleece[462], again[52] in[107] the[19] sulks[86].

"You[227] said[252] up[405] there[340], didn't[500] you[227]? and[236] now[20] look[523] yourself[176], and[236] see[370]
where[579] your[162] tongs[127] are[314] pointing[295]. But[330], perhaps[75] you[227] expect[275] to[261] get[126]
into[554] heaven[163] by[406] crawling[318] through[295] the[19] lubber[191]'s[483] hole[73], cook[41]; but[330], no[235],
no[235], cook[41], you[227] don[280]'t[500] get[126] there[340], except[545] you[227] go[20] the[19] regular[400] way[435],
round[287] by[406] the[19] rigging[516]. It[162]'s[483] a[10] ticklish[57] business[168], but[330] must[226] be[341] done[135],
or[519] else[212] it[162]'s[483] no[235] go[20]. But[330] none[365] of[89] us[569] are[314] in[107] heaven[163] yet[443].
Drop[22] your[162] tongs[127], cook[41], and[236] hear[386] my[36] orders[199]. Do[353] ye[483] hear[386]?
Hold[204] your[162] hat[107] in[107] one[470] hand[252], and[236] clap[225] t[500]'other[282] a[10]'top[70] of[89] your[162] heart[470],
when[189] I[482]'m[250] giving[207] my[36] orders[199], cook[41]. What[243]! that[14] your[162] heart[470], there[340]?--
that[14]'s[76] your[162] gizzard[10]! Aloft[276]! aloft[276]!--that[14]'s[76] it[162]--now[20] you[227] have[254] it[162].
Hold[204] it[162] there[340] now[20], and[236] pay[496] attention[518]."

"All[145] 'dention," said[252] the[19] old[447] black[581], with[449] both[558] hands[87] placed[556] as[113] desired[480],
vainly[116] wriggling[305] his[433] grizzled[34] head[219], as[113] if[141] to[261] get[126] both[558] ears[560] in[107] front[196]
at[65] one[470] and[236] the[19] same[541] time[577].

"Well[263] then[45], cook[41], you[227] see[370] this[256] whale[422]-steak[252] of[89] yours[256] was[454] so[281] very[515] bad[458],
that[14] I[482] have[254] put[190] it[162] out[66] of[89] sight[365] as[113] soon[18] as[113] possible[277]; you[227] see[370] that[14],
don[280]'t[500] you[227]? Well[263], for[190] the[19] future[44], when[189] you[227] cook[41] another[269] whale[422]-steak[252]
for[190] my[36] private[541] table[572] here[135], the[19] capstan[241], I[482]'ll[300] tell[392] you[227] what[243] to[261] do[353]
so[281] as[113] not[518] to[261] spoil[181] it[162] by[406] overdoing[45]. Hold[204] the[19] steak[252] in[107] one[470] hand[252],
and[236] show[460] a[10] live[554] coal[127] to[261] it[162] with[449] the[19] other[282]; that[14] done[135], dish[278] it[162]; d[67]'ye[163] hear[386]?
And[236] now[20] to[261]-morrow[376], cook[41], when[189] we[465] are[314] cutting[454] in[107] the[19] fish[187], be[341] sure[41]
you[227] stand[530] by[406] to[261] get[126] the[19] tips[22] of[89] his[433] fins[556]; have[254] them[146] put[190] in[107] pickle[110].
As[113] for[190] the[19] ends[301] of[89] the[19] flukes[155], have[254] them[146] soused[63], cook[41]. There[340], now[20]
ye[483] may[236] go[20]."

But[330] Fleece[462] had[364] hardly[182] got[286] three[329] paces[212] off[111], when[189] he[362] was[454] recalled[346].

"Cook[41], give[142] me[2] cutlets[95] for[190] supper[4] to[261]-morrow[376] night[108] in[107] the[19] mid[84]-watch[89]. D[67]'ye[163]

hear[386]? away[443] you[227] sail[218] then[45].--Halloa[83]! stop[48]! make[175] a[10] bow[146] before[344] you[227] go[20].--
Avast[279] heaving[174] again[52]! Whale[422]-balls[264] for[190] breakfast[408]--don[280]'t[500] forget[426]."

"Wish[95], by[406] gor[171]! whale[422] eat[286] him[248], 'stead of[89] him[248] eat[286] whale[422].
I[482]'m[250] bressed[152] if[141] he[362] ain't[500] more[348] of[89] shark[4] dan[363] Massa[487] Shark[4] hisself[181],"
muttered[180] the[19] old[447] man[17], limping[439] away[443]; with[449] which[16] sage[500] ejaculation[282]
he[362] went[516] to[261] his[433] hammock[323].

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The[19] Whale[422] as[113] a[10] Dish[278]

That[14] mortal[371] man[17] should[255] feed[252] upon[419] the[19] creature[82] that[14] feeds[304]
his[433] lamp[330], and[236], like[410] Stubb, eat[286] him[248] by[406] his[433] own[248] light[382], as[113] you[227] may[236] say[306];
this[256] seems[19] so[281] outlandish[292] a[10] thing[309] that[14] one[470] must[226] needs[41] go[20] a[10] little[554]
into[554] the[19] history[183] and[236] philosophy[14] of[89] it[162].

It[162] is[487] upon[419] record[571], that[14] three[329] centuries[168] ago[141] the[19] tongue[375] of[89] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422]
was[454] esteemed[235] a[10] great[259] delicacy[201] in[107] France[54], and[236] commanded[571] large[385]
prices[367] there[340]. Also[119], that[14] in[107] Henry[466] VIIIth[330]'s[483] time[577], a[10] certain[31] cook[41] of[89]
the[19] court[243] obtained[186] a[10] handsome[66] reward[116] for[190] inventing[384] an[138] admirable[267] sauce[510]
to[261] be[341] eaten[172] with[449] barbacued[18] porpoises[298], which[16], you[227] remember[499], are[314] a[10] species[69]
of[89] whale[422]. Porpoises[298], indeed[522], are[314] to[261] this[256] day[112] considered[484] fine[333] eating[22].
The[19] meat[160] is[487] made[563] into[554] balls[264] about[123] the[19] size[503] of[89] billiard[110] balls[264],
and[236] being[264] well[263] seasoned[4] and[236] spiced[498] might[496] be[341] taken[222] for[190] turtle-balls[264]
or[519] veal[22] balls[264]. The[19] old[447] monks[399] of[89] Dunfermline[541] were[324] very[515] fond[174] of[89] them[146].
They[382] had[364] a[10] great[259] porpoise[487] grant[328] from[316] the[19] crown[463].

The[19] fact[12] is[487], that[14] among[483] his[433] hunters[423] at[65] least[453], the[19] whale[422] would[282]
by[406] all[145] hands[87] be[341] considered[484] a[10] noble[226] dish[278], were[324] there[340] not[518] so[281] much[61]
of[89] him[248]; but[330] when[189] you[227] come[420] to[261] sit[215] down[133] before[344] a[10] meat[160]-pie[86]
nearly[575] one[470] hundred[93] feet[349] long[544], it[162] takes[362] away[443] your[162] appetite[97].
Only[517] the[19] most[216] unprejudiced[44] of[89] men[62] like[410] Stubb, nowadays[444] partake[448]
of[89] cooked[191] whales[331]; but[330] the[19] Esquimaux[162] are[314] not[518] so[281] fastidious[361].
We[465] all[145] know[60] how[19] they[382] live[554] upon[419] whales[331], and[236] have[254] rare[296] old[447] vintages[377]
of[89] prime[425] old[447] train[127] oil[118]. Zogranda, one[470] of[89] their[219] most[216] famous[254] doctors[407],
recommends[54] strips[163] of[89] blubber[232] for[190] infants[413], as[113] being[264] exceedingly[257]
juicy[374] and[236] nourishing[170]. And[236] this[256] reminds[430] me[2] that[14] certain[31] Englishmen[189],
who[319] long[544] ago[141] were[324] accidentally[166] left[159] in[107] Greenland[110] by[406] a[10] whaling[155] vessel[155]--
that[14] these[527] men[62] actually[69] lived[415] for[190] several[479] months[17] on[392] the[19] mouldy[508]
scraps[250] of[89] whales[331] which[16] had[364] been[185] left[159] ashore[122] after[358] trying[83]
out[66] the[19] blubber[232]. Among[483] the[19] Dutch[325] whalemen[451] these[527] scraps[250]
are[314] called[237] "fritters[292]"; which[16], indeed[522], they[382] greatly[460] resemble[405],
being[264] brown[446] and[236] crisp[519], and[236] smelling[160] something[181] like[410] old[447]
Amsterdam[345] housewives[449]' dough-nuts[415] or[519] oly-cooks, when[189] fresh[540].
They[382] have[254] such[420] an[138] eatable[423] look[523] that[14] the[19] most[216] self[442]-denying[426]
stranger[233] can[450] hardly[182] keep[381] his[433] hands[87] off[111].

But[330] what[243] further[53] depreciates[229] the[19] whale[422] as[113] a[10] civilized[441] dish[278],
is[487] his[433] exceeding[320] richness[403]. He[362] is[487] the[19] great[259] prize[74] ox[413] of[89] the[19] sea[67],
too[11] fat[351] to[261] be[341] delicately[336] good[221]. Look[523] at[65] his[433] hump[20], which[16] would[282]
be[341] as[113] fine[333] eating[22] as[113] the[19] buffalo[299]'s[483] (which[16] is[487] esteemed[235]
a[10] rare[296] dish[278]), were[324] it[162] not[518] such[420] a[10] solid[494] pyramid[310] of[89] fat[351].
But[330] the[19] spermaceti[283] itself[312], how[19] bland[284] and[236] creamy[205] that[14] is[487];
like[410] the[19] transparent[129], half[119] jellied[83], white[82] meat[160] of[89] a[10] cocoanut[76]
in[107] the[19] third[301] month[438] of[89] its[234] growth[160], yet[443] far[258] too[11] rich[531] to[261] supply[283]
a[10] substitute[53] for[190] butter[536]. Nevertheless[104], many[282] whalemen[451]
have[254] a[10] method[146] of[89] absorbing[263] it[162] into[554] some[265] other[282] substance[316],
and[236] then[45] partaking[196] of[89] it[162]. In[107] the[19] long[544] try[266] watches[458] of[89] the[19] night[108]
it[162] is[487] a[10] common[304] thing[309] for[190] the[19] seamen[6] to[261] dip[19] their[219] ship[438]-biscuit[369]
into[554] the[19] huge[132] oil[118]-pots[184] and[236] let[66] them[146] fry[387] there[340] awhile[16].
Many[282] a[10] good[221] supper[4] have[254] I[482] thus[362] made[563].

In[107] the[19] case[346] of[89] a[10] small[350] Sperm[26] Whale[422] the[19] brains[279] are[314] accounted[480] a[10] fine[333] dish[278].
The[19] casket[167] of[89] the[19] skull[9] is[487] broken[255] into[554] with[449] an[138] axe[288], and[236] the[19] two[527] plump[105],
whitish[362] lobes[290] being[264] withdrawn[35] (precisely[217] resembling[445] two[527] large[385] puddings[221]),
they[382] are[314] then[45] mixed[459] with[449] flour[14], and[236] cooked[191] into[554] a[10] most[216] delectable[161] mess[253],
in[107] flavor[69] somewhat[77] resembling[445] calves[21]' head[219], which[16] is[487] quite[327] a[10] dish[278]
among[483] some[265] epicures[338]; and[236] every[389] one[470] knows[286] that[14] some[265] young[389] bucks[104] among[483]
the[19] epicures[338], by[406] continually[303] dining[260] upon[419] calves[21]' brains[279], by[406] and[236] by[406] get[126] to[261]
have[254] a[10] little[554] brains[279] of[89] their[219] own[248], so[281] as[113] to[261] be[341] able[362] to[261] tell[392] a[10] calf[83]'s[483] head[219]
from[316] their[219] own[248] heads[366]; which[16], indeed[522], requires[205] uncommon[88] discrimination[173].
And[236] that[14] is[487] the[19] reason[238] why[177] a[10] young[389] buck[318] with[449] an[138] intelligent[346] looking[318] calf[83]'s[483]
head[219] before[344] him[248], is[487] somehow[425] one[470] of[89] the[19] saddest[235] sights[24] you[227] can[450] see[370].
The[19] head[219] looks[150] a[10] sort[42] of[89] reproachfully[275] at[65] him[248], with[449] an[138] "Et[243]
tu[278] Brute[73]!" expression[115].

It[162] is[487] not[518], perhaps[75], entirely[148] because[540] the[19] whale[422] is[487] so[281] excessively[86]
unctuous[322] that[14] landsmen[117] seem[404] to[261] regard[448] the[19] eating[22] of[89] him[248]

with[449] abhorrence[86]; that[14] appears[268] to[261] result[115], in[107] some[265] way[435], from[316] the[19] consideration[196] before[344] mentioned[149]: i[482].e[443]. that[14] a[10] man[17] should[255] eat[286] a[10] newly[318] murdered[273] thing[309] of[89] the[19] sea[67], and[236] eat[286] it[162] too[11] by[406] its[234] own[248] light[382]. But[330] no[235] doubt[71] the[19] first[13] man[17] that[14] ever[208] murdered[273] an[138] ox[413] was[454] regarded[393] as[113] a[10] murderer[498]; perhaps[75] he[362] was[454] hung[479]; and[236] if[141] he[362] had[364] been[185] put[190] on[392] his[433] trial[103] by[406] oxen[23], he[362] certainly[124] would[282] have[254] been[185]; and[236] he[362] certainly[124] deserved[111] it[162] if[141] any[501] murderer[498] does[565]. Go[20] to[261] the[19] meat[160]-market[286] of[89] a[10] Saturday[22] night[108] and[236] see[370] the[19] crowds[451] of[89] live[554] bipeds[6] staring[523] up[405] at[65] the[19] long[544] rows[375] of[89] dead[568] quadrupeds[553]. Does[565] not[518] that[14] sight[365] take[279] a[10] tooth[108] out[66] of[89] the[19] cannibal[180]'s[483] jaw[213]? Cannibals[27]? who[319] is[487] not[518] a[10] cannibal[180]? I[482] tell[392] you[227] it[162] will[584] be[341] more[348] tolerable[198] for[190] the[19] Fejee[122] that[14] salted[212] down[133] a[10] lean[279] missionary[170] in[107] his[433] cellar[93] against[417] a[10] coming[140] famine[460]; it[162] will[584] be[341] more[348] tolerable[198] for[190] that[14] provident[336] Fejee[122], I[482] say[306], in[107] the[19] day[112] of[89] judgment[83], than[77] for[190] thee[15], civilized[441] and[236] enlightened[29] gourmand[264], who[319] nailest geese[111] to[261] the[19] ground[127] and[236] feastest on[392] their[219] bloated[110] livers[83] in[107] thy[43] pate-de[404]-foie-gras.

But[330] Stubb, he[362] eats[47] the[19] whale[422] by[406] its[234] own[248] light[382], does[565] he[362]? and[236] that[14] is[487] adding[169] insult[38] to[261] injury[396], is[487] it[162]? Look[523] at[65] your[162] knife[503]-handle[546], there[340], my[36] civilized[441] and[236] enlightened[29] gourmand[264], dining[260] off[111] that[14] roast[120] beef[303], what[243] is[487] that[14] handle[546] made[563] of[89]?--what[243] but[330] the[19] bones[5] of[89] the[19] brother[46] of[89] the[19] very[515] ox[413] you[227] are[314] eating[22]? And[236] what[243] do[353] you[227] pick[447] your[162] teeth[82] with[449], after[358] devouring[354] that[14] fat[351] goose[184]? With[449] a[10] feather[127] of[89] the[19] same[541] fowl[11]. And[236] with[449] what[243] quill[305] did[444] the[19] Secretary[21] of[89] the[19] Society[520] for[190] the[19] Suppression[24] of[89] Cruelty[44] to[261] Ganders[97] formally[446] indite[43] his[433] circulars[301]? It[162] is[487] only[517] within[503] the[19] last[436] month[438] or[519] two[527] that[14] that[14] society[520] passed[87] a[10] resolution[91] to[261] patronize[83] nothing[324] but[330] steel[184] pens[307].

CHAPTER[293] 66[403]

The[19] Shark[4] Massacre[288]

When[189] in[107] the[19] Southern[187] Fishery[136] a[10] captured[126] Sperm[26] Whale[422], after[358] long[544] and[236] weary[306] toil[89], is[487] brought[85] alongside[540] late[351] at[65] night[108], it[162] is[487] not[518], as[113] a[10] general[37] thing[309] at[65] least[453], customary[79] to[261] proceed[367] at[65] once[248] to[261] the[19] business[168] of[89] cutting[454] him[248] in[107]. For[190] that[14] business[168] is[487] an[138] exceedingly[257] laborious[17] one[470]; is[487] not[518] very[515] soon[18] completed[102]; and[236] requires[205] all[145] hands[87] to[261] set[422] about[123] it[162]. Therefore[94], the[19] common[304] usage[454] is[487] to[261] take[279] in[107] all[145] sail[218]; lash[266] the[19] helm[285] a[10]'lee[472]; and[236] then[45] send[536] every[389] one[470] below[397] to[261] his[433] hammock[323] till[181] daylight[155], with[449] the[19] reservation[85] that[14], until[316] that[14] time[577], anchor[141]-watches[458] shall[66] be[341] kept[290]; that[14] is[487], two[527] and[236] two[527] for[190] an[138] hour[384], each[520] couple[261], the[19] crew[126] in[107] rotation[102] shall[66] mount[34] the[19] deck[505] to[261] see[370] that[14] all[145] goes[205] well[263].

But[330] sometimes[77], especially[371] upon[419] the[19] Line[25] in[107] the[19] Pacific[294], this[256] plan[99] will[584] not[518] answer[164] at[65] all[145]; because[540] such[420] incalculable[305] hosts[62] of[89] sharks[206] gather[311] round[287] the[19] moored[379] carcase[366], that[14] were[324] he[362] left[159] so[281] for[190] six[415] hours[127], say[306], on[392] a[10] stretch[318], little[554] more[348] than[77] the[19] skeleton[231] would[282] be[341] visible[94] by[406] morning[417]. In[107] most[216] other[282] parts[470] of[89] the[19] ocean[224], however[44], where[579] these[527] fish[187] do[353] not[518] so[281] largely[211] abound[15], their[219] wondrous[30] voracity[92] can[450] be[341] at[65] times[121] considerably[110] diminished[163], by[406] vigorously[167] stirring[130] them[146] up[405] with[449] sharp[427] whaling[155]-spades[135], a[10] procedure[276] notwithstanding[387], which[16], in[107] some[265] instances[252], only[517] seems[19] to[261] tickle[238] them[146] into[554] still[278] greater[505] activity[293]. But[330] it[162] was[454] not[518] thus[362] in[107] the[19] present[112] case[346] with[449] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] sharks[206]; though[400], to[261] be[341] sure[41], any[501] man[17] unaccustomed[261] to[261] such[420] sights[24], to[261] have[254] looked[232] over[82] her[400] side[246] that[14] night[108], would[282] have[254] almost[518] thought[186] the[19] whole[199] round[287] sea[67] was[454] one[470] huge[132] cheese[10], and[236] those[427] sharks[206] the[19] maggots[143] in[107] it[162].

Nevertheless[104], upon[419] Stubb setting[151] the[19] anchor[141]-watch[89] after[358] his[433] supper[4] was[454] concluded[157]; and[236] when[189], accordingly[249] Queequeg and[236] a[10] forecastle[367] seaman[166] came[549] on[392] deck[505], no[235] small[350] excitement[60] was[454] created[37] among[483] the[19] sharks[206]; for[190] immediately[172] suspending[368] the[19] cutting[454] stages[83] over[82] the[19] side[246], and[236] lowering[240] three[329] lanterns[362], so[281] that[14] they[382] cast[99] long[544] gleams[34] of[89] light[382] over[82] the[19] turbid[171] sea[67], these[527] two[527] mariners[347], darting[147] their[219] long[544] whaling[155]-spades[135],* kept[290] up[405] an[138] incessant[91] murdering[141] of[89] the[19] sharks[206], by[406] striking[22] the[19] keen[202] steel[184] deep[483] into[554] their[219] skulls[136], seemingly[261] their[219] only[517] vital[204] part[207]. But[330] in[107] the[19] foamy[352] confusion[495] of[89] their[219] mixed[459] and[236] struggling[107] hosts[62], the[19] marksmen[299] could[375] not[518] always[367] hit[322] their[219] mark[169]; and[236] this[256] brought[85] about[123] new[36] revelations[103] of[89] the[19] incredible[98] ferocity[424] of[89] the[19] foe[479]. They[382] viciously[494] snapped[459], not[518] only[517] at[65] each[520] other[282]'s[483] disembowelments, but[330] like[410] flexible[283] bows[460], bent[406] round[287], and[236] bit[72] their[219] own[248]; till[181] those[427] entrails[409] seemed[132] swallowed[104] over[82] and[236] over[82] again[52] by[406] the[19] same[541] mouth[414], to[261] be[341] oppositely[290] voided[419] by[406] the[19] gaping[59] wound[342]. Nor[137] was[454] this[256] all[145]. It[162] was[454] unsafe[152] to[261] meddle[217] with[449] the[19] corpses[88] and[236] ghosts[44] of[89] these[527] creatures[5]. A[10] sort[42] of[89] generic[152] or[519] Pantheistic[210] vitality[204] seemed[132] to[261] lurk[246] in[107] their[219] very[515] joints[401] and[236] bones[5], after[358] what[243] might[496] be[341] called[237] the[19] individual[233] life[71] had[364] departed[467]. Killed[409] and[236] hoisted[367] on[392] deck[505] for[190] the[19] sake[523] of[89] his[433] skin[428],

one[470] of[89] these[527] sharks[206] almost[518] took[68] poor[533] Queequeg's[483] hand[252] off[111],
when[189] he[362] tried[73] to[261] shut[59] down[133] the[19] dead[568] lid[157] of[89] his[433] murderous[86] jaw[213].

*The[19] whaling[155]-spade[19] used[102] for[190] cutting[454]-in[107] is[487] made[563] of[89] the[19] very[515] best[315] steel[184];
is[487] about[123] the[19] bigness[330] of[89] a[10] man[17]'s[415] spread[348] hand[252]; and[236] in[107] general[37] shape[99],
corresponds[198] to[261] the[19] garden[121] implement[72] after[358] which[16] it[162] is[487] named[312]; only[517] its[234]
sides[331] are[314] perfectly[26] flat[445], and[236] its[234] upper[403] end[149] considerably[110] narrower[316]
than[77] the[19] lower[47]. This[256] weapon[223] is[487] always[367] kept[290] as[113] sharp[427] as[113] possible[277];
and[236] when[189] being[264] used[102] is[487] occasionally[509] honed, just[108] like[410] a[10] razor[471].
In[107] its[234] socket[43], a[10] stiff[549] pole[20], from[316] twenty[433] to[261] thirty[521] feet[349] long[544],
is[487] inserted[102] for[190] a[10] handle[546].

"Queequeg no[235] care[307] what[243] god[185] made[563] him[248] shark[4]," said[252] the[19] savage[398],
agonizingly[40] lifting[100] his[433] hand[252] up[405] and[236] down[133]; "wedder[278] Fejee[122] god[185] or[519]
Nantucket[283] god[185]; but[330] de[404] god[185] wat[30] made[563] shark[4] must[226] be[341] one[470] dam[434] Ingin."

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Cutting[454] In[107]

It[162] was[454] a[10] Saturday[22] night[108], and[236] such[420] a[10] Sabbath[280] as[113] followed[234]!
Ex[144] officio[92] professors[104] of[89] Sabbath[280] breaking[6] are[314] all[145] whalemen[451].
The[19] ivory[76] Pequod[288] was[454] turned[492] into[554] what[243] seemed[132] a[10] shamble[364];
every[389] sailor[561] a[10] butcher[294]. You[227] would[282] have[254] thought[186] we[465] were[324] offering[18]
up[405] ten[198] thousand[586] red[293] oxen[23] to[261] the[19] sea[67] gods[325].

In[107] the[19] first[13] place[107], the[19] enormous[327] cutting[454] tackles[278], among[483] other[282] ponderous[213]
things[4] comprising[243] a[10] cluster[465] of[89] blocks[6] generally[402] painted[340] green[549],
and[236] which[16] no[235] single[77] man[17] can[450] possibly[201] lift[229]--this[256] vast[43] bunch[100] of[89] grapes[69]
was[454] swayed[136] up[405] to[261] the[19] main[501]-top[70] and[236] firmly[308] lashed[97] to[261] the[19] lower[47]
mast[44]-head[116], the[19] strongest[426] point[438] anywhere[436] above[502] a[10] ship[438]'s[483] deck[505].
The[19] end[149] of[89] the[19] hawser[379]-like[410] rope[265] winding[486] through[295] these[527] intricacies[223],
was[454] then[45] conducted[269] to[261] the[19] windlass[231], and[236] the[19] huge[132] lower[47] block[275]
of[89] the[19] tackles[278] was[454] swung[205] over[82] the[19] whale[422]; to[261] this[256] block[275] the[19] great[259]
blubber[232] hook[157], weighing[503] some[265] one[470] hundred[93] pounds[74], was[454] attached[211].
And[236] now[20] suspended[245] in[107] stages[83] over[82] the[19] side[246], Starbuck and[236] Stubb,
the[19] mates[264], armed[299] with[449] their[219] long[544] spades[135], began[132] cutting[454]
a[10] hole[73] in[107] the[19] body[348] for[190] the[19] insertion[86] of[89] the[19] hook[157] just[108] above[502]
the[19] nearest[26] of[89] the[19] two[527] side[246]-fins[556]. This[256] done[135], a[10] broad[267],
semicircular[261] line[25] is[487] cut[310] round[287] the[19] hole[73], the[19] hook[157] is[487] inserted[102],
and[236] the[19] main[501] body[348] of[89] the[19] crew[126] striking[22] up[405] a[10] wild[230] chorus[98],
now[20] commence[308] heaving[174] in[107] one[470] dense[481] crowd[16] at[65] the[19] windlass[231].
When[189] instantly[186], the[19] entire[230] ship[438] careens over[82] on[392] her[400] side[246]; every[389] bolt[156]
in[107] her[400] starts[248] like[410] the[19] nailheads[364] of[89] an[138] old[447] house[499] in[107] frosty[58] weather[405];
she[391] trembles[175], quivers[522], and[236] nods[407] her[400] frighted[191] mast[44]-heads[279] to[261] the[19] sky[331].
More[348] and[236] more[348] she[391] leans[8] over[82] to[261] the[19] whale[422], while[55] every[389] gasping[363] heave[308]
of[89] the[19] windlass[231] is[487] answered[100] by[406] a[10] helping[9] heave[308] from[316] the[19] billows[295];
till[181] at[65] last[436], a[10] swift[376], startling[221] snap[110] is[487] heard[444]; with[449] a[10] great[259]
swash[152] the[19] ship[438] rolls[475] upwards[110] and[236] backwards[143] from[316] the[19] whale[422],
and[236] the[19] triumphant[436] tackle[346] rises[215] into[554] sight[365] dragging[248] after[358] it[162]
the[19] disengaged[410] semicircular[261] end[149] of[89] the[19] first[13] strip[396] of[89] blubber[232].
Now[20] as[113] the[19] blubber[232] envelopes[402] the[19] whale[422] precisely[217] as[113] the[19] rind[257]
does[565] an[138] orange[23], so[281] is[487] it[162] stripped[301] off[111] from[316] the[19] body[348] precisely[217]
as[113] an[138] orange[23] is[487] sometimes[77] stripped[301] by[406] spiralizing it[162].
For[190] the[19] strain[468] constantly[344] kept[290] up[405] by[406] the[19] windlass[231] continually[303]
keeps[20] the[19] whale[422] rolling[253] over[82] and[236] over[82] in[107] the[19] water[520], and[236] as[113]
the[19] blubber[232] in[107] one[470] strip[396] uniformly[384] peels[143] off[111] along[423] the[19] line[25]
called[237] the[19] "scarf[145]," simultaneously[558] cut[310] by[406] the[19] spades[135] of[89] Starbuck
and[236] Stubb, the[19] mates[264]; and[236] just[108] as[113] fast[208] as[113] it[162] is[487] thus[362] peeled[160] off[111],
and[236] indeed[522] by[406] that[14] very[515] act[10] itself[312], it[162] is[487] all[145] the[19] time[577] being[264] hoisted[367]
higher[574] and[236] higher[574] aloft[276] till[181] its[234] upper[403] end[149] grazes[218] the[19] main[501]-top[70];
the[19] men[62] at[65] the[19] windlass[231] then[45] cease[143] heaving[174], and[236] for[190] a[10] moment[258]
or[519] two[527] the[19] prodigious[223] blood[208]-dripping[92] mass[36] sways[305] to[261] and[236] fro[183]
as[113] if[141] let[66] down[133] from[316] the[19] sky[331], and[236] every[389] one[470] present[112] must[226] take[279]
good[221] heed[163] to[261] dodge[472] it[162] when[189] it[162] swings[31], else[212] it[162] may[236] box[226] his[433] ears[560]
and[236] pitch[115] him[248] headlong[4] overboard[247].

One[470] of[89] the[19] attending[416] harpooneers now[20] advances[510] with[449] a[10] long[544], keen[202] weapon[223]
called[237] a[10] boarding[155]-sword[273], and[236] watching[330] his[433] chance[292] he[362] dexterously[45] slices[135]
out[66] a[10] considerable[75] hole[73] in[107] the[19] lower[47] part[207] of[89] the[19] swaying[315] mass[36].
Into[554] this[256] hole[73], the[19] end[149] of[89] the[19] second[386] alternating[83] great[259] tackle[346] is[487] then[45]
hooked[91] so[281] as[113] to[261] retain[153] a[10] hold[204] upon[419] the[19] blubber[232], in[107] order[343] to[261] prepare[265] for[190]
what[243] follows[195]. Whereupon[44], this[256] accomplished[225] swordsman[533], warning[531] all[145] hands[87]
to[261] stand[530] off[111], once[248] more[348] makes[32] a[10] scientific[435] dash[355] at[65] the[19] mass[36], and[236] with[449] a[10]
few[49] sidelong[203], desperate[316], lunging[280], slicings, severs[362] it[162] completely[385] in[107] twain[313];
so[281] that[14] while[55] the[19] short[522] lower[47] part[207] is[487] still[278] fast[208], the[19] long[544] upper[403] strip[396],
called[237] a[10] blanket[115]-piece[121], swings[31] clear[408], and[236] is[487] all[145] ready[464] for[190] lowering[240].
The[19] heavers[325] forward[364] now[20] resume[369] their[219] song[12], and[236] while[55] the[19] one[470] tackle[346] is[487]
peeling[117] and[236] hoisting[50] a[10] second[386] strip[396] from[316] the[19] whale[422], the[19] other[282] is[487] slowly[149]
slackened[31] away[443], and[236] down[133] goes[205] the[19] first[13] strip[396] through[295] the[19] main[501] hatchway[64]

right[499] beneath[320], into[554] an[138] unfurnished[205] parlor[522] called[237] the[19] blubber[232]-room[65]. Into[554] this[256] twilight[158] apartment[18] sundry[53] nimble[169] hands[87] keep[381] coiling[105] away[443] the[19] long[544] blanket[115]-piece[121] as[113] if[141] it[162] were[324] a[10] great[259] live[554] mass[36] of[89] plaited[82] serpents[403]. And[236] thus[362] the[19] work[385] proceeds[215]; the[19] two[527] tackles[278] hoisting[50] and[236] lowering[240] simultaneously[558]; both[558] whale[422] and[236] windlass[231] heaving[174], the[19] heavers[325] singing[288], the[19] blubber[232]-room[65] gentlemen[340] coiling[105], the[19] mates[264] scarfing[3], the[19] ship[438] straining[107], and[236] all[145] hands[87] swearing[40] occasionally[509], by[406] way[435] of[89] assuaging[354] the[19] general[37] friction[240].

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The[19] Blanket[115]

I[482] have[254] given[141] no[235] small[350] attention[518] to[261] that[14] not[518] unvexed[348] subject[382], the[19] skin[428] of[89] the[19] whale[422]. I[482] have[254] had[364] controversies[173] about[123] it[162] with[449] experienced[93] whalemen[451] afloat[2], and[236] learned[277] naturalists[140] ashore[122]. My[36] original[463] opinion[316] remains[324] unchanged[403]; but[330] it[162] is[487] only[517] an[138] opinion[316].

The[19] question[562] is[487], what[243] and[236] where[579] is[487] the[19] skin[428] of[89] the[19] whale[422]. Already[93] you[227] know[60] what[243] his[433] blubber[232] is[487]. That[14] blubber[232] is[487] something[181] of[89] the[19] consistence[191] of[89] firm[415], close[65]-grained beef[303], but[330] tougher[27], more[348] elastic[370] and[236] compact[446], and[236] ranges[425] from[316] eight[316] or[519] ten[198] to[261] twelve[293] and[236] fifteen[289] inches[301] in[107] thickness[280].

Now[20], however[44] preposterous[107] it[162] may[236] at[65] first[13] seem[404] to[261] talk[173] of[89] any[501] creature[82]'s[96] skin[428] as[113] being[264] of[89] that[14] sort[42] of[89] consistence[191] and[236] thickness[280], yet[443] in[107] point[438] of[89] fact[12] these[527] are[314] no[235] arguments[138] against[417] such[420] a[10] presumption[225]; because[540] you[227] cannot raise[265] any[501] other[282] dense[481] enveloping[273] layer[296] from[316] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] body[348] but[330] that[14] same[541] blubber[232]; and[236] the[19] outermost[430] enveloping[273] layer[296] of[89] any[501] animal[22], if[141] reasonably[102] dense[481], what[243] can[450] that[14] be[341] but[330] the[19] skin[428]? True[483], from[316] the[19] unmarred[12] dead[568] body[348] of[89] the[19] whale[422], you[227] may[236] scrape[455] off[111] with[449] your[162] hand[252] an[138] infinitely[70] thin[445], transparent[129] substance[316], somewhat[77] resembling[445] the[19] thinnest[240] shreds[249] of[89] isinglass[25], only[517] it[162] is[487] almost[518] as[113] flexible[283] and[236] soft[226] as[113] satin[114]; that[14] is[487], previous[376] to[261] being[264] dried[331], when[189] it[162] not[518] only[517] contracts[479] and[236] thickens[338], but[330] becomes[314] rather[178] hard[337] and[236] brittle[36]. I[482] have[254] several[479] such[420] dried[331] bits[256], which[16] I[482] use[176] for[190] marks[226] in[107] my[36] whale[422]-books[525]. It[162] is[487] transparent[129], as[113] I[482] said[252] before[344]; and[236] being[264] laid[181] upon[419] the[19] printed[199] page[425], I[482] have[254] sometimes[77] pleased[282] myself[99] with[449] fancying[249] it[162] exerted[292] a[10] magnifying[4] influence[299]. At[65] any[501] rate[515], it[162] is[487] pleasant[233] to[261] read[98] about[123] whales[331] through[295] their[219] own[248] spectacles[410], as[113] you[227] may[236] say[306]. But[330] what[243] I[482] am[375] driving[280] at[65] here[135] is[487] this[256]. That[14] same[541] infinitely[70] thin[445], isinglass[25] substance[316], which[16], I[482] admit[321], invests[25] the[19] entire[230] body[348] of[89] the[19] whale[422], is[487] not[518] so[281] much[61] to[261] be[341] regarded[393] as[113] the[19] skin[428] of[89] the[19] creature[82], as[113] the[19] skin[428] of[89] the[19] skin[428], so[281] to[261] speak[337]; for[190] it[162] were[324] simply[142] ridiculous[92] to[261] say[306], that[14] the[19] proper[249] skin[428] of[89] the[19] tremendous[376] whale[422] is[487] thinner[516] and[236] more[348] tender[454] than[77] the[19] skin[428] of[89] a[10] new[36]-born[320] child[451]. But[330] no[235] more[348] of[89] this[256].

Assuming[330] the[19] blubber[232] to[261] be[341] the[19] skin[428] of[89] the[19] whale[422]; then[45], when[189] this[256] skin[428], as[113] in[107] the[19] case[346] of[89] a[10] very[515] large[385] Sperm[26] Whale[422], will[584] yield[39] the[19] bulk[181] of[89] one[470] hundred[93] barrels[368] of[89] oil[118]; and[236], when[189] it[162] is[487] considered[484] that[14], in[107] quantity[316], or[519] rather[178] weight[213], that[14] oil[118], in[107] its[234] expressed[21] state[135], is[487] only[517] three[329] fourths[477], and[236] not[518] the[19] entire[230] substance[316] of[89] the[19] coat[7]; some[265] idea[250] may[236] hence[503] be[341] had[364] of[89] the[19] enormousness[193] of[89] that[14] animated[143] mass[36], a[10] mere[393] part[207] of[89] whose[286] mere[393] integument[445] yields[124] such[420] a[10] lake[43] of[89] liquid[345] as[113] that[14]. Reckoning[541] ten[198] barrels[368] to[261] the[19] ton[8], you[227] have[254] ten[198] tons[363] for[190] the[19] net[23] weight[213] of[89] only[517] three[329] quarters[336] of[89] the[19] stuff[471] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] skin[428].

In[107] life[71], the[19] visible[94] surface[328] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] is[487] not[518] the[19] least[453] among[483] the[19] many[282] marvels[25] he[362] presents[256]. Almost[518] invariably[55] it[162] is[487] all[145] over[82] obliquely[122] crossed[202] and[236] re-crossed[273] with[449] numberless[4] straight[346] marks[226] in[107] thick[502] array[86], something[181] like[410] those[427] in[107] the[19] finest[66] Italian[396] line[25] engravings[237]. But[330] these[527] marks[226] do[353] not[518] seem[404] to[261] be[341] impressed[4] upon[419] the[19] isinglass[25] substance[316] above[502] mentioned[149], but[330] seem[404] to[261] be[341] seen[154] through[295] it[162], as[113] if[141] they[382] were[324] engraved[25] upon[419] the[19] body[348] itself[312]. Nor[137] is[487] this[256] all[145]. In[107] some[265] instances[252], to[261] the[19] quick[241], observant[296] eye[220], those[427] linear[161] marks[226], as[113] in[107] a[10] veritable[282] engraving[125], but[330] afford[282] the[19] ground[127] for[190] far[258] other[282] delineations[75]. These[527] are[314] hieroglyphical[283]; that[14] is[487], if[141] you[227] call[259] those[427] mysterious[304] cyphers[140] on[392] the[19] walls[116] of[89] pyramids[202] hieroglyphics[99], then[45] that[14] is[487] the[19] proper[249] word[486] to[261] use[176] in[107] the[19] present[112] connexion[400]. By[406] my[36] retentive[208] memory[333] of[89] the[19] hieroglyphics[99] upon[419] one[470] Sperm[26] Whale[422] in[107] particular[336], I[482] was[454] much[61] struck[441] with[449] a[10] plate[396] representing[118] the[19] old[447] Indian[303] characters[277] chiselled[253] on[392] the[19] famous[254] hieroglyphic[171] palisades[155] on[392] the[19] banks[145] of[89] the[19] Upper[403] Mississippi[83]. Like[410] those[427] mystic[455] rocks[265], too[11], the[19] mystic[455]-marked[67] whale[422] remains[324] undecipherable[15]. This[256] allusion[88] to[261] the[19] Indian[303] rocks[265] reminds[430] me[2] of[89] another[269] thing[309]. Besides[465] all[145] the[19] other[282] phenomena[261] which[16] the[19] exterior[451] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] presents[256], he[362] not[518] seldom[140] displays[295] the[19] back[457], and[236] more[348] especially[371] his[433] flanks[46], effaced[396] in[107] great[259] part[207] of[89] the[19] regular[400] linear[161] appearance[138], by[406] reason[238] of[89] numerous[558] rude[474] scratches[345], altogether[31] of[89] an[138] irregular[430], random[439] aspect[147]. I[482] should[255] say[306] that[14] those[427] New[36] England[348] rocks[265] on[392] the[19] seacoast[138], which[16] Agassiz[281] imagines[236] to[261] bear[48] the[19] marks[226] of[89] violent[336] scraping[276]

contact[263] with[449] vast[43] floating[30] icebergs[210]--I[482] should[255] say[306], that[14] those[427] rocks[265] must[226] not[518] a[10] little[554] resemble[405] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] in[107] this[256] particular[336]. It[162] also[119] seems[19] to[261] me[2] that[14] such[420] scratches[345] in[107] the[19] whale[422] are[314] probably[244] made[563] by[406] hostile[224] contact[263] with[449] other[282] whales[331]; for[190] I[482] have[254] most[216] remarked[98] them[146] in[107] the[19] large[385], full[414]-grown[299] bulls[78] of[89] the[19] species[69].

A[10] word[486] or[519] two[527] more[348] concerning[368] this[256] matter[176] of[89] the[19] skin[428] or[519] blubber[232] of[89] the[19] whale[422]. It[162] has[399] already[93] been[185] said[252], that[14] it[162] is[487] stript[292] from[316] him[248] in[107] long[544] pieces[283], called[237] blanket[115]-pieces[283]. Like[410] most[216] sea[67]-terms[297], this[256] one[470] is[487] very[515] happy[416] and[236] significant[143]. For[190] the[19] whale[422] is[487] indeed[522] wrapt[401] up[405] in[107] his[433] blubber[232] as[113] in[107] a[10] real[305] blanket[115] or[519] counterpane[65]; or[519], still[278] better[34], an[138] Indian[303] poncho[155] slipt[237] over[82] his[433] head[219], and[236] skirting[145] his[433] extremity[410]. It[162] is[487] by[406] reason[238] of[89] this[256] cosy[230] blanketing[292] of[89] his[433] body[348], that[14] the[19] whale[422] is[487] enabled[54] to[261] keep[381] himself[282] comfortable[402] in[107] all[145] weathers[284], in[107] all[145] seas[350], times[121], and[236] tides[36]. What[243] would[282] become[548] of[89] a[10] Greenland[110] whale[422], say[306], in[107] those[427] shuddering[143], icy[155] seas[350] of[89] the[19] North[174], if[141] unsupplied[129] with[449] his[433] cosy[230] surtout[19]? True[483], other[282] fish[187] are[314] found[260] exceedingly[257] brisk[142] in[107] those[427] Hyperborean[26] waters[556]; but[330] these[527], be[341] it[162] observed[340], are[314] your[162] cold[330]-blooded[466], lungless fish[187], whose[286] very[515] bellies[192] are[314] refrigerators[25]; creatures[5], that[14] warm[178] themselves[510] under[533] the[19] lee[472] of[89] an[138] iceberg[279], as[113] a[10] traveller[258] in[107] winter[317] would[282] bask[327] before[344] an[138] inn[190] fire[559]; whereas[18], like[410] man[17], the[19] whale[422] has[399] lungs[40] and[236] warm[178] blood[208]. Freeze[143] his[433] blood[208], and[236] he[362] dies[384]. How[19] wonderful[291] is[487] it[162] then[45]--except[545] after[358] explanation[291]--that[14] this[256] great[259] monster[480], to[261] whom[324] corporeal[355] warmth[284] is[487] as[113] indispensable[470] as[113] it[162] is[487] to[261] man[17]; how[19] wonderful[291] that[14] he[362] should[255] be[341] found[260] at[65] home[450], immersed[95] to[261] his[433] lips[585] for[190] life[71] in[107] those[427] Arctic[364] waters[556]! where[579], when[189] seamen[6] fall[90] overboard[247], they[382] are[314] sometimes[77] found[260], months[17] afterwards[418], perpendicularly[41] frozen[446] into[554] the[19] hearts[431] of[89] fields[64] of[89] ice[443], as[113] a[10] fly[324] is[487] found[260] glued[120] in[107] amber[255]. But[330] more[348] surprising[359] is[487] it[162] to[261] know[60], as[113] has[399] been[185] proved[312] by[406] experiment[40], that[14] the[19] blood[208] of[89] a[10] Polar[25] whale[422] is[487] warmer[60] than[77] that[14] of[89] a[10] Borneo[25] negro[102] in[107] summer[408].

It[162] does[565] seem[404] to[261] me[2], that[14] herein[264] we[465] see[370] the[19] rare[296] virtue[16] of[89] a[10] strong[145] individual[233] vitality[204], and[236] the[19] rare[296] virtue[16] of[89] thick[502] walls[116], and[236] the[19] rare[296] virtue[16] of[89] interior[163] spaciousness[25]. Oh[367], man[17]! admire[399] and[236] model[413] thyself[402] after[358] the[19] whale[422]! Do[353] thou[173], too[11], remain[326] warm[178] among[483] ice[443]. Do[353] thou[173], too[11], live[554] in[107] this[256] world[126] without[309] being[264] of[89] it[162]. Be[341] cool[102] at[65] the[19] equator[136]; keep[381] thy[43] blood[208] fluid[212] at[65] the[19] Pole[20]. Like[410] the[19] great[259] dome[125] of[89] St[193]. Peter[419]'s[483], and[236] like[410] the[19] great[259] whale[422], retain[153], O[24] man[17]! in[107] all[145] seasons[192] a[10] temperature[423] of[89] thine[72] own[248].

But[330] how[19] easy[281] and[236] how[19] hopeless[189] to[261] teach[250] these[527] fine[333] things[4]! Of[89] erections[87], how[19] few[49] are[314] domed[188] like[410] St[193]. Peter[419]'s[483]! of[89] creatures[5], how[19] few[49] vast[43] as[113] the[19] whale[422]!

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The[19] Funeral[390]

Haul[19] in[107] the[19] chains[446]! Let[66] the[19] carcase[366] go[20] astern[39]!

The[19] vast[43] tackles[278] have[254] now[20] done[135] their[219] duty[468]. The[19] peeled[160] white[82] body[348] of[89] the[19] beheaded[62] whale[422] flashes[12] like[410] a[10] marble[364] sepulchre[75]; though[400] changed[21] in[107] hue[296], it[162] has[399] not[518] perceptibly[266] lost[308] anything[480] in[107] bulk[181]. It[162] is[487] still[278] colossal[396]. Slowly[149] it[162] floats[36] more[348] and[236] more[348] away[443], the[19] water[520] round[287] it[162] torn[237] and[236] splashed[434] by[406] the[19] insatiate[218] sharks[206], and[236] the[19] air[209] above[502] vexed[340] with[449] rapacious[503] flights[154] of[89] screaming[64] fowls[206], whose[286] beaks[509] are[314] like[410] so[281] many[282] insulting[380] poniards[141] in[107] the[19] whale[422].The[19] vast[43] white[82] headless[504] phantom[101] floats[36] further[53] and[236] further[53] from[316] the[19] ship[438], and[236] every[389] rod[216] that[14] it[162] so[281] floats[36], what[243] seem[404] square[302] roods[4] of[89] sharks[206] and[236] cubic[386] roods[4] of[89] fowls[206], augment[41] the[19] murderous[86] din[190]. For[190] hours[127] and[236] hours[127] from[316] the[19] almost[518] stationary[360] ship[438] that[14] hideous[298] sight[365] is[487] seen[154]. Beneath[320] the[19] unclouded[468] and[236] mild[117] azure[154] sky[331], upon[419] the[19] fair[320] face[556] of[89] the[19] pleasant[233] sea[67], wafted[115] by[406] the[19] joyous[396] breezes[127], that[14] great[259] mass[36] of[89] death[543] floats[36] on[392] and[236] on[392], till[181] lost[308] in[107] infinite[503] perspectives[346].

There[340]'s[483] a[10] most[216] doleful[223] and[236] most[216] mocking[315] funeral[390]! The[19] sea[67]-vultures[107] all[145] in[107] pious[237] mourning[337], the[19] air[209]-sharks[206] all[145] punctiliously[480] in[107] black[581] or[519] speckled[331]. In[107] life[71] but[330] few[49] of[89] them[146] would[282] have[254] helped[204] the[19] whale[422], I[482] ween[218], if[141] peradventure[375] he[362] had[364] needed[133] it[162]; but[330] upon[419] the[19] banquet[105] of[89] his[433] funeral[390] they[382] most[216] piously[13] do[353] pounce[286]. Oh[367], horrible[398] vulturism of[89] earth[513]! from[316] which[16] not[518] the[19] mightiest[395] whale[422] is[487] free[483].

Nor[137] is[487] this[256] the[19] end[149]. Desecrated[367] as[113] the[19] body[348] is[487], a[10] vengeful[504] ghost[246] survives[378] and[236] hovers[162] over[82] it[162] to[261] scare[75]. Espied[320] by[406] some[265] timid[197] man[17]-of[89]-war[6] or[519] blundering[400] discovery[416]-vessel[155] from[316] afar[26], when[189] the[19] distance[264] obscuring[78] the[19] swarming[41] fowls[206], nevertheless[104] still[278] shows[364] the[19] white[82] mass[36] floating[30] in[107] the[19] sun[397], and[236] the[19] white[82] spray[76] heaving[174] high[361] against[417] it[162]; straightway[210] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] unharming[122] corpse[133], with[449] trembling[280] fingers[345] is[487] set[422] down[133] in[107] the[19] log[127]--shoals[340], rocks[265],

and[236] breakers[317] hereabouts[116]: beware[255]! And[236] for[190] years[116] afterwards[418], perhaps[75], ships[21] shun[349] the[19] place[107]; leaping[397] over[82] it[162] as[113] silly[314] sheep[45] leap[342] over[82] a[10] vacuum[44], because[540] their[219] leader[353] originally[367] leaped[314] there[340] when[189] a[10] stick[50] was[454] held[212]. There[340]'s[483] your[162] law[231] of[89] precedents[312]; there[340]'s[483] your[162] utility[259] of[89] traditions[489]; there[340]'s[483] the[19] story[197] of[89] your[162] obstinate[64] survival[373] of[89] old[447] beliefs[54] never[206] bottomed[368] on[392] the[19] earth[513], and[236] now[20] not[518] even[198] hovering[520] in[107] the[19] air[209]! There[340]'s[483] orthodoxy[54]!

Thus[362], while[55] in[107] the[19] life[71] the[19] great[259] whale[422]'s[483] body[348] may[236] have[254] been[185] a[10] real[305] terror[85] to[261] his[433] foes[247], in[107] his[433] death[543] his[433] ghost[246] becomes[314] a[10] powerless[165] panic[285] to[261] a[10] world[126].

Are[314] you[227] a[10] believer[154] in[107] ghosts[44], my[36] friend[179]? There[340] are[314] other[282] ghosts[44] than[77] the[19] Cock[519]-Lane[29] one[470], and[236] far[258] deeper[253] men[62] than[77] Doctor[81] Johnson[69] who[319] believe[191] in[107] them[146].

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The[19] Sphynx[116]

It[162] should[255] not[518] have[254] been[185] omitted[117] that[14] previous[376] to[261] completely[385] stripping[362] the[19] body[348] of[89] the[19] leviathan[384], he[362] was[454] beheaded[62].
Now[20], the[19] beheading[83] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] is[487] a[10] scientific[435] anatomical[68] feat[1], upon[419] which[16] experienced[93] whale[422] surgeons[101] very[515] much[61] pride[279] themselves[510]: and[236] not[518] without[309] reason[238].

Consider[259] that[14] the[19] whale[422] has[399] nothing[324] that[14] can[450] properly[93] be[341] called[237] a[10] neck[239]; on[392] the[19] contrary[166], where[579] his[433] head[219] and[236] body[348] seem[404] to[261] join[61], there[340], in[107] that[14] very[515] place[107], is[487] the[19] thickest[316] part[207] of[89] him[248]. Remember[499], also[119], that[14] the[19] surgeon[135] must[226] operate[518] from[316] above[502], some[265] eight[316] or[519] ten[198] feet[349] intervening[371] between[77] him[248] and[236] his[433] subject[382], and[236] that[14] subject[382] almost[518] hidden[78] in[107] a[10] discolored[426], rolling[253], and[236] oftentimes[30] tumultuous[355] and[236] bursting[288] sea[67]. Bear[48] in[107] mind[118], too[11], that[14] under[533] these[527] untoward[32] circumstances[267] he[362] has[399] to[261] cut[310] many[282] feet[349] deep[483] in[107] the[19] flesh[331]; and[236] in[107] that[14] subterraneous[6] manner[153], without[309] so[281] much[61] as[113] getting[369] one[470] single[77] peep[222] into[554] the[19] ever[208]-contracting[521] gash[293] thus[362] made[563], he[362] must[226] skilfully[165] steer[426] clear[408] of[89] all[145] adjacent[118], interdicted[29] parts[470], and[236] exactly[315] divide[80] the[19] spine[236] at[65] a[10] critical[38] point[438] hard[337] by[406] its[234] insertion[86] into[554] the[19] skull[9].
Do[353] you[227] not[518] marvel[41], then[45], at[65] Stubb's[483] boast[335], that[14] he[362] demanded[223] but[330] ten[198] minutes[368] to[261] behead[312] a[10] sperm[26] whale[422]?

When[189] first[13] severed[232], the[19] head[219] is[487] dropped[2] astern[39] and[236] held[212] there[340] by[406] a[10] cable[41] till[181] the[19] body[348] is[487] stripped[301]. That[14] done[135], if[141] it[162] belong[243] to[261] a[10] small[350] whale[422] it[162] is[487] hoisted[367] on[392] deck[505] to[261] be[341] deliberately[336] disposed[154] of[89]. But[330], with[449] a[10] full[414] grown[299] leviathan[384] this[256] is[487] impossible[305]; for[190] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422]'s[483] head[219] embraces[296] nearly[575] one[470] third[301] of[89] his[433] entire[230] bulk[181], and[236] completely[385] to[261] suspend[71] such[420] a[10] burden[382] as[113] that[14], even[198] by[406] the[19] immense[301] tackles[278] of[89] a[10] whaler[91], this[256] were[324] as[113] vain[216] a[10] thing[309] as[113] to[261] attempt[385] weighing[503] a[10] Dutch[325] barn[66] in[107] jewellers[253]' scales[543].

The[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] whale[422] being[264] decapitated[18] and[236] the[19] body[348] stripped[301], the[19] head[219] was[454] hoisted[367] against[417] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] side[246]--about[123] half[119] way[435] out[66] of[89] the[19] sea[67], so[281] that[14] it[162] might[496] yet[443] in[107] great[259] part[207] be[341] buoyed[26] up[405] by[406] its[234] native[399] element[38]. And[236] there[340] with[449] the[19] strained[516] craft[187] steeply[245] leaning[559] over[82] to[261] it[162], by[406] reason[238] of[89] the[19] enormous[327] downward[157] drag[426] from[316] the[19] lower[47] mast[44]-head[116], and[236] every[389] yard[258]-arm[25] on[392] that[14] side[246] projecting[336] like[410] a[10] crane[110] over[82] the[19] waves[443]; there[340], that[14] blood[208]-dripping[92] head[219] hung[479] to[261] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] waist[52] like[410] the[19] giant[110] Holofernes[243]'s[483] from[316] the[19] girdle[9] of[89] Judith[144].

When[189] this[256] last[436] task[482] was[454] accomplished[225] it[162] was[454] noon[445], and[236] the[19] seamen[6] went[516] below[397] to[261] their[219] dinner[322]. Silence[309] reigned[208] over[82] the[19] before[344] tumultuous[355] but[330] now[20] deserted[178] deck[505]. An[138] intense[89] copper[300] calm[39], like[410] a[10] universal[397] yellow[95] lotus[34], was[454] more[348] and[236] more[348] unfolding[123] its[234] noiseless[21] measureless[102] leaves[441] upon[419] the[19] sea[67].

A[10] short[522] space[468] elapsed[172], and[236] up[405] into[554] this[256] noiselessness[152] came[549] Ahab[232] alone[2] from[316] his[433] cabin[192]. Taking[146] a[10] few[49] turns[136] on[392] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505], he[362] paused[390] to[261] gaze[568] over[82] the[19] side[246], then[45] slowly[149] getting[369] into[554] the[19] main[501]-chains[283] he[362] took[68] Stubb's[483] long[544] spade[19] still[278] remaining[64] there[340] after[358] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] decapitation[18] and[236] striking[22] it[162] into[554] the[19] lower[47] part[207] of[89] the[19] half[119]-suspended[245] mass[36], placed[556] its[234] other[282] end[149] crutchwise under[533] one[470] arm[25], and[236] so[281] stood[1] leaning[559] over[82] with[449] eyes[125] attentively[102] fixed[564] on[392] this[256] head[219].

It[162] was[454] a[10] black[581] and[236] hooded[374] head[219]; and[236] hanging[222] there[340] in[107] the[19] midst[533] of[89] so[281] intense[89] a[10] calm[39], it[162] seemed[132] the[19] Sphynx[116]'s[483] in[107] the[19] desert[255].
"Speak[337], thou[173] vast[43] and[236] venerable[57] head[219]," muttered[180] Ahab[232], "which[16], though[400] ungarnished[4] with[449] a[10] beard[23], yet[443] here[135] and[236] there[340] lookest[169] hoary[29] with[449] mosses[28]; speak[337], mighty[2] head[219], and[236] tell[392] us[569] the[19] secret[409] thing[309] that[14] is[487] in[107] thee[15]. Of[89] all[145] divers[213], thou[173] hast[174] dived[149] the[19] deepest[494]. That[14] head[219] upon[419] which[16] the[19] upper[403] sun[397] now[20] gleams[34], has[399] moved[492] amid[240] this[256] world[126]'s[483] foundations[499]. Where[579] unrecorded[337] names[360] and[236] navies[27] rust[19], and[236] untold[4] hopes[36] and[236] anchors[273] rot[232];

where[579] in[107] her[400] murderous[86] hold[204] this[256] frigate[44] earth[513] is[487] ballasted[141]
with[449] bones[5] of[89] millions[208] of[89] the[19] drowned[83]; there[340], in[107] that[14] awful[539]
water[520]-land[406], there[340] was[454] thy[43] most[216] familiar[139] home[450]. Thou[173] hast[174] been[185]
where[579] bell[28] or[519] diver[120] never[206] went[516]; hast[174] slept[172] by[406] many[282] a[10] sailor[561]'s[483] side[246],
where[579] sleepless[59] mothers[98] would[282] give[142] their[219] lives[245] to[261] lay[62] them[146] down[133].
Thou[173] saw[113]'st[193] the[19] locked[105] lovers[88] when[189] leaping[397] from[316] their[219] flaming[269] ship[438];
heart[470] to[261] heart[470] they[382] sank[310] beneath[320] the[19] exulting[521] wave[556];
true[483] to[261] each[520] other[282], when[189] heaven[163] seemed[132] false[490] to[261] them[146].
Thou[173] saw[113]'st[193] the[19] murdered[273] mate[508] when[189] tossed[227] by[406] pirates[19] from[316]
the[19] midnight[539] deck[505]; for[190] hours[127] he[362] fell[421] into[554] the[19] deeper[253] midnight[539]
of[89] the[19] insatiate[218] maw[314]; and[236] his[433] murderers[205] still[278] sailed[248] on[392] unharmed[92]--
while[55] swift[376] lightnings[174] shivered[34] the[19] neighboring[399] ship[438] that[14] would[282]
have[254] borne[493] a[10] righteous[530] husband[207] to[261] outstretched[48], longing[292] arms[536].
O[24] head[219]! thou[173] hast[174] seen[154] enough[217] to[261] split[148] the[19] planets[110] and[236] make[175]
an[138] infidel[183] of[89] Abraham[124], and[236] not[518] one[470] syllable[374] is[487] thine[72]!"

"Sail[218] ho[31]!" cried[506] a[10] triumphant[436] voice[233] from[316] the[19] main[501]-mast[44]-head[116].

"Aye[86]? Well[263], now[20], that[14]'s[76] cheering[371]," cried[506] Ahab[232], suddenly[193] erecting[15]
himself[282], while[55] whole[199] thunder[356]-clouds[342] swept[305] aside[408] from[316] his[433] brow[474].
"That[14] lively[272] cry[561] upon[419] this[256] deadly[49] calm[39] might[496] almost[518] convert[296]
a[10] better[34] man[17].--Where[579] away[443]?"

"Three[329] points[245] on[392] the[19] starboard[309] bow[146], sir[271], and[236] bringing[9] down[133] her[400]
breeze[227] to[261] us[569]!

"Better[34] and[236] better[34], man[17]. Would[282] now[20] St[193]. Paul[368] would[282] come[420]
along[423] that[14] way[435], and[236] to[261] my[36] breezelessness bring[173] his[433] breeze[227]!
O[24] Nature[159], and[236] O[24] soul[428] of[89] man[17]! how[19] far[258] beyond[421] all[145] utterance[400] are[314] your[162]
linked[155] analogies[547]; not[518] the[19] smallest[443] atom[573] stirs[161] or[519] lives[245] on[392] matter[176],
but[330] has[399] its[234] cunning[198] duplicate[294] in[107] mind[118]."

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The[19] Jeroboam[257]'s[483] Story[197]

Hand[252] in[107] hand[252], ship[438] and[236] breeze[227] blew[234] on[392]; but[330] the[19] breeze[227] came[549] faster[371]
than[77] the[19] ship[438], and[236] soon[18] the[19] Pequod[288] began[132] to[261] rock[264].

By[406] and[236] by[406], through[295] the[19] glass[27] the[19] stranger[233]'s[483] boats[83] and[236] manned[282]
mast[44]-heads[279] proved[312] her[400] a[10] whale[422]-ship[98]. But[330] as[113] she[391] was[454] so[281] far[258]
to[261] windward[170], and[236] shooting[225] by[406], apparently[261] making[415] a[10] passage[285]
to[261] some[265] other[282] ground[127], the[19] Pequod[288] could[375] not[518] hope[211] to[261] reach[43] her[400].
So[281] the[19] signal[264] was[454] set[422] to[261] see[370] what[243] response[7] would[282] be[341] made[563].

Here[135] be[341] it[162] said[252], that[14] like[410] the[19] vessels[150] of[89] military[317] marines[294],
the[19] ships[21] of[89] the[19] American[272] Whale[422] Fleet[206] have[254] each[520] a[10] private[541] signal[264];
all[145] which[16] signals[314] being[264] collected[472] in[107] a[10] book[230] with[449] the[19] names[360]
of[89] the[19] respective[348] vessels[150] attached[211], every[389] captain[295] is[487] provided[100]
with[449] it[162]. Thereby[190], the[19] whale[422] commanders[117] are[314] enabled[54] to[261] recognise[363]
each[520] other[282] upon[419] the[19] ocean[224], even[198] at[65] considerable[75] distance[264],
and[236] with[449] no[235] small[350] facility[285].

The[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] signal[264] was[454] at[65] last[436] responded[337] to[261] by[406] the[19] stranger[233]'s[483]
setting[151] her[400] own[248]; which[16] proved[312] the[19] ship[438] to[261] be[341] the[19] Jeroboam[257]
of[89] Nantucket[283]. Squaring[419] her[400] yards[386], she[391] bore[27] down[133],
ranged[435] abeam[83] under[533] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] lee[472], and[236] lowered[279] a[10] boat[439];
it[162] soon[18] drew[175] nigh[254]; but[330], as[113] the[19] side[246]-ladder[391] was[454] being[264] rigged[340]
by[406] Starbuck's[483] order[343] to[261] accommodate[223] the[19] visiting[402] captain[295],
the[19] stranger[233] in[107] question[562] waved[366] his[433] hand[252] from[316] his[433] boat[439]'s[483] stern[442]
in[107] token[502] of[89] that[14] proceeding[422] being[264] entirely[148] unnecessary[444].
It[162] turned[492] out[66] that[14] the[19] Jeroboam[257] had[364] a[10] malignant[23] epidemic[163] on[392] board[540],
and[236] that[14] Mayhew[252], her[400] captain[295], was[454] fearful[183] of[89] infecting[474]
the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] company[280]. For[190], though[400] himself[282] and[236] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] crew[126]
remained[72] untainted[441], and[236] though[400] his[433] ship[438] was[454] half[119] a[10] rifle[303]-shot[443] off[111],
and[236] an[138] incorruptible[493] sea[67] and[236] air[209] rolling[253] and[236] flowing[298] between[77];
yet[443] conscientiously[22] adhering[163] to[261] the[19] timid[197] quarantine[41] of[89] the[19] land[406],
he[362] peremptorily[235] refused[412] to[261] come[420] into[554] direct[314] contact[263] with[449] the[19] Pequod[288].

But[330] this[256] did[444] by[406] no[235] means[502] prevent[491] all[145] communications[296].
Preserving[129] an[138] interval[114] of[89] some[265] few[49] yards[386] between[77] itself[312] and[236]
the[19] ship[438], the[19] Jeroboam[257]'s[483] boat[439] by[406] the[19] occasional[202] use[176] of[89] its[234] oars[398]
contrived[179] to[261] keep[381] parallel[78] to[261] the[19] Pequod[288], as[113] she[391] heavily[227] forged[119]
through[295] the[19] sea[67] (for[190] by[406] this[256] time[577] it[162] blew[234] very[515] fresh[540]), with[449] her[400]
main[501]-topsail aback[23]; though[400], indeed[522], at[65] times[121] by[406] the[19] sudden[309] onset[292]
of[89] a[10] large[385] rolling[253] wave[556], the[19] boat[439] would[282] be[341] pushed[189] some[265] way[435] ahead[5];
but[330] would[282] be[341] soon[18] skilfully[165] brought[85] to[261] her[400] proper[249] bearings[292] again[52].
Subject[382] to[261] this[256], and[236] other[282] the[19] like[410] interruptions[561] now[20] and[236] then[45],
a[10] conversation[222] was[454] sustained[283] between[77] the[19] two[527] parties[162];
but[330] at[65] intervals[295] not[518] without[309] still[278] another[269] interruption[57] of[89] a[10]
very[515] different[276] sort[42].

Pulling[217] an[138] oar[61] in[107] the[19] Jeroboam[257]'s[483] boat[439], was[454] a[10] man[17] of[89] a[10] singular[216] appearance[138], even[198] in[107] that[14] wild[230] whaling[155] life[71] where[579] individual[233] notabilities[315] make[175] up[405] all[145] totalities. He[362] was[454] a[10] small[350], short[522], youngish[238] man[17], sprinkled[18] all[145] over[82] his[433] face[556] with[449] freckles[260], and[236] wearing[166] redundant[172] yellow[95] hair[237]. A[10] long[544]-skirted[141], cabalistically-cut[310] coat[7] of[89] a[10] faded[69] walnut[97] tinge[261] enveloped[28] him[248]; the[19] overlapping[25] sleeves[363] of[89] which[16] were[324] rolled[226] up[405] on[392] his[433] wrists[260]. A[10] deep[483], settled[540], fanatic[346] delirium[106] was[454] in[107] his[433] eyes[125].

So[281] soon[18] as[113] this[256] figure[55] had[364] been[185] first[13] descried[313], Stubb had[364] exclaimed[281]--"That[14]'s[76] he[362]! that[14]'s[76] he[362]!--the[19] long[544]-togged scaramouch[110] the[19] Town[172]-Ho[31]'s[483] company[280] told[82] us[569] of[89]!" Stubb here[135] alluded[231] to[261] a[10] strange[440] story[197] told[82] of[89] the[19] Jeroboam[257], and[236] a[10] certain[31] man[17] among[483] her[400] crew[126], some[265] time[577] previous[376] when[189] the[19] Pequod[288] spoke[185] the[19] Town[172]-Ho[31]. According[281] to[261] this[256] account[102] and[236] what[243] was[454] subsequently[342] learned[277], it[162] seemed[132] that[14] the[19] scaramouch[110] in[107] question[562] had[364] gained[290] a[10] wonderful[291] ascendency[480] over[82] almost[518] everybody[77] in[107] the[19] Jeroboam[257]. His[433] story[197] was[454] this[256]:

He[362] had[364] been[185] originally[367] nurtured[31] among[483] the[19] crazy[418] society[520] of[89] Neskyeuna Shakers[192], where[579] he[362] had[364] been[185] a[10] great[259] prophet[25]; in[107] their[219] cracked[423], secret[409] meetings[279] having[69] several[479] times[121] descended[99] from[316] heaven[163] by[406] the[19] way[435] of[89] a[10] trapdoor[377], announcing[337] the[19] speedy[282] opening[306] of[89] the[19] seventh[31] vial[82], which[16] he[362] carried[232] in[107] his[433] vest[315]-pocket[461]; but[330], which[16], instead[398] of[89] containing[247] gunpowder[161], was[454] supposed[423] to[261] be[341] charged[103] with[449] laudanum[65]. A[10] strange[440], apostolic[105] whim[44] having[69] seized[337] him[248], he[362] had[364] left[159] Neskyeuna for[190] Nantucket[283], where[579], with[449] that[14] cunning[198] peculiar[291] to[261] craziness[279], he[362] assumed[460] a[10] steady[21], common[304] sense[85] exterior[451], and[236] offered[336] himself[282] as[113] a[10] green[549]-hand[98] candidate[368] for[190] the[19] Jeroboam[257]'s[483] whaling[155] voyage[137]. They[382] engaged[479] him[248]; but[330] straightway[210] upon[419] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] getting[369] out[66] of[89] sight[365] of[89] land[406], his[433] insanity[115] broke[356] out[66] in[107] a[10] freshet[284]. He[362] announced[451] himself[282] as[113] the[19] archangel[82] Gabriel[152], and[236] commanded[571] the[19] captain[295] to[261] jump[50] overboard[247]. He[362] published[393] his[433] manifesto[13], whereby[358] he[362] set[422] himself[282] forth[152] as[113] the[19] deliverer[271] of[89] the[19] isles[425] of[89] the[19] sea[67] and[236] vicar-general[37] of[89] all[145] Oceanica[94]. The[19] unflinching[92] earnestness[256] with[449] which[16] he[362] declared[29] these[527] things[4];--the[19] dark[471], daring[322] play[89] of[89] his[433] sleepless[59], excited[283] imagination[131], and[236] all[145] the[19] preternatural[385] terrors[192] of[89] real[305] delirium[106], united[419] to[261] invest[308] this[256] Gabriel[152] in[107] the[19] minds[244] of[89] the[19] majority[45] of[89] the[19] ignorant[136] crew[126], with[449] an[138] atmosphere[64] of[89] sacredness[384]. Moreover[326], they[382] were[324] afraid[248] of[89] him[248]. As[113] such[420] a[10] man[17], however[44], was[454] not[518] of[89] much[61] practical[74] use[176] in[107] the[19] ship[438], especially[371] as[113] he[362] refused[412] to[261] work[385] except[545] when[189] he[362] pleased[282], the[19] incredulous[361] captain[295] would[282] fain[264] have[254] been[185] rid[367] of[89] him[248]; but[330] apprised[92] that[14] that[14] individual[233]'s[483] intention[272] was[454] to[261] land[406] him[248] in[107] the[19] first[13] convenient[470] port[409], the[19] archangel[82] forthwith[198] opened[461] all[145] his[433] seals[221] and[236] vials[192]--devoting[416] the[19] ship[438] and[236] all[145] hands[87] to[261] unconditional[25] perdition[431], in[107] case[346] this[256] intention[272] was[454] carried[232] out[66]. So[281] strongly[168] did[444] he[362] work[385] upon[419] his[433] disciples[85] among[483] the[19] crew[126], that[14] at[65] last[436] in[107] a[10] body[348] they[382] went[516] to[261] the[19] captain[295] and[236] told[82] him[248] if[141] Gabriel[152] was[454] sent[411] from[316] the[19] ship[438], not[518] a[10] man[17] of[89] them[146] would[282] remain[326]. He[362] was[454] therefore[94] forced[28] to[261] relinquish[261] his[433] plan[99]. Nor[137] would[282] they[382] permit[256] Gabriel[152] to[261] be[341] any[501] way[435] maltreated[83], say[306] or[519] do[353] what[243] he[362] would[282]; so[281] that[14] it[162] came[549] to[261] pass[153] that[14] Gabriel[152] had[364] the[19] complete[191] freedom[88] of[89] the[19] ship[438]. The[19] consequence[111] of[89] all[145] this[256] was[454], that[14] the[19] archangel[82] cared[95] little[554] or[519] nothing[324] for[190] the[19] captain[295] and[236] mates[264]; and[236] since[374] the[19] epidemic[163] had[364] broken[255] out[66], he[362] carried[232] a[10] higher[574] hand[252] than[77] ever[208]; declaring[412] that[14] the[19] plague[133], as[113] he[362] called[237] it[162], was[454] at[65] his[433] sole[462] command[190]; nor[137] should[255] it[162] be[341] stayed[117] but[330] according[281] to[261] his[433] good[221] pleasure[145]. The[19] sailors[64], mostly[190] poor[533] devils[377], cringed[279], and[236] some[265] of[89] them[146] fawned[27] before[344] him[248]; in[107] obedience[74] to[261] his[433] instructions[93], sometimes[77] rendering[155] him[248] personal[492] homage[92], as[113] to[261] a[10] god[185]. Such[420] things[4] may[236] seem[404] incredible[98]; but[330], however[44] wondrous[30], they[382] are[314] true[483]. Nor[137] is[487] the[19] history[183] of[89] fanatics[31] half[119] so[281] striking[22] in[107] respect[441] to[261] the[19] measureless[102] self[442]-deception[7] of[89] the[19] fanatic[346] himself[282], as[113] his[433] measureless[102] power[145] of[89] deceiving[448] and[236] bedevilling[350] so[281] many[282] others[317]. But[330] it[162] is[487] time[577] to[261] return[407] to[261] the[19] Pequod[288].

"I[482] fear[103] not[518] thy[43] epidemic[163], man[17]," said[252] Ahab[232] from[316] the[19] bulwarks[411], to[261] Captain[295] Mayhew[252], who[319] stood[1] in[107] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] stern[442]; "come[420] on[392] board[540]."

But[330] now[20] Gabriel[152] started[492] to[261] his[433] feet[349].

"Think[424], think[424] of[89] the[19] fevers[295], yellow[95] and[236] bilious[235]! Beware[255] of[89] the[19] horrible[398] plague[133]!"

"Gabriel[152]! Gabriel[152]!" cried[506] Captain[295] Mayhew[252]; "thou[173] must[226] either[45]-" But[330] that[14] instant[279] a[10] headlong[4] wave[556] shot[443] the[19] boat[439] far[258] ahead[5], and[236] its[234] seethings drowned[83] all[145] speech[378].

"Hast[174] thou[173] seen[154] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]?" demanded[223] Ahab[232], when[189] the[19] boat[439] drifted[17] back[457].

"Think[424], think[424] of[89] thy[43] whale[422]-boat[439], stoven and[236] sunk[336]! Beware[255] of[89] the[19] horrible[398] tail[102]!"

"I[482] tell[392] thee[15] again[52], Gabriel[152], that[14]-" But[330] again[52] the[19] boat[439] tore[493] ahead[5]

as[113] if[141] dragged[460] by[406] fiends[270]. Nothing[324] was[454] said[252] for[190] some[265] moments[434], while[55] a[10] succession[17] of[89] riotous[448] waves[443] rolled[226] by[406] which[16] by[406] one[470] of[89] those[427] occasional[202] caprices[137] of[89] the[19] seas[350] were[324] tumbling[10], not[518] heaving[174] it[162]. Meantime[210], the[19] hoisted[367] sperm[26] whale[422]'s[483] head[219] jogged[299] about[123] very[515] violently[340], and[236] Gabriel[152] was[454] seen[154] eyeing[49] it[162] with[449] rather[178] more[348] apprehensiveness[4] than[77] his[433] archangel[82] nature[159] seemed[132] to[261] warrant[105].

When[189] this[256] interlude[201] was[454] over[82], Captain[295] Mayhew[252] began[132] a[10] dark[471] story[197] concerning[368] Moby[362] Dick[25]; not[518], however[44], without[309] frequent[430] interruptions[561] from[316] Gabriel[152], whenever[15] his[433] name[477] was[454] mentioned[149], and[236] the[19] crazy[418] sea[67] that[14] seemed[132] leagued[128] with[449] him[248].

It[162] seemed[132] that[14] the[19] Jeroboam[257] had[364] not[518] long[544] left[159] home[450], when[189] upon[419] speaking[22] a[10] whale[422]-ship[98], her[400] people[482] were[324] reliably[26] apprised[92] of[89] the[19] existence[187] of[89] Moby[362] Dick[25], and[236] the[19] havoc[172] he[362] had[364] made[563]. Greedily[111] sucking[373] in[107] this[256] intelligence[30], Gabriel[152] solemnly[200] warned[508] the[19] captain[295] against[417] attacking[258] the[19] White[82] Whale[422], in[107] case[346] the[19] monster[480] should[255] be[341] seen[154]; in[107] his[433] gibbering[72] insanity[115], pronouncing[330] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] to[261] be[341] no[235] less[261] a[10] being[264] than[77] the[19] Shaker[213] God[185] incarnated[161]; the[19] Shakers[192] receiving[124] the[19] Bible[253]. But[330] when[189], some[265] year[347] or[519] two[527] afterwards[418], Moby[362] Dick[25] was[454] fairly[211] sighted[105] from[316] the[19] mast[44]-heads[279], Macey[315], the[19] chief[156] mate[508], burned[389] with[449] ardor[393] to[261] encounter[250] him[248]; and[236] the[19] captain[295] himself[282] being[264] not[518] unwilling[299] to[261] let[66] him[248] have[254] the[19] opportunity[256], despite[519] all[145] the[19] archangel[82]'s[483] denunciations[213] and[236] forewarnings[181], Macey[315] succeeded[76] in[107] persuading[491] five[103] men[62] to[261] man[17] his[433] boat[439]. With[449] them[146] he[362] pushed[189] off[111]; and[236], after[358] much[61] weary[306] pulling[217], and[236] many[282] perilous[141], unsuccessful[503] onsets[107], he[362] at[65] last[436] succeeded[76] in[107] getting[369] one[470] iron[169] fast[208]. Meantime[210], Gabriel[152], ascending[116] to[261] the[19] main[501]-royal[161] mast[44]-head[116], was[454] tossing[213] one[470] arm[25] in[107] frantic[211] gestures[258], and[236] hurling[292] forth[152] prophecies[174] of[89] speedy[282] doom[73] to[261] the[19] sacrilegious[261] assailants[273] of[89] his[433] divinity[486]. Now[20], while[55] Macey[315], the[19] mate[508], was[454] standing[144] up[405] in[107] his[433] boat[439]'s[483] bow[146], and[236] with[449] all[145] the[19] reckless[240] energy[182] of[89] his[433] tribe[273] was[454] venting[341] his[433] wild[230] exclamations[278] upon[419] the[19] whale[422], and[236] essaying[479] to[261] get[126] a[10] fair[320] chance[292] for[190] his[433] poised[198] lance[76], lo[418]! a[10] broad[267] white[82] shadow[438] rose[449] from[316] the[19] sea[67]; by[406] its[234] quick[241], fanning[363] motion[544], temporarily[22] taking[146] the[19] breath[150] out[66] of[89] the[19] bodies[392] of[89] the[19] oarsmen[59]. Next[27] instant[279], the[19] luckless[122] mate[508], so[281] full[414] of[89] furious[89] life[71], was[454] smitten[83] bodily[172] into[554] the[19] air[209], and[236] making[415] a[10] long[544] arc[174] in[107] his[433] descent[181], fell[421] into[554] the[19] sea[67] at[65] the[19] distance[264] of[89] about[123] fifty[406] yards[386]. Not[518] a[10] chip[157] of[89] the[19] boat[439] was[454] harmed[199], nor[137] a[10] hair[237] of[89] any[501] oarsman[60]'s[483] head[219]; but[330] the[19] mate[508] for[190] ever[208] sank[310].

It[162] is[487] well[263] to[261] parenthesize here[135], that[14] of[89] the[19] fatal[460] accidents[122] in[107] the[19] Sperm[26]-Whale[422] Fishery[136], this[256] kind[451] is[487] perhaps[75] almost[518] as[113] frequent[430] as[113] any[501]. Sometimes[77], nothing[324] is[487] injured[298] but[330] the[19] man[17] who[319] is[487] thus[362] annihilated[133]; oftener[222] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] bow[146] is[487] knocked[49] off[111], or[519] the[19] thigh[108]-board[540], on[392] which[16] the[19] headsman[143] stands[256], is[487] torn[237] from[316] its[234] place[107] and[236] accompanies[11] the[19] body[348]. But[330] strangest[86] of[89] all[145] is[487] the[19] circumstance[407], that[14] in[107] more[348] instances[252] than[77] one[470], when[189] the[19] body[348] has[399] been[185] recovered[234], not[518] a[10] single[77] mark[169] of[89] violence[486] is[487] discernible[136] the[19] man[17] being[264] stark[376] dead[568].

The[19] whole[199] calamity[138], with[449] the[19] falling[498] form[238] of[89] Macey[315], was[454] plainly[450] descried[313] from[316] the[19] ship[438]. Raising[99] a[10] piercing[305] shriek[27]--"The[19] vial[82]! the[19] vial[82]!" Gabriel[152] called[237] off[111] the[19] terror[85]-stricken[328] crew[126] from[316] the[19] further[53] hunting[45] of[89] the[19] whale[422]. This[256] terrible[132] event[28] clothed[63] the[19] archangel[82] with[449] added[52] influence[299]; because[540] his[433] credulous[74] disciples[85] believed[214] that[14] he[362] had[364] specifically[31] fore[259]-announced[451] it[162], instead[398] of[89] only[517] making[415] a[10] general[37] prophecy[147], which[16] any[501] one[470] might[496] have[254] done[135], and[236] so[281] have[254] chanced[424] to[261] hit[322] one[470] of[89] many[282] marks[226] in[107] the[19] wide[465] margin[173] allowed[339]. He[362] became[70] a[10] nameless[427] terror[85] to[261] the[19] ship[438].

Mayhew[252] having[69] concluded[157] his[433] narration[402], Ahab[232] put[190] such[420] questions[300] to[261] him[248], that[14] the[19] stranger[233] captain[295] could[375] not[518] forbear[511] inquiring[24] whether[454] he[362] intended[495] to[261] hunt[418] the[19] White[82] Whale[422], if[141] opportunity[256] should[255] offer[422]. To[261] which[16] Ahab[232] answered[100]--"Aye[86]." Straightway[210], then[45], Gabriel[152] once[248] more[348] started[492] to[261] his[433] feet[349], glaring[23] upon[419] the[19] old[447] man[17], and[236] vehemently[201] exclaimed[281], with[449] downward[157] pointed[413] finger[190]--"Think[424], think[424] of[89] the[19] blasphemer[60]--dead[568], and[236] down[133] there[340]!--beware[255] of[89] the[19] blasphemer[60]'s[483] end[149]!"

Ahab[232] stolidly[323] turned[492] aside[408]; then[45] said[252] to[261] Mayhew[252], "Captain[295], I[482] have[254] just[108] bethought[422] me[2] of[89] my[36] letter[539]-bag[141]; there[340] is[487] a[10] letter[539] for[190] one[470] of[89] thy[43] officers[439], if[141] I[482] mistake[471] not[518]. Starbuck, look[523] over[82] the[19] bag[141]."

Every[389] whale[422]-ship[98] takes[362] out[66] a[10] goodly[151] number[196] of[89] letters[170] for[190] various[183] ships[21], whose[286] delivery[5] to[261] the[19] persons[5] to[261] whom[324] they[382] may[236] be[341] addressed[169], depends[568] upon[419] the[19] mere[393] chance[292] of[89] encountering[332] them[146] in[107] the[19] four[175] oceans[60]. Thus[362], most[216] letters[170] never[206] reach[43] their[219] mark[169]; and[236] many[282] are[314] only[517] received[12] after[358] attaining[399] an[138] age[157] of[89] two[527] or[519] three[329] years[116] or[519] more[348].

Soon[18] Starbuck returned[214] with[449] a[10] letter[539] in[107] his[433] hand[252]. It[162] was[454] sorely[76] tumbled[494], damp[264], and[236] covered[452] with[449] a[10] dull[546], spotted[122], green[549] mould[208], in[107] consequence[111] of[89] being[264] kept[290] in[107] a[10] dark[471] locker[26] of[89] the[19] cabin[192]. Of[89] such[420] a[10] letter[539], Death[543] himself[282] might[496] well[263] have[254] been[185] the[19] post[2]-boy[110].

"Can[450]'st[193] not[518] read[98] it[162]?" cried[506] Ahab[232]. "Give[142] it[162] me[2], man[17]. Aye[86], aye[86], aye[86] it[162]'s[483] but[330] a[10] dim[14] scrawl[292];--what[243]'s[483] this[256]?" As[113] he[362] was[454] studying[67] it[162] out[66], Starbuck took[68] a[10] long[544] cutting[454]-spade[19] pole[20], and[236] with[449] his[433] knife[503] slightly[238] split[148] the[19] end[149], to[261] insert[431] the[19] letter[539] there[340], and[236] in[107] that[14] way[435], hand[252] it[162] to[261] the[19] boat[439], without[309] its[234] coming[140] any[501] closer[111] to[261] the[19] ship[438].

Meantime[210], Ahab[232] holding[311] the[19] letter[539], muttered[180], "Mr[219]. Har[479]--yes[143], Mr[219]. Harry[70]--(a[10] woman[448]'s[483] pinny[147] hand[252],--the[19] man[17]'s[415] wife[37], I[482]'ll[300] wager[560])--Aye[86]--Mr[219]. Harry[70] Macey[315], Ship[438] Jeroboam[257]; why[177] it[162]'s[483] Macey[315], and[236] he[362]'s[483] dead[568]!"

"Poor[533] fellow[369]! poor[533] fellow[369]! and[236] from[316] his[433] wife[37]," sighed[445] Mayhew[252]; "but[330] let[66] me[2] have[254] it[162]."

"Nay[358], keep[381] it[162] thyself[402]," cried[506] Gabriel[152] to[261] Ahab[232]; "thou[173] art[462] soon[18] going[227] that[14] way[435]."

"Curses[497] throttle[367] thee[15]!" yelled[61] Ahab[232]. "Captain[295] Mayhew[252], stand[530] by[406] now[20] to[261] receive[327] it[162]"; and[236] taking[146] the[19] fatal[460] missive[34] from[316] Starbuck's[483] hands[87], he[362] caught[105] it[162] in[107] the[19] slit[430] of[89] the[19] pole[20], and[236] reached[386] it[162] over[82] towards[417] the[19] boat[439]. But[330] as[113] he[362] did[444] so[281], the[19] oarsmen[59] expectantly[284] desisted[227] from[316] rowing[375]; the[19] boat[439] drifted[17] a[10] little[554] towards[417] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] stern[442]; so[281] that[14], as[113] if[141] by[406] magic[54], the[19] letter[539] suddenly[193] ranged[435] along[423] with[449] Gabriel[152]'s[483] eager[516] hand[252]. He[362] clutched[169] it[162] in[107] an[138] instant[279], seized[337] the[19] boat[439]-knife[503], and[236] impaling[310] the[19] letter[539] on[392] it[162], sent[411] it[162] thus[362] loaded[55] back[457] into[554] the[19] ship[438]. It[162] fell[421] at[65] Ahab[232]'s[483] feet[349]. Then[45] Gabriel[152] shrieked[151] out[66] to[261] his[433] comrades[410] to[261] give[142] way[435] with[449] their[219] oars[398], and[236] in[107] that[14] manner[153] the[19] mutinous[102] boat[439] rapidly[116] shot[443] away[443] from[316] the[19] Pequod[288].

As[113], after[358] this[256] interlude[201], the[19] seamen[6] resumed[7] their[219] work[385] upon[419] the[19] jacket[481] of[89] the[19] whale[422], many[282] strange[440] things[4] were[324] hinted[253] in[107] reference[116] to[261] this[256] wild[230] affair[388].

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In[107] the[19] tumultuous[355] business[168] of[89] cutting[454]-in[107] and[236] attending[416] to[261] a[10] whale[422], there[340] is[487] much[61] running[296] backwards[143] and[236] forwards[528] among[483] the[19] crew[126]. Now[20] hands[87] are[314] wanted[85] here[135], and[236] then[45] again[52] hands[87] are[314] wanted[85] there[340]. There[340] is[487] no[235] staying[266] in[107] any[501] one[470] place[107]; for[190] at[65] one[470] and[236] the[19] same[541] time[577] everything[233] has[399] to[261] be[341] done[135] everywhere[469]. It[162] is[487] much[61] the[19] same[541] with[449] him[248] who[319] endeavors[212] the[19] description[396] of[89] the[19] scene[228]. We[465] must[226] now[20] retrace[155] our[234] way[435] a[10] little[554]. It[162] was[454] mentioned[149] that[14] upon[419] first[13] breaking[6] ground[127] in[107] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] back[457], the[19] blubber[232]-hook[157] was[454] inserted[102] into[554] the[19] original[463] hole[73] there[340] cut[310] by[406] the[19] spades[135] of[89] the[19] mates[264]. But[330] how[19] did[444] so[281] clumsy[394] and[236] weighty[503] a[10] mass[36] as[113] that[14] same[541] hook[157] get[126] fixed[564] in[107] that[14] hole[73]? It[162] was[454] inserted[102] there[340] by[406] my[36] particular[336] friend[179] Queequeg, whose[286] duty[468] it[162] was[454], as[113] harpooneer, to[261] descend[252] upon[419] the[19] monster[480]'s[483] back[457] for[190] the[19] special[326] purpose[514] referred[350] to[261]. But[330] in[107] very[515] many[282] cases[108], circumstances[267] require[228] that[14] the[19] harpooneer shall[66] remain[326] on[392] the[19] whale[422] till[181] the[19] whole[199] tensing or[519] stripping[362] operation[261] is[487] concluded[157]. The[19] whale[422], be[341] it[162] observed[340], lies[27] almost[518] entirely[148] submerged[402], excepting[289] the[19] immediate[388] parts[470] operated[201] upon[419]. So[281] down[133] there[340], some[265] ten[198] feet[349] below[397] the[19] level[378] of[89] the[19] deck[505], the[19] poor[533] harpooneer flounders[218] about[123], half[119] on[392] the[19] whale[422] and[236] half[119] in[107] the[19] water[520], as[113] the[19] vast[43] mass[36] revolves[20] like[410] a[10] tread[252]-mill[22] beneath[320] him[248]. On[392] the[19] occasion[211] in[107] question[562], Queequeg figured[201] in[107] the[19] Highland[173] costume[223]--a[10] shirt[413] and[236] socks[479]--in[107] which[16] to[261] my[36] eyes[125], at[65] least[453], he[362] appeared[88] to[261] uncommon[88] advantage[169]; and[236] no[235] one[470] had[364] a[10] better[34] chance[292] to[261] observe[213] him[248], as[113] will[584] presently[166] be[341] seen[154].

Being[264] the[19] savage[398]'s[483] bowsman[290], that[14] is[487], the[19] person[550] who[319] pulled[213] the[19] bow[146]-oar[61] in[107] his[433] boat[439] (the[19] second[386] one[470] from[316] forward[364]), it[162] was[454] my[36] cheerful[391] duty[468] to[261] attend[120] upon[419] him[248] while[55] taking[146] that[14] hard[337]-scrabble scramble[4] upon[419] the[19] dead[568] whale[422]'s[483] back[457]. You[227] have[254] seen[154] Italian[396] organ[336]-boys[22] holding[311] a[10] dancing[192]-ape[318] by[406] a[10] long[544] cord[96]. Just[108] so[281], from[316] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] steep[108] side[246], did[444] I[482] hold[204] Queequeg down[133] there[340] in[107] the[19] sea[67], by[406] what[243] is[487] technically[247] called[237] in[107] the[19] fishery[136] a[10] monkey[335]-rope[265], attached[211] to[261] a[10] strong[145] strip[396] of[89] canvas[557] belted[114] round[287] his[433] waist[52].

It[162] was[454] a[10] humorously[265] perilous[141] business[168] for[190] both[558] of[89] us[569]. For[190], before[344] we[465] proceed[367] further[53], it[162] must[226] be[341] said[252] that[14] the[19] monkey[335]-rope[265] was[454] fast[208] at[65] both[558] ends[301]; fast[208] to[261] Queequeg's[483] broad[267] canvas[557] belt[323], and[236] fast[208] to[261] my[36] narrow[140] leather[303] one[470]. So[281] that[14] for[190] better[34] or[519] for[190] worse[561], we[465] two[527], for[190] the[19] time[577], were[324] wedded[489]; and[236] should[255] poor[533] Queequeg sink[190] to[261] rise[251] no[235] more[348], then[45] both[558] usage[454] and[236] honor[497] demanded[223], that[14] instead[398] of[89] cutting[454] the[19] cord[96], it[162] should[255] drag[426] me[2] down[133] in[107] his[433] wake[205]. So[281], then[45], an[138] elongated[142] Siamese[26] ligature[4] united[419] us[569]. Queequeg was[454] my[36] own[248] inseparable[88] twin[492] brother[46]; nor[137] could[375] I[482] any[501] way[435] get[126] rid[367] of[89] the[19] dangerous[2] liabilities[239] which[16] the[19] hempen[451] bond[174] entailed[392].

So[281] strongly[168] and[236] metaphysically[81] did[444] I[482] conceive[133] of[89] my[36] situation[331] then[45],
that[14] while[55] earnestly[98] watching[330] his[433] motions[62], I[482] seemed[132] distinctly[26]
to[261] perceive[131] that[14] my[36] own[248] individuality[15] was[454] now[20] merged[210] in[107] a[10]
joint[65] stock[437] company[280] of[89] two[527]; that[14] my[36] free[483] will[584] had[364] received[12]
a[10] mortal[371] wound[342]; and[236] that[14] another[269]'s[483] mistake[471] or[519] misfortune[340]
might[496] plunge[234] innocent[156] me[2] into[554] unmerited[41] disaster[47] and[236] death[543].
Therefore[94], I[482] saw[113] that[14] here[135] was[454] a[10] sort[42] of[89] interregnum[261] in[107] Providence[112];
for[190] its[234] even[198]-handed[189] equity[400] never[206] could[375] have[254] so[281] gross[36] an[138] injustice[380].
And[236] yet[443] still[278] further[53] pondering[280]--while[55] I[482] jerked[481] him[248] now[20] and[236]
then[45] from[316] between[77] the[19] whale[422] and[236] ship[438], which[16] would[282] threaten[113]
to[261] jam[141] him[248]--still[278] further[53] pondering[280], I[482] say[306], I[482] saw[113] that[14] this[256]
situation[331] of[89] mine[482] was[454] the[19] precise[158] situation[331] of[89] every[389] mortal[371]
that[14] breathes[410]; only[517], in[107] most[216] cases[108], he[362], one[470] way[435] or[519] other[282],
has[399] this[256] Siamese[26] connexion[400] with[449] a[10] plurality[350] of[89] other[282] mortals[72].
If[141] your[162] banker[93] breaks[522], you[227] snap[110]; if[141] your[162] apothecary[438] by[406] mistake[471]
sends[192] you[227] poison[24] in[107] your[162] pills[70], you[227] die[229]. True[483], you[227] may[236]
say[306] that[14], by[406] exceeding[320] caution[162], you[227] may[236] possibly[201] escape[565]
these[527] and[236] the[19] multitudinous[317] other[282] evil[2] chances[400] of[89] life[71].
But[330] handle[546] Queequeg's[483] monkey[335]-rope[265] heedfully[84] as[113] I[482] would[282],
sometimes[77] he[362] jerked[481] it[162] so[281], that[14] I[482] came[549] very[515] near[70] sliding[540] overboard[247].
Nor[137] could[375] I[482] possibly[201] forget[426] that[14], do[353] what[243] I[482] would[282], I[482] only[517] had[364]
the[19] management[97] of[89] one[470] end[149] of[89] it[162].*

*The[19] monkey[335]-rope[265] is[487] found[260] in[107] all[145] whalers[116]; but[330] it[162] was[454] only[517] in[107]
the[19] Pequod[288] that[14] the[19] monkey[335] and[236] his[433] holder[156] were[324] ever[208] tied[101] together[440].
This[256] improvement[74] upon[419] the[19] original[463] usage[454] was[454] introduced[265] by[406] no[235] less[261]
a[10] man[17] than[77] Stubb, in[107] order[343] to[261] afford[282] to[261] the[19] imperilled[393] harpooneer
the[19] strongest[426] possible[277] guarantee[423] for[190] the[19] faithfulness[249] and[236] vigilance[124]
of[89] his[433] monkey[335]-rope[265] holder[156].

I[482] have[254] hinted[253] that[14] I[482] would[282] often[227] jerk[451] poor[533] Queequeg from[316] between[77]
the[19] whale[422] and[236] the[19] ship[438]--where[579] he[362] would[282] occasionally[509] fall[90],
from[316] the[19] incessant[91] rolling[253] and[236] swaying[315] of[89] both[558].
But[330] this[256] was[454] not[518] the[19] only[517] jamming[310] jeopardy[95] he[362] was[454] exposed[356] to[261].
Unappalled[104] by[406] the[19] massacre[288] made[563] upon[419] them[146] during[309] the[19] night[108],
the[19] sharks[206] now[20] freshly[506] and[236] more[348] keenly[270] allured[15] by[406] the[19] before[344] pent[314]
blood[208] which[16] began[132] to[261] flow[44] from[316] the[19] carcass[398]--the[19] rabid[133] creatures[5]
swarmed[12] round[287] it[162] like[410] bees[350] in[107] a[10] beehive[3].

And[236] right[499] in[107] among[483] those[427] sharks[206] was[454] Queequeg; who[319] often[227] pushed[189]
them[146] aside[408] with[449] his[433] floundering[283] feet[349]. A[10] thing[309] altogether[31]
incredible[98] were[324] it[162] not[518] that[14] attracted[36] by[406] such[420] prey[347] as[113] a[10] dead[568] whale[422],
the[19] otherwise[542] miscellaneously[223] carnivorous[34] shark[4] will[584] seldom[140]
touch[486] a[10] man[17].

Nevertheless[104], it[162] may[236] well[263] be[341] believed[214] that[14] since[374] they[382] have[254]
such[420] a[10] ravenous[29] finger[190] in[107] the[19] pie[336], it[162] is[487] deemed[17] but[330] wise[16]
to[261] look[523] sharp[427] to[261] them[146]. Accordingly[249], besides[465] the[19] monkey[335]-rope[265],
with[449] which[16] I[482] now[20] and[236] then[45] jerked[481] the[19] poor[533] fellow[369] from[316] too[11]
close[65] a[10] vicinity[208] to[261] the[19] maw[314] of[89] what[243] seemed[132] a[10] peculiarly[182]
ferocious[448] shark[4]--he[362] was[454] provided[100] with[449] still[278] another[269] protection[71].
Suspended[245] over[82] the[19] side[246] in[107] one[470] of[89] the[19] stages[83], Tashtego and[236] Daggoo
continually[303] flourished[102] over[82] his[433] head[219] a[10] couple[261] of[89] keen[202] whale[422]-spades[135],
wherewith[157] they[382] slaughtered[133] as[113] many[282] sharks[206] as[113] they[382] could[375] reach[43].
This[256] procedure[276] of[89] theirs[137], to[261] be[341] sure[41], was[454] very[515] disinterested[129]
and[236] benevolent[67] of[89] them[146]. They[382] meant[157] Queequeg's[483] best[315] happiness[344],
I[482] admit[321]; but[330] in[107] their[219] hasty[183] zeal[57] to[261] befriend[223] him[248], and[236] from[316]
the[19] circumstance[407] that[14] both[558] he[362] and[236] the[19] sharks[206] were[324] at[65] times[121] half[119]
hidden[78] by[406] the[19] blood[208]-muddled water[520], those[427] indiscreet[93] spades[135]
of[89] theirs[137] would[282] come[420] nearer[303] amputating[183] a[10] leg[331] than[77] a[10] tall[373].
But[330] poor[533] Queequeg, I[482] suppose[120], straining[107] and[236] gasping[363] there[340]
with[449] that[14] great[259] iron[169] hook[157]--poor[533] Queequeg, I[482] suppose[120], only[517] prayed[460]
to[261] his[433] Yojo, and[236] gave[572] up[405] his[433] life[71] into[554] the[19] hands[87] of[89] his[433] gods[325].

Well[263], well[263], my[36] dear[333] comrade[148] and[236] twin[492]-brother[46], thought[186] I[482], as[113] I[482]
drew[175] in[107] and[236] then[45] slacked[193] off[111] the[19] rope[265] to[261] every[389] swell[280] of[89] the[19] sea[67]--
what[243] matters[515] it[162], after[358] all[145]? Are[314] you[227] not[518] the[19] precious[234]
image[74] of[89] each[520] and[236] all[145] of[89] us[569] men[62] in[107] this[256] whaling[155] world[126]?
That[14] unsounded[253] ocean[224] you[227] gasp[310] in[107], is[487] Life[71]; those[427] sharks[206], your[162] foes[247];
those[427] spades[135], your[162] friends[169]; and[236] what[243] between[77] sharks[206] and[236] spades[135]
you[227] are[314] in[107] a[10] sad[341] pickle[110] and[236] peril[565], poor[533] lad[342].

But[330] courage[48]! there[340] is[487] good[221] cheer[337] in[107] store[420] for[190] you[227], Queequeg. For[190] now[20],
as[113] with[449] blue[240] lips[585] and[236] blood[208]-shot[443] eyes[125] the[19] exhausted[552] savage[398] at[65] last[436]
climbs[157] up[405] the[19] chains[446] and[236] stands[256] all[145] dripping[92] and[236] involuntarily[124]
trembling[280] over[82] the[19] side[246]; the[19] steward[82] advances[510], and[236] with[449] a[10] benevolent[67],
consolatory[361] glance[362] hands[87] him[248]--what[243]? Some[265] hot[424] Cognac[2]? No[235]! hands[87] him[248],
ye[483] gods[325]! hands[87] him[248] a[10] cup[13] of[89] tepid[166] ginger[449] and[236] water[520]!

"Ginger[449]? Do[353] I[482] smell[124] ginger[449]?" suspiciously[310] asked[369] Stubb, coming[140] near[70].
"Yes[143], this[256] must[226] be[341] ginger[449]," peering[446] into[554] the[19] as[113] yet[443] untasted[309] cup[13].

Then[45] standing[144] as[113] if[141] incredulous[361] for[190] a[10] while[55], he[362] calmly[170] walked[92] towards[417] the[19] astonished[260] steward[82] slowly[149] saying[9], "Ginger[449]? ginger[449]? and[236] will[584] you[227] have[254] the[19] goodness[64] to[261] tell[392] me[2], Mr[219]. Dough-Boy[110], where[579] lies[27] the[19] virtue[16] of[89] ginger[449]? Ginger[449]! is[487] ginger[449] the[19] sort[42] of[89] fuel[84] you[227] use[176], Dough-boy[110], to[261] kindle[113] a[10] fire[559] in[107] this[256] shivering[559] cannibal[180]? Ginger[449]!--what[243] the[19] devil[411] is[487] ginger[449]?--sea[67]-coal[127]? firewood[269]?--lucifer[212] matches[279]?--tinder[106]?--gunpowder[161]?--what[243] the[19] devil[411] is[487] ginger[449], I[482] say[306], that[14] you[227] offer[422] this[256] cup[13] to[261] our[234] poor[533] Queequeg here[135]."

"There[340] is[487] some[265] sneaking[252] Temperance[125] Society[520] movement[128] about[123] this[256] business[168]," he[362] suddenly[193] added[52], now[20] approaching[271] Starbuck, who[319] had[364] just[108] come[420] from[316] forward[364]. "Will[584] you[227] look[523] at[65] that[14] kannakin, sir[271]; smell[124] of[89] it[162], if[141] you[227] please[153]." Then[45] watching[330] the[19] mate[508]'s[483] countenance[553], he[362] added[52], "The[19] steward[82], Mr[219]. Starbuck, had[364] the[19] face[556] to[261] offer[422] that[14] calomel[42] and[236] jalap[78] to[261] Queequeg, there[340], this[256] instant[279] off[111] the[19] whale[422]. Is[487] the[19] steward[82] an[138] apothecary[438], sir[271]? and[236] may[236] I[482] ask[238] whether[454] this[256] is[487] the[19] sort[42] of[89] bitters[70] by[406] which[16] he[362] blows[361] back[457] the[19] life[71] into[554] a[10] half[119]-drowned[244] man[17]?"

"I[482] trust[495] not[518]," said[252] Starbuck, "it[162] is[487] poor[533] stuff[471] enough[217]."

"Aye[86], aye[86], steward[82]," cried[506] Stubb, "we[465]'ll[300] teach[250] you[227] to[261] drug[31] it[162] harpooneer; none[365] of[89] your[162] apothecary[438]'s[483] medicine[167] here[135]; you[227] want[350] to[261] poison[24] us[569], do[353] ye[483]? You[227] have[254] got[286] out[66] insurances[358] on[392] our[234] lives[245] and[236] want[350] to[261] give[142] way[435] with[449] their[219] oars[398], and[236] pocket[461] the[19] proceeds[215], do[353] ye[483]?"

"It[162] was[454] not[518] me[2]," cried[506] Dough-Boy[110], "it[162] was[454] Aunt[272] Charity[221] that[14] brought[85] the[19] ginger[449] on[392] board[540]; and[236] bade[411] me[2] never[206] give[142] the[19] harpooneers any[501] spirits[471], but[330] only[517] this[256] ginger[449]-jub--so[281] she[391] called[237] it[162]."

"Ginger[449]-jub! you[227] gingerly[43] rascal[231]! take[279] that[14]! and[236] run[172] along[423] with[449] ye[483] to[261] the[19] lockers[98], and[236] get[126] something[181] better[34]. I[482] hope[211] I[482] do[353] no[235] wrong[70], Mr[219]. Starbuck. It[162] is[487] the[19] captain[295]'s[483] orders[199]--grog[98] for[190] the[19] harpooneer on[392] a[10] whale[422]."

"Enough[217]," replied[163] Starbuck, "only[517] don[280]'t[500] hit[322] him[248] again[52], but[330]-"

"Oh[367], I[482] never[206] hurt[145] when[189] I[482] hit[322], except[545] when[189] I[482] hit[322] a[10] whale[422] or[519] something[181] of[89] that[14] sort[42]; and[236] this[256] fellow[369]'s[483] a[10] weazel[191]. What[243] were[324] you[227] about[123] saying[9], sir[271]?"

"Only[517] this[256]: go[20] down[133] with[449] him[248], and[236] get[126] what[243] thou[173] wantest[280] thyself[402]."

When[189] Stubb reappeared[59], he[362] came[549] with[449] a[10] dark[471] flask[199] in[107] one[470] hand[252], and[236] a[10] sort[42] of[89] tea[521]-caddy in[107] the[19] other[282]. The[19] first[13] contained[275] strong[145] spirits[471], and[236] was[454] handed[189] to[261] Queequeg; the[19] second[386] was[454] Aunt[272] Charity[221]'s[483] gift[213], and[236] that[14] was[454] freely[386] given[141] to[261] the[19] waves[443].

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Stubb and[236] Flask[199] Kill[219] a[10] Right[499] Whale[422]; and[236] Then[45] Have[254] a[10] Talk[173] Over[82] Him[248]

It[162] must[226] be[341] borne[493] in[107] mind[118] that[14] all[145] this[256] time[577] we[465] have[254] a[10] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] prodigious[223] head[219] hanging[222] to[261] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] side[246]. But[330] we[465] must[226] let[66] it[162] continue[225] hanging[222] there[340] a[10] while[55] till[181] we[465] can[450] get[126] a[10] chance[292] to[261] attend[120] to[261] it[162]. For[190] the[19] present[112] other[282] matters[515] press[91], and[236] the[19] best[315] we[465] can[450] do[353] now[20] for[190] the[19] head[219], is[487] to[261] pray[311] heaven[163] the[19] tackles[278] may[236] hold[204].

Now[20], during[309] the[19] past[111] night[108] and[236] forenoon[92], the[19] Pequod[288] had[364] gradually[355] drifted[17] into[554] a[10] sea[67], which[16], by[406] its[234] occasional[202] patches[461] of[89] yellow[95] brit[20], gave[572] unusual[322] tokens[473] of[89] the[19] vicinity[208] of[89] Right[499] Whales[331], a[10] species[69] of[89] the[19] Leviathan[384] that[14] but[330] few[49] supposed[423] to[261] be[341] at[65] this[256] particular[336] time[577] lurking[89] anywhere[436] near[70]. And[236] though[400] all[145] hands[87] commonly[431] disdained[165] the[19] capture[361] of[89] those[427] inferior[84] creatures[5]; and[236] though[400] the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] not[518] commissioned[102] to[261] cruise[117] for[190] them[146] at[65] all[145], and[236] though[400] she[391] had[364] passed[87] numbers[285] of[89] them[146] near[70] the[19] Crozetts without[309] lowering[240] a[10] boat[439]; yet[443] now[20] that[14] a[10] Sperm[26] Whale[422] had[364] been[185] brought[85] alongside[540] and[236] beheaded[62], to[261] the[19] surprise[125] of[89] all[145], the[19] announcement[457] was[454] made[563] that[14] a[10] Right[499] Whale[422] should[255] be[341] captured[126] that[14] day[112], if[141] opportunity[256] offered[336].

Nor[137] was[454] this[256] long[544] wanting[361]. Tall[373] spouts[75] were[324] seen[154] to[261] leeward[265]; and[236] two[527] boats[83], Stubb's[483] and[236] Flask[199]'s[483], were[324] detached[5] in[107] pursuit[305]. Pulling[217] further[53] and[236] further[53] away[443], they[382] at[65] last[436] became[70] almost[518] invisible[186] to[261] the[19] men[62] at[65] the[19] masthead[265]. But[330] suddenly[193] in[107] the[19] distance[264], they[382] saw[113] a[10] great[259] heap[31] of[89] tumultuous[355] white[82] water[520], and[236] soon[18] after[358] news[314] came[549] from[316] aloft[276] that[14] one[470] or[519] both[558] the[19] boats[83] must[226] be[341] fast[208]. An[138] interval[114] passed[87] and[236] the[19] boats[83] were[324] in[107] plain[28] sight[365], in[107] the[19] act[10] of[89] being[264] dragged[460] right[499] towards[417] the[19] ship[438] by[406] the[19] towing[78] whale[422]. So[281] close[65] did[444] the[19] monster[480] come[420] to[261] the[19] hull[323], that[14] at[65] first[13] it[162] seemed[132] as[113] if[141] he[362] meant[157] it[162] malice[157]; but[330] suddenly[193] going[227] down[133] in[107] a[10] maelstrom[367], within[503] three[329] rods[242] of[89] the[19] planks[284], he[362] wholly[497] disappeared[5] from[316] view[370], as[113] if[141] diving[279] under[533] the[19] keel[39]. "Cut[310], cut[310]!" was[454] the[19] cry[561] from[316]

the[19] ship[438] to[261] the[19] boats[83], which[16], for[190] one[470] instant[279], seemed[132] on[392] the[19] point[438]
of[89] being[264] brought[85] with[449] a[10] deadly[49] dash[355] against[417] the[19] vessel[155]'s[483] side[246].
But[330] having[69] plenty[406] of[89] line[25] yet[443] in[107] the[19] tubs[410], and[236] the[19] whale[422] not[518] sounding[331]
very[515] rapidly[116], they[382] paid[490] out[66] abundance[154] of[89] rope[265], and[236] at[65] the[19] same[541]
time[577] pulled[213] with[449] all[145] their[219] might[496] so[281] as[113] to[261] get[126] ahead[5] of[89] the[19] ship[438].
For[190] a[10] few[49] minutes[368] the[19] struggle[447] was[454] intensely[102] critical[38];
for[190] while[55] they[382] still[278] slacked[193] out[66] the[19] tightened[25] line[25] in[107] one[470] direction[67],
and[236] still[278] plied[24] their[219] oars[398] in[107] another[269], the[19] contending[13] strain[468]
threatened[110] to[261] take[279] them[146] under[533]. But[330] it[162] was[454] only[517] a[10] few[49] feet[349] advance[70]
they[382] sought[82] to[261] gain[101]. And[236] they[382] stuck[120] to[261] it[162] till[181] they[382] did[444] gain[101] it[162];
when[189] instantly[186], a[10] swift[376] tremor[356] was[454] felt[440] running[296] like[410] lightning[171]
along[423] the[19] keel[39], as[113] the[19] strained[516] line[25], scraping[276] beneath[320] the[19] ship[438],
suddenly[193] rose[449] to[261] view[370] under[533] her[400] bows[460], snapping[88] and[236] quivering[336];
and[236] so[281] flinging[389] off[111] its[234] drippings[296], that[14] the[19] drops[6] fell[421] like[410]
bits[256] of[89] broken[255] glass[27] on[392] the[19] water[520], while[55] the[19] whale[422] beyond[421]
also[119] rose[449] to[261] sight[365], and[236] once[248] more[348] the[19] boats[83] were[324] free[483] to[261] fly[324].
But[330] the[19] fagged[17] whale[422] abated[122] his[433] speed[468], and[236] blindly[219] altering[436] his[433] course[171],
went[516] round[287] the[19] stern[442] of[89] the[19] ship[438] towing[78] the[19] two[527] boats[83] after[358] him[248],
so[281] that[14] they[382] performed[38] a[10] complete[191] circuit[212].

Meantime[210], they[382] hauled[80] more[348] and[236] more[348] upon[419] their[219] lines[241], till[181] close[65]
flanking[27] him[248] on[392] both[558] sides[331], Stubb answered[100] Flask[199] with[449] lance[76] for[190] lance[76];
and[236] thus[362] round[287] and[236] round[287] the[19] Pequod[288] the[19] battle[105] went[516], while[55] the[19] multitudes[218]
of[89] sharks[206] that[14] had[364] before[344] swum[214] round[287] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] body[348], rushed[199] to[261]
the[19] fresh[540] blood[208] that[14] was[454] spilled[434], thirstily[83] drinking[453] at[65] every[389] new[36] gash[293],
as[113] the[19] eager[516] Israelites[270] did[444] at[65] the[19] new[36] bursting[288] fountains[170] that[14] poured[476]
from[316] the[19] smitten[83] rock[264].

At[65] last[436] his[433] spout[224] grew[5] thick[502], and[236] with[449] a[10] frightful[190] roll[473] and[236] vomit[434],
he[362] turned[492] upon[419] his[433] back[457] a[10] corpse[133].

While[55] the[19] two[527] headsmen[51] were[324] engaged[479] in[107] making[415] fast[208] cords[388] to[261] his[433] flukes[155],
and[236] in[107] other[282] ways[101] getting[369] the[19] mass[36] in[107] readiness[420] for[190] towing[78],
some[265] conversation[222] ensued[337] between[77] them[146].

"I[482] wonder[76] what[243] the[19] old[447] man[17] wants[418] with[449] this[256] lump[396] of[89] foul[528] lard[117],"
said[252] Stubb, not[518] without[309] some[265] disgust[201] at[65] the[19] thought[186] of[89] having[69]
to[261] do[353] with[449] so[281] ignoble[38] a[10] leviathan[384].

"Wants[418] with[449] it[162]?" said[252] Flask[199], coiling[105] some[265] spare[295] line[25] in[107] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] bow[146],
"did[444] you[227] never[206] hear[386] that[14] the[19] ship[438] which[16] but[330] once[248] has[399] a[10] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483]
head[219] hoisted[367] on[392] her[400] starboard[309] side[246], and[236] at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577] a[10] Right[499] Whale[422]'s[483]
on[392] the[19] larboard[203]; did[444] you[227] never[206] hear[386], Stubb, that[14] that[14] ship[438] can[450]
never[206] afterwards[418] capsize[305]?"

"Why[177] not[518]?

"I[482] don[280]'t[500] know[60], but[330] I[482] heard[444] that[14] gamboge[7] ghost[246] of[89] a[10] Fedallah
saying[9] so[281], and[236] he[362] seems[19] to[261] know[60] all[145] about[123] ships[21]' charms[153]. But[330] I[482]
sometimes[77] think[424] he[362]'ll[300] charm[251] the[19] ship[438] to[261] no[235] good[221] at[65] last[436].
I[482] don[280]'t[500] half[119] like[410] that[14] chap[287], Stubb. Did[444] you[227] ever[208] notice[76] how[19] that[14]
tusk[159] of[89] his[433] is[487] a[10] sort[42] of[89] carved[455] into[554] a[10] snake[364]'s[483] head[219], Stubb?"

"Sink[190] him[248]! I[482] never[206] look[523] at[65] him[248] at[65] all[145]; but[330] if[141] ever[208] I[482] get[126] a[10] chance[292]
of[89] a[10] dark[471] night[108], and[236] he[362] standing[144] hard[337] by[406] the[19] bulwarks[411], and[236] no[235] one[470] by[406];
look[523] down[133] there[340], Flask[199]"--pointing[295] into[554] the[19] sea[67] with[449] a[10] peculiar[291] motion[544]
of[89] both[558] hands[87]--"Aye[86], will[584] I[482]! Flask[199], I[482] take[279] that[14] Fedallah to[261] be[341]
the[19] devil[411] in[107] disguise[219]. Do[353] you[227] believe[191] that[14] cock[519] and[236] bull[76] story[197] about[123]
his[433] having[69] been[185] stowed[434] away[443] on[392] board[540] ship[438]? He[362]'s[483] the[19] devil[411], I[482] say[306].
The[19] reason[238] why[177] you[227] don[280]'t[500] see[370] his[433] tail[102], is[487] because[540] he[362] tucks[105] it[162] up[405]
out[66] of[89] sight[365]; he[362] carries[440] it[162] coiled[4] away[443] in[107] his[433] pocket[461], I[482] guess[304].
Blast[13] him[248]! now[20] that[14] I[482] think[424] of[89] it[162], he[362]'s[483] always[367] wanting[361] oakum[4] to[261] stuff[471]
into[554] the[19] toes[557] of[89] his[433] boots[497]."

"He[362] sleeps[136] in[107] his[433] boots[497], don[280]'t[500] he[362]? He[362] hasn't[500] got[286] any[501] hammock[323];
but[330] I[482]'ve[149] seen[154] him[248] lay[62] of[89] nights[224] in[107] a[10] coil[32] of[89] rigging[516]."

"No[235] doubt[71], and[236] it[162]'s[483] because[540] of[89] his[433] cursed[441] tail[102]; he[362] coils[259] it[162] down[133],
do[353] ye[483] see[370], in[107] the[19] eye[220] of[89] the[19] rigging[516]."

"What[243]'s[483] the[19] old[447] man[17] have[254] so[281] much[61] to[261] do[353] with[449] him[248] for[190]?"

"Striking[22] up[405] a[10] swap[292] or[519] a[10] bargain[378], I[482] suppose[120]."

"Bargain[378]?--about[123] what[243]?"

"Why[177], do[353] ye[483] see[370], the[19] old[447] man[17] is[487] hard[337] bent[406] after[358] that[14] White[82] Whale[422],
and[236] the[19] devil[411] there[340] is[487] trying[83] to[261] come[420] round[287] him[248], and[236] get[126] him[248] to[261] swap[292]
away[443] his[433] silver[205] watch[89], or[519] his[433] soul[428], or[519] something[181] of[89] that[14] sort[42],
and[236] then[45] he[362]'ll[300] surrender[314] Moby[362] Dick[25]."

"Pooh[193]! Stubb, you[227] are[314] skylarking[364]; how[19] can[450] Fedallah do[353] that[14]?"

"I[482] don[280]'t[500] know[60], Flask[199], but[330] the[19] devil[411] is[487] a[10] curious[264] chap[287], and[236] a[10]
wicked[5] one[470], I[482] tell[392] ye[483]. Why[177], they[382] say[306] as[113] how[19] he[362] went[516] a[10] sauntering[107]

into[554] the[19] old[447] flag[270]-ship[152] once[248], switching[85] his[433] tail[102] about[123] devilish[181] easy[281]
and[236] gentlemanlike[449], and[236] inquiring[24] if[141] the[19] old[447] governor[191] was[454] at[65] home[450].
Well[263], he[362] was[454] at[65] home[450], and[236] asked[369] the[19] devil[411] what[243] he[362] wanted[85].
The[19] devil[411], switching[85] his[433] hoofs[524], up[405] and[236] says[424], 'I[482] want[350] John[416].' 'What[243] for[190]?'
says[424] the[19] old[447] governor[191]. 'What[243] business[168] is[487] that[14] of[89] yours[256],' says[424] the[19] devil[411],
getting[369] mad[235],--'I[482] want[350] to[261] use[176] him[248].' 'Take[279] him[248],' says[424] the[19] governor[191]--
and[236] by[406] the[19] Lord[106], Flask[199], if[141] the[19] devil[411] didn't[500] give[142] John[416] the[19] Asiatic[16] cholera[41]
before[344] he[362] got[286] through[295] with[449] him[248], I[482]'ll[300] eat[286] this[256] whale[422] in[107] one[470] mouthful[98].
But[330] look[523] sharp[427]--ain't[500] you[227] all[145] ready[464] there[340]? Well[263], then[45], pull[35] ahead[5],
and[236] let[66]'s[483] get[126] the[19] whale[422] alongside[540]."

"I[482] think[424] I[482] remember[499] some[265] such[420] story[197] as[113] you[227] were[324] telling[196]," said[252] Flask[199],
when[189] at[65] last[436] the[19] two[527] boats[83] were[324] slowly[149] advancing[444] with[449] their[219] burden[382]
towards[417] the[19] ship[438], "but[330] I[482] can[450]'t[500] remember[499] where[579]."

"Three[329] Spaniards[117]? Adventures[266] of[89] those[427] three[329] bloody[357]-minded[335] soldadoes[65]?
Did[444] ye[483] read[98] it[162] there[340], Flask[199]? I[482] guess[304] ye[483] did[444]?"

"No[235]: never[206] saw[113] such[420] a[10] book[230]; heard[444] of[89] it[162], though[400]. But[330] now[20],
tell[392] me[2], Stubb, do[353] you[227] suppose[120] that[14] that[14] devil[411] you[227] was[454] speaking[22]
of[89] just[108] now[20], was[454] the[19] same[541] you[227] say[306] is[487] now[20] on[392] board[540] the[19] Pequod[288]?"

"Am[375] I[482] the[19] same[541] man[17] that[14] helped[204] kill[219] this[256] whale[422]? Doesn't[500] the[19] devil[411]
live[554] for[190] ever[208]; who[319] ever[208] heard[444] that[14] the[19] devil[411] was[454] dead[568]?
Did[444] you[227] ever[208] see[370] any[501] parson[18] a[10] wearing[166] mourning[337] for[190] the[19] devil[411]?
And[236] if[141] the[19] devil[411] has[399] a[10] latch-key[140] to[261] get[126] into[554] the[19] admiral[25]'s[483]
cabin[192], don[280]'t[500] you[227] suppose[120] he[362] can[450] crawl[445] into[554] a[10] porthole[240]?
Tell[392] me[2] that[14], Mr[219]. Flask[199]?"

"How[19] old[447] do[353] you[227] suppose[120] Fedallah is[487], Stubb?"

"Do[353] you[227] see[370] that[14] mainmast[323] there[340]?" pointing[295] to[261] the[19] ship[438]; "well[263], that[14]'s[76]
the[19] figure[55] one[470]; now[20] take[279] all[145] the[19] hoops[170] in[107] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] hold[204],
and[236] string[446] 'em along[423] in[107] a[10] row[328] with[449] that[14] mast[44], for[190] oughts[50],
do[353] you[227] see[370]; well[263], that[14] wouldn't[500] begin[183] to[261] be[341] Fedallah's[483] age[157].
Nor[137] all[145] the[19] coopers[26] in[107] creation[182] couldn't[500] show[460] hoops[170] enough[217]
to[261] make[175] oughts[50] enough[217]."

"But[330] see[370] here[135], Stubb, I[482] thought[186] you[227] a[10] little[554] boasted[346] just[108] now[20],
that[14] you[227] meant[157] to[261] give[142] Fedallah a[10] sea[67]-toss[237], if[141] you[227] got[286] a[10] good[221] chance[292].
Now[20], if[141] he[362]'s[483] so[281] old[447] as[113] all[145] those[427] hoops[170] of[89] yours[256] come[420] to[261], and[236] if[141] he[362] is[487]
going[227] to[261] live[554] for[190] ever[208], what[243] good[221] will[584] it[162] do[353] to[261] pitch[115] him[248] overboard[247]--
tell[392] me[2] that[14]?

"Give[142] him[248] a[10] good[221] ducking[156], anyhow[370]."

"But[330] he[362]'d[67] crawl[445] back[457]."

"Duck[455] him[248] again[52]; and[236] keep[381] ducking[156] him[248]."

"Suppose[120] he[362] should[255] take[279] it[162] into[554] his[433] head[219] to[261] duck[455] you[227], though[400]--
yes[143], and[236] drown[522] you[227]--what[243] then[45]?"

"I[482] should[255] like[410] to[261] see[370] him[248] try[266] it[162]; I[482]'d[67] give[142] him[248] such[420] a[10] pair[106] of[89] black[581] eyes[125]
that[14] he[362] wouldn't[500] dare[11] to[261] show[460] his[433] face[556] in[107] the[19] admiral[25]'s[483] cabin[192] again[52]
for[190] a[10] long[544] while[55], let[66] alone[2] down[133] in[107] the[19] orlop[241] there[340], where[579] he[362] lives[245],
and[236] hereabouts[116] on[392] the[19] upper[403] decks[386] where[579] he[362] sneaks[86] so[281] much[61].
Damn[468] the[19] devil[411], Flask[199]; do[353] you[227] suppose[120] I[482]'m[250] afraid[248] of[89] the[19] devil[411]?
Who[319]'s[483] afraid[248] of[89] him[248], except[545] the[19] old[447] governor[191] who[319] daresn't[500] catch[523]
him[248] and[236] put[190] him[248] in[107] double[20]-darbies, as[113] he[362] deserves[229], but[330] lets[217] him[248]
go[20] about[123] kidnapping[8] people[482]; aye[86], and[236] signed[181] a[10] bond[174] with[449] him[248],
that[14] all[145] the[19] people[482] the[19] devil[411] kidnapped[52], he[362]'d[67] roast[120] for[190] him[248]?
There[340]'s[483] a[10] governor[191]!"

"Do[353] you[227] suppose[120] Fedallah wants[418] to[261] kidnap[187] Captain[295] Ahab[232]?"

"Do[353] I[482] suppose[120] it[162]? You[227]'ll[300] know[60] it[162] before[344] long[544], Flask[199]. But[330] I[482] am[375]
going[227] now[20] to[261] keep[381] a[10] sharp[427] look[523]-out[66] on[392] him[248]; and[236] if[141] I[482] see[370] anything[480]
very[515] suspicious[312] going[227] on[392], I[482]'ll[300] just[108] take[279] him[248] by[406] the[19] nape[403] of[89] his[433] neck[239],
and[236] say[306]--Look[523] here[135], Beelzebub[541], you[227] don[280]'t[500] do[353] it[162]; and[236] if[141] he[362] makes[32]
any[501] fuss[286], by[406] the[19] Lord[106] I[482]'ll[300] make[175] a[10] grab[455] into[554] his[433] pocket[461] for[190] his[433] tail[102],
take[279] it[162] to[261] the[19] capstan[241], and[236] give[142] him[248] such[420] a[10] wrenching[361] and[236] heaving[174],
that[14] his[433] tail[102] will[584] come[420] short[522] off[111] at[65] the[19] stump[277]--do[353] you[227] see[370]; and[236] then[45],
I[482] rather[178] guess[304] when[189] he[362] finds[455] himself[282] docked[105] in[107] that[14] queer[156] fashion[467],
he[362]'ll[300] sneak[308] off[111] without[309] the[19] poor[533] satisfaction[500] of[89] feeling[384] his[433] tail[102]
between[77] his[433] legs[108]."

"And[236] what[243] will[584] you[227] do[353] with[449] the[19] tail[102], Stubb?"

"Do[353] with[449] it[162]? Sell[298] it[162] for[190] an[138] ox[413] whip[190] when[189] we[465] get[126] home[450];--what[243] else[212]?"

"Now[20], do[353] you[227] mean[504] what[243] you[227] say[306], and[236] have[254] been[185] saying[9] all[145] along[423], Stubb?"

"Mean[504] or[519] not[518] mean[504], here[135] we[465] are[314] at[65] the[19] ship[438]."

The[19] boats[83] were[324] here[135] hailed[411], to[261] tow[160] the[19] whale[422] on[392] the[19] larboard[203] side[246],

where[579] fluke[415] chains[446] and[236] other[282] necessaries[117] were[324] already[93] prepared[59] for[190] securing[93] him[248].

"Didn't[500] I[482] tell[392] you[227] so[281]?" said[252] Flask[199]; "yes[143], you[227]'ll[300] soon[18] see[370] this[256] right[499] whale[422]'s[483] head[219] hoisted[367] up[405] opposite[107] that[14] parmacety's[483]."

In[107] good[221] time[577], Flask[199]'s[483] saying[9] proved[312] true[483]. As[113] before[344], the[19] Pequod[288] steeply[245] leaned[265] over[82] towards[417] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422]'s[483] head[219], now[20], by[406] the[19] counterpoise[161] of[89] both[558] heads[366], she[391] regained[102] her[400] even[198] keel[39]; though[400] sorely[76] strained[516], you[227] may[236] well[263] believe[191]. So[281], when[189] on[392] one[470] side[246] you[227] hoist[9] in[107] Locke[413]'s[483] head[219], you[227] go[20] over[82] that[14] way[435]; but[330] now[20], on[392] the[19] other[282] side[246], hoist[9] in[107] Kant[320]'s[483] and[236] you[227] come[420] back[457] again[52]; but[330] in[107] very[515] poor[533] plight[215]. Thus[362], some[265] minds[244] for[190] ever[208] keep[381] trimming[57] boat[439]. Oh[367], ye[483] foolish[509]! throw[345] all[145] these[527] thunder[356]-heads[366] overboard[247], and[236] then[45] you[227] will[584] float[231] light[382] and[236] right[499].

In[107] disposing[223] of[89] the[19] body[348] of[89] a[10] right[499] whale[422], when[189] brought[85] alongside[540] the[19] ship[438], the[19] same[541] preliminary[32] proceedings[121] commonly[431] take[279] place[107] as[113] in[107] the[19] case[346] of[89] a[10] sperm[26] whale[422]; only[517], in[107] the[19] latter[497] instance[141], the[19] head[219] is[487] cut[310] off[111] whole[199], but[330] in[107] the[19] former[157] the[19] lips[585] and[236] tongue[375] are[314] separately[350] removed[447] and[236] hoisted[367] on[392] deck[505], with[449] all[145] the[19] well[263] known[86] black[581] bone[184] attached[211] to[261] what[243] is[487] called[237] the[19] crown[463]-piece[225]. But[330] nothing[324] like[410] this[256], in[107] the[19] present[112] case[346], had[364] been[185] done[135]. The[19] carcases[21] of[89] both[558] whales[331] had[364] dropped[2] astern[39]; and[236] the[19] head[219]-laden[126] ship[438] not[518] a[10] little[554] resembled[172] a[10] mule[461] carrying[103] a[10] pair[106] of[89] overburdening[357] panniers[89].

Meantime[210], Fedallah was[454] calmly[170] eyeing[49] the[19] right[499] whale[422]'s[483] head[219], and[236] ever[208] and[236] anon[88] glancing[18] from[316] the[19] deep[483] wrinkles[318] there[340] to[261] the[19] lines[241] in[107] his[433] own[248] hand[252]. And[236] Ahab[232] chanced[424] so[281] to[261] stand[530], that[14] the[19] Parsee[18] occupied[262] his[433] shadow[438]; while[55], if[141] the[19] Parsee[18]'s[483] shadow[438] was[454] there[340] at[65] all[145] it[162] seemed[132] only[517] to[261] blend[22] with[449], and[236] lengthen[31] Ahab[232]'s[483]. As[113] the[19] crew[126] toiled[411] on[392], Laplandish speculations[189] were[324] bandied[231] among[483] them[146], concerning[368] all[145] these[527] passing[147] things[4].

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The[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] Head[219] - Contrasted[38] View[370]

Here[135], now[20], are[314] two[527] great[259] whales[331], laying[116] their[219] heads[366] together[440]; let[66] us[569] join[61] them[146], and[236] lay[62] together[440] our[234] own[248].

Of[89] the[19] grand[229] order[343] of[89] folio[172] leviathans[336], the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] and[236] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422] are[314] by[406] far[258] the[19] most[216] noteworthy[489]. They[382] are[314] the[19] only[517] whales[331] regularly[37] hunted[439] by[406] man[17]. To[261] the[19] Nantucketer, they[382] present[112] the[19] two[527] extremes[393] of[89] all[145] the[19] known[86] varieties[23] of[89] the[19] whale[422]. As[113] the[19] external[386] difference[3] between[77] them[146] is[487] mainly[34] observable[345] in[107] their[219] heads[366]; and[236] as[113] a[10] head[219] of[89] each[520] is[487] this[256] moment[258] hanging[222] from[316] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] side[246]; and[236] as[113] we[465] may[236] freely[386] go[20] from[316] one[470] to[261] the[19] other[282], by[406] merely[57] stepping[299] across[129] the[19] deck[505]:--where[579], I[482] should[255] like[410] to[261] know[60], will[584] you[227] obtain[238] a[10] better[34] chance[292] to[261] study[252] practical[74] cetology than[77] here[135]?

In[107] the[19] first[13] place[107], you[227] are[314] struck[441] by[406] the[19] general[37] contrast[205] between[77] these[527] heads[366]. Both[558] are[314] massive[232] enough[217] in[107] all[145] conscience[75]; but[330], there[340] is[487] a[10] certain[31] mathematical[368] symmetry[454] in[107] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] which[16] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422]'s[483] sadly[75] lacks[396]. There[340] is[487] more[348] character[239] in[107] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] head[219]. As[113] you[227] behold[525] it[162], you[227] involuntarily[124] yield[39] the[19] immense[301] superiority[507] to[261] him[248], in[107] point[438] of[89] pervading[140] dignity[338]. In[107] the[19] present[112] instance[141], too[11], this[256] dignity[338] is[487] heightened[53] by[406] the[19] pepper[316] and[236] salt[183] color[13] of[89] his[433] head[219] at[65] the[19] summit[347], giving[207] token[502] of[89] advanced[55] age[157] and[236] large[385] experience[127]. In[107] short[522], he[362] is[487] what[243] the[19] fishermen[24] technically[247] call[259] a[10] "grey[491]-headed[124] whale[422]."

Let[66] us[569] now[20] note[59] what[243] is[487] least[453] dissimilar[273] in[107] these[527] heads[366]-- namely[324], the[19] two[527] most[216] important[104] organs[410], the[19] eye[220] and[236] the[19] ear[515]. Far[258] back[457] on[392] the[19] side[246] of[89] the[19] head[219], and[236] low[407] down[133], near[70] the[19] angle[205] of[89] either[45] whale[422]'s[483] jaw[213], if[141] you[227] narrowly[57] search[352], you[227] will[584] at[65] last[436] see[370] a[10] lashless eye[220], which[16] you[227] would[282] fancy[396] to[261] be[341] a[10] young[389] colt[230]'s[483] eye[220]; so[281] out[66] of[89] all[145] proportion[160] is[487] it[162] to[261] the[19] magnitude[203] of[89] the[19] head[219].

Now[20], from[316] this[256] peculiar[291] sideway[279] position[383] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] eyes[125], it[162] is[487] plain[28] that[14] he[362] can[450] never[206] see[370] an[138] object[100] which[16] is[487] exactly[315] ahead[5], no[235] more[348] than[77] he[362] can[450] one[470] exactly[315] astern[39]. In[107] a[10] word[486], the[19] position[383] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] eyes[125] corresponds[198] to[261] that[14] of[89] a[10] man[17]'s[415] ears[560]; and[236] you[227] may[236] fancy[396], for[190] yourself[176], how[19] it[162] would[282] fare[19] with[449] you[227], did[444] you[227] sideways[496] survey[192] objects[326] through[295] your[162] ears[560]. You[227] would[282] find[138] that[14] you[227] could[375] only[517] command[190] some[265] thirty[521] degrees[31] of[89] vision[304] in[107] advance[70] of[89] the[19] straight[346] side[246]-line[25] of[89] sight[365]; and[236] about[123] thirty[521] more[348] behind[80] it[162]. If[141] your[162] bitterest[197] foe[479] were[324] walking[523] straight[346] towards[417] you[227], with[449] dagger[245] uplifted[533] in[107] broad[267] day[112], you[227] would[282] not[518] be[341] able[362] to[261] see[370] him[248], any[501] more[348] than[77] if[141] he[362] were[324] stealing[342] upon[419] you[227] from[316] behind[80]. In[107] a[10] word[486], you[227] would[282] have[254] two[527] backs[480], so[281] to[261] speak[337]; but[330], at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577], also[119], two[527] fronts[22] (side[246] fronts[22]): for[190] what[243] is[487] it[162] that[14] makes[32] the[19] front[196] of[89] a[10] man[17]--

what[243], indeed[522], but[330] his[433] eyes[125]?

Moreover[326], while[55] in[107] most[216] other[282] animals[440] that[14] I[482] can[450] now[20] think[424] of[89],
the[19] eyes[125] are[314] so[281] planted[82] as[113] imperceptibly[38] to[261] blend[22] their[219]
visual[507] power[145], so[281] as[113] to[261] produce[494] one[470] picture[264] and[236] not[518] two[527]
to[261] the[19] brain[158]; the[19] peculiar[291] position[383] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] eyes[125],
effectually[7] divided[469] as[113] they[382] are[314] by[406] many[282] cubic[386] feet[349] of[89] solid[494] head[219],
which[16] towers[506] between[77] them[146] like[410] a[10] great[259] mountain[231] separating[105]
two[527] lakes[157] in[107] valleys[289]; this[256], of[89] course[171], must[226] wholly[497] separate[495]
the[19] impressions[110] which[16] each[520] independent[330] organ[336] imparts[217].
The[19] whale[422], therefore[94], must[226] see[370] one[470] distinct[259] picture[264] on[392] this[256] side[246],
and[236] another[269] distinct[259] picture[264] on[392] that[14] side[246]; while[55] all[145]
between[77] must[226] be[341] profound[371] darkness[493] and[236] nothingness[304] to[261] him[248].
Man[17] may[236], in[107] effect[215], be[341] said[252] to[261] look[523] out[66] on[392] the[19] world[126]
from[316] a[10] sentry[364]-box[226] with[449] two[527] joined[210] sashes[172] for[190] his[433] window[8].
But[330] with[449] the[19] whale[422], these[527] two[527] sashes[172] are[314] separately[350] inserted[102],
making[415] two[527] distinct[259] windows[115], but[330] sadly[75] impairing[152] the[19] view[370].
This[256] peculiarity[211] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] eyes[125] is[487] a[10] thing[309] always[367] to[261] be[341]
borne[493] in[107] mind[118] in[107] the[19] fishery[136]; and[236] to[261] be[341] remembered[66] by[406] the[19] reader[243]
in[107] some[265] subsequent[312] scenes[339].

A[10] curious[264] and[236] most[216] puzzling[76] question[562] might[496] be[341] started[492] concerning[368]
this[256] visual[507] matter[176] as[113] touching[80] the[19] Leviathan[384]. But[330] I[482] must[226] be[341] content[7]
with[449] a[10] hint[335]. So[281] long[544] as[113] a[10] man[17]'s[415] eyes[125] are[314] open[464] in[107] the[19] light[382],
the[19] act[10] of[89] seeing[426] is[487] involuntary[3]; that[14] is[487], he[362] cannot then[45]
help[526] mechanically[143] seeing[426] whatever[38] objects[326] are[314] before[344] him[248].
Nevertheless[104], any[501] one[470]'s[483] experience[127] will[584] teach[250] him[248], that[14] though[400]
he[362] can[450] take[279] in[107] an[138] undiscriminating[4] sweep[471] of[89] things[4] at[65] one[470] glance[362],
it[162] is[487] quite[327] impossible[305] for[190] him[248], attentively[102], and[236] completely[385],
to[261] examine[203] any[501] two[527] things[4]--however[44] large[385] or[519] however[44] small[350]--
at[65] one[470] and[236] the[19] same[541] instant[279] of[89] time[577]; never[206] mind[118] if[141] they[382] lie[212]
side[246] by[406] side[246] and[236] touch[486] each[520] other[282]. But[330] if[141] you[227] now[20] come[420]
to[261] separate[495] these[527] two[527] objects[326], and[236] surround[129] each[520] by[406] a[10] circle[282]
of[89] profound[371] darkness[493]; then[45], in[107] order[343] to[261] see[370] one[470] of[89] them[146],
in[107] such[420] a[10] manner[153] as[113] to[261] bring[173] your[162] mind[118] to[261] bear[48] on[392] it[162], the[19] other[282]
will[584] be[341] utterly[46] excluded[89] from[316] your[162] contemporary[145] consciousness[539].
How[19] is[487] it[162], then[45], with[449] the[19] whale[422]? True[483], both[558] his[433] eyes[125], in[107] themselves[510],
must[226] simultaneously[558] act[10]; but[330] is[487] his[433] brain[158] so[281] much[61] more[348] comprehensive[152],
combining[41], and[236] subtle[143] than[77] man[17]'s[415], that[14] he[362] can[450] at[65] the[19] same[541] moment[258]
of[89] time[577] attentively[102] examine[203] two[527] distinct[259] prospects[212], one[470] on[392] one[470]
side[246] of[89] him[248], and[236] the[19] other[282] in[107] an[138] exactly[315] opposite[107] direction[67]?
If[141] he[362] can[450], then[45] is[487] it[162] as[113] marvellous[35] a[10] thing[309] in[107] him[248], as[113] if[141] a[10] man[17]
were[324] able[362] simultaneously[558] to[261] go[20] through[295] the[19] demonstrations[354]
of[89] two[527] distinct[259] problems[112] in[107] Euclid[221]. Nor[137], strictly[303] investigated[262],
is[487] there[340] any[501] incongruity[292] in[107] this[256] comparison[255].

It[162] may[236] be[341] but[330] an[138] idle[519] whim[44], but[330] it[162] has[399] always[367] seemed[132] to[261] me[2],
that[14] the[19] extraordinary[346] vacillations[27] of[89] movement[128] displayed[179]
by[406] some[265] whales[331] when[189] beset[126] by[406] three[329] or[519] four[175] boats[83]; the[19] timidity[315]
and[236] liability[203] to[261] queer[156] frights[74], so[281] common[304] to[261] such[420] whales[331];
I[482] think[424] that[14] all[145] this[256] indirectly[155] proceeds[215] from[316] the[19] helpless[26]
perplexity[107] of[89] volition[431], in[107] which[16] their[219] divided[469] and[236] diametrically[241]
opposite[107] powers[140] of[89] vision[304] must[226] involve[34] them[146].

But[330] the[19] ear[515] of[89] the[19] whale[422] is[487] full[414] as[113] curious[264] as[113] the[19] eye[220].
If[141] you[227] are[314] an[138] entire[230] stranger[233] to[261] their[219] race[392], you[227] might[496] hunt[418]
over[82] these[527] two[527] heads[366] for[190] hours[127], and[236] never[206] discover[291] that[14] organ[336].
The[19] ear[515] has[399] no[235] external[386] leaf[434] whatever[38]; and[236] into[554] the[19] hole[73] itself[312]
you[227] can[450] hardly[182] insert[431] a[10] quill[305], so[281] wondrously[394] minute[236] is[487] it[162].
It[162] is[487] lodged[238] a[10] little[554] behind[80] the[19] eye[220]. With[449] respect[441] to[261] their[219] ears[560],
this[256] important[104] difference[3] is[487] to[261] be[341] observed[340] between[77] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422]
and[236] the[19] right[499]. While[55] the[19] ears[560] of[89] the[19] former[157] has[399] an[138] external[386] opening[306],
that[14] of[89] the[19] latter[497] is[487] entirely[148] and[236] evenly[305] covered[452] over[82] with[449] a[10] membrane[20],
so[281] as[113] to[261] be[341] quite[327] imperceptible[40] from[316] without[309].

Is[487] it[162] not[518] curious[264], that[14] so[281] vast[43] a[10] being[264] as[113] the[19] whale[422] should[255]
see[370] the[19] world[126] through[295] so[281] small[350] an[138] eye[220], and[236] hear[386] the[19] thunder[356]
through[295] an[138] ear[515] which[16] is[487] smaller[236] than[77] a[10] hare[294]'s[483]? But[330] if[141] his[433]
eyes[125] were[324] broad[267] as[113] the[19] lens[78] of[89] Herschel[289]'s[483] great[259] telescope[26];
and[236] his[433] ears[560] capacious[449] as[113] the[19] porches[284] of[89] cathedrals[214];
would[282] that[14] make[175] him[248] any[501] longer[559] of[89] sight[365], or[519] sharper[339] of[89] hearing[325]?
Not[518] at[65] all[145].--Why[177] then[45] do[353] you[227] try[266] to[261] "enlarge[568]" your[162] mind[118]?
Subtilize[141] it[162].

Let[66] us[569] now[20] with[449] whatever[38] levers[492] and[236] steam[106]-engines we[465] have[254] at[65] hand[252],
cant[355] over[82] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422]'s[483] head[219], so[281], that[14] it[162] may[236] lie[212] bottom[461] up[405]; then[45],
ascending[116] by[406] a[10] ladder[391] to[261] the[19] summit[347], have[254] a[10] peep[222] down[133] the[19] mouth[414]; and[236] were[324]
it[162] not[518] that[14] the[19] body[348] is[487] now[20] completely[385] separated[384] from[316] it[162], with[449] a[10] lantern[220]
we[465] might[496] descend[252] into[554] the[19] great[259] Kentucky[252] Mammoth[288] Cave[84] of[89] his[433] stomach[274].
But[330] let[66] us[569] hold[204] on[392] here[135] by[406] this[256] tooth[108], and[236] look[523] about[123] us[569] where[579] we[465] are[314].
What[243] a[10] really[406] beautiful[239] and[236] chaste-looking[318] mouth[414]! from[316] floor[418]
to[261] ceiling[30], lined[88], or[519] rather[178] papered[284] with[449] a[10] glistening[24] white[82] membrane[20],
glossy[318] as[113] bridal[23] satins[51].

But[330] come[420] out[66] now[20], and[236] look[523] at[65] this[256] portentous[125] lower[47] jaw[213], which[16] seems[19] like[410] the[19] long[544] narrow[140] lid[157] of[89] an[138] immense[301] snuff-box[231], with[449] the[19] hinge[526] at[65] one[470] end[149], instead[398] of[89] one[470] side[246]. If[141] you[227] pry[505] it[162] up[405], so[281] as[113] to[261] get[126] it[162] overhead[7], and[236] expose[58] its[234] rows[375] of[89] teeth[82], it[162] seems[19] a[10] terrific[315] portcullis[63]; and[236] such[420], alas[129]! it[162] proves[376] to[261] many[282] a[10] poor[533] wight[232] in[107] the[19] fishery[136], upon[419] whom[324] these[527] spikes[60] fall[90] with[449] impaling[310] force[406]. But[330] far[258] more[348] terrible[132] is[487] it[162] to[261] behold[525], when[189] fathoms[375] down[133] in[107] the[19] sea[67], you[227] see[370] some[265] sulky[316] whale[422], floating[30] there[340] suspended[245], with[449] his[433] prodigious[223] jaw[213], some[265] fifteen[289] feet[349] long[544], hanging[222] straight[346] down[133] at[65] right[499]-angles[198] with[449] his[433] body[348]; for[190] all[145] the[19] world[126] like[410] a[10] ship[438]'s[483] jibboom. This[256] whale[422] is[487] not[518] dead[568]; he[362] is[487] only[517] dispirited[140]; out[66] of[89] sorts[354], perhaps[75]; hypochondriac[29]; and[236] so[281] supine[367], that[14] the[19] hinges[339] of[89] his[433] jaw[213] have[254] relaxed[2], leaving[231] him[248] there[340] in[107] that[14] ungainly[52] sort[42] of[89] plight[215], a[10] reproach[174] to[261] all[145] his[433] tribe[273], who[319] must[226], no[235] doubt[71], imprecate[45] lock[297]-jaws[341] upon[419] him[248].

In[107] most[216] cases[108] this[256] lower[47] jaw[213]--being[264] easily[45] unhinged[70] by[406] a[10] practised[190] artist[292]-- is[487] disengaged[410] and[236] hoisted[367] on[392] deck[505] for[190] the[19] purpose[514] of[89] extracting[41] the[19] ivory[76] teeth[82], and[236] furnishing[471] a[10] supply[283] of[89] that[14] hard[337] white[82] whalebone[290] with[449] which[16] the[19] fishermen[24] fashion[467] all[145] sorts[354] of[89] curious[264] articles[259] including[123] canes[165], umbrella[371]-stocks[425], and[236] handles[314] to[261] riding[61]-whips[466].

With[449] a[10] long[544], weary[306] hoist[9] the[19] jaw[213] is[487] dragged[460] on[392] board[540], as[113] if[141] it[162] were[324] an[138] anchor[141]; and[236] when[189] the[19] proper[249] time[577] comes[268]-- some[265] few[49] days[351] after[358] the[19] other[282] work[385]--Queequeg, Daggoo, and[236] Tashtego, being[264] all[145] accomplished[225] dentists[31], are[314] set[422] to[261] drawing[407] teeth[82]. With[449] a[10] keen[202] cutting[454]-spade[19], Queequeg lances[8] the[19] gums[172]; then[45] the[19] jaw[213] is[487] lashed[97] down[133] to[261] ringbolts[282], and[236] a[10] tackle[346] being[264] rigged[340] from[316] aloft[276], they[382] drag[426] out[66] these[527] teeth[82], as[113] Michigan[507] oxen[23] drag[426] stumps[78] of[89] old[447] oaks[481] out[66] of[89] wild[230] woodlands[75]. There[340] are[314] generally[402] forty[525]-two[527] teeth[82] in[107] all[145]; in[107] old[447] whales[331], much[61] worn[174] down[133], but[330] undecayed[378]; nor[137] filled[232] after[358] our[234] artificial[310] fashion[467]. The[19] jaw[213] is[487] afterwards[418] sawn[446] into[554] slabs[231], and[236] piled[126] away[443] like[410] joists[311] for[190] building[260] houses[166].

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The[19] Right[499] Whale[422]'s[483] Head[219] - Contrasted[38] View[370]

Crossing[402] the[19] deck[505], let[66] us[569] now[20] have[254] a[10] good[221] long[544] look[523] at[65] the[19] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422]'s[483] head[219].

As[113] in[107] general[37] shape[99] the[19] noble[226] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] head[219] may[236] be[341] compared[357] to[261] a[10] Roman[333] war[169]-chariot (especially[371] in[107] front[196], where[579] it[162] is[487] so[281] broadly[202] rounded[23]); so[281], at[65] a[10] broad[267] view[370], the[19] Right[499] Whale[422]'s[483] head[219] bears[97] a[10] rather[178] inelegant[15] resemblance[128] to[261] a[10] gigantic[157] galliot[410]-toed shoe[323]. Two[527] hundred[93] years[116] ago[141] an[138] old[447] Dutch[325] voyager[25] likened[356] its[234] shape[99] to[261] that[14] of[89] a[10] shoemaker[499]'s[483] last[436]. And[236] in[107] this[256] same[541] last[436] or[519] shoe[323], that[14] old[447] woman[448] of[89] the[19] nursery[163] tale[132] with[449] the[19] swarming[41] brood[232], might[496] very[515] comfortably[147] be[341] lodged[238], she[391] and[236] all[145] her[400] progeny[196].

But[330] as[113] you[227] come[420] nearer[303] to[261] this[256] great[259] head[219] it[162] begins[374] to[261] assume[191] different[276] aspects[322], according[281] to[261] your[162] point[438] of[89] view[370]. If[141] you[227] stand[530] on[392] its[234] summit[347] and[236] look[523] at[65] these[527] two[527] f-shaped[151] spout[224]-holes[41], you[227] would[282] take[279] the[19] whole[199] head[219] for[190] an[138] enormous[327] bass[225] viol[524], and[236] these[527] spiracles[111], the[19] apertures[83] in[107] its[234] soundingboard. Then[45], again[52], if[141] you[227] fix[430] your[162] eye[220] upon[419] this[256] strange[440], crested[296], comblike incrustation[27] on[392] the[19] top[70] of[89] the[19] mass[36]--this[256] green[549], barnacled thing[309], which[16] the[19] Greenlanders[270] call[259] the[19] "crown[463]," and[236] the[19] Southern[187] fishers[192] the[19] "bonnet[292]" of[89] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422]; fixing[76] your[162] eyes[125] solely[41] on[392] this[256], you[227] would[282] take[279] the[19] head[219] for[190] the[19] trunk[389] of[89] some[265] huge[132] oak[170], with[449] a[10] bird[443]'s[483] nest[454] in[107] its[234] crotch[111]. At[65] any[501] rate[515], when[189] you[227] watch[89] those[427] live[554] crabs[331] that[14] nestle[83] here[135] on[392] this[256] bonnet[292], such[420] an[138] idea[250] will[584] be[341] almost[518] sure[41] to[261] occur[512] to[261] you[227]; unless[54], indeed[522], your[162] fancy[396] has[399] been[185] fixed[564] by[406] the[19] technical[240] term[416] "crown[463]" also[119] bestowed[157] upon[419] it[162]; in[107] which[16] case[346] you[227] will[584] take[279] great[259] interest[323] in[107] thinking[385] how[19] this[256] mighty[2] monster[480] is[487] actually[69] a[10] diademed[253] king[324] of[89] the[19] sea[67], whose[286] green[549] crown[463] has[399] been[185] put[190] together[440] for[190] him[248] in[107] this[256] marvellous[35] manner[153]. But[330] if[141] this[256] whale[422] be[341] a[10] king[324], he[362] is[487] a[10] very[515] sulky[316] looking[318] fellow[369] to[261] grace[174] a[10] diadem[4]. Look[523] at[65] that[14] hanging[222] lower[47] lip[318]! what[243] a[10] huge[132] sulk[155] and[236] pout[49] is[487] there[340]! a[10] sulk[155] and[236] pout[49], by[406] carpenter[262]'s[483] measurement[367], about[123] twenty[433] feet[349] long[544] and[236] five[103] feet[349] deep[483]; a[10] sulk[155] and[236] pout[49] that[14] will[584] yield[39] you[227] some[265] 500[377] gallons[141] of[89] oil[118] and[236] more[348].

A[10] great[259] pity[270], now[20], that[14] this[256] unfortunate[327] whale[422] should[255] be[341] hare[294]-lipped. The[19] fissure[283] is[487] about[123] a[10] foot[467] across[129]. Probably[244] the[19] mother[276] during[309] an[138] important[104] interval[114] was[454] sailing[232] down[133] the[19] Peruvian[25] coast[287], when[189] earthquakes[511] caused[308] the[19] beach[183] to[261] gape[223]. Over[82] this[256] lip[318], as[113] over[82] a[10] slippery[204] threshold[21], we[465] now[20] slide[118] into[554] the[19] mouth[414]. Upon[419] my[36] word[486] were[324] I[482] at[65] Mackinaw[333], I[482] should[255] take[279] this[256] to[261] be[341] the[19] inside[438] of[89] an[138] Indian[303] wigwam[318]. Good[221] Lord[106]! is[487] this[256] the[19] road[533] that[14] Jonah[41] went[516]?

The[19] roof[259] is[487] about[123] twelve[293] feet[349] high[361], and[236] runs[399] to[261] a[10] pretty[252] sharp[427] angle[205], as[113] if[141] there[340] were[324] a[10] regular[400] ridge[435]-pole[212] there[340]; while[55] these[527] ribbed[246], arched[4], hairy[284] sides[331], present[112] us[569] with[449] those[427] wondrous[30], half[119] vertical[397], scimitar-shaped[111] slats[25] of[89] whalebone[290], say[306] three[329] hundred[93] on[392] a[10] side[246], which[16] depending[471] from[316] the[19] upper[403] part[207] of[89] the[19] head[219] or[519] crown[463] bone[184], form[238] those[427] Venetian[59] blinds[34] which[16] have[254] elsewhere[154] been[185] cursorily[4] mentioned[149]. The[19] edges[15] of[89] these[527] bones[5] are[314] fringed[325] with[449] hairy[284] fibres[45], through[295] which[16] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422] strains[135] the[19] water[520], and[236] in[107] whose[286] intricacies[223] he[362] retains[169] the[19] small[350] fish[187], when[189] openmouthed[4] he[362] goes[205] through[295] the[19] seas[350] of[89] brit[20] in[107] feeding[367] time[577]. In[107] the[19] central[229] blinds[34] of[89] bone[184], as[113] they[382] stand[530] in[107] their[219] natural[298] order[343], there[340] are[314] certain[31] curious[264] marks[226], curves[315], hollows[111], and[236] ridges[132], whereby[358] some[265] whalemen[451] calculate[325] the[19] creature[82]'s[96] age[157], as[113] the[19] age[157] of[89] an[138] oak[170] by[406] its[234] circular[21] rings[25]. Though[400] the[19] certainty[400] of[89] this[256] criterion[102] is[487] far[258] from[316] demonstrable[189], yet[443] it[162] has[399] the[19] savor[402] of[89] analogical[93] probability[377]. At[65] any[501] rate[515], if[141] we[465] yield[39] to[261] it[162], we[465] must[226] grant[328] a[10] far[258] greater[505] age[157] to[261] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422] than[77] at[65] first[13] glance[362] will[584] seem[404] reasonable[88].

In[107] old[447] times[121], there[340] seem[404] to[261] have[254] prevailed[233] the[19] most[216] curious[264] fancies[190] concerning[368] these[527] blinds[34]. One[470] voyager[25] in[107] Purchas[274] calls[15] them[146] the[19] wondrous[30] "whiskers[42]" inside[438] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] mouth[414];* another[269], "hogs[29]' bristles[275]"; a[10] third[301] old[447] gentleman[399] in[107] Hackluyt[125] uses[282] the[19] following[181] elegant[194] language[322]: "There[340] are[314] about[123] two[527] hundred[93] and[236] fifty[406] fins[556] growing[66] on[392] each[520] side[246] of[89] his[433] upper[403] chop[221], which[16] arch[198] over[82] his[433] tongue[375] on[392] each[520] side[246] of[89] his[433] mouth[414]."

*This[256] reminds[430] us[569] that[14] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422] really[406] has[399] a[10] sort[42] of[89] whisker[143], or[519] rather[178] a[10] moustache[145], consisting[399] of[89] a[10] few[49] scattered[17] white[82] hairs[47] on[392] the[19] upper[403] part[207] of[89] the[19] outer[359] end[149] of[89] the[19] lower[47] jaw[213]. Sometimes[77] these[527] tufts[160] impart[237] a[10] rather[178] brigandish expression[115] to[261] his[433] otherwise[542] solemn[303] countenance[553].

As[113] every[389] one[470] knows[286], these[527] same[541] "hogs[29]' bristles[275]," "fins[556]," "whiskers[42]," "blinds[34]," or[519] whatever[38] you[227] please[153], furnish[160] to[261] the[19] ladies[66] their[219] busks[411] and[236] other[282] stiffening[434] contrivances[99]. But[330] in[107] this[256] particular[336], the[19] demand[320] has[399] long[544] been[185] on[392] the[19] decline[570]. It[162] was[454] in[107] Queen[443] Anne[263]'s[483] time[577] that[14] the[19] bone[184] was[454] in[107] its[234] glory[173], the[19] farthingale[4] being[264] then[45] all[145] the[19] fashion[467]. And[236] as[113] those[427] ancient[463] dames[244] moved[492] about[123] gaily[275], though[400] in[107] the[19] jaws[341] of[89] the[19] whale[422], as[113] you[227] may[236] say[306]; even[198] so[281], in[107] a[10] shower[143], with[449] the[19] like[410] thoughtlessness[287], do[353] we[465] nowadays[444] fly[324] under[533] the[19] same[541] jaws[341] for[190] protection[71]; the[19] umbrella[371] being[264] a[10] tent[359] spread[348] over[82] the[19] same[541] bone[184].

But[330] now[20] forget[426] all[145] about[123] blinds[34] and[236] whiskers[42] for[190] a[10] moment[258], and[236], standing[144] in[107] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422]'s[483] mouth[414], look[523] around[66] you[227] afresh[59]. Seeing[426] all[145] these[527] colonnades[7] of[89] bone[184] so[281] methodically[178] ranged[435] about[123], would[282] you[227] not[518] think[424] you[227] were[324] inside[438] of[89] the[19] great[259] Haarlem[133] organ[336], and[236] gazing[117] upon[419] its[234] thousand[586] pipes[17]? For[190] a[10] carpet[446] to[261] the[19] organ[336] we[465] have[254] a[10] rug[14] of[89] the[19] softest[97] Turkey[339]--the[19] tongue[375], which[16] is[487] glued[120], as[113] it[162] were[324], to[261] the[19] floor[418] of[89] the[19] mouth[414]. It[162] is[487] very[515] fat[351] and[236] tender[454], and[236] apt[40] to[261] tear[146] in[107] pieces[283] in[107] hoisting[50] it[162] on[392] deck[505]. This[256] particular[336] tongue[375] now[20] before[344] us[569]; at[65] a[10] passing[147] glance[362] I[482] should[255] say[306] it[162] was[454] a[10] six[415]-barreler; that[14] is[487], it[162] will[584] yield[39] you[227] about[123] that[14] amount[11] of[89] oil[118].

Ere[83] this[256], you[227] must[226] have[254] plainly[450] seen[154] the[19] truth[350] of[89] what[243] I[482] started[492] with[449]--that[14] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] and[236] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422] have[254] almost[518] entirely[148] different[276] heads[366]. To[261] sum[213] up[405], then[45]: in[107] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422]'s[483] there[340] is[487] no[235] great[259] well[263] of[89] sperm[26]; no[235] ivory[76] teeth[82] at[65] all[145]; no[235] long[544], slender[122] mandible[265] of[89] a[10] lower[47] jaw[213], like[410] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483]. Nor[137] in[107] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] are[314] there[340] any[501] of[89] those[427] blinds[34] of[89] bone[184]; no[235] huge[132] lower[47] lip[318]; and[236] scarcely[71] anything[480] of[89] a[10] tongue[375]. Again[52], the[19] Right[499] Whale[422] has[399] two[527] external[386] spout[224]-holes[41], the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] only[517] one[470].

Look[523] your[162] last[436] now[20], on[392] these[527] venerable[57] hooded[374] heads[366], while[55] they[382] yet[443] lie[212] together[440]; for[190] one[470] will[584] soon[18] sink[190], unrecorded[337], in[107] the[19] sea[67]; the[19] other[282] will[584] not[518] be[341] very[515] long[544] in[107] following[181].

Can[450] you[227] catch[523] the[19] expression[115] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] there[340]? It[162] is[487] the[19] same[541] he[362] died[575] with[449], only[517] some[265] of[89] the[19] longer[559] wrinkles[318] in[107] the[19] forehead[380] seem[404] now[20] faded[69] away[443]. I[482] think[424] his[433] broad[267] brow[474] to[261] be[341] full[414] of[89] a[10] prairie[214]-like[410] placidity[204], born[236] of[89] a[10] speculative[355] indifference[111] as[113] to[261] death[543]. But[330] mark[169] the[19] other[282] head[219]'s[483] expression[115]. See[370] that[14] amazing[306] lower[47] lip[318], pressed[323] by[406] accident[210] against[417] the[19] vessel[155]'s[483] side[246], so[281] as[113] firmly[308] to[261] embrace[281] the[19] jaw[213]. Does[565] not[518] this[256] whole[199] head[219] seem[404] to[261] speak[337] of[89] an[138] enormous[327] practical[74] resolution[91] in[107] facing[68] death[543]? This[256] Right[499] Whale[422] I[482] take[279] to[261] have[254] been[185] a[10] Stoic[161]; the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422], a[10] Platonian, who[319] might[496] have[254] taken[222] up[405] Spinoza[326] in[107] his[433] latter[497] years[116].

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The[19] Battering[193]-Ram[323]

Ere[83] quitting[155], for[190] the[19] nonce[251], the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] head[219], I[482] would[282] have[254] you[227], as[113] a[10] sensible[154] physiologist[413], simply[142]--particularly[106] remark[325] its[234] front[196] aspect[147], in[107] all[145] its[234] compacted[137] collectedness[507]. I[482] would[282] have[254] you[227] investigate[83] it[162] now[20] with[449] the[19] sole[462] view[370] of[89] forming[354] to[261] yourself[176] some[265] unexaggerated[138], intelligent[346] estimate[398] of[89] whatever[38] battering[193]-ram[323] power[145] may[236] be[341] lodged[238] there[340]. Here[135] is[487] a[10] vital[204] point[438]; for[190] you[227] must[226] either[45] satisfactorily[444] settle[92] this[256] matter[176] with[449] yourself[176], or[519] for[190] ever[208] remain[326] an[138] infidel[183] as[113] to[261] one[470] of[89] the[19] most[216] appalling[282], but[330] not[518] the[19] less[261] true[483] events[390], perhaps[75] anywhere[436] to[261] be[341] found[260] in[107] all[145] recorded[84] history[183].

You[227] observe[213] that[14] in[107] the[19] ordinary[225] swimming[367] position[383] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422], the[19] front[196] of[89] his[433] head[219] presents[256] an[138] almost[518] wholly[497] vertical[397] plane[451] to[261] the[19] water[520]; you[227] observe[213] that[14] the[19] lower[47] part[207] of[89] that[14] front[196] slopes[84] considerably[110] backwards[143], so[281] as[113] to[261] furnish[160] more[348] of[89] a[10] retreat[506] for[190] the[19] long[544] socket[43] which[16] receives[80] the[19] boom[333]-like[410] lower[47] jaw[213]; you[227] observe[213] that[14] the[19] mouth[414] is[487] entirely[148] under[533] the[19] head[219], much[61] in[107] the[19] same[541] way[435], indeed[522], as[113] though[400] your[162] own[248] mouth[414] were[324] entirely[148] under[533] your[162] chin[49]. Moreover[326] you[227] observe[213] that[14] the[19] whale[422] has[399] no[235] external[386] nose[176]; and[236] that[14] what[243] nose[176] he[362] has[399]--his[433] spout[224] hole[73]--is[487] on[392] the[19] top[70] of[89] his[433] head[219]; you[227] observe[213] that[14] his[433] eyes[125] and[236] ears[560] are[314] at[65] the[19] sides[331] of[89] his[433] head[219]; nearly[575] one[470] third[301] of[89] his[433] entire[230] length[202] from[316] the[19] front[196]. Wherefore[220], you[227] must[226] now[20] have[254] perceived[76] that[14] the[19] front[196] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] head[219] is[487] a[10] dead[568], blind[375] wall[509], without[309] a[10] single[77] organ[336] or[519] tender[454] prominence[36] of[89] any[501] sort[42] whatsoever[268]. Furthermore[181], you[227] are[314] now[20] to[261] consider[259] that[14] only[517] in[107] the[19] extreme[31], lower[47], backward[19] sloping[135] part[207] of[89] the[19] front[196] of[89] the[19] head[219], is[487] there[340] the[19] slightest[44] vestige[31] of[89] bone[184]; and[236] not[518] till[181] you[227] get[126] near[70] twenty[433] feet[349] from[316] the[19] forehead[380] do[353] you[227] come[420] to[261] the[19] full[414] cranial[25] development[112]. So[281] that[14] this[256] whole[199] enormous[327] boneless[120] mass[36] is[487] as[113] one[470] wad[352]. Finally[69], though[400], as[113] will[584] soon[18] be[341] revealed[530], its[234] contents[347] partly[311] comprise[321] the[19] most[216] delicate[34] oil[118]; yet[443], you[227] are[314] now[20] to[261] be[341] apprised[92] of[89] the[19] nature[159] of[89] the[19] substance[316] which[16] so[281] impregnably[27] invests[25] all[145] that[14] apparent[203] effeminacy[173]. In[107] some[265] previous[376] place[107] I[482] have[254] described[483] to[261] you[227] how[19] the[19] blubber[232] wraps[83] the[19] body[348] of[89] the[19] whale[422], as[113] the[19] rind[257] wraps[83] an[138] orange[23]. Just[108] so[281] with[449] the[19] head[219]; but[330] with[449] this[256] difference[3]: about[123] the[19] head[219] this[256] envelope[155], though[400] not[518] so[281] thick[502] is[487] of[89] a[10] boneless[120] toughness[26], inestimable[441] by[406] any[501] man[17] who[319] has[399] not[518] handled[241] it[162]. The[19] severest[240] pointed[413] harpoon[67], the[19] sharpest[269] lance[76] darted[362] by[406] the[19] strongest[426] human[43] arm[25], impotently[5] rebounds[295] from[316] it[162]. It[162] is[487] as[113] though[400] the[19] forehead[380] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] were[324] paved[97] with[449] horses[189]' hoofs[524]. I[482] do[353] not[518] think[424] that[14] any[501] sensation[286] lurks[115] in[107] it[162].

Bethink[51] yourself[176] also[119] of[89] another[269] thing[309]. When[189] two[527] large[385], loaded[55] Indian[303]-men[62] chance[292] to[261] crowd[16] and[236] crush[482] towards[417] each[520] other[282] in[107] the[19] docks[99], what[243] do[353] the[19] sailors[64] do[353]? They[382] do[353] not[518] suspend[71] between[77] them[146], at[65] the[19] point[438] of[89] coming[140] contact[263], any[501] merely[57] hard[337] substance[316], like[410] iron[169] or[519] wood[46]. No[235], they[382] hold[204] there[340] a[10] large[385], round[287] wad[352] of[89] tow[160] and[236] cork[4], enveloped[28] in[107] the[19] thickest[316] and[236] toughest[98] of[89] ox[413]-hide[266]. That[14] bravely[155] and[236] uninjured[31] takes[362] the[19] jam[141] which[16] would[282] have[254] snapped[459] all[145] their[219] oaken[492] handspikes[209] and[236] iron[169] crow[151]-bars[435]. By[406] itself[312] this[256] sufficiently[12] illustrates[386] the[19] obvious[147] fact[12] I[482] drive[548] at[65]. But[330] supplementary[210] to[261] this[256], it[162] has[399] hypothetically[27] occurred[205] to[261] me[2], that[14] as[113] ordinary[225] fish[187] possess[35] what[243] is[487] called[237] a[10] swimming[367] bladder[70] in[107] them[146], capable[424], at[65] will[584], of[89] distension[140] or[519] contraction[107]; and[236] as[113] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422], as[113] far[258] as[113] I[482] know[60], has[399] no[235] such[420] provision[367] in[107] him[248]; considering[115], too[11], the[19] otherwise[542] inexplicable[367] manner[153] in[107] which[16] he[362] now[20] depresses[392] his[433] head[219] altogether[31] beneath[320] the[19] surface[328], and[236] anon[88] swims[403] with[449] it[162] high[361] elevated[541] out[66] of[89] the[19] water[520]; considering[115] the[19] unobstructed[92] elasticity[425] of[89] its[234] envelope[155]; considering[115] the[19] unique[141] interior[163] of[89] his[433] head[219]; it[162] has[399] hypothetically[27] occurred[205] to[261] me[2], I[482] say[306], that[14] those[427] mystical[493] lung[92]-celled honeycombs[318] there[340] may[236] possibly[201] have[254] some[265] hitherto[533] unknown[10] and[236] unsuspected[427] connexion[400] with[449] the[19] outer[359] air[209], so[281] as[113] to[261] be[341] susceptible[25] to[261] atmospheric[83] distension[140] and[236] contraction[107]. If[141] this[256] be[341] so[281], fancy[396] the[19] irresistibleness of[89] that[14] might[496], to[261] which[16] the[19] most[216] impalpable[211] and[236] destructive[293] of[89] all[145] elements[225] contributes[529].

Now[20], mark[169]. Unerringly[240] impelling[26] this[256] dead[568], impregnable[410], uninjurable[186] wall[509], and[236] this[256] most[216] buoyant[159] thing[309] within[503]; there[340] swims[403] behind[80] it[162] all[145] a[10] mass[36] of[89] tremendous[376] life[71], only[517] to[261] be[341] adequately[367] estimated[5] as[113] piled[126] wood[46] is[487]--by[406] the[19] cord[96]; and[236] all[145] obedient[170] to[261] one[470] volition[431], as[113] the[19] smallest[443] insect[171]. So[281] that[14] when[189] I[482] shall[66] hereafter[479] detail[41] to[261] you[227] all[145] the[19] specialities[7] and[236] concentrations[7] of[89] potency[26] everywhere[469] lurking[89] in[107] this[256] expansive[44] monster[480]; when[189] I[482] shall[66] show[460] you[227] some[265] of[89] his[433] more[348] inconsiderable[568] braining[398] feats[224]; I[482] trust[495] you[227] will[584] have[254] renounced[482] all[145] ignorant[136] incredulity[143], and[236] be[341] ready[464] to[261] abide[237] by[406] this[256]; that[14] though[400] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] stove[373] a[10] passage[285] through[295] the[19] Isthmus[95] of[89] Darien[224], and[236] mixed[459] the[19] Atlantic[198] with[449] the[19] Pacific[294], you[227] would[282] not[518] elevate[102] one[470] hair[237] of[89] your[162] eye[220]-brow[474]. For[190] unless[54] you[227] own[248] the[19] whale[422], you[227] are[314] but[330] a[10] provincial[111] and[236] sentimentalist[26] in[107] Truth[350]. But[330] clear[408] Truth[350] is[487] a[10] thing[309] for[190] salamander[23] giants[321] only[517] to[261] encounter[250]; how[19] small[350]

the[19] chances[400] for[190] the[19] provincials[348] then[45]? What[243] befell[129] the[19] weakling[204] youth[327] lifting[100] the[19] dread[251] goddess[366]'s[483] veil[69] at[65] Lais[144]?

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Now[20] comes[268] the[19] Baling[369] of[89] the[19] Case[346]. But[330] to[261] comprehend[301] it[162] aright[366], you[227] must[226] know[60] something[181] of[89] the[19] curious[264] internal[241] structure[235] of[89] the[19] thing[309] operated[201] upon[419].

Regarding[23] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] head[219] as[113] a[10] solid[494] oblong[111], you[227] may[236], on[392] an[138] inclined[76] plane[451], sideways[496] divide[80] it[162] into[554] two[527] quoins[276],* whereof[422] the[19] lower[47] is[487] the[19] bony[23] structure[235], forming[354] the[19] cranium[24] and[236] jaws[341], and[236] the[19] upper[403] an[138] unctuous[322] mass[36] wholly[497] free[483] from[316] bones[5]; its[234] broad[267] forward[364] end[149] forming[354] the[19] expanded[507] vertical[397] apparent[203] forehead[380] of[89] the[19] whale[422]. At[65] the[19] middle[39] of[89] the[19] forehead[380] horizontally[389] subdivide[92] this[256] upper[403] quoin, and[236] then[45] you[227] have[254] two[527] almost[518] equal[261] parts[470], which[16] before[344] were[324] naturally[362] divided[469] by[406] an[138] internal[241] wall[509] of[89] a[10] thick[502] tendinous[25] substance[316].

*Quoin is[487] not[518] a[10] Euclidean term[416]. It[162] belongs[402] to[261] the[19] pure[61] nautical[42] mathematics[431]. I[482] know[60] not[518] that[14] it[162] has[399] been[185] defined[288] before[344]. A[10] quoin is[487] a[10] solid[494] which[16] differs[296] from[316] a[10] wedge[309] in[107] having[69] its[234] sharp[427] end[149] formed[294] by[406] the[19] steep[108] inclination[283] of[89] one[470] side[246], instead[398] of[89] the[19] mutual[35] tapering[416] of[89] both[558] sides[331].

The[19] lower[47] subdivided[107] part[207], called[237] the[19] junk[92], is[487] one[470] immense[301] honeycomb[40] of[89] oil[118], formed[294] by[406] the[19] crossing[402] and[236] recrossing[86], into[554] ten[198] thousand[586] infiltrated[357] cells[102], of[89] tough[241] elastic[370] white[82] fibres[45] throughout[159] its[234] whole[199] extent[144]. The[19] upper[403] part[207], known[86] as[113] the[19] Case[346], may[236] be[341] regarded[393] as[113] the[19] great[259] Heidelburgh Tun[345] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]. And[236] as[113] that[14] famous[254] great[259] tierce[384] is[487] mystically[152] carved[455] in[107] front[196], so[281] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] vast[43] plaited[82] forehead[380] forms[48] innumerable[256] strange[440] devices[285] for[190] the[19] emblematical[244] adornment[389] of[89] his[433] wondrous[30] tun[345]. Moreover[326], as[113] that[14] of[89] Heidelburgh was[454] always[367] replenished[198] with[449] the[19] most[216] excellent[161] of[89] the[19] wines[160] of[89] the[19] Rhenish[46] valleys[289], so[281] the[19] tun[345] of[89] the[19] whale[422] contains[81] by[406] far[258] the[19] most[216] precious[234] of[89] all[145] his[433] oily[212] vintages[377]; namely[324], the[19] highly[52]-prized[27] spermaceti[283], in[107] its[234] absolutely[518] pure[61], limpid[143], and[236] odoriferous[487] state[135]. Nor[137] is[487] this[256] precious[234] substance[316] found[260] unalloyed[104] in[107] any[501] other[282] part[207] of[89] the[19] creature[82]. Though[400] in[107] life[71] it[162] remains[324] perfectly[26] fluid[212], yet[443], upon[419] exposure[31] to[261] the[19] air[209], after[358] death[543], it[162] soon[18] begins[374] to[261] concrete[53]; sending[1] forth[152] beautiful[239] crystalline[354] shoots[536], as[113] when[189] the[19] first[13] thin[445] delicate[34] ice[443] is[487] just[108] forming[354] in[107] water[520]. A[10] large[385] whale[422]'s[483] case[346] generally[402] yields[124] about[123] five[103] hundred[93] gallons[141] of[89] sperm[26], though[400] from[316] unavoidable[74] circumstances[267], considerable[75] of[89] it[162] is[487] spilled[434], leaks[106], and[236] dribbles[26] away[443], or[519] is[487] otherwise[542] irrevocably[83] lost[308] in[107] the[19] ticklish[57] business[168] of[89] securing[93] what[243] you[227] can[450].

I[482] know[60] not[518] with[449] what[243] fine[333] and[236] costly[189] material[161] the[19] Heidelburgh Tun[345] was[454] coated[60] within[503], but[330] in[107] superlative[35] richness[403] that[14] coating[115] could[375] not[518] possibly[201] have[254] compared[357] with[449] the[19] silken[488] pearl[357]-colored[213] membrane[20], like[410] the[19] lining[55] of[89] a[10] fine[333] pelisse[454], forming[354] the[19] inner[204] surface[328] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] case[346].

It[162] will[584] have[254] been[185] seen[154] that[14] the[19] Heidelburgh Tun[345] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] embraces[296] the[19] entire[230] length[202] of[89] the[19] entire[230] top[70] of[89] the[19] head[219]; and[236] since[374]--as[113] has[399] been[185] elsewhere[154] set[422] forth[152]--the[19] head[219] embraces[296] one[470] third[301] of[89] the[19] whole[199] length[202] of[89] the[19] creature[82], then[45] setting[151] that[14] length[202] down[133] at[65] eighty[148] feet[349] for[190] a[10] good[221] sized[133] whale[422], you[227] have[254] more[348] than[77] twenty[433]-six[256] feet[349] for[190] the[19] depth[474] of[89] the[19] tun[345], when[189] it[162] is[487] lengthwise[288] hoisted[367] up[405] and[236] down[133] against[417] a[10] ship[438]'s[483] side[246].

As[113] in[107] decapitating[146] the[19] whale[422], the[19] operator[350]'s[483] instrument[464] is[487] brought[85] close[65] to[261] the[19] spot[46] where[579] an[138] entrance[237] is[487] subsequently[342] forced[28] into[554] the[19] spermaceti[283] magazine[388]; he[362] has[399], therefore[94], to[261] be[341] uncommonly[194] heedful[133], lest[499] a[10] careless[27], untimely[189] stroke[436] should[255] invade[239] the[19] sanctuary[426] and[236] wastingly let[66] out[66] its[234] invaluable[2] contents[347]. It[162] is[487] this[256] decapitated[18] end[149] of[89] the[19] head[219], also[119], which[16] is[487] at[65] last[436] elevated[541] out[66] of[89] the[19] water[520], and[236] retained[155] in[107] that[14] position[383] by[406] the[19] enormous[327] cutting[454] tackles[278], whose[286] hempen[451] combinations[336], on[392] one[470] side[246], make[175] quite[327] a[10] wilderness[396] of[89] ropes[461] in[107] that[14] quarter[6].

Thus[362] much[61] being[264] said[252], attend[120] now[20], I[482] pray[311] you[227], to[261] that[14] marvellous[35] and[236]--in[107] this[256] particular[336] instance[141]--almost[518] fatal[460] operation[261] whereby[358] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] great[259] Heidelburgh Tun[345] is[487] tapped[68].

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Cistern[141] and[236] Buckets[157]

Nimble[169] as[113] a[10] cat[10], Tashtego mounts[280] aloft[276]; and[236] without[309] altering[436] his[433] erect[245] posture[347], runs[399] straight[346] out[66] upon[419] the[19] overhanging[161] mainyard[191]-arm[25], to[261] the[19] part[207] where[579] it[162] exactly[315] projects[124] over[82] the[19] hoisted[367] Tun[345]. He[362] has[399] carried[232] with[449] him[248] a[10] light[382] tackle[346] called[237] a[10] whip[190], consisting[399] of[89] only[517] two[527] parts[470], travelling[113] through[295] a[10] single[77]-sheaved block[275]. Securing[93] this[256] block[275], so[281] that[14] it[162] hangs[170] down[133] from[316] the[19] yard[258]-arm[25], he[362] swings[31] one[470] end[149] of[89] the[19] rope[265], till[181] it[162] is[487] caught[105] and[236] firmly[308] held[212] by[406] a[10] hand[252] on[392] the[19] deck[505]. Then[45], hand[252]-over[82]-hand[252], down[133] the[19] other[282] part[207], the[19] Indian[303] drops[6] through[295] the[19] air[209], till[181] dexterously[45] he[362] lands[436] on[392] the[19] summit[347] of[89] the[19] head[219]. There[340]--still[278] high[361] elevated[541] above[502] the[19] rest[302] of[89] the[19] company[280], to[261] whom[324] he[362] vivaciously[213] cries[104]-- he[362] seems[19] some[265] Turkish[124] Muezzin[399] calling[56] the[19] good[221] people[482] to[261] prayers[173] from[316] the[19] top[70] of[89] a[10] tower[36]. A[10] short[522]-handled[241] sharp[427] spade[19] being[264] sent[411] up[405] to[261] him[248], he[362] diligently[344] searches[378] for[190] the[19] proper[249] place[107] to[261] begin[183] breaking[6] into[554] the[19] Tun[345]. In[107] this[256] business[168] he[362] proceeds[215] very[515] heedfully[84], like[410] a[10] treasure[31]-hunter[287] in[107] some[265] old[447] house[499], sounding[331] the[19] walls[116] to[261] find[138] where[579] the[19] gold[231] is[487] masoned in[107]. By[406] the[19] time[577] this[256] cautious[406] search[352] is[487] over[82], a[10] stout[29] ironbound[461] bucket[170], precisely[217] like[410] a[10] well[263]-bucket[170], has[399] been[185] attached[211] to[261] one[470] end[149] of[89] the[19] whip[190]; while[55] the[19] other[282] end[149], being[264] stretched[63] across[129] the[19] deck[505], is[487] there[340] held[212] by[406] two[527] or[519] three[329] alert[396] hands[87]. These[527] last[436] now[20] hoist[9] the[19] bucket[170] within[503] grasp[332] of[89] the[19] Indian[303], to[261] whom[324] another[269] person[550] has[399] reached[386] up[405] a[10] very[515] long[544] pole[20]. Inserting[357] this[256] pole[20] into[554] the[19] bucket[170], Tashtego downward[157] guides[171] the[19] bucket[170] into[554] the[19] Tun[345], till[181] it[162] entirely[148] disappears[293]; then[45] giving[207] the[19] word[486] to[261] the[19] seamen[6] at[65] the[19] whip[190], up[405] comes[268] the[19] bucket[170] again[52], all[145] bubbling[261] like[410] a[10] dairy[44]-maid[192]'s[483] pail[313] of[89] new[36] milk[362]. Carefully[374] lowered[279] from[316] its[234] height[20], the[19] full[414]-freighted[12] vessel[155] is[487] caught[105] by[406] an[138] appointed[82] hand[252], and[236] quickly[183] emptied[311] into[554] a[10] large[385] tub[339]. Then[45] remounting[23] aloft[276], it[162] again[52] goes[205] through[295] the[19] same[541] round[287] until[316] the[19] deep[483] cistern[141] will[584] yield[39] no[235] more[348]. Towards[417] the[19] end[149], Tashtego has[399] to[261] ram[375] his[433] long[544] pole[20] harder[46] and[236] harder[46], and[236] deeper[253] and[236] deeper[253] into[554] the[19] Tun[345], until[316] some[265] twenty[433] feet[349] of[89] the[19] pole[20] have[254] gone[190] down[133].

Now[20], the[19] people[482] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288] had[364] been[185] baling[369] some[265] time[577] in[107] this[256] way[435]; several[479] tubs[410] had[364] been[185] filled[232] with[449] the[19] fragrant[336] sperm[26]; when[189] all[145] at[65] once[248] a[10] queer[156] accident[210] happened[156]. Whether[454] it[162] was[454] that[14] Tashtego, that[14] wild[230] Indian[303], was[454] so[281] heedless[376] and[236] reckless[240] as[113] to[261] let[66] go[20] for[190] a[10] moment[258] his[433] one[470]-handed[189] hold[204] on[392] the[19] great[259] cabled[303] tackles[278] suspending[368] the[19] head[219]; or[519] whether[454] the[19] place[107] where[579] he[362] stood[1] was[454] so[281] treacherous[166] and[236] oozy[286]; or[519] whether[454] the[19] Evil[2] One[470] himself[282] would[282] have[254] it[162] to[261] fall[90] out[66] so[281], without[309] stating[521] his[433] particular[336] reasons[186]; how[19] it[162] was[454] exactly[315], there[340] is[487] no[235] telling[196] now[20]; but[330], on[392] a[10] sudden[309], as[113] the[19] eightieth[165] or[519] ninetieth[97] bucket[170] came[549] suckingly up[405]--my[36] God[185]! poor[533] Tashtego-- like[410] the[19] twin[492] reciprocating[25] bucket[170] in[107] a[10] veritable[282] well[263], dropped[2] head[219]-foremost[73] down[133] into[554] this[256] great[259] Tun[345] of[89] Heidelburgh, and[236] with[449] a[10] horrible[398] oily[212] gurgling[26], went[516] clean[26] out[66] of[89] sight[365]!

"Man[17] overboard[247]!" cried[506] Daggoo, who[319] amid[240] the[19] general[37] consternation[52] first[13] came[549] to[261] his[433] senses[161]. "Swing[311] the[19] bucket[170] this[256] way[435]!" and[236] putting[243] one[470] foot[467] into[554] it[162], so[281] as[113] the[19] better[34] to[261] secure[92] his[433] slippery[204] hand[252]-hold[204] on[392] the[19] whip[190] itself[312] the[19] hoisters[250] ran[391] him[248] high[361] up[405] to[261] the[19] top[70] of[89] the[19] head[219], almost[518] before[344] Tashtego could[375] have[254] reached[386] its[234] interior[163] bottom[461]. Meantime[210], there[340] was[454] a[10] terrible[132] tumult[269]. Looking[318] over[82] the[19] side[246], they[382] saw[113] the[19] before[344] lifeless[19] head[219] throbbing[335] and[236] heaving[174] just[108] below[397] the[19] surface[328] of[89] the[19] sea[67], as[113] if[141] that[14] moment[258] seized[337] with[449] some[265] momentous[150] idea[250]; whereas[18] it[162] was[454] only[517] the[19] poor[533] Indian[303] unconsciously[59] revealing[451] by[406] those[427] struggles[161] the[19] perilous[141] depth[474] to[261] which[16] he[362] had[364] sunk[336].

At[65] this[256] instant[279], while[55] Daggoo, on[392] the[19] summit[347] of[89] the[19] head[219], was[454] clearing[84] the[19] whip[190]--which[16] had[364] somehow[425] got[286] foul[528] of[89] the[19] great[259] cutting[454] tackles[278]-- a[10] sharp[427] cracking[203] noise[254] was[454] heard[444]; and[236] to[261] the[19] unspeakable[4] horror[134] of[89] all[145], one[470] of[89] the[19] two[527] enormous[327] hooks[561] suspending[368] the[19] head[219] tore[493] out[66], and[236] with[449] a[10] vast[43] vibration[78] the[19] enormous[327] mass[36] sideways[496] swung[205], till[181] the[19] drunk[213] ship[438] reeled[429] and[236] shook[161] as[113] if[141] smitten[83] by[406] an[138] iceberg[279]. The[19] one[470] remaining[64] hook[157], upon[419] which[16] the[19] entire[230] strain[468] now[20] depended[178], seemed[132] every[389] instant[279] to[261] be[341] on[392] the[19] point[438] of[89] giving[207] way[435]; an[138] event[28] still[278] more[348] likely[181] from[316] the[19] violent[336] motions[62] of[89] the[19] head[219].

"Come[420] down[133], come[420] down[133]!" yelled[61] the[19] seamen[6] to[261] Daggoo, but[330] with[449] one[470] hand[252] holding[311] on[392] to[261] the[19] heavy[421] tackles[278], so[281] that[14] if[141] the[19] head[219] should[255] drop[22], he[362] would[282] still[278] remain[326] suspended[245]; the[19] negro[102] having[69] cleared[241] the[19] foul[528] line[25], rammed[78] down[133] the[19] bucket[170] into[554] the[19] now[20] collapsed[230] well[263], meaning[62] that[14] the[19] buried[205] harpooneer should[255] grasp[332] it[162], and[236] so[281] be[341] hoisted[367] out[66].

"In[107] heaven[163]'s[483] name[477], man[17]," cried[506] Stubb, "are[314] you[227] ramming[120]

home[450] a[10] cartridge[4] there[340]?--Avast[279]! How[19] will[584] that[14] help[526] him[248];
jamming[310] that[14] iron[169]-bound[108] bucket[170] on[392] top[70] of[89] his[433] head[219]?
Avast[279], will[584] ye[483]!"

"Stand[530] clear[408] of[89] the[19] tackle[346]!" cried[506] a[10] voice[233] like[410] the[19] bursting[288]
of[89] a[10] rocket[357].

Almost[518] in[107] the[19] same[541] instant[279], with[449] a[10] thunder[356]-boom[333], the[19] enormous[327]
mass[36] dropped[2] into[554] the[19] sea[67], like[410] Niagara[438]'s[483] Table[572]-Rock[264] into[554]
the[19] whirlpool[23]; the[19] suddenly[193] relieved[158] hull[323] rolled[226] away[443] from[316] it[162],
to[261] far[258] down[133] her[400] glittering[144] copper[300]; and[236] all[145] caught[105] their[219] breath[150],
as[113] half[119] swinging[379]--now[20] over[82] the[19] sailors[64]' heads[366], and[236] now[20]
over[82] the[19] water[520]--Daggoo, through[295] a[10] thick[502] mist[322] of[89] spray[76],
was[454] dimly[298] beheld[132] clinging[232] to[261] the[19] pendulous[325] tackles[278], while[55] poor[533],
buried[205]-alive[298] Tashtego was[454] sinking[60] utterly[46] down[133] to[261] the[19] bottom[461]
of[89] the[19] sea[67]! But[330] hardly[182] had[364] the[19] blinding[298] vapor[85] cleared[241] away[443],
when[189] a[10] naked[70] figure[55] with[449] a[10] boardingsword in[107] his[433] hand[252],
was[454] for[190] one[470] swift[376] moment[258] seen[154] hovering[520] over[82] the[19] bulwarks[411].
The[19] next[27], a[10] loud[556] splash[310] announced[451] that[14] my[36] brave[218] Queequeg had[364]
dived[149] to[261] the[19] rescue[59]. One[470] packed[55] rush[6] was[454] made[563] to[261] the[19] side[246],
and[236] every[389] eye[220] counted[81] every[389] ripple[85], as[113] moment[258] followed[234] moment[258],
and[236] no[235] sign[8] of[89] either[45] the[19] sinker[25] or[519] the[19] diver[120] could[375] be[341] seen[154].
Some[265] hands[87] now[20] jumped[499] into[554] a[10] boat[439] alongside[540], and[236] pushed[189] a[10] little[554]
off[111] from[316] the[19] ship[438].

"Ha[387]! ha[387]!" cried[506] Daggoo, all[145] at[65] once[248], from[316] his[433] now[20] quiet[337],
swinging[379] perch[295] overhead[7]; and[236] looking[318] further[53] off[111] from[316] the[19] side[246],
we[465] saw[113] an[138] arm[25] thrust[379] upright[145] from[316] the[19] blue[240] waves[443]; a[10] sight[365] strange[440]
to[261] see[370], as[113] an[138] arm[25] thrust[379] forth[152] from[316] the[19] grass[418] over[82] a[10] grave[344].

"Both[558]! both[558]!--it[162] is[487] both[558]!"-cried[506] Daggoo again[52] with[449] a[10] joyful[435] shout[299];
and[236] soon[18] after[358], Queequeg was[454] seen[154] boldly[445] striking[22] out[66] with[449] one[470] hand[252],
and[236] with[449] the[19] other[282] clutching[248] the[19] long[544] hair[237] of[89] the[19] Indian[303]. Drawn[564] into[554]
the[19] waiting[201] boat[439], they[382] were[324] quickly[183] brought[85] to[261] the[19] deck[505]; but[330] Tashtego
was[454] long[544] in[107] coming[140] to[261], and[236] Queequeg did[444] not[518] look[523] very[515] brisk[142].

Now[20], how[19] had[364] this[256] noble[226] rescue[59] been[185] accomplished[225]? Why[177], diving[279] after[358]
the[19] slowly[149] descending[181] head[219], Queequeg with[449] his[433] keen[202] sword[273] had[364] made[563]
side[246] lunges[182] near[70] its[234] bottom[461], so[281] as[113] to[261] scuttle[27] a[10] large[385] hole[73] there[340];
then[45] dropping[279] his[433] sword[273], had[364] thrust[379] his[433] long[544] arm[25] far[258] inwards[317]
and[236] upwards[110], and[236] so[281] hauled[80] out[66] our[234] poor[533] Tash[299] by[406] the[19] head[219].
He[362] averred[141], that[14] upon[419] first[13] thrusting[100] in[107] for[190] him[248], a[10] leg[331] was[454] presented[320];
but[330] well[263] knowing[240] that[14] that[14] was[454] not[518] as[113] it[162] ought[170] to[261] be[341], and[236] might[496]
occasion[211] great[259] trouble[328];--he[362] had[364] thrust[379] back[457] the[19] leg[331], and[236] by[406] a[10]
dexterous[25] heave[308] and[236] toss[237], had[364] wrought[22] a[10] somerset[271] upon[419] the[19] Indian[303];
so[281] that[14] with[449] the[19] next[27] trial[103], he[362] came[549] forth[152] in[107] the[19] good[221] old[447] way[435]--
head[219] foremost[61]. As[113] for[190] the[19] great[259] head[219] itself[312], that[14] was[454] doing[227]
as[113] well[263] as[113] could[375] be[341] expected[96].

And[236] thus[362], through[295] the[19] courage[48] and[236] great[259] skill[502] in[107] obstetrics[26] of[89] Queequeg,
the[19] deliverance[283], or[519] rather[178], delivery[5] of[89] Tashtego, was[454] successfully[412]
accomplished[225], in[107] the[19] teeth[82], too[11], of[89] the[19] most[216] untoward[32] and[236] apparently[261]
hopeless[189] impediments[507]; which[16] is[487] a[10] lesson[147] by[406] no[235] means[502] to[261] be[341] forgotten[170].
Midwifery[158] should[255] be[341] taught[564] in[107] the[19] same[541] course[171] with[449] fencing[36] and[236] boxing[235],
riding[61] and[236] rowing[375].

I[482] know[60] that[14] this[256] queer[156] adventure[44] of[89] the[19] Gay[323]-Header's[483] will[584] be[341] sure[41]
to[261] seem[404] incredible[98] to[261] some[265] landsmen[117], though[400] they[382] themselves[510] may[236] have[254]
either[45] seen[154] or[519] heard[444] of[89] some[265] one[470]'s[483] falling[498] into[554] a[10] cistern[141] ashore[122];
an[138] accident[210] which[16] not[518] seldom[140] happens[143], and[236] with[449] much[61] less[261] reason[238] too[11]
than[77] the[19] Indian[303]'s[483], considering[115] the[19] exceeding[320] slipperiness[141] of[89] the[19] curb[355]
of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] well[263].

But[330], peradventure[375], it[162] may[236] be[341] sagaciously[213] urged[436], how[19] is[487] this[256]?
We[465] thought[186] the[19] tissued[192], infiltrated[357] head[219] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422],
was[454] the[19] lightest[117] and[236] most[216] corky[501] part[207] about[123] him[248]; and[236] yet[443] thou[173] makest[486]
it[162] sink[190] in[107] an[138] element[38] of[89] a[10] far[258] greater[505] specific[383] gravity[430] than[77] itself[312].
We[465] have[254] thee[15] there[340]. Not[518] at[65] all[145], but[330] I[482] have[254] ye[483]; for[190] at[65] the[19] time[577] poor[533]
Tash[299] fell[421] in[107], the[19] case[346] had[364] been[185] nearly[575] emptied[311] of[89] its[234] lighter[415] contents[347],
leaving[231] little[554] but[330] the[19] dense[481] tendinous[25] wall[509] of[89] the[19] well[263]--a[10] double[20] welded[102],
hammered[193] substance[316], as[113] I[482] have[254] before[344] said[252], much[61] heavier[317] than[77]
the[19] sea[67] water[520], and[236] a[10] lump[396] of[89] which[16] sinks[124] in[107] it[162] like[410] lead[362] almost[518].
But[330] the[19] tendency[68] to[261] rapid[321] sinking[60] in[107] this[256] substance[316] was[454] in[107] the[19] present[112]
instance[141] materially[125] counteracted[431] by[406] the[19] other[282] parts[470] of[89] the[19] head[219] remaining[64]
undetached from[316] it[162], so[281] that[14] it[162] sank[310] very[515] slowly[149] and[236] deliberately[336] indeed[522],
affording[206] Queequeg a[10] fair[320] chance[292] for[190] performing[444] his[433] agile[101] obstetrics[26]
on[392] the[19] run[172], as[113] you[227] may[236] say[306]. Yes[143], it[162] was[454] a[10] running[296] delivery[5],
so[281] it[162] was[454].

Now[20], had[364] Tashtego perished[264] in[107] that[14] head[219], it[162] had[364] been[185] a[10] very[515]
precious[234] perishing[60]; smothered[307] in[107] the[19] very[515] whitest[463] and[236] daintiest[89]
of[89] fragrant[336] spermaceti[283]; coffined[27], hearsed[207], and[236] tombed[364] in[107]
the[19] secret[409] inner[204] chamber[330] and[236] sanctum[225] sanctorum[25] of[89] the[19] whale[422].
Only[517] one[470] sweeter[152] end[149] can[450] readily[467] be[341] recalled[346]--the[19] delicious[142]

death[543] of[89] an[138] Ohio[242] honey[519]-hunter[287], who[319] seeking[427] honey[519] in[107] the[19] crotch[111]
of[89] a[10] hollow[511] tree[482], found[260] such[420] exceeding[320] store[420] of[89] it[162], that[14] leaning[559]
too[11] far[258] over[82], it[162] sucked[355] him[248] in[107], so[281] that[14] he[362] died[575] embalmed[59].
How[19] many[282], think[424] ye[483], have[254] likewise[193] fallen[40] into[554] Plato[281]'s[483] honey[519] head[219],
and[236] sweetly[92] perished[264] there[340]?

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The[19] Prairie[214]

To[261] scan[347] the[19] lines[241] of[89] his[433] face[556], or[519] feel[461] the[19] bumps[232] on[392] the[19] head[219] of[89]
this[256] Leviathan[384]; this[256] is[487] a[10] thing[309] which[16] no[235] Physiognomist[140] or[519] Phrenologist[17]
has[399] as[113] yet[443] undertaken[29]. Such[420] an[138] enterprise[106] would[282] seem[404] almost[518] as[113]
hopeful[138] as[113] for[190] Lavater[548] to[261] have[254] scrutinized[25] the[19] wrinkles[318] on[392] the[19] Rock[264]
of[89] Gibraltar[136], or[519] for[190] Gall[229] to[261] have[254] mounted[191] a[10] ladder[391] and[236] manipulated[196]
the[19] Dome[125] of[89] the[19] Pantheon[165]. Still[278], in[107] that[14] famous[254] work[385] of[89] his[433],
Lavater[548] not[518] only[517] treats[262] of[89] the[19] various[183] faces[97] of[89] men[62], but[330] also[119] attentively[102]
studies[279] the[19] faces[97] of[89] horses[189], birds[332], serpents[403], and[236] fish[187]; and[236] dwells[464]
in[107] detail[41] upon[419] the[19] modifications[79] of[89] expression[115] discernible[136] therein[68].
Nor[137] have[254] Gall[229] and[236] his[433] disciple[409] Spurzheim[325] failed[564] to[261] throw[345] out[66] some[265] hints[260]
touching[80] the[19] phrenological[259] characteristics[364] of[89] other[282] beings[6] than[77] man[17].
Therefore[94], though[400] I[482] am[375] but[330] ill[236] qualified[210] for[190] a[10] pioneer[165], in[107] the[19] application[258]
of[89] these[527] two[527] semi-sciences[76] to[261] the[19] whale[422], I[482] will[584] do[353] my[36] endeavor[41].
I[482] try[266] all[145] things[4]; I[482] achieve[161] what[243] I[482] can[450].

Physiognomically regarded[393], the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] is[487] an[138] anomalous[277] creature[82].
He[362] has[399] no[235] proper[249] nose[176]. And[236] since[374] the[19] nose[176] is[487] the[19] central[229]
and[236] most[216] conspicuous[460] of[89] the[19] features[150]; and[236] since[374] it[162] perhaps[75]
most[216] modifies[124] and[236] finally[69] controls[81] their[219] combined[265] expression[115];
hence[503] it[162] would[282] seem[404] that[14] its[234] entire[230] absence[484], as[113] an[138] external[386] appendage[354],
must[226] very[515] largely[211] affect[298] the[19] countenance[553] of[89] the[19] whale[422].
For[190] as[113] in[107] landscape[192] gardening[156], a[10] spire[461], cupola[216], monument[45],
or[519] tower[36] of[89] some[265] sort[42], is[487] deemed[17] almost[518] indispensable[470] to[261]
the[19] completion[104] of[89] the[19] scene[228]; so[281] no[235] face[556] can[450] be[341] physiognomically
in[107] keeping[482] without[309] the[19] elevated[541] open[464]-work[159] belfry[64] of[89] the[19] nose[176].
Dash[355] the[19] nose[176] from[316] Phidias[46]'s[483] marble[364] Jove[274], and[236] what[243] a[10]
sorry[147] remainder[270]! Nevertheless[104], Leviathan[384] is[487] of[89] so[281] mighty[2]
a[10] magnitude[203], all[145] his[433] proportions[143] are[314] so[281] stately[344], that[14] the[19] same[541]
deficiency[185] which[16] in[107] the[19] sculptured[161] Jove[274] were[324] hideous[298],
in[107] him[248] is[487] no[235] blemish[404] at[65] all[145]. Nay[358], it[162] is[487] an[138] added[52] grandeur[436].
A[10] nose[176] to[261] the[19] whale[422] would[282] have[254] been[185] impertinent[241].
As[113] on[392] your[162] physiognomical[102] voyage[137] you[227] sail[218] round[287] his[433] vast[43] head[219]
in[107] your[162] jollyboat[283], your[162] noble[226] conceptions[399] of[89] him[248] are[314] never[206]
insulted[25] by[406] the[19] reflection[266] that[14] he[362] has[399] a[10] nose[176] to[261] be[341] pulled[213].
A[10] pestilent[377] conceit[58], which[16] so[281] often[227] will[584] insist[50] upon[419] obtruding[107]
even[198] when[189] beholding[248] the[19] mightiest[395] royal[161] beadle[353] on[392] his[433] throne[332].

In[107] some[265] particulars[230], perhaps[75] the[19] most[216] imposing[365] physiognomical[102] view[370]
to[261] be[341] had[364] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422], is[487] that[14] of[89] the[19] full[414] front[196] of[89] his[433] head[219].
This[256] aspect[147] is[487] sublime[76].

In[107] thought[186], a[10] fine[333] human[43] brow[474] is[487] like[410] the[19] East[524] when[189] troubled[327] with[449]
the[19] morning[417]. In[107] the[19] repose[463] of[89] the[19] pasture[330], the[19] curled[253] brow[474] of[89] the[19] bull[76]
has[399] a[10] touch[486] of[89] the[19] grand[229] in[107] it[162]. Pushing[39] heavy[421] cannon[515] up[405] mountain[231] defiles[244],
the[19] elephant[72]'s[483] brow[474] is[487] majestic[13]. Human[43] or[519] animal[22], the[19] mystical[493]
brow[474] is[487] as[113] that[14] great[259] golden[508] seal[40] affixed[125] by[406] the[19] German[264] Emperors[247]
to[261] their[219] decrees[161]. It[162] signifies[8]--"God[185]: done[135] this[256] day[112] by[406] my[36] hand[252]."
But[330] in[107] most[216] creatures[5], nay[358] in[107] man[17] himself[282], very[515] often[227] the[19] brow[474]
is[487] but[330] a[10] mere[393] strip[396] of[89] alpine[75] land[406] lying[204] along[423] the[19] snow[498] line[25].
Few[49] are[314] the[19] foreheads[451] which[16] like[410] Shakespeare[247]'s[483] or[519] Melancthon[430]'s[483] rise[251]
so[281] high[361], and[236] descend[252] so[281] low[407], that[14] the[19] eyes[125] themselves[510] seem[404] clear[408], eternal[155],
tideless[428] mountain[231] lakes[157]; and[236] all[145] above[502] them[146] in[107] the[19] forehead[380]'s[483] wrinkles[318],
you[227] seem[404] to[261] track[169] the[19] antlered[111] thoughts[26] descending[181] there[340] to[261] drink[117],
as[113] the[19] Highland[173] hunters[423] track[169] the[19] snow[498] prints[441] of[89] the[19] deer[465].
But[330] in[107] the[19] great[259] Sperm[26] Whale[422], this[256] high[361] and[236] mighty[2] god[185]-like[410] dignity[338]
inherent[18] in[107] the[19] brow[474] is[487] so[281] immensely[122] amplified[354], that[14] gazing[117] on[392] it[162],
in[107] that[14] full[414] front[196] view[370], you[227] feel[461] the[19] Deity[220] and[236] the[19] dread[251] powers[140]
more[348] forcibly[252] than[77] in[107] beholding[248] any[501] other[282] object[100] in[107] living[117] nature[159].
For[190] you[227] see[370] no[235] one[470] point[438] precisely[217]; not[518] one[470] distinct[259] feature[400] is[487] revealed[530];
no[235] nose[176], eyes[125], ears[560], or[519] mouth[414]; no[235] face[556]; he[362] has[399] none[365], proper[249]; nothing[324] but[330]
that[14] one[470] broad[267] firmament[181] of[89] a[10] forehead[380], pleated[479] with[449] riddles[322];
dumbly[104] lowering[240] with[449] the[19] doom[73] of[89] boats[83], and[236] ships[21], and[236] men[62].
Nor[137], in[107] profile[34], does[565] this[256] wondrous[30] brow[474] diminish[340]; though[400] that[14] way[435]
viewed[41] its[234] grandeur[436] does[565] not[518] domineer[255] upon[419] you[227] so[281]. In[107] profile[34],
you[227] plainly[450] perceive[131] that[14] horizontal[252], semi-crescentic[4] depression[235]
in[107] the[19] forehead[380]'s[483] middle[39], which[16], in[107] a[10] man[17], is[487] Lavater[548]'s[483] mark[169] of[89] genius[162].

But[330] how[19]? Genius[162] in[107] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]? Has[399] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]
ever[208] written[388] a[10] book[230], spoken[507] a[10] speech[378]? No[235], his[433] great[259] genius[162]
is[487] declared[29] in[107] his[433] doing[227] nothing[324] particular[336] to[261] prove[396] it[162].
It[162] is[487] moreover[326] declared[29] in[107] his[433] pyramidical[8] silence[309]. And[236] this[256] reminds[430]

me[2] that[14] had[364] the[19] great[259] Sperm[26] Whale[422] been[185] known[86] to[261] the[19] young[389] Orient[462] World[126],
he[362] would[282] have[254] been[185] deified[127] by[406] their[219] child[451]-magian[183] thoughts[26].
They[382] deified[127] the[19] crocodile[183] of[89] the[19] Nile[553], because[540] the[19] crocodile[183]
is[487] tongueless[174]; and[236] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] has[399] no[235] tongue[375], or[519] at[65] least[453]
it[162] is[487] so[281] exceedingly[257] small[350], as[113] to[261] be[341] incapable[181] of[89] protrusion[111].
If[141] hereafter[479] any[501] highly[52] cultured[115], poetical[93] nation[466] shall[66] lure[274]
back[457] to[261] their[219] birth[215]-right[499], the[19] merry[486] May[236]-day[65] gods[325] of[89] old[447];
and[236] livingly[434] enthrone[83] them[146] again[52] in[107] the[19] now[20] egotistical[345] sky[331];
in[107] the[19] now[20] unhaunted hill[219]; then[45] be[341] sure[41], exalted[13] to[261] Jove[274]'s[483]
high[361] seat[88], the[19] great[259] Sperm[26] Whale[422] shall[66] lord[106] it[162].

Champollion[161] deciphered[506] the[19] wrinkled[259] granite[192] hieroglyphics[99].
But[330] there[340] is[487] no[235] Champollion[161] to[261] decipher[30] the[19] Egypt[116] of[89] every[389]
man[17]'s[415] and[236] every[389] being[264]'s[483] face[556]. Physiognomy[283], like[410] every[389] other[282]
human[43] science[317], is[487] but[330] a[10] passing[147] fable[18]. If[141] then[45], Sir[271] William[166] Jones[573],
who[319] read[98] in[107] thirty[521] languages[314], could[375] not[518] read[98] the[19] simplest[322]
peasant[61]'s[483] face[556] in[107] its[234] profounder[217] and[236] more[348] subtle[143] meanings[186],
how[19] may[236] unlettered[393] Ishmael[196] hope[211] to[261] read[98] the[19] awful[539] Chaldee[45]
of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] brow[474]? I[482] but[330] put[190] that[14] brow[474] before[344] you[227].
Read[98] if[141] it[162] if[141] you[227] can[450].

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The[19] Nut[142]

If[141] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] be[341] physiognomically a[10] Sphinx[102], to[261] the[19] phrenologist[17] his[433]
brain[158] seems[19] that[14] geometrical[102] circle[282] which[16] it[162] is[487] impossible[305] to[261] square[302].

In[107] the[19] full[414]-grown[299] creature[82] the[19] skull[9] will[584] measure[520] at[65] least[453] twenty[433] feet[349]
in[107] length[202]. Unhinge[81] the[19] lower[47] jaw[213], and[236] the[19] side[246] view[370] of[89] this[256] skull[9]
is[487] as[113] the[19] side[246] view[370] of[89] a[10] moderately[70] inclined[76] plane[451] resting[455] throughout[159]
on[392] a[10] level[378] base[258]. But[330] in[107] life[71]--as[113] we[465] have[254] elsewhere[154] seen[154]--this[256] inclined[76]
plane[451] is[487] angularly[141] filled[232] up[405], and[236] almost[518] squared[141] by[406] the[19] enormous[327]
superincumbent[210] mass[36] of[89] the[19] junk[92] and[236] sperm[26]. At[65] the[19] high[361] end[149] the[19] skull[9]
forms[48] a[10] crater[369] to[261] bed[273] that[14] part[207] of[89] the[19] mass[36]; while[55] under[533] the[19] long[544] floor[418]
of[89] this[256] crater[369]--in[107] another[269] cavity[4] seldom[140] exceeding[320] ten[198] inches[301] in[107] length[202]
and[236] as[113] many[282] in[107] depth[474] reposes[23] the[19] mere[393] handful[330] of[89] this[256] monster[480]'s[483] brain[158].
The[19] brain[158] is[487] at[65] least[453] twenty[433] feet[349] from[316] his[433] apparent[203] forehead[380] in[107] life[71];
it[162] is[487] hidden[78] away[443] behind[80] its[234] vast[43] outworks[13], like[410] the[19] innermost[27] citadel[23]
within[503] the[19] amplified[354] fortifications[82] of[89] Quebec[361]. So[281] like[410] a[10] choice[340] casket[167]
is[487] it[162] secreted[323] in[107] him[248], that[14] I[482] have[254] known[86] some[265] whalemen[451] who[319] peremptorily[235]
deny[346] that[14] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] has[399] any[501] other[282] brain[158] than[77] that[14] palpable[255]
semblance[490] of[89] one[470] formed[294] by[406] the[19] cubic[386]-yards[386] of[89] his[433] sperm[26] magazine[388].
Lying[204] in[107] strange[440] folds[367], courses[139], and[236] convolutions[83], to[261] their[219] apprehensions[361],
it[162] seems[19] more[348] in[107] keeping[482] with[449] the[19] idea[250] of[89] his[433] general[37] might[496] to[261] regard[448]
that[14] mystic[455] part[207] of[89] him[248] as[113] the[19] seat[88] of[89] his[433] intelligence[30].

It[162] is[487] plain[28], then[45], that[14] phrenologically[282] the[19] head[219] of[89] this[256] Leviathan[384],
in[107] the[19] creature[82]'s[96] living[117] intact[86] state[135], is[487] an[138] entire[230] delusion[12].
As[113] for[190] his[433] true[483] brain[158], you[227] can[450] then[45] see[370] no[235] indications[180] of[89] it[162],
nor[137] feel[461] any[501]. The[19] whale[422], like[410] all[145] things[4] that[14] are[314] mighty[2],
wears[270] a[10] false[490] brow[474] to[261] the[19] common[304] world[126].

If[141] you[227] unload[135] his[433] skull[9] of[89] its[234] spermy heaps[86] and[236] then[45] take[279] a[10] rear[252]
view[370] of[89] its[234] rear[252] end[149], which[16] is[487] the[19] high[361] end[149], you[227] will[584] be[341] struck[441]
by[406] its[234] resemblance[128] to[261] the[19] human[43] skull[9], beheld[132] in[107] the[19] same[541] situation[331],
and[236] from[316] the[19] same[541] point[438] of[89] view[370]. Indeed[522], place[107] this[256] reversed[227] skull[9]
(scaled[83] down[133] to[261] the[19] human[43] magnitude[203]) among[483] a[10] plate[396] of[89] men[62]'s[483] skulls[136],
and[236] you[227] would[282] involuntarily[124] confound[224] it[162] with[449] them[146]; and[236] remarking[345]
the[19] depressions[232] on[392] one[470] part[207] of[89] its[234] summit[347], in[107] phrenological[259] phrase[22]
you[227] would[282] say[306]--This[256] man[17] had[364] no[235] self[442]-esteem[304], and[236] no[235] veneration[107].
And[236] by[406] those[427] negations[15], considered[484] along[423] with[449] the[19] affirmative[206] fact[12]
of[89] his[433] prodigious[223] bulk[181] and[236] power[145], you[227] can[450] best[315] form[238] to[261] yourself[176]
the[19] truest[481], though[400] not[518] the[19] most[216] exhilarating[310] conception[150] of[89] what[243]
the[19] most[216] exalted[13] potency[26] is[487].

But[330] if[141] from[316] the[19] comparative[87] dimensions[400] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] proper[249] brain[158],
you[227] deem[126] it[162] incapable[181] of[89] being[264] adequately[367] charted[135], then[45] I[482]
have[254] another[269] idea[250] for[190] you[227]. If[141] you[227] attentively[102] regard[448] almost[518]
any[501] quadruped[398]'s[483] spine[236], you[227] will[584] be[341] struck[441] with[449] the[19] resemblance[128]
of[89] its[234] vertebrae[258] to[261] a[10] strung[20] necklace[327] of[89] dwarfed[211] skulls[136],
all[145] bearing[354] rudimental[111] resemblance[128] to[261] the[19] skull[9] proper[249].
It[162] is[487] a[10] German[264] conceit[58], that[14] the[19] vertebrae[258] are[314] absolutely[518]
undeveloped[322] skulls[136]. But[330] the[19] curious[264] external[386] resemblance[128],
I[482] take[279] it[162] the[19] Germans[190] were[324] not[518] the[19] first[13] men[62] to[261] perceive[131].
A[10] foreign[198] friend[179] once[248] pointed[413] it[162] out[66] to[261] me[2], in[107] the[19] skeleton[231] of[89] a[10] foe[479]
he[362] had[364] slain[268], and[236] with[449] the[19] vertebrae[258] of[89] which[16] he[362] was[454] inlaying[327],
in[107] a[10] sort[42] of[89] basso-relieve[83], the[19] beaked[290] prow[451] of[89] his[433] canoe[290].
Now[20], I[482] consider[259] that[14] the[19] phrenologists[160] have[254] omitted[117] an[138] important[104]
thing[309] in[107] not[518] pushing[39] their[219] investigations[29] from[316] the[19] cerebellum[336]
through[295] the[19] spinal[7] canal[29]. For[190] I[482] believe[191] that[14] much[61] of[89] a[10]
man[17]'s[415] character[239] will[584] be[341] found[260] betokened[205] in[107] his[433] backbone[25].

I[482] would[282] rather[178] feel[461] your[162] spine[236] than[77] your[162] skull[9], whoever[23] you[227] are[314].
A[10] thin[445] joist[279] of[89] a[10] spine[236] never[206] yet[443] upheld[301] a[10] full[414] and[236] noble[226] soul[428].
I[482] rejoice[375] in[107] my[36] spine[236], as[113] in[107] the[19] firm[415] audacious[142] staff[391] of[89] that[14] flag[270]
which[16] I[482] fling[335] half[119] out[66] to[261] the[19] world[126].

Apply[555] this[256] spinal[7] branch[384] of[89] phrenology[306] to[261] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]. His[433] cranial[25]
cavity[4] is[487] continuous[447] with[449] the[19] first[13] neck[239]-vertebra[55]; and[236] in[107] that[14] vertebra[55]
the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] spinal[7] canal[29] will[584] measure[520] ten[198] inches[301] across[129], being[264] eight[316]
in[107] height[20], and[236] of[89] a[10] triangular[498] figure[55] with[449] the[19] base[258] downwards[468].
As[113] it[162] passes[350] through[295] the[19] remaining[64] vertebrae[258] the[19] canal[29] tapers[362] in[107] size[503],
but[330] for[190] a[10] considerable[75] distance[264] remains[324] of[89] large[385] capacity[23].
Now[20], of[89] course[171], this[256] canal[29] is[487] filled[232] with[449] much[61] the[19] same[541] strangely[155]
fibrous[212] substance[316]--the[19] spinal[7] cord[96]--as[113] the[19] brain[158]; and[236] directly[58]
communicates[389] with[449] the[19] brain[158]. And[236] what[243] is[487] still[278] more[348], for[190] many[282] feet[349]
after[358] emerging[350] from[316] the[19] brain[158]'s[483] cavity[4], the[19] spinal[7] cord[96] remains[324]
of[89] an[138] undecreasing girth[106], almost[518] equal[261] to[261] that[14] of[89] the[19] brain[158].
Under[533] all[145] these[527] circumstances[267], would[282] it[162] be[341] unreasonable[70] to[261] survey[192] and[236] map[38]
out[66] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] spine[236] phrenologically[282]? For[190], viewed[41] in[107] this[256] light[382],
the[19] wonderful[291] comparative[87] smallness[362] of[89] his[433] brain[158] proper[249] is[487] more[348] than[77]
compensated[399] by[406] the[19] wonderful[291] comparative[87] magnitude[203] of[89] his[433] spinal[7] cord[96].

But[330] leaving[231] this[256] hint[335] to[261] operate[518] as[113] it[162] may[236] with[449] the[19] phrenologists[160],
I[482] would[282] merely[57] assume[191] the[19] spinal[7] theory[60] for[190] a[10] moment[258], in[107] reference[116]
to[261] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] hump[20]. This[256] august[29] hump[20], if[141] I[482] mistake[471] not[518],
rises[215] over[82] one[470] of[89] the[19] larger[50] vertebrae[258], and[236] is[487], therefore[94], in[107] some[265] sort[42],
the[19] outer[359] convex[111] mould[208] of[89] it[162]. From[316] its[234] relative[310] situation[331] then[45],
I[482] should[255] call[259] this[256] high[361] hump[20] the[19] organ[336] of[89] firmness[386] or[519] indomitableness[25]
in[107] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]. And[236] that[14] the[19] great[259] monster[480] is[487] indomitable[129],
you[227] will[584] yet[443] have[254] reason[238] to[261] know[60].

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The[19] Pequod[288] Meets[518] The[19] Virgin[317]

The[19] predestinated[332] day[112] arrived[553], and[236] we[465] duly[163] met[130] the[19] ship[438]
Jungfrau[102], Derick De[404] Deer[465], master[131], of[89] Bremen[83].

At[65] one[470] time[577] the[19] greatest[479] whaling[155] people[482] in[107] the[19] world[126], the[19] Dutch[325]
and[236] Germans[190] are[314] now[20] among[483] the[19] least[453]; but[330] here[135] and[236] there[340] at[65] very[515] wide[465]
intervals[295] of[89] latitude[258] and[236] longitude[239], you[227] still[278] occasionally[509] meet[16]
with[449] their[219] flag[270] in[107] the[19] Pacific[294].

For[190] some[265] reason[238], the[19] Jungfrau[102] seemed[132] quite[327] eager[516] to[261] pay[496] her[400] respects[403].
While[55] yet[443] some[265] distance[264] from[316] the[19] Pequod[288], she[391] rounded[23] to[261], and[236] dropping[279]
a[10] boat[439], her[400] captain[295] was[454] impelled[104] towards[417] us[569], impatiently[374] standing[144]
in[107] the[19] bows[460] instead[398] of[89] the[19] stern[442].

"What[243] has[399] he[362] in[107] his[433] hand[252] there[340]?" cried[506] Starbuck, pointing[295] to[261] something[181]
wavingly held[212] by[406] the[19] German[264]. "Impossible[305]!--a[10] lamp[330]-feeder!"

"Not[518] that[14]," said[252] Stubb, "no[235], no[235], it[162]'s[483] a[10] coffee[331]-pot[209], Mr[219]. Starbuck;
he[362]'s[483] coming[140] off[111] to[261] make[175] us[569] our[234] coffee[331], is[487] the[19] Yarman; don[280]'t[500] you[227] see[370]
that[14] big[245] tin[254] can[450] there[340] alongside[540] of[89] him[248]?--that[14]'s[76] his[433] boiling[99] water[520].
Oh[367]! he[362]'s[483] all[145] right[499], is[487] the[19] Yarman."

"Go[20] along[423] with[449] you[227]," cried[506] Flask[199], "it[162]'s[483] a[10] lamp[330]-feeder and[236] an[138] oil[118]-can[450].
He[362]'s[483] out[66] of[89] oil[118], and[236] has[399] come[420] a[10]-begging[104]."

However[44] curious[264] it[162] may[236] seem[404] for[190] an[138] oil[118]-ship[438] to[261] be[341] borrowing[197]
oil[118] on[392] the[19] whale[422]-ground[127], and[236] however[44] much[61] it[162] may[236] invertedly[10]
contradict[442] the[19] old[447] proverb[204] about[123] carrying[103] coals[163] to[261] Newcastle[359],
yet[443] sometimes[77] such[420] a[10] thing[309] really[406] happens[143]; and[236] in[107] the[19] present[112]
case[346] Captain[295] Derick De[404] Deer[465] did[444] indubitably[198] conduct[161] a[10] lamp[330]-feeder
as[113] Flask[199] did[444] declare[167].

As[113] he[362] mounted[191] the[19] deck[505], Ahab[232] abruptly[506] accosted[137] him[248], without[309] at[65]
all[145] heeding[18] what[243] he[362] had[364] in[107] his[433] hand[252]; but[330] in[107] his[433] broken[255] lingo[320],
the[19] German[264] soon[18] evinced[94] his[433] complete[191] ignorance[211] of[89] the[19] White[82] Whale[422];
immediately[172] turning[69] the[19] conversation[222] to[261] his[433] lamp[330]-feeder and[236] oil[118] can[450],
with[449] some[265] remarks[512] touching[80] his[433] having[69] to[261] turn[17] into[554] his[433] hammock[323] at[65]
night[108] in[107] profound[371] darkness[493]--his[433] last[436] drop[22] of[89] Bremen[83] oil[118] being[264] gone[190],
and[236] not[518] a[10] single[77] flying[354]-fish[187] yet[443] captured[126] to[261] supply[283] the[19] deficiency[185];
concluding[84] by[406] hinting[73] that[14] his[433] ship[438] was[454] indeed[522] what[243] in[107] the[19] Fishery[136]
is[487] technically[247] called[237] a[10] clean[26] one[470] (that[14] is[487], an[138] empty[450] one[470]), well[263]
deserving[127] the[19] name[477] of[89] Jungfrau[102] or[519] the[19] Virgin[317].

His[433] necessities[43] supplied[338], Derick departed[467]; but[330] he[362] had[364] not[518] gained[290]
his[433] ship[438]'s[483] side[246], when[189] whales[331] were[324] almost[518] simultaneously[558] raised[493] from[316]
the[19] mast[44]-heads[279] of[89] both[558] vessels[150]; and[236] so[281] eager[516] for[190] the[19] chase[89] was[454] Derick,
that[14] without[309] pausing[19] to[261] put[190] his[433] oil[118]-can[450] and[236] lamp[330]-feeder aboard[298],
he[362] slewed[6] round[287] his[433] boat[439] and[236] made[563] after[358] the[19] leviathan[384] lamp[330]-feeders.

Now[20], the[19] game[233] having[69] risen[280] to[261] leeward[265], he[362] and[236] the[19] other[282] three[329] German[264] boats[83] that[14] soon[18] followed[234] him[248], had[364] considerably[110] the[19] start[117] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] keels[394]. There[340] were[324] eight[316] whales[331], an[138] average[147] pod[25]. Aware[174] of[89] their[219] danger[383], they[382] were[324] going[227] all[145] abreast[127] with[449] great[259] speed[468] straight[346] before[344] the[19] wind[262], rubbing[120] their[219] flanks[46] as[113] closely[218] as[113] so[281] many[282] spans[424] of[89] horses[189] in[107] harness[241]. They[382] left[159] a[10] great[259], wide[465] wake[205], as[113] though[400] continually[303] unrolling[202] a[10] great[259] wide[465] parchment[127] upon[419] the[19] sea[67].

Full[414] in[107] this[256] rapid[321] wake[205], and[236] many[282] fathoms[375] in[107] the[19] rear[252], swam[111] a[10] huge[132], humped[25] old[447] bull[76], which[16] by[406] his[433] comparatively[203] slow[96] progress[538], as[113] well[263] as[113] by[406] the[19] unusual[322] yellowish[203] incrustations[217] over[82]-growing[66] him[248], seemed[132] afflicted[83] with[449] the[19] jaundice[236], or[519] some[265] other[282] infirmity[108]. Whether[454] this[256] whale[422] belonged[455] to[261] the[19] pod[25] in[107] advance[70], seemed[132] questionable[152]; for[190] it[162] is[487] not[518] customary[79] for[190] such[420] venerable[57] leviathans[336] to[261] be[341] at[65] all[145] social[149]. Nevertheless[104], he[362] stuck[120] to[261] their[219] wake[205], though[400] indeed[522] their[219] back[457] water[520] must[226] have[254] retarded[211] him[248], because[540] the[19] white[82]-bone[184] or[519] swell[280] at[65] his[433] broad[267] muzzle[246] was[454] a[10] dashed[304] one[470], like[410] the[19] swell[280] formed[294] when[189] two[527] hostile[224] currents[218] meet[16]. His[433] spout[224] was[454] short[522], slow[96], and[236] laborious[17]; coming[140] forth[152] with[449] a[10] choking[243] sort[42] of[89] gush[203], and[236] spending[348] itself[312] in[107] torn[237] shreds[249], followed[234] by[406] strange[440] subterranean[105] commotions[364] in[107] him[248], which[16] seemed[132] to[261] have[254] egress[213] at[65] his[433] other[282] buried[205] extremity[410], causing[258] the[19] waters[556] behind[80] him[248] to[261] upbubble.

"Who[319]'s[483] got[286] some[265] paregoric[4]?" said[252] Stubb, "he[362] has[399] the[19] stomach[274]-ache[377], I[482]'m[250] afraid[248]. Lord[106], think[424] of[89] having[69] half[119] an[138] acre[279] of[89] stomach[274]-ache[377]! Adverse[67] winds[399] are[314] holding[311] mad[235] Christmas[206] in[107] him[248], boys[22]. It[162]'s[483] the[19] first[13] foul[528] wind[262] I[482] ever[208] knew[480] to[261] blow[230] from[316] astern[39]; but[330] look[523], did[444] ever[208] whale[422] yaw[471] so[281] before[344]? it[162] must[226] be[341], he[362]'s[483] lost[308] his[433] tiller[445]."

As[113] an[138] overladen[295] Indiaman[438] bearing[354] down[133] the[19] Hindostan[16] coast[287] with[449] a[10] deck[505] load[310] of[89] frightened[172] horses[189], careens, buries[417], rolls[475], and[236] wallows[318] on[392] her[400] way[435]; so[281] did[444] this[256] old[447] whale[422] heave[308] his[433] aged[361] bulk[181], and[236] now[20] and[236] then[45] partly[311] turning[69] over[82] on[392] his[433] cumbrous[140] rib[84]-ends[301], expose[58] the[19] cause[220] of[89] his[433] devious[350] wake[205] in[107] the[19] unnatural[111] stump[277] of[89] his[433] starboard[309] fin[286]. Whether[454] he[362] had[364] lost[308] that[14] fin[286] in[107] battle[105], or[519] had[364] been[185] born[236] without[309] it[162], it[162] were[324] hard[337] to[261] say[306].

"Only[517] wait[315] a[10] bit[72], old[447] chap[287], and[236] I[482]'ll[300] give[142] ye[483] a[10] sling[448] for[190] that[14] wounded[396] arm[25]," cried[506] cruel[529] Flask[199], pointing[295] to[261] the[19] whale[422]-line[25] near[70] him[248].

"Mind[118] he[362] don[280]'t[500] sling[448] thee[15] with[449] it[162]," cried[506] Starbuck. "Give[142] way[435], or[519] the[19] German[264] will[584] have[254] him[248]."

With[449] one[470] intent[359] all[145] the[19] combined[265] rival[315] boats[83] were[324] pointed[413] for[190] this[256] one[470] fish[187], because[540] not[518] only[517] was[454] he[362] the[19] largest[139], and[236] therefore[94] the[19] most[216] valuable[72] whale[422], but[330] he[362] was[454] nearest[26] to[261] them[146], and[236] the[19] other[282] whales[331] were[324] going[227] with[449] such[420] great[259] velocity[397], moreover[326], as[113] almost[518] to[261] defy[214] pursuit[305] for[190] the[19] time[577]. At[65] this[256] juncture[53], the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] keels[394] had[364] shot[443] by[406] the[19] three[329] German[264] boats[83] last[436] lowered[279]; but[330] from[316] the[19] great[259] start[117] he[362] had[364] had[364], Derick's[483] boat[439] still[278] led[46] the[19] chase[89], though[400] every[389] moment[258] neared[61] by[406] his[433] foreign[198] rivals[501]. The[19] only[517] thing[309] they[382] feared[39], was[454], that[14] from[316] being[264] already[93] so[281] nigh[254] to[261] his[433] mark[169], he[362] would[282] be[341] enabled[54] to[261] dart[293] his[433] iron[169] before[344] they[382] could[375] completely[385] overtake[410] and[236] pass[153] him[248]. As[113] for[190] Derick, he[362] seemed[132] quite[327] confident[122] that[14] this[256] would[282] be[341] the[19] case[346], and[236] occasionally[509] with[449] a[10] deriding[255] gesture[323] shook[161] his[433] lamp[330]-feeder at[65] the[19] other[282] boats[83].

"The[19] ungracious[336] and[236] ungrateful[389] dog[322]!" cried[506] Starbuck; "he[362] mocks[256] and[236] dares[138] me[2] with[449] the[19] very[515] poor[533]-box[256] I[482] filled[232] for[190] him[248] not[518] five[103] minutes[368] ago[141]!"-- Then[45] in[107] his[433] old[447] intense[89] whisper[315]--"give[142] way[435], greyhounds[212]! Dog[322] to[261] it[162]!"

"I[482] tell[392] ye[483] what[243] it[162] is[487], men[62]"--cried[506] Stubb to[261] his[433] crew[126]--It[162]'s[483] against[417] my[36] religion[354] to[261] get[126] mad[235]; but[330] I[482]'d[67] like[410] to[261] eat[286] that[14] villainous[124] Yarman--Pull[35]-- won't[500] ye[483]? Are[314] ye[483] going[227] to[261] let[66] that[14] rascal[231] beat[449] ye[483]? Do[353] ye[483] love[391] brandy[39]? A[10] hogshead[519] of[89] brandy[39], then[45], to[261] the[19] best[315] man[17]. Come[420], why[177] don[280]'t[500] some[265] of[89] ye[483] burst[174] a[10] blood[208]-vessel[155]? Who[319]'s[483] that[14] been[185] dropping[279] an[138] anchor[141] overboard[247]-- we[465] don[280]'t[500] budge[278] an[138] inch[65]--we[465]'re[155] becalmed[443]. Halloo[4], here[135]'s[483] grass[418] growing[66] in[107] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] bottom[461]--and[236] by[406] the[19] Lord[106], the[19] mast[44] there[340]'s[483] budding[362]. This[256] won't[500] do[353], boys[22]. Look[523] at[65] that[14] Yarman! The[19] short[522] and[236] long[544] of[89] it[162] is[487], men[62], will[584] ye[483] spit[265] fire[559] or[519] not[518]?"

"Oh[367]! see[370] the[19] suds[367] he[362] makes[32]!" cried[506] Flask[199], dancing[192] up[405] and[236] down[133]--"What[243] a[10] hump[20]--Oh[367], do[353] pile[312] on[392] the[19] beef[303]--lays[361] like[410] a[10] log[127]! Oh[367]! my[36] lads[252], do[353] spring[148]--slap[332]-jacks[484] and[236] quahogs for[190] supper[4], you[227] know[60], my[36] lads[252]-- baked[115] clams[263] and[236] muffins[122]--oh[367], do[353], do[353], spring[148],--he[362]'s[483] a[10] hundred[93] barreler-- don[280]'t[500] lose[247] him[248] now[20]--don[280]'t[500] oh[367], don[280]'t[500]!--see[370] that[14] Yarman--Oh[367], won't[500] ye[483] pull[35] for[190] your[162] duff[211], my[36] lads[252]--such[420] a[10] sog[102]! such[420] a[10] sogger! Don[280]'t[500] ye[483] love[391] sperm[26]? There[340] goes[205] three[329] thousand[586] dollars[201], men[62]!--a[10] bank[455]!--a[10] whole[199] bank[455]! The[19] bank[455] of[89] England[348]!--Oh[367], do[353], do[353], do[353]!--What[243]'s[483] that[14] Yarman about[123] now[20]?"

At[65] this[256] moment[258] Derick was[454] in[107] the[19] act[10] of[89] pitching[143] his[433] lamp[330]-feeder at[65] the[19] advancing[444] boats[83], and[236] also[119] his[433] oil[118]-can[450]; perhaps[75] with[449] the[19] double[20] view[370] of[89] retarding[53] his[433] rivals[501]' way[435], and[236] at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577] economically[127]

accelerating[357] his[433] own[248] by[406] the[19] momentary[102] impetus[202] of[89] the[19] backward[19] toss[237].

"The[19] unmannerly[504] Dutch[325] dogger[4]!" cried[506] Stubb. "Pull[35] now[20], men[62], like[410] fifty[406] thousand[586] line[25]-of[89]-battle[105]-ship[438] loads[475] of[89] red[293]-haired[57] devils[377]. What[243] d[67]'ye[163] say[306], Tashtego; are[314] you[227] the[19] man[17] to[261] snap[110] your[162] spine[236] in[107] two[527]-and[236]-twenty[433] pieces[283] for[190] the[19] honor[497] of[89] old[447] Gayhead? What[243] d[67]'ye[163] say[306]?"

"I[482] say[306], pull[35] like[410] god[185]-dam[434],"--cried[506] the[19] Indian[303].

Fiercely[111], but[330] evenly[305] incited[25] by[406] the[19] taunts[267] of[89] the[19] German[264], the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] three[329] boats[83] now[20] began[132] ranging[261] almost[518] abreast[127]; and[236], so[281] disposed[154], momentarily[41] neared[61] him[248]. In[107] that[14] fine[333], loose[159], chivalrous[40] attitude[100] of[89] the[19] headsman[143] when[189] drawing[407] near[70] to[261] his[433] prey[347], the[19] three[329] mates[264] stood[1] up[405] proudly[345], occasionally[509] backing[223] the[19] after[358] oarsman[60] with[449] an[138] exhilarating[310] cry[561] of[89], "There[340] she[391] slides[270], now[20]! Hurrah[277] for[190] the[19] white[82]-ash[481] breeze[227]! Down[133] with[449] the[19] Yarman! Sail[218] over[82] him[248]!"

But[330] so[281] decided[74] an[138] original[463] start[117] had[364] Derick had[364], that[14] spite[431] of[89] all[145] their[219] gallantry[57], he[362] would[282] have[254] proved[312] the[19] victor[310] in[107] this[256] race[392], had[364] not[518] a[10] righteous[530] judgment[83] descended[99] upon[419] him[248] in[107] a[10] crab[206] which[16] caught[105] the[19] blade[83] of[89] his[433] midship[265] oarsman[60]. While[55] this[256] clumsy[394] lubber[191] was[454] striving[388] to[261] free[483] his[433] white[82]-ash[481], and[236] while[55], in[107] consequence[111], Derick's[483] boat[439] was[454] nigh[254] to[261] capsizing[135], and[236] he[362] thundering[136] away[443] at[65] his[433] men[62] in[107] a[10] mighty[2] rage[293];--that[14] was[454] a[10] good[221] time[577] for[190] Starbuck, Stubb, and[236] Flask[199]. With[449] a[10] shout[299], they[382] took[68] a[10] mortal[371] start[117] forwards[528], and[236] slantingly[68] ranged[435] up[405] on[392] the[19] German[264]'s[483] quarter[6]. An[138] instant[279] more[348], and[236] all[145] four[175] boats[83] were[324] diagonically in[107] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] immediate[388] wake[205], while[55] stretching[413] from[316] them[146], on[392] both[558] sides[331], was[454] the[19] foaming[193] swell[280] that[14] he[362] made[563].

It[162] was[454] a[10] terrific[315], most[216] pitiable[83], and[236] maddening[359] sight[365]. The[19] whale[422] was[454] now[20] going[227] head[219] out[66], and[236] sending[1] his[433] spout[224] before[344] him[248] in[107] a[10] continual[222] tormented[256] jet[423]; while[55] his[433] one[470] poor[533] fin[286] beat[449] his[433] side[246] in[107] an[138] agony[242] of[89] fright[18]. Now[20] to[261] this[256] hand[252], now[20] to[261] that[14], he[362] yawed[2] in[107] his[433] faltering[369] flight[306], and[236] still[278] at[65] every[389] billow[510] that[14] he[362] broke[356], he[362] spasmodically[203] sank[310] in[107] the[19] sea[67], or[519] sideways[496] rolled[226] towards[417] the[19] sky[331] his[433] one[470] beating[124] fin[286]. So[281] have[254] I[482] seen[154] a[10] bird[443] with[449] clipped[151] wing[101], making[415] affrighted[35] broken[255] circles[3] in[107] the[19] air[209], vainly[116] striving[388] to[261] escape[565] the[19] piratical[403] hawks[53]. But[330] the[19] bird[443] has[399] a[10] voice[233], and[236] with[449] plaintive[101] cries[104] will[584] make[175] known[86] her[400] fear[103]; but[330] the[19] fear[103] of[89] this[256] vast[43] dumb[371] brute[73] of[89] the[19] sea[67], was[454] chained[492] up[405] and[236] enchanted[229] in[107] him[248]; he[362] had[364] no[235] voice[233], save[556] that[14] choking[243] respiration[113] through[295] his[433] spiracle[4], and[236] this[256] made[563] the[19] sight[365] of[89] him[248] unspeakably[102] pitiable[83]; while[55] still[278], in[107] his[433] amazing[306] bulk[181], portcullis[63] jaw[213], and[236] omnipotent[448] tail[102], there[340] was[454] enough[217] to[261] appal[180] the[19] stoutest[480] man[17] who[319] so[281] pitied[340].

Seeing[426] now[20] that[14] but[330] a[10] very[515] few[49] moments[434] more[348] would[282] give[142] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] boats[83] the[19] advantage[169], and[236] rather[178] than[77] be[341] thus[362] foiled[399] of[89] his[433] game[233], Derick chose[155] to[261] hazard[202] what[243] to[261] him[248] must[226] have[254] seemed[132] a[10] most[216] unusually[35] long[544] dart[293], ere[83] the[19] last[436] chance[292] would[282] for[190] ever[208] escape[565].

But[330] no[235] sooner[338] did[444] his[433] harpooneer stand[530] up[405] for[190] the[19] stroke[436], than[77] all[145] three[329] tigers[20]--Queequeg, Tashtego, Daggoo--instinctively[210] sprang[253] to[261] their[219] feet[349], and[236] standing[144] in[107] a[10] diagonal[20] row[328], simultaneously[558] pointed[413] their[219] barbs[226]; and[236] darted[362] over[82] the[19] head[219] of[89] the[19] German[264] harpooneer, their[219] three[329] Nantucket[283] irons[363] entered[447] the[19] whale[422]. Blinding[298] vapors[99] of[89] foam[160] and[236] white[82]-fire[559]! The[19] three[329] boats[83], in[107] the[19] first[13] fury[30] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] headlong[4] rush[6], bumped[151] the[19] German[264]'s[483] aside[408] with[449] such[420] force[406], that[14] both[558] Derick and[236] his[433] baffled[181] harpooneer were[324] spilled[434] out[66], and[236] sailed[248] over[82] by[406] the[19] three[329] flying[354] keels[394].

"Don[280]'t[500] be[341] afraid[248], my[36] butter[536]-boxes[381]," cried[506] Stubb, casting[19] a[10] passing[147] glance[362] upon[419] them[146] as[113] he[362] shot[443] by[406]; "ye[483]'ll[300] be[341] picked[129] up[405] presently[166]--all[145] right[499]--I[482] saw[113] some[265] sharks[206] astern[39]--St[193]. Bernard[359]'s[483] dogs[393], you[227] know[60]--relieve[83] distressed[40] travellers[491]. Hurrah[277]! this[256] is[487] the[19] way[435] to[261] sail[218] now[20]. Every[389] keel[39] a[10] sunbeam[99]! Hurrah[277]!--Here[135] we[465] go[20] like[410] three[329] tin[254] kettles[172] at[65] the[19] tail[102] of[89] a[10] mad[235] cougar[4]! This[256] puts[146] me[2] in[107] mind[118] of[89] fastening[180] to[261] an[138] elephant[72] in[107] a[10] tilbury[266] on[392] a[10] plain[28]--makes[32] the[19] wheelspokes[26] fly[324], boys[22], when[189] you[227] fasten[476] to[261] him[248] that[14] way[435]; and[236] there[340]'s[483] danger[383] of[89] being[264] pitched[101] out[66] too[11], when[189] you[227] strike[374] a[10] hill[219]. Hurrah[277]! this[256] is[487] the[19] way[435] a[10] fellow[369] feels[450] when[189] he[362]'s[483] going[227] to[261] Davy[136] Jones[573]--all[145] a[10] rush[6] down[133] an[138] endless[489] inclined[76] plane[451]! Hurrah[277]! this[256] whale[422] carries[440] the[19] everlasting[249] mail[382]!"

But[330] the[19] monster[480]'s[483] run[172] was[454] a[10] brief[59] one[470]. Giving[207] a[10] sudden[309] gasp[310], he[362] tumultuously[127] sounded[163]. With[449] a[10] grating[451] rush[6], the[19] three[329] lines[241] flew[424] round[287] the[19] loggerheads[301] with[449] such[420] a[10] force[406] as[113] to[261] gouge[247] deep[483] grooves[189] in[107] them[146]; while[55] so[281] fearful[183] were[324] the[19] harpooneers that[14] this[256] rapid[321] sounding[331] would[282] soon[18] exhaust[202] the[19] lines[241], that[14] using[14] all[145] their[219] dexterous[25] might[496], they[382] caught[105] repeated[381] smoking[470] turns[136] with[449] the[19] rope[265] to[261] hold[204] on[392]; till[181] at[65] last[436]--owing[98] to[261] the[19] perpendicular[83] strain[468] from[316] the[19] lead[362]-lined[88] chocks[39] of[89] the[19] boats[83], whence[494] the[19] three[329] ropes[461] went[516] straight[346] down[133] into[554] the[19] blue[240]--the[19] gunwales[42] of[89] the[19] bows[460] were[324] almost[518] even[198]

with[449] the[19] water[520], while[55] the[19] three[329] sterns[98] tilted[41] high[361] in[107] the[19] air[209].
And[236] the[19] whale[422] soon[18] ceasing[389] to[261] sound[181], for[190] some[265] time[577] they[382]
remained[72] in[107] that[14] attitude[100], fearful[183] of[89] expending[237] more[348] line[25],
though[400] the[19] position[383] was[454] a[10] little[554] ticklish[57]. But[330] though[400] boats[83] have[254]
been[185] taken[222] down[133] and[236] lost[308] in[107] this[256] way[435], yet[443] it[162] is[487] this[256] "holding[311] on[392],"
as[113] it[162] is[487] called[237]; this[256] hooking[26] up[405] by[406] the[19] sharp[427] barbs[226] of[89] his[433] live[554]
flesh[331] from[316] the[19] back[457]; this[256] it[162] is[487] that[14] often[227] torments[427] the[19] Leviathan[384]
into[554] soon[18] rising[464] again[52] to[261] meet[16] the[19] sharp[427] lance[76] of[89] his[433] foes[247].
Yet[443] not[518] to[261] speak[337] of[89] the[19] peril[565] of[89] the[19] thing[309], it[162] is[487] to[261] be[341] doubted[279]
whether[454] this[256] course[171] is[487] always[367] the[19] best[315]; for[190] it[162] is[487] but[330] reasonable[88]
to[261] presume[212], that[14] the[19] longer[559] the[19] stricken[328] whale[422] stays[324] under[533] water[520],
the[19] more[348] he[362] is[487] exhausted[552]. Because[540], owing[98] to[261] the[19] enormous[327] surface[328] of[89] him[248]--
in[107] a[10] full[414] grown[299] sperm[26] whale[422] something[181] less[261] than[77] 2000[517] square[302] feet[349]--
the[19] pressure[102] of[89] the[19] water[520] is[487] immense[301]. We[465] all[145] know[60] what[243] an[138] astonishing[80]
atmospheric[83] weight[213] we[465] ourselves[15] stand[530] up[405] under[533]; even[198] here[135],
above[502]-ground[127], in[107] the[19] air[209]; how[19] vast[43], then[45], the[19] burden[382] of[89] a[10] whale[422],
bearing[354] on[392] his[433] back[457] a[10] column[265] of[89] two[527] hundred[93] fathoms[375] of[89] ocean[224]!
It[162] must[226] at[65] least[453] equal[261] the[19] weight[213] of[89] fifty[406] atmospheres[335]. One[470] whaleman[98]
has[399] estimated[5] it[162] at[65] the[19] weight[213] of[89] twenty[433] line[25]-of[89]-battle[105] ships[21],
with[449] all[145] their[219] guns[225], and[236] stores[292], and[236] men[62] on[392] board[540].

As[113] the[19] three[329] boats[83] lay[62] there[340] on[392] that[14] gently[284] rolling[253] sea[67],
gazing[117] down[133] into[554] its[234] eternal[155] blue[240] noon[445]; and[236] as[113] not[518] a[10] single[77] groan[45]
or[519] cry[561] of[89] any[501] sort[42], nay[358], not[518] so[281] much[61] as[113] a[10] ripple[85] or[519] a[10] bubble[81]
came[549] up[405] from[316] its[234] depths[416]; what[243] landsman[331] would[282] have[254] thought[186],
that[14] beneath[320] all[145] that[14] silence[309] and[236] placidity[204], the[19] utmost[43]
monster[480] of[89] the[19] seas[350] was[454] writhing[12] and[236] wrenching[361] in[107] agony[242]!
Not[518] eight[316] inches[301] of[89] perpendicular[83] rope[265] were[324] visible[94] at[65] the[19] bows[460].
Seems[19] it[162] credible[444] that[14] by[406] three[329] such[420] thin[445] threads[19] the[19] great[259]
Leviathan[384] was[454] suspended[245] like[410] the[19] big[245] weight[213] to[261] an[138] eight[316] day[112] clock[489].
Suspended[245]? and[236] to[261] what[243]? To[261] three[329] bits[256] of[89] board[540]. Is[487] this[256]
the[19] creature[82] of[89] whom[324] it[162] was[454] once[248] so[281] triumphantly[388] said[252]--"Canst[502] thou[173]
fill[380] his[433] skin[428] with[449] barbed[27] irons[363]? or[519] his[433] head[219] with[449] fish[187]-spears[450]?
The[19] sword[273] of[89] him[248] that[14] layeth[141] at[65] him[248] cannot hold[204], the[19] spear[188],
the[19] dart[293], nor[137] the[19] habergeon[324]: he[362] esteemeth[220] iron[169] as[113] straw[152];
the[19] arrow[44] cannot make[175] him[248] flee[440]; darts[337] are[314] counted[81] as[113] stubble[253];
he[362] laugheth[454] at[65] the[19] shaking[206] of[89] a[10] spear[188]!" This[256] the[19] creature[82]?
this[256] he[362]? Oh[367]! that[14] unfulfilments should[255] follow[408] the[19] prophets[8].
For[190] with[449] the[19] strength[168] of[89] a[10] thousand[586] thighs[84] in[107] his[433] tail[102],
Leviathan[384] had[364] run[172] his[433] head[219] under[533] the[19] mountains[202] of[89] the[19] sea[67],
to[261] hide[266] him[248] from[316] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] fishspears!

In[107] that[14] sloping[135] afternoon[128] sunlight[333], the[19] shadows[480] that[14] the[19] three[329] boats[83] sent[411]
down[133] beneath[320] the[19] surface[328], must[226] have[254] been[185] long[544] enough[217] and[236] broad[267] enough[217]
to[261] shade[116] half[119] Xerxes[158]' army[32]. Who[319] can[450] tell[392] how[19] appalling[282] to[261] the[19] wounded[396]
whale[422] must[226] have[254] been[185] such[420] huge[132] phantoms[13] flitting[411] over[82] his[433] head[219]!

"Stand[530] by[406], men[62]; he[362] stirs[161]," cried[506] Starbuck, as[113] the[19] three[329] lines[241] suddenly[193]
vibrated[376] in[107] the[19] water[520], distinctly[26] conducting[259] upwards[110] to[261] them[146],
as[113] by[406] magnetic[181] wires[26], the[19] life[71] and[236] death[543] throbs[497] of[89] the[19] whale[422],
so[281] that[14] every[389] oarsman[60] felt[440] them[146] in[107] his[433] seat[88]. The[19] next[27] moment[258],
relieved[158] in[107] a[10] great[259] part[207] from[316] the[19] downward[157] strain[468] at[65] the[19] bows[460],
the[19] boats[83] gave[572] a[10] sudden[309] bounce[571] upwards[110], as[113] a[10] small[350] icefield will[584],
when[189] a[10] dense[481] herd[69] of[89] white[82] bears[97] are[314] scared[92] from[316] it[162] into[554] the[19] sea[67].

"Haul[19] in[107]! Haul[19] in[107]!" cried[506] Starbuck again[52]; "he[362]'s[483] rising[464]."

The[19] lines[241], of[89] which[16], hardly[182] an[138] instant[279] before[344], not[518] one[470] hand[252]'s[483]
breadth[252] could[375] have[254] been[185] gained[290], were[324] now[20] in[107] long[544] quick[241] coils[259]
flung[255] back[457] all[145] dripping[92] into[554] the[19] boats[83], and[236] soon[18] the[19] whale[422]
broke[356] water[520] within[503] two[527] ship[438]'s[483] length[202] of[89] the[19] hunters[423].

His[433] motions[62] plainly[450] denoted[86] his[433] extreme[31] exhaustion[430].
In[107] most[216] land[406] animals[440] there[340] are[314] certain[31] valves[433] or[519] flood[167]-gates[253]
in[107] many[282] of[89] their[219] veins[395], whereby[358] when[189] wounded[396], the[19] blood[208] is[487] in[107]
some[265] degree[209] at[65] least[453] instantly[186] shut[59] off[111] in[107] certain[31] directions[124].
Not[518] so[281] with[449] the[19] whale[422]; one[470] of[89] whose[286] peculiarities[38] it[162] is[487],
to[261] have[254] an[138] entire[230] non[438]-valvular structure[235] of[89] the[19] blood[208]-vessels[467],
so[281] that[14] when[189] pierced[197] even[198] by[406] so[281] small[350] a[10] point[438] as[113] a[10] harpoon[67],
a[10] deadly[49] drain[4] is[487] at[65] once[248] begun[243] upon[419] his[433] whole[199] arterial[189] system[480];
and[236] when[189] this[256] is[487] heightened[53] by[406] the[19] extraordinary[346] pressure[102]
of[89] water[520] at[65] a[10] great[259] distance[264] below[397] the[19] surface[328], his[433] life[71]
may[236] be[341] said[252] to[261] pour[415] from[316] him[248] in[107] incessant[91] streams[15].
Yet[443] so[281] vast[43] is[487] the[19] quantity[316] of[89] blood[208] in[107] him[248], and[236] so[281] distant[353]
and[236] numerous[558] its[234] interior[163] fountains[170], that[14] he[362] will[584] keep[381]
thus[362] bleeding[230] and[236] bleeding[230] for[190] a[10] considerable[75] period[196];
even[198] as[113] in[107] a[10] drought[36] a[10] river[201] will[584] flow[44], whose[286] source[254] is[487]
in[107] the[19] well[263]-springs[83] of[89] far[258]-off[111] and[236] indiscernible[507] hills[352].
Even[198] now[20], when[189] the[19] boats[83] pulled[213] upon[419] this[256] whale[422], and[236] perilously[426]
drew[175] over[82] his[433] swaying[315] flukes[155], and[236] the[19] lances[8] were[324] darted[362] into[554] him[248],
they[382] were[324] followed[234] by[406] steady[21] jets[6] from[316] the[19] new[36] made[563] wound[342],
which[16] kept[290] continually[303] playing[471], while[55] the[19] natural[298] spout[224]-hole[73]
in[107] his[433] head[219] was[454] only[517] at[65] intervals[295], however[44] rapid[321], sending[1] its[234]
affrighted[35] moisture[116] into[554] the[19] air[209]. From[316] this[256] last[436] vent[363] no[235] blood[208]

yet[443] came[549], because[540] no[235] vital[204] part[207] of[89] him[248] had[364] thus[362] far[258] been[185] struck[441].
His[433] life[71], as[113] they[382] significantly[23] call[259] it[162], was[454] untouched[151].

As[113] the[19] boats[83] now[20] more[348] closely[218] surrounded[75] him[248], the[19] whole[199] upper[403] part[207] of[89] his[433]
form[238], with[449] much[61] of[89] it[162] that[14] is[487] ordinarily[250] submerged[402], was[454] plainly[450] revealed[530].
His[433] eyes[125], or[519] rather[178] the[19] places[423] where[579] his[433] eyes[125] had[364] been[185], were[324] beheld[132].
As[113] strange[440] misgrown masses[361] gather[311] in[107] the[19] knot[403]-holes[248] of[89] the[19] noblest[140]
oaks[481] when[189] prostrate[251], so[281] from[316] the[19] points[245] which[16] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] eyes[125] had[364]
once[248] occupied[262], now[20] protruded[282] blind[375] bulbs[290], horribly[375] pitiable[83] to[261] see[370].
But[330] pity[270] there[340] was[454] none[365]. For[190] all[145] his[433] old[447] age[157], and[236] his[433] one[470] arm[25],
and[236] his[433] blind[375] eyes[125], he[362] must[226] die[229] the[19] death[543] and[236] be[341] murdered[273],
in[107] order[343] to[261] light[382] the[19] gay[323] bridals[174] and[236] other[282] merry[486]-makings of[89] men[62],
and[236] also[119] to[261] illuminate[243] the[19] solemn[303] churches[44] that[14] preach[18] unconditional[25]
inoffensiveness[53] by[406] all[145] to[261] all[145]. Still[278] rolling[253] in[107] his[433] blood[208], at[65] last[436]
he[362] partially[263] disclosed[446] a[10] strangely[155] discolored[426] bunch[100] or[519] protuberance[105],
the[19] size[503] of[89] a[10] bushel[10], low[407] down[133] on[392] the[19] flank[434].

"A[10] nice[2] spot[46]," cried[506] Flask[199]; "just[108] let[66] me[2] prick[189] him[248] there[340] once[248]."

"Avast[279]!" cried[506] Starbuck, "there[340]'s[483] no[235] need[32] of[89] that[14]!"

But[330] humane[365] Starbuck was[454] too[11] late[351]. At[65] the[19] instant[279] of[89] the[19] dart[293]
an[138] ulcerous[186] jet[423] shot[443] from[316] this[256] cruel[529] wound[342], and[236] goaded[221] by[406] it[162]
into[554] more[348] than[77] sufferable[343] anguish[75], the[19] whale[422] now[20] spouting[81]
thick[502] blood[208], with[449] swift[376] fury[30] blindly[219] darted[362] at[65] the[19] craft[187],
bespattering[127] them[146] and[236] their[219] glorying[181] crews[559] all[145] over[82] with[449]
showers[128] of[89] gore[551], capsizing[135] Flask[199]'s[483] boat[439] and[236] marring[212] the[19] bows[460].
It[162] was[454] his[433] death[543] stroke[436]. For[190], by[406] this[256] time[577], so[281] spent[329] was[454] he[362] by[406] loss[223]
of[89] blood[208], that[14] he[362] helplessly[100] rolled[226] away[443] from[316] the[19] wreck[171] he[362] had[364] made[563];
lay[62] panting[553] on[392] his[433] side[246], impotently[5] flapped[155] with[449] his[433] stumped[335] fin[286],
then[45] over[82] and[236] over[82] slowly[149] revolved[75] like[410] a[10] waning[442] world[126];
turned[492] up[405] the[19] white[82] secrets[107] of[89] his[433] belly[511]; lay[62] like[410] a[10] log[127],
and[236] died[575]. It[162] was[454] most[216] piteous[219], that[14] last[436] expiring[399] spout[224].
As[113] when[189] by[406] unseen[173] hands[87] the[19] water[520] is[487] gradually[355] drawn[564] off[111]
from[316] some[265] mighty[2] fountain[524], and[236] with[449] half[119]-stifled[143] melancholy[398]
gurglings[259] the[19] spray[76]-column[265] lowers[169] and[236] lowers[169] to[261] the[19] ground[127]--
so[281] the[19] last[436] long[544] dying[69] spout[224] of[89] the[19] whale[422].

Soon[18], while[55] the[19] crews[559] were[324] awaiting[408] the[19] arrival[274] of[89] the[19] ship[438],
the[19] body[348] showed[507] symptoms[128] of[89] sinking[60] with[449] all[145] its[234] treasures[202] unrifled[125].
Immediately[172], by[406] Starbuck's[483] orders[199], lines[241] were[324] secured[284] to[261] it[162] at[65]
different[276] points[245], so[281] that[14] ere[83] long[544] every[389] boat[439] was[454] a[10] buoy[84]; the[19] sunken[83]
whale[422] being[264] suspended[245] a[10] few[49] inches[301] beneath[320] them[146] by[406] the[19] cords[388].
By[406] very[515] heedful[133] management[97], when[189] the[19] ship[438] drew[175] nigh[254], the[19] whale[422] was[454]
transferred[8] to[261] her[400] side[246], and[236] was[454] strongly[168] secured[284] there[340] by[406] the[19] stiffest[354]
fluke[415]-chains[446], for[190] it[162] was[454] plain[28] that[14] unless[54] artificially[199] upheld[301],
the[19] body[348] would[282] at[65] once[248] sink[190] to[261] the[19] bottom[461].

It[162] so[281] chanced[424] that[14] almost[518] upon[419] first[13] cutting[454] into[554] him[248] with[449] the[19] spade[19],
the[19] entire[230] length[202] of[89] a[10] corroded[348] harpoon[67] was[454] found[260] imbedded[160]
in[107] his[433] flesh[331], on[392] the[19] lower[47] part[207] of[89] the[19] bunch[100] before[344] described[483].
But[330] as[113] the[19] stumps[78] of[89] harpoons[6] are[314] frequently[475] found[260] in[107] the[19] dead[568]
bodies[392] of[89] captured[126] whales[331], with[449] the[19] flesh[331] perfectly[26] healed[157]
around[66] them[146], and[236] no[235] prominence[36] of[89] any[501] kind[451] to[261] denote[493] their[219] place[107];
therefore[94], there[340] must[226] needs[41] have[254] been[185] some[265] other[282] unknown[10] reason[238]
in[107] the[19] present[112] case[346] fully[530] to[261] account[102] for[190] the[19] ulceration[337] alluded[231] to[261].
But[330] still[278] more[348] curious[264] was[454] the[19] fact[12] of[89] a[10] lance[76]-head[197] of[89] stone[398] being[264]
found[260] in[107] him[248], not[518] far[258] from[316] the[19] buried[205] iron[169], the[19] flesh[331] perfectly[26]
firm[415] about[123] it[162]. Who[319] had[364] darted[362] that[14] stone[398] lance[76]? And[236] when[189]?
It[162] might[496] have[254] been[185] darted[362] by[406] some[265] Nor[137]' West[569] Indian[303] long[544] before[344]
America[133] was[454] discovered[36].

What[243] other[282] marvels[25] might[496] have[254] been[185] rummaged[522] out[66] of[89] this[256] monstrous[395] cabinet[46]
there[340] is[487] no[235] telling[196]. But[330] a[10] sudden[309] stop[48] was[454] put[190] to[261] further[53] discoveries[5],
by[406] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] being[264] unprecedentedly[354] dragged[460] over[82] sideways[496] to[261] the[19] sea[67],
owing[98] to[261] the[19] body[348]'s[483] immensely[122] increasing[329] tendency[68] to[261] sink[190].
However[44], Starbuck, who[319] had[364] the[19] ordering[264] of[89] affairs[492], hung[479] on[392] to[261] it[162]
to[261] the[19] last[436]; hung[479] on[392] to[261] it[162] so[281] resolutely[255], indeed[522], that[14] when[189] at[65] length[202]
the[19] ship[438] would[282] have[254] been[185] capsized[42], if[141] still[278] persisting[301] in[107] locking[188]
arms[536] with[449] the[19] body[348]; then[45], when[189] the[19] command[190] was[454] given[141] to[261] break[483] clear[408]
from[316] it[162], such[420] was[454] the[19] immovable[214] strain[468] upon[419] the[19] timber[59]-heads[366] to[261] which[16]
the[19] fluke[415]-chains[446] and[236] cables[25] were[324] fastened[426], that[14] it[162] was[454] impossible[305]
to[261] cast[99] them[146] off[111]. Meantime[210] everything[233] in[107] the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] aslant[422].
To[261] cross[416] to[261] the[19] other[282] side[246] of[89] the[19] deck[505] was[454] like[410] walking[523] up[405]
the[19] steep[108] gabled[319] roof[259] of[89] a[10] house[499]. The[19] ship[438] groaned[233] and[236] gasped[552].
Many[282] of[89] the[19] ivory[76] inlayings[10] of[89] her[400] bulwarks[411] and[236] cabins[331] were[324] started[492]
from[316] their[219] places[423], by[406] the[19] unnatural[111] dislocation[423]. In[107] vain[216] handspikes[209]
and[236] crows[140] were[324] brought[85] to[261] bear[48] upon[419] the[19] immovable[214] fluke[415]-chains[446], to[261] pry[505]
them[146] adrift[350] from[316] the[19] timberheads; and[236] so[281] low[407] had[364] the[19] whale[422] now[20] settled[540]
that[14] the[19] submerged[402] ends[301] could[375] not[518] be[341] at[65] all[145] approached[93], while[55] every[389]
moment[258] whole[199] tons[363] of[89] ponderosity[95] seemed[132] added[52] to[261] the[19] sinking[60] bulk[181],
and[236] the[19] ship[438] seemed[132] on[392] the[19] point[438] of[89] going[227] over[82].

"Hold[204] on[392], hold[204] on[392], won't[500] ye[483]?" cried[506] Stubb to[261] the[19] body[348],

"don[280]'t[500] be[341] in[107] such[420] a[10] devil[411] of[89] a[10] hurry[183] to[261] sink[190]!
By[406] thunder[356], men[62], we[465] must[226] do[353] something[181] or[519] go[20] for[190] it[162].
No[235] use[176] prying[513] there[340]; avast[279], I[482] say[306] with[449] your[162] handspikes[209],
and[236] run[172] one[470] of[89] ye[483] for[190] a[10] prayer[377] book[230] and[236] a[10] pen[105]-knife[503], and[236] cut[310]
the[19] big[245] chains[446]."

"Knife[503]? Aye[86], aye[86]," cried[506] Queequeg, and[236] seizing[327] the[19] carpenter[262]'s[483]
heavy[421] hatchet[273], he[362] leaned[265] out[66] of[89] a[10] porthole[240], and[236] steel[184] to[261] iron[169],
began[132] slashing[41] at[65] the[19] largest[139] fluke[415]-chains[446]. But[330] a[10] few[49] strokes[455],
full[414] of[89] sparks[183], were[324] given[141], when[189] the[19] exceeding[320] strain[468] effected[142] the[19] rest[302].
With[449] a[10] terrific[315] snap[110], every[389] fastening[180] went[516] adrift[350]; the[19] ship[438] righted[240],
the[19] carcase[366] sank[310].

Now[20], this[256] occasional[202] inevitable[113] sinking[60] of[89] the[19] recently[128] killed[409]
Sperm[26] Whale[422] is[487] a[10] very[515] curious[264] thing[309]; nor[137] has[399] any[501] fisherman[18] yet[443]
adequately[367] accounted[480] for[190] it[162]. Usually[211] the[19] dead[568] Sperm[26] Whale[422]
floats[36] with[449] great[259] buoyancy[15], with[449] its[234] side[246] or[519] belly[511] considerably[110]
elevated[541] above[502] the[19] surface[328]. If[141] the[19] only[517] whales[331] that[14] thus[362] sank[310]
were[324] old[447], meagre[438], and[236] broken[255]-hearted[83] creatures[5], their[219] pads[259]
of[89] lard[117] diminished[163] and[236] all[145] their[219] bones[5] heavy[421] and[236] rheumatic[238];
then[45] you[227] might[496] with[449] some[265] reason[238] assert[354] that[14] this[256] sinking[60] is[487]
caused[308] by[406] an[138] uncommon[88] specific[383] gravity[430] in[107] the[19] fish[187] so[281] sinking[60],
consequent[61] upon[419] this[256] absence[484] of[89] buoyant[159] matter[176] in[107] him[248].
But[330] it[162] is[487] not[518] so[281]. For[190] young[389] whales[331], in[107] the[19] highest[575] health[231],
and[236] swelling[414] with[449] noble[226] aspirations[72], prematurely[374] cut[310] off[111]
in[107] the[19] warm[178] flush[356] and[236] May[236] of[89] life[71], with[449] all[145] their[219] panting[553] lard[117]
about[123] them[146]! even[198] these[527] brawny[364], buoyant[159] heroes[295] do[353] sometimes[77] sink[190].

Be[341] it[162] said[252], however[44], that[14] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] is[487] far[258] less[261]
liable[520] to[261] this[256] accident[210] than[77] any[501] other[282] species[69].
Where[579] one[470] of[89] that[14] sort[42] go[20] down[133], twenty[433] Right[499] Whales[331] do[353].
This[256] difference[3] in[107] the[19] species[69] is[487] no[235] doubt[71] imputable[237] in[107] no[235] small[350]
degree[209] to[261] the[19] greater[505] quantity[316] of[89] bone[184] in[107] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422];
his[433] Venetian[59] blinds[34] alone[2] sometimes[77] weighing[503] more[348] than[77] a[10] ton[8];
from[316] this[256] incumbrance[84] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] is[487] wholly[497] free[483]. But[330] there[340]
are[314] instances[252] where[579], after[358] the[19] lapse[125] of[89] many[282] hours[127] or[519] several[479] days[351],
the[19] sunken[83] whale[422] again[52] rises[215], more[348] buoyant[159] than[77] in[107] life[71].
But[330] the[19] reason[238] of[89] this[256] is[487] obvious[147]. Gases[265] are[314] generated[231] in[107] him[248];
he[362] swells[446] to[261] a[10] prodigious[223] magnitude[203]; becomes[314] a[10] sort[42] of[89] animal[22] balloon[181].
A[10] line[25]-of[89]-battle[105] ship[438] could[375] hardly[182] keep[381] him[248] under[533] then[45].
In[107] the[19] Shore[280] Whaling[155], on[392] soundings[99], among[483] the[19] Bays[138] of[89] New[36] Zealand[115],
when[189] a[10] Right[499] Whale[422] gives[529] token[502] of[89] sinking[60], they[382] fasten[476] buoys[400]
to[261] him[248], with[449] plenty[406] of[89] rope[265]; so[281] that[14] when[189] the[19] body[348] has[399] gone[190] down[133],
they[382] know[60] where[579] to[261] look[523] for[190] it[162] when[189] it[162] shall[66] have[254] ascended[302] again[52].

It[162] was[454] not[518] long[544] after[358] the[19] sinking[60] of[89] the[19] body[348] that[14] a[10] cry[561]
was[454] heard[444] from[316] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] mast[44]-heads[279], announcing[337] that[14] the[19]
Jungfrau[102] was[454] again[52] lowering[240] her[400] boats[83]; though[400] the[19] only[517] spout[224]
in[107] sight[365] was[454] that[14] of[89] a[10] Fin[286]-Back[457], belonging[168] to[261] the[19] species[69] of[89]
uncapturable[143] whales[331], because[540] of[89] its[234] incredible[98] power[145] of[89] swimming[367].
Nevertheless[104], the[19] Fin[286]-Back[457]'s[483] spout[224] is[487] so[281] similar[101] to[261] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483],
that[14] by[406] unskilful[113] fishermen[24] it[162] is[487] often[227] mistaken[49] for[190] it[162].
And[236] consequently[441] Derick and[236] all[145] his[433] host[5] were[324] now[20] in[107] valiant[359]
chase[89] of[89] this[256] unnearable brute[73]. The[19] Virgin[317] crowding[283] all[145] sail[218],
made[563] after[358] her[400] four[175] young[389] keels[394], and[236] thus[362] they[382] all[145] disappeared[5]
far[258] to[261] leeward[265], still[278] in[107] bold[356], hopeful[138] chase[89].

Oh[367]! many[282] are[314] the[19] Fin[286]-Backs[480], and[236] many[282] are[314] the[19] Dericks, my[36] friend[179].

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The[19] Honor[497] and[236] Glory[173] of[89] Whaling[155]

There[340] are[314] some[265] enterprises[119] in[107] which[16] a[10] careful[252] disorderliness[136]
is[487] the[19] true[483] method[146].

The[19] more[348] I[482] dive[316] into[554] this[256] matter[176] of[89] whaling[155], and[236] push[278] my[36] researches[368]
up[405] to[261] the[19] very[515] spring[148]-head[43] of[89] it[162] so[281] much[61] the[19] more[348] am[375] I[482] impressed[4]
with[449] its[234] great[259] honorableness and[236] antiquity[354]; and[236] especially[371] when[189] I[482]
find[138] so[281] many[282] great[259] demi-gods[325] and[236] heroes[295], prophets[8] of[89] all[145] sorts[354],
who[319] one[470] way[435] or[519] other[282] have[254] shed[155] distinction[301] upon[419] it[162], I[482] am[375] transported[546]
with[449] the[19] reflection[266] that[14] I[482] myself[99] belong[243], though[400] but[330] subordinately[83],
to[261] so[281] emblazoned[110] a[10] fraternity[227].

The[19] gallant[323] Perseus[170], a[10] son[26] of[89] Jupiter[430], was[454] the[19] first[13] whaleman[98];
and[236] to[261] the[19] eternal[155] honor[497] of[89] our[234] calling[56] be[341] it[162] said[252], that[14] the[19] first[13]
whale[422] attacked[507] by[406] our[234] brotherhood[138] was[454] not[518] killed[409] with[449] any[501]
sordid[167] intent[359]. Those[427] were[324] the[19] knightly[63] days[351] of[89] our[234] profession[202],
when[189] we[465] only[517] bore[27] arms[536] to[261] succor[243] the[19] distressed[40], and[236] not[518] to[261] fill[380]
men[62]'s[483] lamp[330]-feeders. Every[389] one[470] knows[286] the[19] fine[333] story[197] of[89] Perseus[170]
and[236] Andromeda[45]; how[19] the[19] lovely[126] Andromeda[45], the[19] daughter[302] of[89] a[10] king[324],

was[454] tied[101] to[261] a[10] rock[264] on[392] the[19] sea[67]-coast[287], and[236] as[113] Leviathan[384] was[454] in[107]
the[19] very[515] act[10] of[89] carrying[103] her[400] off[111], Perseus[170], the[19] prince[63] of[89] whalemen[451],
intrepidly[127] advancing[444], harpooned[290] the[19] monster[480], and[236] delivered[120]
and[236] married[306] the[19] maid[128]. It[162] was[454] an[138] admirable[267] artistic[370] exploit[438],
rarely[227] achieved[251] by[406] the[19] best[315] harpooneers of[89] the[19] present[112] day[112];
inasmuch[110] as[113] this[256] Leviathan[384] was[454] slain[268] at[65] the[19] very[515] first[13] dart[293].
And[236] let[66] no[235] man[17] doubt[71] this[256] Arkite[8] story[197]; for[190] in[107] the[19] ancient[463] Joppa[189],
now[20] Jaffa[76], on[392] the[19] Syrian[314] coast[287], in[107] one[470] of[89] the[19] Pagan[118] temples[381],
there[340] stood[1] for[190] many[282] ages[146] the[19] vast[43] skeleton[231] of[89] a[10] whale[422],
which[16] the[19] city[82]'s[483] legends[445] and[236] all[145] the[19] inhabitants[110] asserted[128]
to[261] be[341] the[19] identical[351] bones[5] of[89] the[19] monster[480] that[14] Perseus[170] slew[137].
When[189] the[19] Romans[54] took[68] Joppa[189], the[19] same[541] skeleton[231] was[454] carried[232] to[261] Italy[157]
in[107] triumph[191]. What[243] seems[19] most[216] singular[216] and[236] suggestively[354] important[104]
in[107] this[256] story[197], is[487] this[256]: it[162] was[454] from[316] Joppa[189] that[14] Jonah[41] set[422] sail[218].

Akin[273] to[261] the[19] adventure[44] of[89] Perseus[170] and[236] Andromeda[45]--indeed[522], by[406] some[265]
supposed[423] to[261] be[341] indirectly[155] derived[494] from[316] it[162]--is[487] that[14] famous[254] story[197]
of[89] St[193]. George[110] and[236] the[19] Dragon[225]; which[16] dragon[225] I[482] maintain[357] to[261] have[254]
been[185] a[10] whale[422]; for[190] in[107] many[282] old[447] chronicles[105] whales[331] and[236] dragons[199]
are[314] strangely[155] jumbled[256] together[440], and[236] often[227] stand[530] for[190] each[520] other[282].
"Thou[173] art[462] as[113] a[10] lion[84] of[89] the[19] waters[556], and[236] as[113] a[10] dragon[225] of[89]
the[19] sea[67]," said[252] Ezekiel[29]; hereby[196], plainly[450] meaning[62] a[10] whale[422];
in[107] truth[350], some[265] versions[151] of[89] the[19] Bible[253] use[176] that[14] word[486] itself[312].
Besides[465], it[162] would[282] much[61] subtract[13] from[316] the[19] glory[173] of[89] the[19] exploit[438]
had[364] St[193]. George[110] but[330] encountered[102] a[10] crawling[318] reptile[242] of[89] the[19] land[406],
instead[398] of[89] doing[227] battle[105] with[449] the[19] great[259] monster[480] of[89] the[19] deep[483].
Any[501] man[17] may[236] kill[219] a[10] snake[364], but[330] only[517] a[10] Perseus[170], a[10] St[193]. George[110],
a[10] Coffin[284], have[254] the[19] heart[470] in[107] them[146] to[261] march[396] boldly[445] up[405] to[261] a[10] whale[422].

Let[66] not[518] the[19] modern[446] paintings[479] of[89] this[256] scene[228] mislead[192] us[569];
for[190] though[400] the[19] creature[82] encountered[102] by[406] that[14] valiant[359] whaleman[98]
of[89] old[447] is[487] vaguely[230] represented[107] of[89] a[10] griffin-like[410] shape[99],
and[236] though[400] the[19] battle[105] is[487] depicted[46] on[392] land[406] and[236] the[19] saint[324]
on[392] horseback[197], yet[443] considering[115] the[19] great[259] ignorance[211] of[89] those[427] times[121],
when[189] the[19] true[483] form[238] of[89] the[19] whale[422] was[454] unknown[10] to[261] artists[161];
and[236] considering[115] that[14] as[113] in[107] Perseus[170]' case[346], St[193]. George[110]'s[483]
whale[422] might[496] have[254] crawled[386] up[405] out[66] of[89] the[19] sea[67] on[392] the[19] beach[183];
and[236] considering[115] that[14] the[19] animal[22] ridden[282] by[406] St[193]. George[110] might[496] have[254]
been[185] only[517] a[10] large[385] seal[40], or[519] sea[67]-horse[409]; bearing[354] all[145] this[256] in[107] mind[118],
it[162] will[584] not[518] appear[443] altogether[31] incompatible[320] with[449] the[19] sacred[32]
legend[188] and[236] the[19] ancientest[45] draughts[52] of[89] the[19] scene[228], to[261] hold[204] this[256]
so[281]-called[237] dragon[225] no[235] other[282] than[77] the[19] great[259] Leviathan[384] himself[282].
In[107] fact[12], placed[556] before[344] the[19] strict[284] and[236] piercing[305] truth[350],
this[256] whole[199] story[197] will[584] fare[19] like[410] that[14] fish[187], flesh[331], and[236] fowl[11]
idol[191] of[89] the[19] Philistines[170], Dagon[81] by[406] name[477]; who[319] being[264] planted[82]
before[344] the[19] ark[25] of[89] Israel[8], his[433] horse[409]'s[483] head[219] and[236] both[558] the[19] palms[173]
of[89] his[433] hands[87] fell[421] off[111] from[316] him[248], and[236] only[517] the[19] stump[277] or[519] fishy[369]
part[207] of[89] him[248] remained[72]. Thus[362], then[45], one[470] of[89] our[234] own[248] noble[226] stamp[292],
even[198] a[10] whaleman[98], is[487] the[19] tutelary[168] guardian[153] of[89] England[348];
and[236] by[406] good[221] rights[462], we[465] harpooneers of[89] Nantucket[283] should[255] be[341]
enrolled[13] in[107] the[19] most[216] noble[226] order[343] of[89] St[193]. George[110]. And[236] therefore[94],
let[66] not[518] the[19] knights[468] of[89] that[14] honorable[15] company[280] (none[365] of[89] whom[324],
I[482] venture[40] to[261] say[306], have[254] ever[208] had[364] to[261] do[353] with[449] a[10] whale[422] like[410] their[219]
great[259] patron[307]), let[66] them[146] never[206] eye[220] a[10] Nantucketer with[449] disdain[256],
since[374] even[198] in[107] our[234] woollen[27] frocks[282] and[236] tarred[489] trowsers[206] we[465] are[314] much[61]
better[34] entitled[189] to[261] St[193]. George[110]'s[483] decoration[204] than[77] they[382].

Whether[454] to[261] admit[321] Hercules[301] among[483] us[569] or[519] not[518], concerning[368] this[256] I[482] long[544]
remained[72] dubious[170]: for[190] though[400] according[281] to[261] the[19] Greek[261] mythologies[188],
that[14] antique[58] Crockett[92] and[236] Kit[136] Carson[31]--that[14] brawny[364] doer[227]
of[89] rejoicing[226] good[221] deeds[159], was[454] swallowed[104] down[133] and[236] thrown[359] up[405]
by[406] a[10] whale[422]; still[278], whether[454] that[14] strictly[303] makes[32] a[10] whaleman[98]
of[89] him[248], that[14] might[496] be[341] mooted[4]. It[162] nowhere[209] appears[268] that[14] he[362] ever[208]
actually[69] harpooned[290] his[433] fish[187], unless[54], indeed[522], from[316] the[19] inside[438].
Nevertheless[104], he[362] may[236] be[341] deemed[17] a[10] sort[42] of[89] involuntary[3] whaleman[98];
at[65] any[501] rate[515] the[19] whale[422] caught[105] him[248], if[141] he[362] did[444] not[518] the[19] whale[422].
I[482] claim[217] him[248] for[190] one[470] of[89] our[234] clan[51].

But[330], by[406] the[19] best[315] contradictory[189] authorities[322], this[256] Grecian[103] story[197]
of[89] Hercules[301] and[236] the[19] whale[422] is[487] considered[484] to[261] be[341] derived[494] from[316] the[19] still[278]
more[348] ancient[463] Hebrew[99] story[197] of[89] Jonah[41] and[236] the[19] whale[422]; and[236] vice[443] versa[555];
certainly[124] they[382] are[314] very[515] similar[101]. If[141] I[482] claim[217] the[19] demigod[266] then[45],
why[177] not[518] the[19] prophet[25]?

Nor[137] do[353] heroes[295], saints[85], demigods[441], and[236] prophets[8] alone[2] comprise[321]
the[19] whole[199] roll[473] of[89] our[234] order[343]. Our[234] grand[229] master[131] is[487] still[278] to[261] be[341] named[312];
for[190] like[410] royal[161] kings[474] of[89] old[447] times[121], we[465] find[138] the[19] head[219]-waters[556]
of[89] our[234] fraternity[227] in[107] nothing[324] short[522] of[89] the[19] great[259] gods[325] themselves[510].
That[14] wondrous[30] oriental[147] story[197] is[487] now[20] to[261] be[341] rehearsed[484] from[316] the[19] Shaster,
which[16] gives[529] us[569] the[19] dread[251] Vishnoo[78], one[470] of[89] the[19] three[329] persons[5]
in[107] the[19] godhead[27] of[89] the[19] Hindoos[402]; gives[529] us[569] this[256] divine[216] Vishnoo[78]
himself[282] for[190] our[234] Lord[106];--Vishnoo[78], who[319], by[406] the[19] first[13] of[89] his[433] ten[198]
earthly[64] incarnations[417], has[399] for[190] ever[208] set[422] apart[526] and[236] sanctified[186] the[19] whale[422].

When[189] Brahma[481], or[519] the[19] God[185] of[89] Gods[325], saith[419] the[19] Shaster, resolved[158] to[261] recreate[88] the[19] world[126] after[358] one[470] of[89] its[234] periodical[358] dissolutions[95], he[362] gave[572] birth[215] to[261] Vishnoo[78], to[261] preside[41] over[82] the[19] work[385]; but[330] the[19] Vedas[23], or[519] mystical[493] books[525], whose[286] perusal[388] would[282] seem[404] to[261] have[254] been[185] indispensable[470] to[261] Vishnoo[78] before[344] beginning[188] the[19] creation[182], and[236] which[16] therefore[94] must[226] have[254] contained[275] something[181] in[107] the[19] shape[99] of[89] practical[74] hints[260] to[261] young[389] architects[173], these[527] Vedas[23] were[324] lying[204] at[65] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] waters[556]; so[281] Vishnoo[78] became[70] incarnate[163] in[107] a[10] whale[422], and[236] sounding[331] down[133] in[107] him[248] to[261] the[19] uttermost[129] depths[416], rescued[29] the[19] sacred[32] volumes[158]. Was[454] not[518] this[256] Vishnoo[78] a[10] whaleman[98], then[45]? even[198] as[113] a[10] man[17] who[319] rides[330] a[10] horse[409] is[487] called[237] a[10] horseman[253]?

Perseus[170], St[193]. George[110], Hercules[301], Jonah[41], and[236] Vishnoo[78]! there[340]'s[483] a[10] member[333]-roll[473] for[190] you[227]! What[243] club[83] but[330] the[19] whaleman[98]'s[483] can[450] head[219] off[111] like[410] that[14]?

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Jonah[41] Historically[467] Regarded[393]

Reference[116] was[454] made[563] to[261] the[19] historical[243] story[197] of[89] Jonah[41] and[236] the[19] whale[422] in[107] the[19] preceding[44] chapter[293]. Now[20] some[265] Nantucketers rather[178] distrust[129] this[256] historical[243] story[197] of[89] Jonah[41] and[236] the[19] whale[422]. But[330] then[45] there[340] were[324] some[265] sceptical[445] Greeks[489] and[236] Romans[54], who[319], standing[144] out[66] from[316] the[19] orthodox[425] pagans[295] of[89] their[219] times[121], equally[336] doubted[279] the[19] story[197] of[89] Hercules[301] and[236] the[19] whale[422], and[236] Arion[562] and[236] the[19] dolphin[110]; and[236] yet[443] their[219] doubting[16] those[427] traditions[489] did[444] not[518] make[175] those[427] traditions[489] one[470] whit[367] the[19] less[261] facts[484], for[190] all[145] that[14].

One[470] old[447] Sag[83]-Harbor[289] whaleman[98]'s[483] chief[156] reason[238] for[190] questioning[165] the[19] Hebrew[99] story[197] was[454] this[256]:--He[362] had[364] one[470] of[89] those[427] quaint[315] old[447]-fashioned[432] Bibles[296], embellished[27] with[449] curious[264], unscientific[6] plates[115]; one[470] of[89] which[16] represented[107] Jonah[41]'s[483] whale[422] with[449] two[527] spouts[75] in[107] his[433] head[219]--a[10] peculiarity[211] only[517] true[483] with[449] respect[441] to[261] a[10] species[69] of[89] the[19] Leviathan[384] (the[19] Right[499] Whale[422], and[236] the[19] varieties[23] of[89] that[14] order[343]), concerning[368] which[16] the[19] fishermen[24] have[254] this[256] saying[9], "A[10] penny[78] roll[473] would[282] choke[91] him[248]"; his[433] swallow[195] is[487] so[281] very[515] small[350]. But[330], to[261] this[256], Bishop[129] Jebb[170]'s[483] anticipative[210] answer[164] is[487] ready[464]. It[162] is[487] not[518] necessary[145], hints[260] the[19] Bishop[129], that[14] we[465] consider[259] Jonah[41] as[113] tombed[364] in[107] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] belly[511], but[330] as[113] temporarily[22] lodged[238] in[107] some[265] part[207] of[89] his[433] mouth[414]. And[236] this[256] seems[19] reasonable[88] enough[217] in[107] the[19] good[221] Bishop[129]. For[190] truly[530], the[19] Right[499] Whale[422]'s[483] mouth[414] would[282] accommodate[223] a[10] couple[261] of[89] whist-tables[13], and[236] comfortably[147] seat[88] all[145] the[19] players[40]. Possibly[201], too[11], Jonah[41] might[496] have[254] ensconced[498] himself[282] in[107] a[10] hollow[511] tooth[108]; but[330], on[392] second[386] thoughts[26], the[19] Right[499] Whale[422] is[487] toothless[141].

Another[269] reason[238] which[16] Sag[83]-Harbor[289] (he[362] went[516] by[406] that[14] name[477]) urged[436] for[190] his[433] want[350] of[89] faith[511] in[107] this[256] matter[176] of[89] the[19] prophet[25], was[454] something[181] obscurely[193] in[107] reference[116] to[261] his[433] incarcerated[475] body[348] and[236] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] gastric[83] juices[362]. But[330] this[256] objection[431] likewise[193] falls[24] to[261] the[19] ground[127], because[540] a[10] German[264] exegetist[208] supposes[103] that[14] Jonah[41] must[226] have[254] taken[222] refuge[154] in[107] the[19] floating[30] body[348] of[89] a[10] dead[568] whale[422]-- even[198] as[113] the[19] French[491] soldiers[416] in[107] the[19] Russian[300] campaign[165] turned[492] their[219] dead[568] horses[189] into[554] tents[450], and[236] crawled[386] into[554] them[146]. Besides[465], it[162] has[399] been[185] divined[250] by[406] other[282] continental[389] commentators[454], that[14] when[189] Jonah[41] was[454] thrown[359] overboard[247] from[316] the[19] Joppa[189] ship[438], he[362] straightway[210] effected[142] his[433] escape[565] to[261] another[269] vessel[155] near[70] by[406], some[265] vessel[155] with[449] a[10] whale[422] for[190] a[10] figure[55]-head[219]; and[236], I[482] would[282] add[236], possibly[201] called[237] "The[19] Whale[422]," as[113] some[265] craft[187] are[314] nowadays[444] christened[98] the[19] "Shark[4]," the[19] "Gull[8]," the[19] "Eagle[319]." Nor[137] have[254] there[340] been[185] wanting[361] learned[277] exegetists[208] who[319] have[254] opined[269] that[14] the[19] whale[422] mentioned[149] in[107] the[19] book[230] of[89] Jonah[41] merely[57] meant[157] a[10] life[71]-preserver--an[138] inflated[431] bag[141] of[89] wind[262]--which[16] the[19] endangered[350] prophet[25] swam[111] to[261], and[236] so[281] was[454] saved[446] from[316] a[10] watery[59] doom[73]. Poor[533] Sag[83]-Harbor[289], therefore[94], seems[19] worsted[208] all[145] round[287]. But[330] he[362] had[364] still[278] another[269] reason[238] for[190] his[433] want[350] of[89] faith[511]. It[162] was[454] this[256], if[141] I[482] remember[499] right[499]: Jonah[41] was[454] swallowed[104] by[406] the[19] whale[422] in[107] the[19] Mediterranean[241] Sea[67], and[236] after[358] three[329] days[351]' he[362] was[454] vomited[367] up[405] somewhere[201] within[503] three[329] days[351]' journey[301] of[89] Nineveh[375], a[10] city[82] on[392] the[19] Tigris[377], very[515] much[61] more[348] than[77] three[329] days[351]' journey[301] across[129] from[316] the[19] nearest[26] point[438] of[89] the[19] Mediterranean[241] coast[287]. How[19] is[487] that[14]?

But[330] was[454] there[340] no[235] other[282] way[435] for[190] the[19] whale[422] to[261] land[406] the[19] prophet[25] within[503] that[14] short[522] distance[264] of[89] Nineveh[375]? Yes[143]. He[362] might[496] have[254] carried[232] him[248] round[287] by[406] the[19] way[435] of[89] the[19] Cape[23] of[89] Good[221] Hope[211]. But[330] not[518] to[261] speak[337] of[89] the[19] passage[285] through[295] the[19] whole[199] length[202] of[89] the[19] Mediterranean[241], and[236] another[269] passage[285] up[405] the[19] Persian[23] Gulf[375] and[236] Red[293] Sea[67], such[420] a[10] supposition[297] would[282] involve[34] the[19] complete[191] circumnavigation[399] of[89] all[145] Africa[269] in[107] three[329] days[351], not[518] to[261] speak[337] of[89] the[19] Tigris[377] waters[556], near[70] the[19] site[273] of[89] Nineveh[375], being[264] too[11] shallow[397] for[190] any[501] whale[422] to[261] swim[226] in[107]. Besides[465], this[256] idea[250] of[89] Jonah[41]'s[483] weathering[27] the[19] Cape[23] of[89] Good[221] Hope[211] at[65] so[281] early[92] a[10] day[112] would[282] wrest[253] the[19] honor[497] of[89] the[19] discovery[416] of[89] that[14]

great[259] headland[98] from[316] Bartholomew[410] Diaz[31], its[234] reputed[221] discoverer[160], and[236] so[281] make[175] modern[446] history[183] a[10] liar[482].

But[330] all[145] these[527] foolish[509] arguments[138] of[89] old[447] Sag[83]-Harbor[289] only[517] evinced[94] his[433] foolish[509] pride[279] of[89] reason[238]--a[10] thing[309] still[278] more[348] reprehensible[57] in[107] him[248], seeing[426] that[14] he[362] had[364] but[330] little[554] learning[219] except[545] what[243] he[362] had[364] picked[129] up[405] from[316] the[19] sun[397] and[236] the[19] sea[67]. I[482] say[306] it[162] only[517] shows[364] his[433] foolish[509], impious[15] pride[279], and[236] abominable[156], devilish[181] rebellion[486] against[417] the[19] reverend[11] clergy[437]. For[190] by[406] a[10] Portuguese[116] Catholic[197] priest[60], this[256] very[515] idea[250] of[89] Jonah[41]'s[483] going[227] to[261] Nineveh[375] via[173] the[19] Cape[23] of[89] Good[221] Hope[211] was[454] advanced[55] as[113] a[10] signal[264] magnification[454] of[89] the[19] general[37] miracle[309]. And[236] so[281] it[162] was[454]. Besides[465], to[261] this[256] day[112], the[19] highly[52] enlightened[29] Turks[59] devoutly[167] believe[191] in[107] the[19] historical[243] story[197] of[89] Jonah[41]. And[236] some[265] three[329] centuries[168] ago[141], an[138] English[69] traveller[258] in[107] old[447] Harris[75]'s[483] Voyages[368], speaks[454] of[89] a[10] Turkish[124] Mosque[52] built[20] in[107] honor[497] of[89] Jonah[41], in[107] which[16] Mosque[52] was[454] a[10] miraculous[276] lamp[330] that[14] burnt[37] without[309] any[501] oil[118].

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Pitchpoling

To[261] make[175] them[146] run[172] easily[45] and[236] swiftly[441], the[19] axles[367] of[89] carriages[322] are[314] anointed[327]; and[236] for[190] much[61] the[19] same[541] purpose[514], some[265] whalers[116] perform[312] an[138] analogous[185] operation[261] upon[419] their[219] boat[439]; they[382] grease[43] the[19] bottom[461]. Nor[137] is[487] it[162] to[261] be[341] doubted[279] that[14] as[113] such[420] a[10] procedure[276] can[450] do[353] no[235] harm[191], it[162] may[236] possibly[201] be[341] of[89] no[235] contemptible[178] advantage[169]; considering[115] that[14] oil[118] and[236] water[520] are[314] hostile[224]; that[14] oil[118] is[487] a[10] sliding[540] thing[309], and[236] that[14] the[19] object[100] in[107] view[370] is[487] to[261] make[175] the[19] boat[439] slide[118] bravely[155]. Queequeg believed[214] strongly[168] in[107] anointing[144] his[433] boat[439], and[236] one[470] morning[417] not[518] long[544] after[358] the[19] German[264] ship[438] Jungfrau[102] disappeared[5], took[68] more[348] than[77] customary[79] pains[97] in[107] that[14] occupation[83]; crawling[318] under[533] its[234] bottom[461], where[579] it[162] hung[479] over[82] the[19] side[246], and[236] rubbing[120] in[107] the[19] unctuousness[83] as[113] though[400] diligently[344] seeking[427] to[261] insure[339] a[10] crop[170] of[89] hair[237] from[316] the[19] craft[187]'s[483] bald[117] keel[39]. He[362] seemed[132] to[261] be[341] working[113] in[107] obedience[74] to[261] some[265] particular[336] presentiment[236]. Nor[137] did[444] it[162] remain[326] unwarranted[179] by[406] the[19] event[28].

Towards[417] noon[445] whales[331] were[324] raised[493]; but[330] so[281] soon[18] as[113] the[19] ship[438] sailed[248] down[133] to[261] them[146], they[382] turned[492] and[236] fled[434] with[449] swift[376] precipitancy[172]; a[10] disordered[181] flight[306], as[113] of[89] Cleopatra[25]'s[483] barges[364] from[316] Actium[246].

Nevertheless[104], the[19] boats[83] pursued[460], and[236] Stubb's[483] was[454] foremost[61]. By[406] great[259] exertion[106], Tashtego at[65] last[436] succeeded[76] in[107] planting[362] one[470] iron[169]; but[330] the[19] stricken[328] whale[422], without[309] at[65] all[145] sounding[331], still[278] continued[44] his[433] horizontal[252] flight[306], with[449] added[52] fleetness[125]. Such[420] unintermitted[396] strainings upon[419] the[19] planted[82] iron[169] must[226] sooner[338] or[519] later[87] inevitably[127] extract[84] it[162]. It[162] became[70] imperative[373] to[261] lance[76] the[19] flying[354] whale[422], or[519] be[341] content[7] to[261] lose[247] him[248]. But[330] to[261] haul[19] the[19] boat[439] up[405] to[261] his[433] flank[434] was[454] impossible[305], he[362] swam[111] so[281] fast[208] and[236] furious[89]. What[243] then[45] remained[72]?

Of[89] all[145] the[19] wondrous[30] devices[285] and[236] dexterities[285], the[19] sleights[362] of[89] hand[252] and[236] countless[111] subtleties[24], to[261] which[16] the[19] veteran[122] whaleman[98] is[487] so[281] often[227] forced[28], none[365] exceed[534] that[14] fine[333] manoeuvre[240] with[449] the[19] lance[76] called[237] pitchpoling. Small[350] sword[273], or[519] broad[267] sword[273], in[107] all[145] its[234] exercises[51] boasts[161] nothing[324] like[410] it[162]. It[162] is[487] only[517] indispensable[470] with[449] an[138] inveterate[125] running[296] whale[422]; its[234] grand[229] fact[12] and[236] feature[400] is[487] the[19] wonderful[291] distance[264] to[261] which[16] the[19] long[544] lance[76] is[487] accurately[173] darted[362] from[316] a[10] violently[340] rocking[6], jerking[2] boat[439], under[533] extreme[31] headway[492]. Steel[184] and[236] wood[46] included[559], the[19] entire[230] spear[188] is[487] some[265] ten[198] or[519] twelve[293] feet[349] in[107] length[202]; the[19] staff[391] is[487] much[61] slighter[173] than[77] that[14] of[89] the[19] harpoon[67], and[236] also[119] of[89] a[10] lighter[415] material[161]--pine[54]. It[162] is[487] furnished[201] with[449] a[10] small[350] rope[265] called[237] a[10] warp[382], of[89] considerable[75] length[202], by[406] which[16] it[162] can[450] be[341] hauled[80] back[457] to[261] the[19] hand[252] after[358] darting[147].

But[330] before[344] going[227] further[53], it[162] is[487] important[104] to[261] mention[510] here[135], that[14] though[400] the[19] harpoon[67] may[236] be[341] pitchpoled in[107] the[19] same[541] way[435] with[449] the[19] lance[76], yet[443] it[162] is[487] seldom[140] done[135]; and[236] when[189] done[135], is[487] still[278] less[261] frequently[475] successful[1], on[392] account[102] of[89] the[19] greater[505] weight[213] and[236] inferior[84] length[202] of[89] the[19] harpoon[67] as[113] compared[357] with[449] the[19] lance[76], which[16] in[107] effect[215] become[548] serious[97] drawbacks[367]. As[113] a[10] general[37] thing[309], therefore[94], you[227] must[226] first[13] get[126] fast[208] to[261] a[10] whale[422], before[344] any[501] pitchpoling comes[268] into[554] play[89].

Look[523] now[20] at[65] Stubb; a[10] man[17] who[319] from[316] his[433] humorous[7], deliberate[29] coolness[38] and[236] equanimity[263] in[107] the[19] direst[122] emergencies[183], was[454] specially[87] qualified[210] to[261] excel[468] in[107] pitchpoling. Look[523] at[65] him[248]; he[362] stands[256] upright[145] in[107] the[19] tossed[227] bow[146] of[89] the[19] flying[354] boat[439]; wrapt[401] in[107] fleecy[78] foam[160], the[19] towing[78] whale[422] is[487] forty[525] feet[349] ahead[5]. Handling[135] the[19] long[544] lance[76] lightly[284], glancing[18] twice[366] or[519] thrice[282] along[423] its[234] length[202] to[261] see[370] if[141] it[162] be[341] exactly[315] straight[346], Stubb whistlingly gathers[439] up[405] the[19] coil[32] of[89] the[19] warp[382] in[107] one[470] hand[252], so[281] as[113] to[261] secure[92] its[234] free[483] end[149] in[107] his[433] grasp[332], leaving[231] the[19] rest[302] unobstructed[92]. Then[45] holding[311] the[19] lance[76] full[414] before[344] his[433] waistband[6]'s[483] middle[39],

he[362] levels[211] it[162] at[65] the[19] whale[422]; when[189], covering[24] him[248] with[449] it[162],
he[362] steadily[379] depresses[392] the[19] butt-end[149] in[107] his[433] hand[252], thereby[190] elevating[222]
the[19] point[438] till[181] the[19] weapon[223] stands[256] fairly[211] balanced[21] upon[419] his[433] palm[114],
fifteen[289] feet[349] in[107] the[19] air[209]. He[362] minds[244] you[227] somewhat[77] of[89] a[10] juggler[138],
balancing[39] a[10] long[544] staff[391] on[392] his[433] chin[49]. Next[27] moment[258] with[449] a[10] rapid[321],
nameless[427] impulse[290], in[107] a[10] superb[44] lofty[161] arch[198] the[19] bright[205] steel[184] spans[424]
the[19] foaming[193] distance[264], and[236] quivers[522] in[107] the[19] life[71] spot[46] of[89] the[19] whale[422].
Instead[398] of[89] sparkling[42] water[520], he[362] now[20] spouts[75] red[293] blood[208].

"That[14] drove[427] the[19] spigot[174] out[66] of[89] him[248]!" cried[506] Stubb. "'Tis July's[483]
immortal[15] Fourth[399]; all[145] fountains[170] must[226] run[172] wine[102] today[260]!
Would[282] now[20], it[162] were[324] old[447] Orleans[136] whiskey[83], or[519] old[447] Ohio[242], or[519] unspeakable[4]
old[447] Monongahela[136]! Then[45], Tashtego, lad[342], I[482]'d[67] have[254] ye[483] hold[204] a[10] canakin[4]
to[261] the[19] jet[423], and[236] we[465]'d[67] drink[117] round[287] it[162]! Yea[204], verily[113], hearts[431] alive[298],
we[465]'d[67] brew[338] choice[340] punch[117] in[107] the[19] spread[348] of[89] his[433] spout[224]-hole[73] there[340],
and[236] from[316] that[14] live[554] punch[117]-bowl[418] quaff[275] the[19] living[117] stuff[471]."

Again[52] and[236] again[52] to[261] such[420] gamesome[110] talk[173], the[19] dexterous[25] dart[293] is[487] repeated[381],
the[19] spear[188] returning[53] to[261] its[234] master[131] like[410] a[10] greyhound[30] held[212] in[107] skilful[41] leash[437].
The[19] agonized[40] whale[422] goes[205] into[554] his[433] flurry[406]; the[19] tow[160]-line[98] is[487] slackened[31],
and[236] the[19] pitchpoler dropping[279] astern[39], folds[367] his[433] hands[87], and[236] mutely[102] watches[458]
the[19] monster[480] die[229].

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The[19] Fountain[524]

That[14] for[190] six[415] thousand[586] years[116]--and[236] no[235] one[470] knows[286] how[19] many[282] millions[208]
of[89] ages[146] before[344]--the[19] great[259] whales[331] should[255] have[254] been[185] spouting[81] all[145] over[82]
the[19] sea[67], and[236] sprinkling[408] and[236] mistifying the[19] gardens[435] of[89] the[19] deep[483],
as[113] with[449] so[281] many[282] sprinkling[408] or[519] mistifying pots[184]; and[236] that[14] for[190] some[265]
centuries[168] back[457], thousands[7] of[89] hunters[423] should[255] have[254] been[185] close[65] by[406]
the[19] fountain[524] of[89] the[19] whale[422], watching[330] these[527] sprinklings[23] and[236] spoutings[27]--
that[14] all[145] this[256] should[255] be[341], and[236] yet[443], that[14] down[133] to[261] this[256] blessed[473] minute[236]
(fifteen[289] and[236] a[10] quarter[6] minutes[368] past[111] one[470] o[24]'clock[489] P.M[106]. of[89] this[256]
sixteenth[18] day[112] of[89] December[490], A[10].D[236]. 1851[430]), it[162] should[255] still[278] remain[326]
a[10] problem[28], whether[454] these[527] spoutings[27] are[314], after[358] all[145], really[406] water[520],
or[519] nothing[324] but[330] vapor[85]--this[256] is[487] surely[388] a[10] noteworthy[489] thing[309].

Let[66] us[569], then[45], look[523] at[65] this[256] matter[176], along[423] with[449] some[265] interesting[409]
items[18] contingent[310]. Every[389] one[470] knows[286] that[14] by[406] the[19] peculiar[291]
cunning[198] of[89] their[219] gills[111], the[19] finny[468] tribes[402] in[107] general[37] breathe[393]
the[19] air[209] which[16] at[65] all[145] times[121] is[487] combined[265] with[449] the[19] element[38]
in[107] which[16] they[382] swim[226]; hence[503], a[10] herring[26] or[519] a[10] cod[94] might[496] live[554]
a[10] century[149], and[236] never[206] once[248] raise[265] its[234] head[219] above[502] the[19] surface[328].
But[330] owing[98] to[261] his[433] marked[67] internal[241] structure[235] which[16] gives[529] him[248]
regular[400] lungs[40], like[410] a[10] human[43] being[264]'s[483], the[19] whale[422] can[450] only[517] live[554]
by[406] inhaling[380] the[19] disengaged[410] air[209] in[107] the[19] open[464] atmosphere[64].
Wherefore[220] the[19] necessity[81] for[190] his[433] periodical[358] visits[444] to[261] the[19] upper[403] world[126].
But[330] he[362] cannot in[107] any[501] degree[209] breathe[393] through[295] his[433] mouth[414], for[190],
in[107] his[433] ordinary[225] attitude[100], the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] mouth[414] is[487] buried[205]
at[65] least[453] eight[316] feet[349] beneath[320] the[19] surface[328]; and[236] what[243] is[487] still[278] more[348],
his[433] windpipe[410] has[399] no[235] connexion[400] with[449] his[433] mouth[414]. No[235], he[362] breathes[410]
through[295] his[433] spiracle[4] alone[2]; and[236] this[256] is[487] on[392] the[19] top[70] of[89] his[433] head[219].

If[141] I[482] say[306], that[14] in[107] any[501] creature[82] breathing[403] is[487] only[517] a[10] function[353]
indispensable[470] to[261] vitality[204], inasmuch[110] as[113] it[162] withdraws[470]
from[316] the[19] air[209] a[10] certain[31] element[38], which[16] being[264] subsequently[342]
brought[85] into[554] contact[263] with[449] the[19] blood[208] imparts[217] to[261] the[19] blood[208]
its[234] vivifying[265] principle[420], I[482] do[353] not[518] think[424] I[482] shall[66] err[247];
though[400] I[482] may[236] possibly[201] use[176] some[265] superfluous[152] scientific[435] words[107].
Assume[191] it[162], and[236] it[162] follows[195] that[14] if[141] all[145] the[19] blood[208] in[107] a[10] man[17] could[375]
be[341] aerated[333] with[449] one[470] breath[150], he[362] might[496] then[45] seal[40] up[405] his[433] nostrils[42]
and[236] not[518] fetch[261] another[269] for[190] a[10] considerable[75] time[577]. That[14] is[487] to[261] say[306],
he[362] would[282] then[45] live[554] without[309] breathing[403]. Anomalous[277] as[113] it[162] may[236] seem[404],
this[256] is[487] precisely[217] the[19] case[346] with[449] the[19] whale[422], who[319] systematically[102] lives[245],
by[406] intervals[295], his[433] full[414] hour[384] and[236] more[348] (when[189] at[65] the[19] bottom[461])
without[309] drawing[407] a[10] single[77] breath[150], or[519] so[281] much[61] as[113] in[107] any[501] way[435]
inhaling[380] a[10] particle[26] of[89] air[209]; for[190], remember[499], he[362] has[399] no[235] gills[111].
How[19] is[487] this[256]? Between[77] his[433] ribs[92] and[236] on[392] each[520] side[246] of[89] his[433] spine[236]
he[362] is[487] supplied[338] with[449] a[10] remarkable[381] involved[149] Cretan[158] labyrinth[57]
of[89] vermicelli-like[410] vessels[150], which[16] vessels[150], when[189] he[362] quits[15]
the[19] surface[328], are[314] completely[385] distended[106] with[449] oxygenated[25] blood[208].
So[281] that[14] for[190] an[138] hour[384] or[519] more[348], a[10] thousand[586] fathoms[375] in[107] the[19] sea[67],
he[362] carries[440] a[10] surplus[266] stock[437] of[89] vitality[204] in[107] him[248], just[108] as[113] the[19] camel[82]
crossing[402] the[19] waterless[78] desert[255] carries[440] a[10] surplus[266] supply[283]
of[89] drink[117] for[190] future[44] use[176] in[107] its[234] four[175] supplementary[210] stomachs[342].
The[19] anatomical[68] fact[12] of[89] this[256] labyrinth[57] is[487] indisputable[568];
and[236] that[14] the[19] supposition[297] founded[113] upon[419] it[162] is[487] reasonable[88] and[236] true[483],
seems[19] the[19] more[348] cogent[222] to[261] me[2], when[189] I[482] consider[259] the[19] otherwise[542]
inexplicable[367] obstinacy[6] of[89] that[14] leviathan[384] in[107] having[69] his[433]

spoutings[27] out[66], as[113] the[19] fishermen[24] phrase[22] it[162]. This[256] is[487] what[243] I[482] mean[504].
If[141] unmolested[410], upon[419] rising[464] to[261] the[19] surface[328], the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] will[584]
continue[225] there[340] for[190] a[10] period[196] of[89] time[577] exactly[315] uniform[173] with[449] all[145]
his[433] other[282] unmolested[410] risings[60]. Say[306] he[362] stays[324] eleven[556] minutes[368],
and[236] jets[6] seventy[156] times[121], that[14] is[487], respires[258] seventy[156] breaths[192];
then[45] whenever[15] he[362] rises[215] again[52], he[362] will[584] be[341] sure[41] to[261] have[254] his[433] seventy[156]
breaths[192] over[82] again[52], to[261] a[10] minute[236]. Now[20], if[141] after[358] he[362] fetches[110] a[10] few[49]
breaths[192] you[227] alarm[178] him[248], so[281] that[14] he[362] sounds[394], he[362] will[584] be[341] always[367]
dodging[213] up[405] again[52] to[261] make[175] good[221] his[433] regular[400] allowance[392] of[89] air[209].
And[236] not[518] till[181] those[427] seventy[156] breaths[192] are[314] told[82], will[584] he[362] finally[69]
go[20] down[133] to[261] stay[238] out[66] his[433] full[414] term[416] below[397]. Remark[325], however[44],
that[14] in[107] different[276] individuals[298] these[527] rates[436] are[314] different[276];
but[330] in[107] any[501] one[470] they[382] are[314] alike[122]. Now[20], why[177] should[255] the[19] whale[422]
thus[362] insist[50] upon[419] having[69] his[433] spoutings[27] out[66], unless[54] it[162] be[341]
to[261] replenish[163] his[433] reservoir[320] of[89] air[209], ere[83] descending[181] for[190] good[221]?
How[19] obvious[147] it[162] is[487] it[162], too[11], that[14] this[256] necessity[81] for[190] the[19] whale[422]'s[483]
rising[464] exposes[13] him[248] to[261] all[145] the[19] fatal[460] hazards[21] of[89] the[19] chase[89].
For[190] not[518] by[406] hook[157] or[519] by[406] net[23] could[375] this[256] vast[43] leviathan[384] be[341] caught[105],
when[189] sailing[232] a[10] thousand[586] fathoms[375] beneath[320] the[19] sunlight[333].
Not[518] so[281] much[61] thy[43] skill[502], then[45], O[24] hunter[287], as[113] the[19] great[259] necessities[43]
that[14] strike[374] the[19] victory[129] to[261] thee[15]!

In[107] man[17], breathing[403] is[487] incessantly[194] going[227] on[392]--one[470] breath[150] only[517] serving[480]
for[190] two[527] or[519] three[329] pulsations[225]; so[281] that[14] whatever[38] other[282] business[168] he[362] has[399]
to[261] attend[120] to[261], waking[428] or[519] sleeping[341], breathe[393] he[362] must[226], or[519] die[229] he[362] will[584].
But[330] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] only[517] breathes[410] about[123] one[470] seventh[31] or[519] Sunday[151]
of[89] his[433] time[577].

It[162] has[399] been[185] said[252] that[14] the[19] whale[422] only[517] breathes[410] through[295] his[433] spout[224]-hole[73];
if[141] it[162] could[375] truthfully[44] be[341] added[52] that[14] his[433] spouts[75] are[314] mixed[459] with[449] water[520],
then[45] I[482] opine[27] we[465] should[255] be[341] furnished[201] with[449] the[19] reason[238] why[177] his[433] sense[85] of[89] smell[124]
seems[19] obliterated[42] in[107] him[248]; for[190] the[19] only[517] thing[309] about[123] him[248] that[14] at[65] all[145] answers[369]
to[261] his[433] nose[176] is[487] that[14] identical[351] spout[224]-hole[73]; and[236] being[264] so[281] clogged[23] with[449]
two[527] elements[225], it[162] could[375] not[518] be[341] expected[96] to[261] have[254] the[19] power[145] of[89] smelling[160].
But[330] owing[98] to[261] the[19] mystery[254] of[89] the[19] spout[224]--whether[454] it[162] be[341] water[520] or[519] whether[454] it[162]
be[341] vapor[85]--no[235] absolute[105] certainty[400] can[450] as[113] yet[443] be[341] arrived[553] at[65] on[392] this[256] head[219].
Sure[41] it[162] is[487], nevertheless[104], that[14] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] has[399] no[235] proper[249] olfactories[127].
But[330] what[243] does[565] he[362] want[350] of[89] them[146]? No[235] roses[542], no[235] violets[284], no[235] Cologne[427]-water[520]
in[107] the[19] sea[67].

Furthermore[181], as[113] his[433] windpipe[410] solely[41] opens[189] into[554] the[19] tube[295] of[89] his[433]
spouting[81] canal[29], and[236] as[113] that[14] long[544] canal[29]--like[410] the[19] grand[229] Erie[541] Canal[29]--
is[487] furnished[201] with[449] a[10] sort[42] of[89] locks[445] (that[14] open[464] and[236] shut[59])
for[190] the[19] downward[157] retention[165] of[89] air[209] or[519] the[19] upward[557] exclusion[11] of[89] water[520],
therefore[94] the[19] whale[422] has[399] no[235] voice[233]; unless[54] you[227] insult[38] him[248] by[406] saying[9],
that[14] when[189] he[362] so[281] strangely[155] rumbles[5], he[362] talks[158] through[295] his[433] nose[176].
But[330] then[45] again[52], what[243] has[399] the[19] whale[422] to[261] say[306]? Seldom[140] have[254] I[482] known[86]
any[501] profound[371] being[264] that[14] had[364] anything[480] to[261] say[306] to[261] this[256] world[126],
unless[54] forced[28] to[261] stammer[104] out[66] something[181] by[406] way[435] of[89] getting[369] a[10] living[117].
Oh[367]! happy[416] that[14] the[19] world[126] is[487] such[420] an[138] excellent[161] listener[214]!

Now[20], the[19] spouting[81] canal[29] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422], chiefly[90] intended[495] as[113] it[162]
is[487] for[190] the[19] conveyance[520] of[89] air[209], and[236] for[190] several[479] feet[349] laid[181] along[423],
horizontally[389], just[108] beneath[320] the[19] upper[403] surface[328] of[89] his[433] head[219],
and[236] a[10] little[554] to[261] one[470] side[246]; this[256] curious[264] canal[29] is[487] very[515] much[61]
like[410] a[10] gas-pipe[41] laid[181] down[133] in[107] a[10] city[82] on[392] one[470] side[246] of[89] a[10] street[100].
But[330] the[19] question[562] returns[520] whether[454] this[256] gas-pipe[41] is[487] also[119] a[10] water[520]-pipe[293];
in[107] other[282] words[107], whether[454] the[19] spout[224] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] is[487] the[19] mere[393]
vapor[85] of[89] the[19] exhaled[49] breath[150], or[519] whether[454] that[14] exhaled[49] breath[150] is[487]
mixed[459] with[449] water[520] taken[222] in[107] at[65] the[19] mouth[414], and[236] discharged[509] through[295]
the[19] spiracle[4]. It[162] is[487] certain[31] that[14] the[19] mouth[414] indirectly[155] communicates[389]
with[449] the[19] spouting[81] canal[29]; but[330] it[162] cannot be[341] proved[312] that[14] this[256]
is[487] for[190] the[19] purpose[514] of[89] discharging[191] water[520] through[295] the[19] spiracle[4].
Because[540] the[19] greatest[479] necessity[81] for[190] so[281] doing[227] would[282] seem[404] to[261] be[341],
when[189] in[107] feeding[367] he[362] accidentally[166] takes[362] in[107] water[520]. But[330] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483]
food[248] is[487] far[258] beneath[320] the[19] surface[328], and[236] there[340] he[362] cannot spout[224]
even[198] if[141] he[362] would[282]. Besides[465], if[141] you[227] regard[448] him[248] very[515] closely[218],
and[236] time[577] him[248] with[449] your[162] watch[89], you[227] will[584] find[138] that[14] when[189] unmolested[410],
there[340] is[487] an[138] undeviating[138] rhyme[443] between[77] the[19] periods[24] of[89] his[433] jets[6]
and[236] the[19] ordinary[225] periods[24] of[89] respiration[113].

But[330] why[177] pester[213] one[470] with[449] all[145] this[256] reasoning[68] on[392] the[19] subject[382]?
Speak[337] out[66]! You[227] have[254] seen[154] him[248] spout[224]; then[45] declare[167] what[243]
the[19] spout[224] is[487]; can[450] you[227] not[518] tell[392] water[520] from[316] air[209]? My[36] dear[333] sir[271],
in[107] this[256] world[126] it[162] is[487] not[518] so[281] easy[281] to[261] settle[92] these[527] plain[28] things[4].
I[482] have[254] ever[208] found[260] your[162] plain[28] things[4] the[19] knottiest[316] of[89] all[145].
And[236] as[113] for[190] this[256] whale[422] spout[224], you[227] might[496] almost[518] stand[530] in[107] it[162],
and[236] yet[443] be[341] undecided[25] as[113] to[261] what[243] it[162] is[487] precisely[217].

The[19] central[229] body[348] of[89] it[162] is[487] hidden[78] in[107] the[19] snowy[152] sparkling[42] mist[322]
enveloping[273] it[162]; and[236] how[19] can[450] you[227] certainly[124] tell[392] whether[454] any[501] water[520]
falls[24] from[316] it[162], when[189], always[367], when[189] you[227] are[314] close[65] enough[217] to[261] a[10] whale[422]
to[261] get[126] a[10] close[65] view[370] of[89] his[433] spout[224], he[362] is[487] in[107] a[10] prodigious[223] commotion[155],
the[19] water[520] cascading[445] all[145] around[66] him[248]. And[236] if[141] at[65] such[420] times[121]

you[227] should[255] think[424] that[14] you[227] really[406] perceived[76] drops[6] of[89] moisture[116]
in[107] the[19] spout[224], how[19] do[353] you[227] know[60] that[14] they[382] are[314] not[518] merely[57] condensed[455]
from[316] its[234] vapor[85]; or[519] how[19] do[353] you[227] know[60] that[14] they[382] are[314] not[518] those[427]
identical[351] drops[6] superficially[323] lodged[238] in[107] the[19] spout[224]-hole[73] fissure[283],
which[16] is[487] countersunk[435] into[554] the[19] summit[347] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] head[219]?
For[190] even[198] when[189] tranquilly[83] swimming[367] through[295] the[19] mid[84]-day[112] sea[67] in[107] a[10] calm[39],
with[449] his[433] elevated[541] hump[20] sun[397]-dried[331] as[113] a[10] dromedary[183]'s[483] in[107] the[19] desert[255];
even[198] then[45], the[19] whale[422] always[367] carries[440] a[10] small[350] basin[9] of[89] water[520] on[392]
his[433] head[219], as[113] under[533] a[10] blazing[232] sun[397] you[227] will[584] sometimes[77] see[370] a[10] cavity[4]
in[107] a[10] rock[264] filled[232] up[405] with[449] rain[190].

Nor[137] is[487] it[162] at[65] all[145] prudent[183] for[190] the[19] hunter[287] to[261] be[341] over[82] curious[264] touching[80]
the[19] precise[158] nature[159] of[89] the[19] whale[422] spout[224]. It[162] will[584] not[518] do[353] for[190] him[248]
to[261] be[341] peering[446] into[554] it[162], and[236] putting[243] his[433] face[556] in[107] it[162]. You[227] cannot go[20]
with[449] your[162] pitcher[20] to[261] this[256] fountain[524] and[236] fill[380] it[162], and[236] bring[173] it[162] away[443].
For[190] even[198] when[189] coming[140] into[554] slight[259] contact[263] with[449] the[19] outer[359],
vapory[112] shreds[249] of[89] the[19] jet[423], which[16] will[584] often[227] happen[352], your[162] skin[428] will[584]
feverishly[298] smart[210], from[316] the[19] acridness[4] of[89] the[19] thing[309] so[281] touching[80] it[162].
And[236] I[482] know[60] one[470], who[319] coming[140] into[554] still[278] closer[111] contact[263] with[449] the[19] spout[224],
whether[454] with[449] some[265] scientific[435] object[100] in[107] view[370], or[519] otherwise[542], I[482] cannot say[306],
the[19] skin[428] peeled[160] off[111] from[316] his[433] cheek[327] and[236] arm[25]. Wherefore[220], among[483] whalemen[451],
the[19] spout[224] is[487] deemed[17] poisonous[288]; they[382] try[266] to[261] evade[25] it[162].
Another[269] thing[309]; I[482] have[254] heard[444] it[162] said[252], and[236] I[482] do[353] not[518] much[61] doubt[71] it[162],
that[14] if[141] the[19] jet[423] is[487] fairly[211] spouted[395] into[554] your[162] eyes[125], it[162] will[584] blind[375] you[227].
The[19] wisest[416] thing[309] the[19] investigator[359] can[450] do[353] then[45], it[162] seems[19] to[261] me[2],
is[487] to[261] let[66] this[256] deadly[49] spout[224] alone[2].

Still[278], we[465] can[450] hypothesize, even[198] if[141] we[465] cannot prove[396] and[236] establish[426].
My[36] hypothesis[262] is[487] this[256]: that[14] the[19] spout[224] is[487] nothing[324] but[330] mist[322].
And[236] besides[465] other[282] reasons[186], to[261] this[256] conclusion[330] I[482] am[375] impelled[104],
by[406] considerations[88] touching[80] the[19] great[259] inherent[18] dignity[338] and[236] sublimity[112]
of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]; I[482] account[102] him[248] no[235] common[304], shallow[397] being[264],
inasmuch[110] as[113] it[162] is[487] an[138] undisputed[122] fact[12] that[14] he[362] is[487] never[206] found[260]
on[392] soundings[99], or[519] near[70] shores[116]; all[145] other[282] whales[331] sometimes[77] are[314].
He[362] is[487] both[558] ponderous[213] and[236] profound[371]. And[236] I[482] am[375] convinced[469] that[14] from[316]
the[19] heads[366] of[89] all[145] ponderous[213] profound[371] beings[6], such[420] as[113] Plato[281], Pyrrho[29],
the[19] Devil[411], Jupiter[430], Dante[107], and[236] so[281] on[392], there[340] always[367] goes[205] up[405] a[10] certain[31]
semi-visible[94] steam[106], while[55] in[107] the[19] act[10] of[89] thinking[385] deep[483] thoughts[26].
While[55] composing[460] a[10] little[554] treatise[117] on[392] Eternity[380], I[482] had[364] the[19] curiosity[501]
to[261] place[107] a[10] mirror[543] before[344] me[2]; and[236] ere[83] long[544] saw[113] reflected[479] there[340],
a[10] curious[264] involved[149] worming[347] and[236] undulation[252] in[107] the[19] atmosphere[64] over[82] my[36] head[219].
The[19] invariable[261] moisture[116] of[89] my[36] hair[237], while[55] plunged[340] in[107] deep[483] thought[186],
after[358] six[415] cups[58] of[89] hot[424] tea[521] in[107] my[36] thin[445] shingled[129] attic[234], of[89] an[138] August[29] noon[445];
this[256] seems[19] an[138] additional[131] argument[195] for[190] the[19] above[502] supposition[297].

And[236] how[19] nobly[308] it[162] raises[148] our[234] conceit[58] of[89] the[19] mighty[2], misty[350] monster[480],
to[261] behold[525] him[248] solemnly[200] sailing[232] through[295] a[10] calm[39] tropical[92] sea[67];
his[433] vast[43], mild[117] head[219] overhung[19] by[406] a[10] canopy[410] of[89] vapor[85],
engendered[315] by[406] his[433] incommunicable[38] contemplations[229], and[236] that[14] vapor[85]--
as[113] you[227] will[584] sometimes[77] see[370] it[162]--glorified[51] by[406] a[10] rainbow[174],
as[113] if[141] Heaven[163] itself[312] had[364] put[190] its[234] seal[40] upon[419] his[433] thoughts[26].
For[190] d[67]'ye[163] see[370], rainbows[20] do[353] not[518] visit[229] the[19] clear[408] air[209];
they[382] only[517] irradiate[110] vapor[85]. And[236] so[281], through[295] all[145] the[19] thick[502]
mists[241] of[89] the[19] dim[14] doubts[289] in[107] my[36] mind[118], divine[216] intuitions[396] now[20]
and[236] then[45] shoot[316], enkindling[399] my[36] fog[554] with[449] a[10] heavenly[375] ray[105].
And[236] for[190] this[256] I[482] thank[166] God[185]; for[190] all[145] have[254] doubts[289]; many[282] deny[346];
but[330] doubts[289] or[519] denials[25], few[49] along[423] with[449] them[146], have[254] intuitions[396].
Doubts[289] of[89] all[145] things[4] earthly[64], and[236] intuitions[396] of[89] some[265] things[4] heavenly[375];
this[256] combination[358] makes[32] neither[74] believer[154] nor[137] infidel[183], but[330] makes[32]
a[10] man[17] who[319] regards[5] them[146] both[558] with[449] equal[261] eye[220].

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The[19] Tail[102]

Other[282] poets[5] have[254] warbled[317] the[19] praises[41] of[89] the[19] soft[226] eye[220] of[89] the[19] antelope[97],
and[236] the[19] lovely[126] plumage[206] of[89] the[19] bird[443] that[14] never[206] alights[411]; less[261] celestial[437],
I[482] celebrate[41] a[10] tail[102].

Reckoning[541] the[19] largest[139] sized[133] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] tail[102] to[261] begin[183] at[65]
that[14] point[438] of[89] the[19] trunk[389] where[579] it[162] tapers[362] to[261] about[123] the[19] girth[106]
of[89] a[10] man[17], it[162] comprises[234] upon[419] its[234] upper[403] surface[328] alone[2], an[138] area[472]
of[89] at[65] least[453] fifty[406] square[302] feet[349]. The[19] compact[446] round[287] body[348] of[89] its[234]
root[24] expands[392] into[554] two[527] broad[267], firm[415], flat[445] palms[173] or[519] flukes[155],
gradually[355] shoaling[224] away[443] to[261] less[261] than[77] an[138] inch[65] in[107] thickness[280].
At[65] the[19] crotch[111] or[519] junction[582], these[527] flukes[155] slightly[238] overlap[111], then[45] sideways[496]
recede[127] from[316] each[520] other[282] like[410] wings[175], leaving[231] a[10] wide[465] vacancy[11] between[77].
In[107] no[235] living[117] thing[309] are[314] the[19] lines[241] of[89] beauty[262] more[348] exquisitely[468]
defined[288] than[77] in[107] the[19] crescentic[4] borders[133] of[89] these[527] flukes[155].
At[65] its[234] utmost[43] expansion[43] in[107] the[19] full[414] grown[299] whale[422], the[19] tail[102]
will[584] considerably[110] exceed[534] twenty[433] feet[349] across[129].

The[19] entire[230] member[333] seems[19] a[10] dense[481] webbed[284] bed[273] of[89] welded[102] sinews[270];
but[330] cut[310] into[554] it[162], and[236] you[227] find[138] that[14] three[329] distinct[259] strata[83]
compose[492] it[162]:--upper[403], middle[39], and[236] lower[47]. The[19] fibres[45] in[107] the[19] upper[403]
and[236] lower[47] layers[451], are[314] long[544] and[236] horizontal[252]; those[427] of[89] the[19] middle[39] one[470],
very[515] short[522], and[236] running[296] crosswise[350] between[77] the[19] outside[75] layers[451].
This[256] triune[4] structure[235], as[113] much[61] as[113] anything[480] else[212], imparts[217] power[145]
to[261] the[19] tail[102]. To[261] the[19] student[388] of[89] old[447] Roman[333] walls[116], the[19] middle[39] layer[296]
will[584] furnish[160] a[10] curious[264] parallel[78] to[261] the[19] thin[445] course[171] of[89] tiles[143] always[367]
alternating[83] with[449] the[19] stone[398] in[107] those[427] wonderful[291] relics[361] of[89] the[19] antique[58],
and[236] which[16] undoubtedly[503] contribute[454] so[281] much[61] to[261] the[19] great[259] strength[168]
of[89] the[19] masonry[210].

But[330] as[113] if[141] this[256] vast[43] local[10] power[145] in[107] the[19] tendinous[25] tail[102] were[324] not[518] enough[217],
the[19] whole[199] bulk[181] of[89] the[19] leviathan[384] is[487] knit[160] over[82] with[449] a[10] warp[382] and[236] woof[414]
of[89] muscular[110] fibres[45] and[236] filaments[205], which[16] passing[147] on[392] either[45] side[246]
the[19] loins[306] and[236] running[296] down[133] into[554] the[19] flukes[155], insensibly[433] blend[22] with[449] them[146],
and[236] largely[211] contribute[454] to[261] their[219] might[496]; so[281] that[14] in[107] the[19] tail[102] the[19] confluent[25]
measureless[102] force[406] of[89] the[19] whole[199] whale[422] seems[19] concentrated[208] to[261] a[10] point[438].
Could[375] annihilation[138] occur[512] to[261] matter[176], this[256] were[324] the[19] thing[309] to[261] do[353] it[162].

Nor[137] does[565] this[256]--its[234] amazing[306] strength[168], at[65] all[145] tend[151] to[261] cripple[12]
the[19] graceful[403] flexion[500] of[89] its[234] motions[62]; where[579] infantileness of[89] ease[387]
undulates[116] through[295] a[10] Titanism of[89] power[145]. On[392] the[19] contrary[166],
those[427] motions[62] derive[414] their[219] most[216] appalling[282] beauty[262] from[316] it[162].
Real[305] strength[168] never[206] impairs[136] beauty[262] or[519] harmony[550], but[330] it[162] often[227] bestows[439] it[162];
and[236] in[107] everything[233] imposingly[116] beautiful[239], strength[168] has[399] much[61] to[261] do[353] with[449]
the[19] magic[54]. Take[279] away[443] the[19] tied[101] tendons[454] that[14] all[145] over[82] seem[404] bursting[288]
from[316] the[19] marble[364] in[107] the[19] carved[455] Hercules[301], and[236] its[234] charm[251] would[282] be[341] gone[190].
As[113] devout[292] Eckerman lifted[448] the[19] linen[330] sheet[327] from[316] the[19] naked[70] corpse[133]
of[89] Goethe[258], he[362] was[454] overwhelmed[224] with[449] the[19] massive[232] chest[98] of[89] the[19] man[17],
that[14] seemed[132] as[113] a[10] Roman[333] triumphal[564] arch[198]. When[189] Angelo[29] paints[142] even[198]
God[185] the[19] Father[339] in[107] human[43] form[238], mark[169] what[243] robustness[9] is[487] there[340].
And[236] whatever[38] they[382] may[236] reveal[25] of[89] the[19] divine[216] love[391] in[107] the[19] Son[26],
the[19] soft[226], curled[253], hermaphroditical[65] Italian[396] pictures[371], in[107] which[16]
his[433] idea[250] has[399] been[185] most[216] successfully[412] embodied[128]; these[527] pictures[371],
so[281] destitute[190] as[113] they[382] are[314] of[89] all[145] brawniness, hint[335] nothing[324] of[89] any[501] power[145],
but[330] the[19] mere[393] negative[384], feminine[259] one[470] of[89] submission[249] and[236] endurance[9],
which[16] on[392] all[145] hands[87] it[162] is[487] conceded[34], form[238] the[19] peculiar[291] practical[74]
virtues[325] of[89] his[433] teachings[396].

Such[420] is[487] the[19] subtle[143] elasticity[425] of[89] the[19] organ[336] I[482] treat[270] of[89], that[14] whether[454]
wielded[208] in[107] sport[171], or[519] in[107] earnest[495], or[519] in[107] anger[282], whatever[38] be[341] the[19] mood[547]
it[162] be[341] in[107], its[234] flexions[403] are[314] invariably[55] marked[67] by[406] exceeding[320] grace[174].
Therein[68] no[235] fairy[272]'s[483] arm[25] can[450] transcend[65] it[162].

Five[103] great[259] motions[62] are[314] peculiar[291] to[261] it[162]. First[13], when[189] used[102] as[113] a[10]
fin[286] for[190] progression[350]; Second[386], when[189] used[102] as[113] a[10] mace[273] in[107] battle[105];
Third[301], in[107] sweeping[61]; Fourth[399], in[107] lobtailing; Fifth[403], in[107] peaking[565] flukes[155].

First[13]: Being[264] horizontal[252] in[107] its[234] position[383], the[19] Leviathan[384]'s[483] tail[102] acts[395]
in[107] a[10] different[276] manner[153] from[316] the[19] tails[490] of[89] all[145] other[282] sea[67] creatures[5].
It[162] never[206] wriggles[261]. In[107] man[17] or[519] fish[187], wriggling[305] is[487] a[10] sign[8] of[89] inferiority[116].
To[261] the[19] whale[422] his[433] tail[102] is[487] the[19] sole[462] means[502] of[89] propulsion[252].
Scroll[62]-wise[16] coiled[4] forwards[528] beneath[320] the[19] body[348], and[236] then[45] rapidly[116]
sprung[376] backwards[143], it[162] is[487] this[256] which[16] gives[529] that[14] singular[216] darting[147],
leaping[397] motion[544] to[261] the[19] monster[480] when[189] furiously[252] swimming[367].
His[433] side[246]-fins[556] only[517] serve[269] to[261] steer[426] by[406].

Second[386]: It[162] is[487] a[10] little[554] significant[143], that[14] while[55] one[470] sperm[26] whale[422] only[517]
fights[295] another[269] sperm[26] whale[422] with[449] his[433] head[219] and[236] jaw[213], nevertheless[104], in[107] his[433]
conflicts[350] with[449] man[17], he[362] chiefly[90] and[236] contemptuously[5] uses[282] his[433] tail[102].
In[107] striking[22] at[65] a[10] boat[439], he[362] swiftly[441] curves[315] away[443] his[433] flukes[155] from[316] it[162],
and[236] the[19] blow[230] is[487] only[517] inflicted[7] by[406] the[19] recoil[516]. If[141] it[162] be[341] made[563]
in[107] the[19] unobstructed[92] air[209], especially[371] if[141] it[162] descend[252] to[261] its[234] mark[169],
the[19] stroke[436] is[487] then[45] simply[142] irresistible[214]. No[235] ribs[92] of[89] man[17] or[519] boat[439]
can[450] withstand[263] it[162]. Your[162] only[517] salvation[346] lies[27] in[107] eluding[362] it[162];
but[330] if[141] it[162] comes[268] sideways[496] through[295] the[19] opposing[402] water[520], then[45] partly[311]
owing[98] to[261] the[19] light[382] buoyancy[15] of[89] the[19] whale[422]-boat[439], and[236] the[19] elasticity[425]
of[89] its[234] materials[363], a[10] cracked[423] rib[84] or[519] a[10] dashed[304] plank[243] or[519] two[527], a[10] sort[42]
of[89] stitch[210] in[107] the[19] side[246], is[487] generally[402] the[19] most[216] serious[97] result[115].
These[527] submerged[402] side[246] blows[361] are[314] so[281] often[227] received[12] in[107] the[19] fishery[136],
that[14] they[382] are[314] accounted[480] mere[393] child[451]'s[483] play[89]. Some[265] one[470] strips[163] off[111]
a[10] frock[200], and[236] the[19] hole[73] is[487] stopped[564].

Third[301]: I[482] cannot demonstrate[550] it[162], but[330] it[162] seems[19] to[261] me[2], that[14] in[107]
the[19] whale[422] the[19] sense[85] of[89] touch[486] is[487] concentrated[208] in[107] the[19] tail[102];
for[190] in[107] this[256] respect[441] there[340] is[487] a[10] delicacy[201] in[107] it[162] only[517] equalled[27] by[406]
the[19] daintiness[135] of[89] the[19] elephant[72]'s[483] trunk[389]. This[256] delicacy[201] is[487] chiefly[90]
evinced[94] in[107] the[19] action[102] of[89] sweeping[61], when[189] in[107] maidenly[292] gentleness[75]
the[19] whale[422] with[449] a[10] certain[31] soft[226] slowness[268] moves[115] his[433] immense[301] flukes[155]
from[316] side[246] to[261] side[246] upon[419] the[19] surface[328] of[89] the[19] sea[67]; and[236] if[141] he[362] feel[461]
but[330] a[10] sailor[561]'s[483] whisker[143], woe[295] to[261] that[14] sailor[561], whiskers[42] and[236] all[145].
What[243] tenderness[354] there[340] is[487] in[107] that[14] preliminary[32] touch[486]!
Had[364] this[256] tail[102] any[501] prehensile[258] power[145], I[482] should[255] straightway[210] bethink[51]

me[2] of[89] Darmonodes' elephant[72] that[14] so[281] frequented[359] the[19] flower[356]-market[286],
and[236] with[449] low[407] salutations[169] presented[320] nosegays[86] to[261] damsels[196],
and[236] then[45] caressed[366] their[219] zones[183]. On[392] more[348] accounts[311] than[77] one[470],
a[10] pity[270] it[162] is[487] that[14] the[19] whale[422] does[565] not[518] possess[35] this[256] prehensile[258]
virtue[16] in[107] his[433] tail[102]; for[190] I[482] have[254] heard[444] of[89] yet[443] another[269] elephant[72],
that[14] when[189] wounded[396] in[107] the[19] fight[330], curved[331] round[287] his[433] trunk[389] and[236]
extracted[69] the[19] dart[293].

Fourth[399]: Stealing[342] unawares[23] upon[419] the[19] whale[422] in[107] the[19] fancied[100] security[105]
of[89] the[19] middle[39] of[89] solitary[407] seas[350], you[227] find[138] him[248] unbent[21] from[316] the[19] vast[43]
corpulence[24] of[89] his[433] dignity[338], and[236] kitten-like[410], he[362] plays[483] on[392] the[19] ocean[224]
as[113] if[141] it[162] were[324] a[10] hearth[61]. But[330] still[278] you[227] see[370] his[433] power[145] in[107] his[433] play[89].
The[19] broad[267] palms[173] of[89] his[433] tail[102] are[314] flirted[83] high[361] into[554] the[19] air[209]! then[45]
smiting[280] the[19] surface[328], the[19] thunderous[14] concussion[27] resounds[218] for[190] miles[278].
You[227] would[282] almost[518] think[424] a[10] great[259] gun[152] had[364] been[185] discharged[509];
and[236] if[141] you[227] noticed[157] the[19] light[382] wreath[322] of[89] vapor[85] from[316] the[19] spiracle[4]
at[65] his[433] other[282] extremity[410], you[227] would[282] think[424] that[14] that[14] was[454] the[19] smoke[99]
from[316] the[19] touch[486]-hole[43].

Fifth[403]: As[113] in[107] the[19] ordinary[225] floating[30] posture[347] of[89] the[19] leviathan[384] the[19] flukes[155]
lies[27] considerably[110] below[397] the[19] level[378] of[89] his[433] back[457], they[382] are[314] then[45] completely[385]
out[66] of[89] sight[365] beneath[320] the[19] surface[328]; but[330] when[189] he[362] is[487] about[123] to[261] plunge[234]
into[554] the[19] deeps[192], his[433] entire[230] flukes[155] with[449] at[65] least[453] thirty[521] feet[349] of[89] his[433]
body[348] are[314] tossed[227] erect[245] in[107] the[19] air[209], and[236] so[281] remain[326] vibrating[436] a[10] moment[258],
till[181] they[382] downwards[468] shoot[316] out[66] of[89] view[370]. Excepting[289] the[19] sublime[76] breach[361]--
somewhere[201] else[212] to[261] be[341] described[483]--this[256] peaking[565] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] flukes[155]
is[487] perhaps[75] the[19] grandest[77] sight[365] to[261] be[341] seen[154] in[107] all[145] animated[143] nature[159].
Out[66] of[89] the[19] bottomless[376] profundities[292] the[19] gigantic[157] tail[102] seems[19] spasmodically[203]
snatching[111] at[65] the[19] highest[575] heaven[163]. So[281] in[107] dreams[299], have[254] I[482] seen[154] majestic[13]
Satan[229] thrusting[100] forth[152] his[433] tormented[256] colossal[396] claw[58] from[316] the[19] flame[113]
Baltic[289] of[89] Hell[169]. But[330] in[107] gazing[117] at[65] such[420] scenes[339], it[162] is[487] all[145] in[107] all[145] what[243]
mood[547] you[227] are[314] in[107]; if[141] in[107] the[19] Dantean[169], the[19] devils[377] will[584] occur[512] to[261] you[227];
if[141] in[107] that[14] of[89] Isaiah[393], the[19] archangels[345]. Standing[144] at[65] the[19] mast[44]-head[116]
of[89] my[36] ship[438] during[309] a[10] sunrise[445] that[14] crimsoned[259] sky[331] and[236] sea[67], I[482] once[248] saw[113]
a[10] large[385] herd[69] of[89] whales[331] in[107] the[19] east[524], all[145] heading[364] towards[417] the[19] sun[397],
and[236] for[190] a[10] moment[258] vibrating[436] in[107] concert[159] with[449] peaked[111] flukes[155]. As[113] it[162] seemed[132]
to[261] me[2] at[65] the[19] time[577], such[420] a[10] grand[229] embodiment[87] of[89] adoration[225] of[89] the[19] gods[325]
was[454] never[206] beheld[132], even[198] in[107] Persia[557], the[19] home[450] of[89] the[19] fire[559] worshippers[8].
As[113] Ptolemy[557] Philopater[25] testified[105] of[89] the[19] African[117] elephant[72], I[482] then[45]
testified[105] of[89] the[19] whale[422], pronouncing[330] him[248] the[19] most[216] devout[292] of[89] all[145] beings[6].
For[190] according[281] to[261] King[324] Juba[246], the[19] military[317] elephants[452] of[89] antiquity[354] often[227]
hailed[411] the[19] morning[417] with[449] their[219] trunks[231] uplifted[533] in[107] the[19] profoundest[320] silence[309].

The[19] chance[292] comparison[255] in[107] this[256] chapter[293], between[77] the[19] whale[422] and[236] the[19] elephant[72],
so[281] far[258] as[113] some[265] aspects[322] of[89] the[19] tail[102] of[89] the[19] one[470] and[236] the[19] trunk[389] of[89] the[19] other[282]
are[314] concerned[583], should[255] not[518] tend[151] to[261] place[107] those[427] two[527] opposite[107] organs[410] on[392]
an[138] equality[518], much[61] less[261] the[19] creatures[5] to[261] which[16] they[382] respectively[254] belong[243].
For[190] as[113] the[19] mightiest[395] elephant[72] is[487] but[330] a[10] terrier[83] to[261] Leviathan[384], so[281],
compared[357] with[449] Leviathan[384]'s[483] tail[102], his[433] trunk[389] is[487] but[330] the[19] stalk[143] of[89] a[10] lily[5].
The[19] most[216] direful[137] blow[230] from[316] the[19] elephant[72]'s[483] trunk[389] were[324] as[113] the[19] playful[85] tap[367]
of[89] a[10] fan[104], compared[357] with[449] the[19] measureless[102] crush[482] and[236] crash[341] of[89] the[19] sperm[26]
whale[422]'s[483] ponderous[213] flukes[155], which[16] in[107] repeated[381] instances[252] have[254] one[470] after[358]
the[19] other[282] hurled[46] entire[230] boats[83] with[449] all[145] their[219] oars[398] and[236] crews[559] into[554] the[19] air[209],
very[515] much[61] as[113] an[138] Indian[303] juggler[138] tosses[445] his[433] balls[264].*

*Though[400] all[145] comparison[255] in[107] the[19] way[435] of[89] general[37] bulk[181] between[77] the[19] whale[422]
and[236] the[19] elephant[72] is[487] preposterous[107], inasmuch[110] as[113] in[107] that[14] particular[336]
the[19] elephant[72] stands[256] in[107] much[61] the[19] same[541] respect[441] to[261] the[19] whale[422] that[14]
a[10] dog[322] does[565] to[261] the[19] elephant[72]; nevertheless[104], there[340] are[314] not[518] wanting[361]
some[265] points[245] of[89] curious[264] similitude[375]; among[483] these[527] is[487] the[19] spout[224].
It[162] is[487] well[263] known[86] that[14] the[19] elephant[72] will[584] often[227] draw[106] up[405] water[520] or[519] dust[434]
in[107] his[433] trunk[389], and[236] then[45] elevating[222] it[162], jet[423] it[162] forth[152] in[107] a[10] stream[184].

The[19] more[348] I[482] consider[259] this[256] mighty[2] tail[102], the[19] more[348] do[353] I[482] deplore[169] my[36] inability[170]
to[261] express[91] it[162]. At[65] times[121] there[340] are[314] gestures[258] in[107] it[162], which[16], though[400] they[382]
would[282] well[263] grace[174] the[19] hand[252] of[89] man[17], remain[326] wholly[497] inexplicable[367].
In[107] an[138] extensive[83] herd[69], so[281] remarkable[381], occasionally[509], are[314] these[527]
mystic[455] gestures[258], that[14] I[482] have[254] heard[444] hunters[423] who[319] have[254] declared[29] them[146] akin[273]
to[261] Free[483]-Mason signs[211] and[236] symbols[54]; that[14] the[19] whale[422], indeed[522], by[406] these[527]
methods[424] intelligently[11] conversed[341] with[449] the[19] world[126]. Nor[137] are[314] there[340] wanting[361]
other[282] motions[62] of[89] the[19] whale[422] in[107] his[433] general[37] body[348], full[414] of[89] strangeness[58],
and[236] unaccountable[316] to[261] his[433] most[216] experienced[93] assailant[252]. Dissect[25] him[248]
how[19] I[482] may[236], then[45], I[482] but[330] go[20] skin[428] deep[483]. I[482] know[60] him[248] not[518], and[236] never[206] will[584].
But[330] if[141] I[482] know[60] not[518] even[198] the[19] tail[102] of[89] this[256] whale[422], how[19] understand[111] his[433]
head[219]? much[61] more[348], how[19] comprehend[301] his[433] face[556], when[189] face[556] he[362] has[399] none[365]?
Thou[173] shalt[510] see[370] my[36] back[457] parts[470], my[36] tail[102], he[362] seems[19] to[261] say[306], but[330] my[36] face[556]
shall[66] not[518] be[341] seen[154]. But[330] I[482] cannot completely[385] make[175] out[66] his[433] back[457] parts[470];
and[236] hint[335] what[243] he[362] will[584] about[123] his[433] face[556], I[482] say[306] again[52] he[362] has[399] no[235] face[556].

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The[19] Grand[229] Armada[27]

The[19] long[544] and[236] narrow[140] peninsula[204] of[89] Malacca[6], extending[231] south[257]-eastward[244] from[316] the[19] territories[69] of[89] Birmah[78], forms[48] the[19] most[216] southerly[24] point[438] of[89] all[145] Asia[112]. In[107] a[10] continuous[447] line[25] from[316] that[14] peninsula[204] stretch[318] the[19] long[544] islands[59] of[89] Sumatra[208], Java[126], Bally[117], and[236] Timor[31]; which[16], with[449] many[282] others[317], form[238] a[10] vast[43] mole[156], or[519] rampart[38], lengthwise[288] connecting[430] Asia[112] with[449] Australia[254], and[236] dividing[306] the[19] long[544] unbroken[290] Indian[303] ocean[224] from[316] the[19] thickly[363] studded[223] oriental[147] archipelagoes[83]. This[256] rampart[38] is[487] pierced[197] by[406] several[479] sally[7]-ports[92] for[190] the[19] convenience[180] of[89] ships[21] and[236] whales[331]; conspicuous[460] among[483] which[16] are[314] the[19] straits[273] of[89] Sunda[25] and[236] Malacca[6]. By[406] the[19] straits[273] of[89] Sunda[25], chiefly[90], vessels[150] bound[108] to[261] China[253] from[316] the[19] west[569], emerge[369] into[554] the[19] China[253] seas[350].

Those[427] narrow[140] straits[273] of[89] Sunda[25] divide[80] Sumatra[208] from[316] Java[126]; and[236] standing[144] midway[418] in[107] that[14] vast[43] rampart[38] of[89] islands[59], buttressed[281] by[406] that[14] bold[356] green[549] promontory[273], known[86] to[261] seamen[6] as[113] Java[126] Head[219]; they[382] not[518] a[10] little[554] correspond[153] to[261] the[19] central[229] gateway[100] opening[306] into[554] some[265] vast[43] walled[8] empire[390]: and[236] considering[115] the[19] inexhaustible[115] wealth[438] of[89] spices[320], and[236] silks[279], and[236] jewels[36], and[236] gold[231], and[236] ivory[76], with[449] which[16] the[19] thousand[586] islands[59] of[89] that[14] oriental[147] sea[67] are[314] enriched[402], it[162] seems[19] a[10] significant[143] provision[367] of[89] nature[159], that[14] such[420] treasures[202], by[406] the[19] very[515] formation[44] of[89] the[19] land[406], should[255] at[65] least[453] bear[48] the[19] appearance[138], however[44] ineffectual[78], of[89] being[264] guarded[7] from[316] the[19] all[145]-grasping[102] western[227] world[126]. The[19] shores[116] of[89] the[19] Straits[273] of[89] Sunda[25] are[314] unsupplied[129] with[449] those[427] domineering[98] fortresses[19] which[16] guard[205] the[19] entrances[24] to[261] the[19] Mediterranean[241], the[19] Baltic[289], and[236] the[19] Propontis[110]. Unlike[406] the[19] Danes[350], these[527] Orientals[311] do[353] not[518] demand[320] the[19] obsequious[367] homage[92] of[89] lowered[279] top[70]-sails[344] from[316] the[19] endless[489] procession[116] of[89] ships[21] before[344] the[19] wind[262], which[16] for[190] centuries[168] past[111], by[406] night[108] and[236] by[406] day[112], have[254] passed[87] between[77] the[19] islands[59] of[89] Sumatra[208] and[236] Java[126], freighted[12] with[449] the[19] costliest[301] cargoes[120] of[89] the[19] east[524]. But[330] while[55] they[382] freely[386] waive[215] a[10] ceremonial[4] like[410] this[256], they[382] do[353] by[406] no[235] means[502] renounce[198] their[219] claim[217] to[261] more[348] solid[494] tribute[412].

Time[577] out[66] of[89] mind[118] the[19] piratical[403] proas[33] of[89] the[19] Malays[400], lurking[89] among[483] the[19] low[407] shaded[366] coves[92] and[236] islets[6] of[89] Sumatra[208], have[254] sallied[183] out[66] upon[419] the[19] vessels[150] sailing[232] through[295] the[19] straits[273], fiercely[111] demanding[4] tribute[412] at[65] the[19] point[438] of[89] their[219] spears[450]. Though[400] by[406] the[19] repeated[381] bloody[357] chastisements[187] they[382] have[254] received[12] at[65] the[19] hands[87] of[89] European[15] cruisers[298], the[19] audacity[337] of[89] these[527] corsairs[243] has[399] of[89] late[351] been[185] somewhat[77] repressed[175]; yet[443], even[198] at[65] the[19] present[112] day[112], we[465] occasionally[509] hear[386] of[89] English[69] and[236] American[272] vessels[150], which[16], in[107] those[427] waters[556], have[254] been[185] remorselessly[364] boarded[52] and[236] pillaged[140].

With[449] a[10] fair[320], fresh[540] wind[262], the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] now[20] drawing[407] nigh[254] to[261] these[527] straits[273]; Ahab[232] purposing[43] to[261] pass[153] through[295] them[146] into[554] the[19] Java[126] sea[67], and[236] thence[158], cruising[298] northwards[67], over[82] waters[556] known[86] to[261] be[341] frequented[359] here[135] and[236] there[340] by[406] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422], sweep[471] inshore[522] by[406] the[19] Philippine[138] Islands[59], and[236] gain[101] the[19] far[258] coast[287] of[89] Japan[53], in[107] time[577] for[190] the[19] great[259] whaling[155] season[248] there[340]. By[406] these[527] means[502], the[19] circumnavigating[347] Pequod[288] would[282] sweep[471] almost[518] all[145] the[19] known[86] Sperm[26] Whale[422] cruising[298] grounds[448] of[89] the[19] world[126], previous[376] to[261] descending[181] upon[419] the[19] Line[25] in[107] the[19] Pacific[294]; where[579] Ahab[232], though[400] everywhere[469] else[212] foiled[399] in[107] his[433] pursuit[305], firmly[308] counted[81] upon[419] giving[207] battle[105] to[261] Moby[362] Dick[25], in[107] the[19] sea[67] he[362] was[454] most[216] known[86] to[261] frequent[430]; and[236] at[65] a[10] season[248] when[189] he[362] might[496] most[216] reasonably[102] be[341] presumed[300] to[261] be[341] haunting[402] it[162].

But[330] how[19] now[20]? in[107] this[256] zoned[280] quest[36], does[565] Ahab[232] touch[486] no[235] land[406]? does[565] his[433] crew[126] drink[117] air[209]? Surely[388], he[362] will[584] stop[48] for[190] water[520]. Nay[358]. For[190] a[10] long[544] time[577], now[20], the[19] circus[331]-running[296] sun[397] has[399] raced[264] within[503] his[433] fiery[42] ring[579], and[236] needs[41] no[235] sustenance[256] but[330] what[243]'s[483] in[107] himself[282]. So[281] Ahab[232]. Mark[169] this[256], too[11], in[107] the[19] whaler[91]. While[55] other[282] hulls[133] are[314] loaded[55] down[133] with[449] alien[8] stuff[471], to[261] be[341] transferred[8] to[261] foreign[198] wharves[329]; the[19] world[126]-wandering[110] whale[422]-ship[98] carries[440] no[235] cargo[88] but[330] herself[263] and[236] crew[126], their[219] weapons[489] and[236] their[219] wants[418]. She[391] has[399] a[10] whole[199] lake[43]'s[483] contents[347] bottled[320] in[107] her[400] ample[264] hold[204]. She[391] is[487] ballasted[141] with[449] utilities[153]; not[518] altogether[31] with[449] unusable[357] pig[241]-lead[362] and[236] kentledge. She[391] carries[440] years[116]' water[520] in[107] her[400]. Clear[408] old[447] prime[425] Nantucket[283] water[520]; which[16], when[189] three[329] years[116] afloat[2], the[19] Nantucketer, in[107] the[19] Pacific[294], prefers[484] to[261] drink[117] before[344] the[19] brackish[155] fluid[212], but[330] yesterday[235] rafted[290] off[111] in[107] casks[213], from[316] the[19] Peruvian[25] or[519] Indian[303] streams[15]. Hence[503] it[162] is[487], that[14], while[55] other[282] ships[21] may[236] have[254] gone[190] to[261] China[253] from[316] New[36] York[523], and[236] back[457] again[52], touching[80] at[65] a[10] score[124] of[89] ports[92], the[19] whale[422]-ship[98], in[107] all[145] that[14] interval[114], may[236] not[518] have[254] sighted[105] one[470] grain[122] of[89] soil[430]; her[400] crew[126] having[69] seen[154] no[235] man[17] but[330] floating[30] seamen[6] like[410] themselves[510]. So[281] that[14] did[444] you[227] carry[160] them[146] the[19] news[314] that[14] another[269] flood[167] had[364] come[420]; they[382] would[282] only[517] answer[164]--"Well[263], boys[22], here[135]'s[483] the[19] ark[25]!"

Now[20], as[113] many[282] Sperm[26] Whales[331] had[364] been[185] captured[126] off[111] the[19] western[227] coast[287] of[89] Java[126], in[107] the[19] near[70] vicinity[208] of[89] the[19] Straits[273] of[89] Sunda[25]; indeed[522], as[113] most[216] of[89] the[19] ground[127], roundabout[139], was[454] generally[402] recognised[133] by[406] the[19] fishermen[24] as[113] an[138] excellent[161] spot[46] for[190] cruising[298]; therefore[94], as[113] the[19] Pequod[288] gained[290] more[348] and[236] more[348] upon[419] Java[126] Head[219],

the[19] look[523]-outs[52] were[324] repeatedly[179] hailed[411], and[236] admonished[3] to[261] keep[381] wide[465] awake[255].
But[330] though[400] the[19] green[549] palmy[4] cliffs[290] of[89] the[19] land[406] soon[18] loomed[145] on[392]
the[19] starboard[309] bow[146], and[236] with[449] delighted[493] nostrils[42] the[19] fresh[540] cinnamon[117]
was[454] snuffed[250] in[107] the[19] air[209], yet[443] not[518] a[10] single[77] jet[423] was[454] descried[313].
Almost[518] renouncing[83] all[145] thought[186] of[89] falling[498] in[107] with[449] any[501] game[233] hereabouts[116],
the[19] ship[438] had[364] well[263] nigh[254] entered[447] the[19] straits[273], when[189] the[19] customary[79]
cheering[371] cry[561] was[454] heard[444] from[316] aloft[276], and[236] ere[83] long[544] a[10] spectacle[250]
of[89] singular[216] magnificence[277] saluted[376] us[569].

But[330] here[135] be[341] it[162] premised[201], that[14] owing[98] to[261] the[19] unwearied[158] activity[293]
with[449] which[16] of[89] late[351] they[382] have[254] been[185] hunted[439] over[82] all[145] four[175] oceans[60],
the[19] Sperm[26] Whales[331], instead[398] of[89] almost[518] invariably[55] sailing[232] in[107] small[350]
detached[5] companies[13], as[113] in[107] former[157] times[121], are[314] now[20] frequently[475] met[130]
with[449] in[107] extensive[83] herds[341], sometimes[77] embracing[92] so[281] great[259] a[10] multitude[170],
that[14] it[162] would[282] almost[518] seem[404] as[113] if[141] numerous[558] nations[274] of[89] them[146] had[364] sworn[376]
solemn[303] league[81] and[236] covenant[356] for[190] mutual[35] assistance[118] and[236] protection[71].
To[261] this[256] aggregation[378] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] into[554] such[420] immense[301] caravans[18],
may[236] be[341] imputed[140] the[19] circumstance[407] that[14] even[198] in[107] the[19] best[315] cruising[298] grounds[448],
you[227] may[236] now[20] sometimes[77] sail[218] for[190] weeks[522] and[236] months[17] together[440],
without[309] being[264] greeted[346] by[406] a[10] single[77] spout[224]; and[236] then[45] be[341] suddenly[193]
saluted[376] by[406] what[243] sometimes[77] seems[19] thousands[7] on[392] thousands[7].

Broad[267] on[392] both[558] bows[460], at[65] the[19] distance[264] of[89] some[265] two[527] or[519] three[329] miles[278],
and[236] forming[354] a[10] great[259] semicircle[382], embracing[92] one[470] half[119] of[89] the[19] level[378] horizon[516],
a[10] continuous[447] chain[159] of[89] whale[422]-jets[6] were[324] up[405]-playing[471] and[236] sparkling[42]
in[107] the[19] noon[445]-day[112] air[209]. Unlike[406] the[19] straight[346] perpendicular[83] twin[492]-jets[6]
of[89] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422], which[16], dividing[306] at[65] top[70], falls[24] over[82] in[107] two[527] branches[364],
like[410] the[19] cleft[366] drooping[279] boughs[157] of[89] a[10] willow[291], the[19] single[77] forward[364]-slanting[522]
spout[224] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] presents[256] a[10] thick[502] curled[253] bush[117] of[89] white[82] mist[322],
continually[303] rising[464] and[236] falling[498] away[443] to[261] leeward[265].

Seen[154] from[316] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] deck[505], then[45], as[113] she[391] would[282] rise[251] on[392] a[10] high[361] hill[219]
of[89] the[19] sea[67], this[256] host[5] of[89] vapory[112] spouts[75], individually[507] curling[27] up[405] into[554]
the[19] air[209], and[236] beheld[132] through[295] a[10] blending[350] atmosphere[64] of[89] bluish[523] haze[283],
showed[507] like[410] the[19] thousand[586] cheerful[391] chimneys[243] of[89] some[265] dense[481] metropolis[94],
descried[313] of[89] a[10] balmy[317] autumnal[246] morning[417], by[406] some[265] horseman[253] on[392] a[10] height[20].

As[113] marching[57] armies[50] approaching[271] an[138] unfriendly[443] defile[124] in[107] the[19] mountains[202],
accelerate[93] their[219] march[396], all[145] eagerness[275] to[261] place[107] that[14] perilous[141] passage[285] in[107]
their[219] rear[252], and[236] once[248] more[348] expand[254] in[107] comparative[87] security[105] upon[419] the[19] plain[28];
even[198] so[281] did[444] this[256] vast[43] fleet[206] of[89] whales[331] now[20] seem[404] hurrying[339] forward[364] through[295]
the[19] straits[273]; gradually[355] contracting[521] the[19] wings[175] of[89] their[219] semicircle[382],
and[236] swimming[367] on[392], in[107] one[470] solid[494], but[330] still[278] crescentic[4] centre[389].

Crowding[283] all[145] sail[218] the[19] Pequod[288] pressed[323] after[358] them[146]; the[19] harpooneers
handling[135] their[219] weapons[489], and[236] loudly[275] cheering[371] from[316] the[19] heads[366]
of[89] their[219] yet[443] suspended[245] boats[83]. If[141] the[19] wind[262] only[517] held[212],
little[554] doubt[71] had[364] they[382], that[14] chased[389] through[295] these[527] Straits[273]
of[89] Sunda[25], the[19] vast[43] host[5] would[282] only[517] deploy[303] into[554] the[19] Oriental[147]
seas[350] to[261] witness[134] the[19] capture[361] of[89] not[518] a[10] few[49] of[89] their[219] number[196].
And[236] who[319] could[375] tell[392] whether[454], in[107] that[14] congregated[203] caravan[125],
Moby[362] Dick[25] himself[282] might[496] not[518] temporarily[22] be[341] swimming[367],
like[410] the[19] worshipped[499] white[82]-elephant[72] in[107] the[19] coronation[239] procession[116]
of[89] the[19] Siamese[26]! So[281] with[449] stun-sail[218] piled[126] on[392] stun-sail[218], we[465]
sailed[248] along[423], driving[280] these[527] leviathans[336] before[344] us[569]; when[189], of[89] a[10] sudden[309],
the[19] voice[233] of[89] Tashtego was[454] heard[444], loudly[275] directing[215] attention[518]
to[261] something[181] in[107] our[234] wake[205].

Corresponding[427] to[261] the[19] crescent[212] in[107] our[234] van[164], we[465] beheld[132] another[269] in[107] our[234] rear[252].
It[162] seemed[132] formed[294] of[89] detached[5] white[82] vapors[99], rising[464] and[236] falling[498] something[181]
like[410] the[19] spouts[75] of[89] the[19] whales[331]; only[517] they[382] did[444] not[518] so[281] completely[385] come[420]
and[236] go[20]; for[190] they[382] constantly[344] hovered[400], without[309] finally[69] disappearing[392].
Levelling[140] his[433] glass[27] at[65] this[256] sight[365], Ahab[232] quickly[183] revolved[75] in[107] his[433]
pivot-hole[73], crying[321], "Aloft[276] there[340], and[236] rig[415] whips[466] and[236] buckets[157] to[261] wet[299]
the[19] sails[344];--Malays[400], sir[271], and[236] after[358] us[569]!"

As[113] if[141] too[11] long[544] lurking[89] behind[80] the[19] headlands[129], till[181] the[19] Pequod[288]
should[255] fairly[211] have[254] entered[447] the[19] straits[273], these[527] rascally[122] Asiatics[335]
were[324] now[20] in[107] hot[424] pursuit[305], to[261] make[175] up[405] for[190] their[219] over[82]-cautious[102] delay[309].
But[330] when[189] the[19] swift[376] Pequod[288], with[449] a[10] fresh[540] leading[59] wind[262], was[454] herself[263]
in[107] hot[424] chase[89]; how[19] very[515] kind[451] of[89] these[527] tawny[398] philanthropists[336]
to[261] assist[7] in[107] speeding[3] her[400] on[392] to[261] her[400] own[248] chosen[13] pursuit[305],--
mere[393] riding[61]-whips[466] and[236] rowels[309] to[261] her[400], that[14] they[382] were[324].
As[113] with[449] glass[27] under[533] arm[25], Ahab[232] to[261]-and[236]-fro[9] paced[145] the[19] deck[505];
in[107] his[433] forward[364] turn[17] beholding[248] the[19] monsters[129] he[362] chased[389],
and[236] in[107] the[19] after[358] one[470] the[19] bloodthirsty[296] pirates[19] chasing[227] him[248];
some[265] such[420] fancy[396] as[113] the[19] above[502] seemed[132] his[433]. And[236] when[189] he[362] glanced[411]
upon[419] the[19] green[549] walls[116] of[89] the[19] watery[59] defile[124] in[107] which[16] the[19] ship[438]
was[454] then[45] sailing[232], and[236] bethought[422] him[248] that[14] through[295] that[14] gate[481] lay[62]
the[19] route[197] to[261] his[433] vengeance[72], and[236] beheld[132], how[19] that[14] through[295] that[14] same[541]
gate[481] he[362] was[454] now[20] both[558] chasing[227] and[236] being[264] chased[389] to[261] his[433] deadly[49] end[149];
and[236] not[518] only[517] that[14], but[330] a[10] herd[69] of[89] remorseless[266] wild[230] pirates[19]
and[236] inhuman[207] atheistical[27] devils[377] were[324] infernally[191] cheering[371] him[248]
on[392] with[449] their[219] curses[497];--when[189] all[145] these[527] conceits[217] had[364] passed[87]

through[295] his[433] brain[158], Ahab[232]'s[483] brow[474] was[454] left[159] gaunt[62] and[236] ribbed[246],
like[410] the[19] black[581] sand[380] beach[183] after[358] some[265] stormy[115] tide[523] has[399] been[185] gnawing[253] it[162],
without[309] being[264] able[362] to[261] drag[426] the[19] firm[415] thing[309] from[316] its[234] place[107].

But[330] thoughts[26] like[410] these[527] troubled[327] very[515] few[49] of[89] the[19] reckless[240] crew[126]; and[236] when[189],
after[358] steadily[379] dropping[279] and[236] dropping[279] the[19] pirates[19] astern[39], the[19] Pequod[288]
at[65] last[436] shot[443] by[406] the[19] vivid[180] green[549] Cockatoo[286] Point[438] on[392] the[19] Sumatra[208] side[246],
emerging[350] at[65] last[436] upon[419] the[19] broad[267] waters[556] beyond[421]; then[45], the[19] harpooneers
seemed[132] more[348] to[261] grieve[243] that[14] the[19] swift[376] whales[331] had[364] been[185] gaining[225] upon[419]
the[19] ship[438], than[77] to[261] rejoice[375] that[14] the[19] ship[438] had[364] so[281] victoriously[292] gained[290]
upon[419] the[19] Malays[400]. But[330] still[278] driving[280] on[392] in[107] the[19] wake[205] of[89] the[19] whales[331],
at[65] length[202] they[382] seemed[132] abating[295] their[219] speed[468]; gradually[355] the[19] ship[438] neared[61] them[146];
and[236] the[19] wind[262] now[20] dying[69] away[443], word[486] was[454] passed[87] to[261] spring[148] to[261] the[19] boats[83].
But[330] no[235] sooner[338] did[444] the[19] herd[69], by[406] some[265] presumed[300] wonderful[291] instinct[72] of[89] the[19]
Sperm[26] Whale[422], become[548] notified[333] of[89] the[19] three[329] keels[394] that[14] were[324] after[358] them[146],--
though[400] as[113] yet[443] a[10] mile[295] in[107] their[219] rear[252],--than[77] they[382] rallied[71] again[52], and[236] forming[354]
in[107] close[65] ranks[189] and[236] battalions[162], so[281] that[14] their[219] spouts[75] all[145] looked[232] like[410]
flashing[181] lines[241] of[89] stacked[261] bayonets[339], moved[492] on[392] with[449] redoubled[336] velocity[397].

Stripped[301] to[261] our[234] shirts[36] and[236] drawers[350], we[465] sprang[253] to[261] the[19] white[82]-ash[481],
and[236] after[358] several[479] hours[127]' pulling[217] were[324] almost[518] disposed[154] to[261] renounce[198]
the[19] chase[89], when[189] a[10] general[37] pausing[19] commotion[155] among[483] the[19] whales[331] gave[572]
animating[341] tokens[473] that[14] they[382] were[324] now[20] at[65] last[436] under[533] the[19] influence[299]
of[89] that[14] strange[440] perplexity[107] of[89] inert[155] irresolution[44], which[16], when[189] the[19]
fishermen[24] perceive[131] it[162] in[107] the[19] whale[422], they[382] say[306] he[362] is[487] gallied[210]*. The[19]
compact[446] martial[43] columns[262] in[107] which[16] they[382] had[364] been[185] hitherto[533] rapidly[116]
and[236] steadily[379] swimming[367], were[324] now[20] broken[255] up[405] in[107] one[470] measureless[102] rout[320];
and[236] like[410] King[324] Porus[290]' elephants[452] in[107] the[19] Indian[303] battle[105] with[449] Alexander[312],
they[382] seemed[132] going[227] mad[235] with[449] consternation[52]. In[107] all[145] directions[124]
expanding[41] in[107] vast[43] irregular[430] circles[3], and[236] aimlessly[453] swimming[367] hither[342]
and[236] thither[118], by[406] their[219] short[522] thick[502] spoutings[27], they[382] plainly[450] betrayed[498]
their[219] distraction[167] of[89] panic[285]. This[256] was[454] still[278] more[348] strangely[155] evinced[94]
by[406] those[427] of[89] their[219] number[196], who[319], completely[385] paralysed[564] as[113] it[162] were[324],
helplessly[100] floated[6] like[410] water[520]-logged dismantled[426] ships[21] on[392] the[19] sea[67].
Had[364] these[527] Leviathans[336] been[185] but[330] a[10] flock[282] of[89] simple[271] sheep[45],
pursued[460] over[82] the[19] pasture[330] by[406] three[329] fierce[394] wolves[482], they[382] could[375] not[518]
possibly[201] have[254] evinced[94] such[420] excessive[301] dismay[366]. But[330] this[256] occasional[202]
timidity[315] is[487] characteristic[378] of[89] almost[518] all[145] herding[197] creatures[5].
Though[400] banding[31] together[440] in[107] tens[367] of[89] thousands[7], the[19] lion[84]-maned[192]
buffaloes[125] of[89] the[19] West[569] have[254] fled[434] before[344] a[10] solitary[407] horseman[253].
Witness[134], too[11], all[145] human[43] beings[6], how[19] when[189] herded[170] together[440] in[107] the[19] sheepfold[296]
of[89] a[10] theatre[491]'s[483] pit[223], they[382] will[584], at[65] the[19] slightest[44] alarm[178] of[89] fire[559],
rush[6] helter-skelter[21] for[190] the[19] outlets[387], crowding[283], trampling[292], jamming[310],
and[236] remorselessly[364] dashing[14] each[520] other[282] to[261] death[543]. Best[315], therefore[94],
withhold[141] any[501] amazement[223] at[65] the[19] strangely[155] gallied[210] whales[331] before[344] us[569],
for[190] there[340] is[487] no[235] folly[520] of[89] the[19] beasts[359] of[89] the[19] earth[513] which[16] is[487] not[518]
infinitely[70] outdone[168] by[406] the[19] madness[282] of[89] men[62].

* To[261] gally[117], or[519] gallow[142], is[487] to[261] frighten[202] excessively[86]--
to[261] confound[224] with[449] fright[18]. It[162] is[487] an[138] old[447] Saxon[479] word[486].
It[162] occurs[183] once[248] in[107] Shakespeare[247]:--

The[19] wrathful[169] skies[30] Gallow[142] the[19] very[515] wanderers[68] of[89] the[19] dark[471] And[236] make[175]
them[146] keep[381] their[219] caves[203].

To[261] common[304] language[322], the[19] word[486] is[487] now[20] completely[385] obsolete[280].
When[189] the[19] polite[499] landsman[331] first[13] hears[561] it[162] from[316] the[19] gaunt[62] Nantucketer, he[362] is[487]
apt[40] to[261] set[422] it[162] down[133] as[113] one[470] of[89] the[19] whaleman[98]'s[483] self[442]-derived[494] savageries[424].
Much[61] the[19] same[541] is[487] it[162] with[449] many[282] other[282] sinewy[490] Saxonisms of[89] this[256] sort[42],
which[16] emigrated[23] to[261] New[36]-England[348] rocks[265] with[449] the[19] noble[226] brawn[359] of[89] the[19] old[447]
English[69] emigrants[498] in[107] the[19] time[577] of[89] the[19] Commonwealth[84]. Thus[362], some[265] of[89]
the[19] best[315] and[236] furthest[361]-descended[99] English[69] words[107]--the[19] etymological[350] Howards[102]
and[236] Percys[263]--are[314] now[20] democratised[227], nay[358], plebeianised--so[281] to[261] speak[337]--
in[107] the[19] New[36] World[126].

Though[400] many[282] of[89] the[19] whales[331], as[113] has[399] been[185] said[252], were[324] in[107] violent[336] motion[544],
yet[443] it[162] is[487] to[261] be[341] observed[340] that[14] as[113] a[10] whole[199] the[19] herd[69] neither[74]
advanced[55] nor[137] retreated[173], but[330] collectively[292] remained[72] in[107] one[470] place[107].
As[113] is[487] customary[79] in[107] those[427] cases[108], the[19] boats[83] at[65] once[248] separated[384],
each[520] making[415] for[190] some[265] one[470] lone[19] whale[422] on[392] the[19] outskirts[435] of[89] the[19] shoal[520].
In[107] about[123] three[329] minutes[368]' time[577], Queequeg's[483] harpoon[67] was[454] flung[255];
the[19] stricken[328] fish[187] darted[362] blinding[298] spray[76] in[107] our[234] faces[97], and[236] then[45]
running[296] away[443] with[449] us[569] like[410] light[382], steered[106] straight[346] for[190] the[19] heart[470]
of[89] the[19] herd[69]. Though[400] such[420] a[10] movement[128] on[392] the[19] part[207] of[89] the[19] whale[422]
struck[441] under[533] such[420] circumstances[267], is[487] in[107] no[235] wise[16] unprecedented[54];
and[236] indeed[522] is[487] almost[518] always[367] more[348] or[519] less[261] anticipated[402]; yet[443] does[565] it[162]
present[112] one[470] of[89] the[19] more[348] perilous[141] vicissitudes[124] of[89] the[19] fishery[136].
For[190] as[113] the[19] swift[376] monster[480] drags[295] you[227] deeper[253] and[236] deeper[253] into[554] the[19]
frantic[211] shoal[520], you[227] bid[171] adieu[116] to[261] circumspect[263] life[71] and[236] only[517] exist[265]
in[107] a[10] delirious[205] throb[504].

As[113], blind[375] and[236] deaf[375], the[19] whale[422] plunged[340] forward[364], as[113] if[141] by[406] sheer[147] power[145]

of[89] speed[468] to[261] rid[367] himself[282] of[89] the[19] iron[169] leech[465] that[14] had[364] fastened[426] to[261] him[248];
as[113] we[465] thus[362] tore[493] a[10] white[82] gash[293] in[107] the[19] sea[67], on[392] all[145] sides[331] menaced[263]
as[113] we[465] flew[424], by[406] the[19] crazed[292] creatures[5] to[261] and[236] fro[183] rushing[344] about[123] us[569];
our[234] beset[126] boat[439] was[454] like[410] a[10] ship[438] mobbed[116] by[406] ice[443]-isles[425] in[107] a[10] tempest[125],
and[236] striving[388] to[261] steer[426] through[295] their[219] complicated[64] channels[247] and[236] straits[273],
knowing[240] not[518] at[65] what[243] moment[258] it[162] may[236] be[341] locked[105] in[107] and[236] crushed[197].

But[330] not[518] a[10] bit[72] daunted[21], Queequeg steered[106] us[569] manfully[275]; now[20] sheering[83]
off[111] from[316] this[256] monster[480] directly[58] across[129] our[234] route[197] in[107] advance[70];
now[20] edging[361] away[443] from[316] that[14], whose[286] colossal[396] flukes[155] were[324] suspended[245] overhead[7],
while[55] all[145] the[19] time[577], Starbuck stood[1] up[405] in[107] the[19] bows[460], lance[76] in[107] hand[252],
pricking[490] out[66] of[89] our[234] way[435] whatever[38] whales[331] he[362] could[375] reach[43] by[406] short[522] darts[337],
for[190] there[340] was[454] no[235] time[577] to[261] make[175] long[544] ones[396]. Nor[137] were[324] the[19] oarsmen[59]
quite[327] idle[519], though[400] their[219] wonted[292] duty[468] was[454] now[20] altogether[31] dispensed[493] with[449].
They[382] chiefly[90] attended[206] to[261] the[19] shouting[421] part[207] of[89] the[19] business[168].
"Out[66] of[89] the[19] way[435], Commodore[415]!" cried[506] one[470], to[261] a[10] great[259] dromedary[183] that[14] of[89]
a[10] sudden[309] rose[449] bodily[172] to[261] the[19] surface[328], and[236] for[190] an[138] instant[279] threatened[110]
to[261] swamp[321] us[569]. "Hard[337] down[133] with[449] your[162] tail[102], there[340]!" cried[506] a[10] second[386]
to[261] another[269], which[16], close[65] to[261] our[234] gunwale[198], seemed[132] calmly[170] cooling[241]
himself[282] with[449] his[433] own[248] fan[104]-like[402] extremity[410].

All[145] whale[422]-boats[83] carry[160] certain[31] curious[264] contrivances[99],
originally[367] invented[15] by[406] the[19] Nantucket[283] Indians[99], called[237] druggs.
Two[527] thick[502] squares[239] of[89] wood[46] of[89] equal[261] size[503] are[314] stoutly[109]
clenched[198] together[440], so[281] that[14] they[382] cross[416] each[520] other[282]'s[483] grain[122] at[65]
right[499] angles[198]; a[10] line[25] of[89] considerable[75] length[202] is[487] then[45] attached[211]
to[261] the[19] middle[39] of[89] this[256] block[275], and[236] the[19] other[282] end[149] of[89] the[19] line[25]
being[264] looped[445], it[162] can[450] in[107] a[10] moment[258] be[341] fastened[426] to[261] a[10] harpoon[67].
It[162] is[487] chiefly[90] among[483] gallied[210] whales[331] that[14] this[256] drugg[192] is[487] used[102].
For[190] then[45], more[348] whales[331] are[314] close[65] round[287] you[227] than[77] you[227] can[450]
possibly[201] chase[89] at[65] one[470] time[577]. But[330] sperm[26] whales[331] are[314] not[518] every[389]
day[112] encountered[102]; while[55] you[227] may[236], then[45], you[227] must[226] kill[219] all[145] you[227] can[450].
And[236] if[141] you[227] cannot kill[219] them[146] all[145] at[65] once[248], you[227] must[226] wing[101] them[146],
so[281] that[14] they[382] can[450] be[341] afterwards[418] killed[409] at[65] your[162] leisure[215]. Hence[503] it[162] is[487],
that[14] at[65] times[121] like[410] these[527] the[19] drug[31], comes[268] into[554] requisition[27].
Our[234] boat[439] was[454] furnished[201] with[449] three[329] of[89] them[146]. The[19] first[13] and[236] second[386] were[324]
successfully[412] darted[362], and[236] we[465] saw[113] the[19] whales[331] staggeringly[470] running[296] off[111],
fettered[77] by[406] the[19] enormous[327] sidelong[203] resistance[262] of[89] the[19] towing[78] drugg[192].
They[382] were[324] cramped[340] like[410] malefactors[251] with[449] the[19] chain[159] and[236] ball[141].
But[330] upon[419] flinging[389] the[19] third[301], in[107] the[19] act[10] of[89] tossing[213] overboard[247]
the[19] clumsy[394] wooden[35] block[275], it[162] caught[105] under[533] one[470] of[89] the[19] seats[261] of[89] the[19] boat[439],
and[236] in[107] an[138] instant[279] tore[493] it[162] out[66] and[236] carried[232] it[162] away[443], dropping[279] the[19]
oarsman[60] in[107] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] bottom[461] as[113] the[19] seat[88] slid[132] from[316] under[533] him[248].
On[392] both[558] sides[331] the[19] sea[67] came[549] in[107] at[65] the[19] wounded[396] planks[284], but[330] we[465]
stuffed[502] two[527] or[519] three[329] drawers[350] and[236] shirts[36] in[107], and[236] so[281] stopped[564]
the[19] leaks[106] for[190] the[19] time[577].

It[162] had[364] been[185] next[27] to[261] impossible[305] to[261] dart[293] these[527] drugged[100]-harpoons[6],
were[324] it[162] not[518] that[14] as[113] we[465] advanced[55] into[554] the[19] herd[69], our[234] whale[422]'s[483] way[435]
greatly[460] diminished[163]; moreover[326], that[14] as[113] we[465] went[516] still[278] further[53]
and[236] further[53] from[316] the[19] circumference[417] of[89] commotion[155], the[19] direful[137]
disorders[92] seemed[132] waning[442]. So[281] that[14] when[189] at[65] last[436] the[19] jerking[2]
harpoon[67] drew[175] out[66], and[236] the[19] towing[78] whale[422] sideways[496] vanished[564];
then[45], with[449] the[19] tapering[416] force[406] of[89] his[433] parting[285] momentum[66], we[465] glided[152]
between[77] two[527] whales[331] into[554] the[19] innermost[27] heart[470] of[89] the[19] shoal[520], as[113] if[141]
from[316] some[265] mountain[231] torrent[529] we[465] had[364] slid[132] into[554] a[10] serene[18] valley[18] lake[43].
Here[135] the[19] storms[327] in[107] the[19] roaring[182] glens[155] between[77] the[19] outermost[430] whales[331],
were[324] heard[444] but[330] not[518] felt[440]. In[107] this[256] central[229] expanse[98] the[19] sea[67]
presented[320] that[14] smooth[388] satin[114]-like[410] surface[328], called[237] a[10] sleek[296],
produced[258] by[406] the[19] subtle[143] moisture[116] thrown[359] off[111] by[406] the[19] whale[422]
in[107] his[433] more[348] quiet[337] moods[4]. Yes[143], we[465] were[324] now[20] in[107] that[14] enchanted[229]
calm[39] which[16] they[382] say[306] lurks[115] at[65] the[19] heart[470] of[89] every[389] commotion[155].
And[236] still[278] in[107] the[19] distracted[180] distance[264] we[465] beheld[132] the[19] tumults[246] of[89]
the[19] outer[359] concentric[129] circles[3], and[236] saw[113] successive[423] pods[25] of[89] whales[331],
eight[316] or[519] ten[198] in[107] each[520], swiftly[441] going[227] round[287] and[236] round[287], like[410] multiplied[191]
spans[424] of[89] horses[189] in[107] a[10] ring[579]; and[236] so[281] closely[218] shoulder[168] to[261] shoulder[168],
that[14] a[10] Titanic[291] circus[331]-rider[113] might[496] easily[45] have[254] over[82]-arched[4]
the[19] middle[39] ones[396], and[236] so[281] have[254] gone[190] round[287] on[392] their[219] backs[480].
Owing[98] to[261] the[19] density[26] of[89] the[19] crowd[16] of[89] reposing[57] whales[331],
more[348] immediately[172] surrounding[398] the[19] embayed[60] axis[20] of[89] the[19] herd[69],
no[235] possible[277] chance[292] of[89] escape[565] was[454] at[65] present[112] afforded[37] us[569].
We[465] must[226] watch[89] for[190] a[10] breach[361] in[107] the[19] living[117] wall[509] that[14] hemmed[21] us[569] in[107];
the[19] wall[509] that[14] had[364] only[517] admitted[434] us[569] in[107] order[343] to[261] shut[59] us[569] up[405].
Keeping[482] at[65] the[19] centre[389] of[89] the[19] lake[43], we[465] were[324] occasionally[509]
visited[16] by[406] small[350] tame[13] cows[136] and[236] calves[21]; the[19] women[275] and[236] children[374]
of[89] this[256] routed[337] host[5].

Now[20], inclusive[210] of[89] the[19] occasional[202] wide[465] intervals[295] between[77]
the[19] revolving[21] outer[359] circles[3], and[236] inclusive[210] of[89] the[19] spaces[137]
between[77] the[19] various[183] pods[25] in[107] any[501] one[470] of[89] those[427] circles[3],
the[19] entire[230] area[472] at[65] this[256] juncture[53], embraced[393] by[406] the[19] whole[199] multitude[170],
must[226] have[254] contained[275] at[65] least[453] two[527] or[519] three[329] square[302] miles[278].
At[65] any[501] rate[515]--though[400] indeed[522] such[420] a[10] test[124] at[65] such[420] a[10] time[577] might[496]

be[341] deceptive[295]--spoutings[27] might[496] be[341] discovered[36] from[316] our[234] low[407] boat[439]
that[14] seemed[132] playing[471] up[405] almost[518] from[316] the[19] rim[157] of[89] the[19] horizon[516].
I[482] mention[510] this[256] circumstance[407], because[540], as[113] if[141] the[19] cows[136] and[236]
calves[21] had[364] been[185] purposely[140] locked[105] up[405] in[107] this[256] innermost[27] fold[142];
and[236] as[113] if[141] the[19] wide[465] extent[144] of[89] the[19] herd[69] had[364] hitherto[533] prevented[11] them[146]
from[316] learning[219] the[19] precise[158] cause[220] of[89] its[234] stopping[406]; or[519], possibly[201],
being[264] so[281] young[389], unsophisticated[507], and[236] every[389] way[435] innocent[156]
and[236] inexperienced[275]; however[44] it[162] may[236] have[254] been[185], these[527] smaller[236] whales[331]--
now[20] and[236] then[45] visiting[402] our[234] becalmed[443] boat[439] from[316] the[19] margin[173] of[89] the[19] lake[43]--
evinced[94] a[10] wondrous[30] fearlessness[359] and[236] confidence[46], or[519] else[212] a[10] still[278]
becharmed[89] panic[285] which[16] it[162] was[454] impossible[305] not[518] to[261] marvel[41] at[65].
Like[410] household[67] dogs[393] they[382] came[549] snuffling[449] round[287] us[569],
right[499] up[405] to[261] our[234] gunwales[42], and[236] touching[80] them[146]; till[181] it[162] almost[518]
seemed[132] that[14] some[265] spell[416] had[364] suddenly[193] domesticated[316] them[146].
Queequeg patted[232] their[219] foreheads[451]; Starbuck scratched[205] their[219] backs[480]
with[449] his[433] lance[76]; but[330] fearful[183] of[89] the[19] consequences[167], for[190] the[19] time[577]
refrained[16] from[316] darting[147] it[162].

But[330] far[258] beneath[320] this[256] wondrous[30] world[126] upon[419] the[19] surface[328], another[269] and[236]
still[278] stranger[233] world[126] met[130] our[234] eyes[125] as[113] we[465] gazed[13] over[82] the[19] side[246].
For[190], suspended[245] in[107] those[427] watery[59] vaults[293], floated[6] the[19] forms[48]
of[89] the[19] nursing[439] mothers[98] of[89] the[19] whales[331], and[236] those[427] that[14] by[406] their[219]
enormous[327] girth[106] seemed[132] shortly[425] to[261] become[548] mothers[98]. The[19] lake[43], as[113] I[482]
have[254] hinted[253], was[454] to[261] a[10] considerable[75] depth[474] exceedingly[257] transparent[129];
and[236] as[113] human[43] infants[413] while[55] suckling[364] will[584] calmly[170] and[236] fixedly[434] gaze[568]
away[443] from[316] the[19] breast[272], as[113] if[141] leading[59] two[527] different[276] lives[245] at[65] the[19] time[577];
and[236] while[55] yet[443] drawing[407] mortal[371] nourishment[521], be[341] still[278] spiritually[232]
feasting[299] upon[419] some[265] unearthly[110] reminiscence[453];--even[198] so[281] did[444] the[19] young[389]
of[89] these[527] whales[331] seem[404] looking[318] up[405] towards[417] us[569], but[330] not[518] at[65] us[569],
as[113] if[141] we[465] were[324] but[330] a[10] bit[72] of[89] Gulfweed in[107] their[219] new[36]-born[320] sight[365].
Floating[30] on[392] their[219] sides[331], the[19] mothers[98] also[119] seemed[132] quietly[380] eyeing[49] us[569].
One[470] of[89] these[527] little[554] infants[413], that[14] from[316] certain[31] queer[156] tokens[473] seemed[132]
hardly[182] a[10] day[112] old[447], might[496] have[254] measured[96] some[265] fourteen[163] feet[349] in[107] length[202],
and[236] some[265] six[415] feet[349] in[107] girth[106]. He[362] was[454] a[10] little[554] frisky[387]; though[400] as[113] yet[443]
his[433] body[348] seemed[132] scarce[462] yet[443] recovered[234] from[316] that[14] irksome[361] position[383] it[162]
had[364] so[281] lately[219] occupied[262] in[107] the[19] maternal[371] reticule[522]; where[579], tail[102] to[261] head[219],
and[236] all[145] ready[464] for[190] the[19] final[357] spring[148], the[19] unborn[258] whale[422] lies[27] bent[406] like[410] a[10]
Tartar[21]'s[483] bow[146]. The[19] delicate[34] side[246]-fins[556], and[236] the[19] palms[173] of[89] his[433] flukes[155],
still[278] freshly[506] retained[155] the[19] plaited[82] crumpled[104] appearance[138] of[89] a[10] baby[236]'s[483]
ears[560] newly[318] arrived[553] from[316] foreign[198] parts[470].

"Line[25]! line[25]!" cried[506] Queequeg, looking[318] over[82] the[19] gunwale[198];
"him[248] fast[208]! him[248] fast[208]!--Who[319] line[25] him[248]! Who[319] struck[441]?--Two[527] whale[422];
one[470] big[245], one[470] little[554]!"

"What[243] ails[151] ye[483], man[17]?" cried[506] Starbuck.

"Look[523]-e[443] here[135]," said[252] Queequeg, pointing[295] down[133].

As[113] when[189] the[19] stricken[328] whale[422], that[14] from[316] the[19] tub[339] has[399] reeled[429]
out[66] hundreds[458] of[89] fathoms[375] of[89] rope[265]; as[113], after[358] deep[483] sounding[331],
he[362] floats[36] up[405] again[52], and[236] shows[364] the[19] slackened[31] curling[27] line[25]
buoyantly[263] rising[464] and[236] spiralling towards[417] the[19] air[209]; so[281] now[20],
Starbuck saw[113] long[544] coils[259] of[89] the[19] umbilical[43] cord[96] of[89] Madame[125] Leviathan[384],
by[406] which[16] the[19] young[389] cub[198] seemed[132] still[278] tethered[25] to[261] its[234] dam[434].
Not[518] seldom[140] in[107] the[19] rapid[321] vicissitudes[124] of[89] the[19] chase[89], this[256] natural[298] line[25],
with[449] the[19] maternal[371] end[149] loose[159], becomes[314] entangled[280] with[449] the[19] hempen[451] one[470],
so[281] that[14] the[19] cub[198] is[487] thereby[190] trapped[31]. Some[265] of[89] the[19] subtlest[23] secrets[107]
of[89] the[19] seas[350] seemed[132] divulged[13] to[261] us[569] in[107] this[256] enchanted[229] pond[350].
We[465] saw[113] young[389] Leviathan[384] amours[102] in[107] the[19] deep[483].*

*The[19] sperm[26] whale[422], as[113] with[449] all[145] other[282] species[69] of[89] the[19] Leviathan[384],
but[330] unlike[406] most[216] other[282] fish[187], breeds[447] indifferently[295] at[65] all[145] seasons[192];
after[358] a[10] gestation[83] which[16] may[236] probably[244] be[341] set[422] down[133] at[65] nine[140] months[17],
producing[1] but[330] one[470] at[65] a[10] time[577]; though[400] in[107] some[265] few[49] known[86] instances[252]
giving[207] birth[215] to[261] an[138] Esau[147] and[236] Jacob[493]:--a[10] contingency[136] provided[100] for[190]
in[107] suckling[364] by[406] two[527] teats[83], curiously[261] situated[146], one[470] on[392] each[520] side[246]
of[89] the[19] anus[172]; but[330] the[19] breasts[27] themselves[510] extend[44] upwards[110] from[316] that[14].
When[189] by[406] chance[292] these[527] precious[234] parts[470] in[107] a[10] nursing[439] whale[422] are[314] cut[310] by[406]
the[19] hunter[287]'s[483] lance[76], the[19] mother[276]'s[483] pouring[22] milk[362] and[236] blood[208] rivallingly
discolor[4] the[19] sea[67] for[190] rods[242]. The[19] milk[362] is[487] very[515] sweet[417] and[236] rich[531];
it[162] has[399] been[185] tasted[356] by[406] man[17]; it[162] might[496] do[353] well[263] with[449] strawberries[156].
When[189] overflowing[49] with[449] mutual[35] esteem[304], the[19] whales[331] salute[72] more[348] hominum[38].

And[236] thus[362], though[400] surrounded[75] by[406] circle[282] upon[419] circle[282] of[89] consternations
and[236] affrights[505], did[444] these[527] inscrutable[29] creatures[5] at[65] the[19] centre[389]
freely[386] and[236] fearlessly[111] indulge[215] in[107] all[145] peaceful[319] concernments[43];
yea[204], serenely[136] revelled[127] in[107] dalliance[62] and[236] delight[25].
But[330] even[198] so[281], amid[240] the[19] tornadoed Atlantic[198] of[89] my[36] being[264],
do[353] I[482] myself[99] still[278] for[190] ever[208] centrally[4] disport[4] in[107] mute[122] calm[39];
and[236] while[55] ponderous[213] planets[110] of[89] unwaning woe[295] revolve[125] round[287] me[2],
deep[483] down[133] and[236] deep[483] inland[146] there[340] I[482] still[278] bathe[4] me[2] in[107] eternal[155]

mildness[354] of[89] joy[430].

Meanwhile[282], as[113] we[465] thus[362] lay[62] entranced[21], the[19] occasional[202] sudden[309] frantic[211]
spectacles[410] in[107] the[19] distance[264] evinced[94] the[19] activity[293] of[89] the[19] other[282] boats[83],
still[278] engaged[479] in[107] drugging[51] the[19] whales[331] on[392] the[19] frontier[312] of[89] the[19] host[5];
or[519] possibly[201] carrying[103] on[392] the[19] war[169] within[503] the[19] first[13] circle[282],
where[579] abundance[154] of[89] room[65] and[236] some[265] convenient[470] retreats[431] were[324] afforded[37] them[146].
But[330] the[19] sight[365] of[89] the[19] enraged[19] drugged[100] whales[331] now[20] and[236] then[45] blindly[219] darting[147]
to[261] and[236] fro[183] across[129] the[19] circles[3], was[454] nothing[324] to[261] what[243] at[65] last[436] met[130] our[234] eyes[125].
It[162] is[487] sometimes[77] the[19] custom[544] when[189] fast[208] to[261] a[10] whale[422] more[348] than[77] commonly[431]
powerful[147] and[236] alert[396], to[261] seek[292] to[261] hamstring[212] him[248], as[113] it[162] were[324],
by[406] sundering[26] or[519] maiming[399] his[433] gigantic[157] tail[102]-tendon. It[162] is[487] done[135] by[406]
darting[147] a[10] short[522]-handled[241] cutting[454]-spade[19], to[261] which[16] is[487] attached[211] a[10] rope[265]
for[190] hauling[149] it[162] back[457] again[52]. A[10] whale[422] wounded[396] (as[113] we[465] afterwards[418] learned[277])
in[107] this[256] part[207], but[330] not[518] effectually[7], as[113] it[162] seemed[132], had[364] broken[255] away[443]
from[316] the[19] boat[439], carrying[103] along[423] with[449] him[248] half[119] of[89] the[19] harpoon[67] line[25];
and[236] in[107] the[19] extraordinary[346] agony[242] of[89] the[19] wound[342], he[362] was[454] now[20] dashing[14]
among[483] the[19] revolving[21] circles[3] like[410] the[19] lone[19] mounted[191] desperado[303] Arnold[81],
at[65] the[19] battle[105] of[89] Saratoga[76], carrying[103] dismay[366] wherever[408] he[362] went[516].

But[330] agonizing[41] as[113] was[454] the[19] wound[342] of[89] this[256] whale[422], and[236] an[138] appalling[282]
spectacle[250] enough[217], any[501] way[435]; yet[443] the[19] peculiar[291] horror[134] with[449] which[16]
he[362] seemed[132] to[261] inspire[571] the[19] rest[302] of[89] the[19] herd[69], was[454] owing[98] to[261] a[10] cause[220]
which[16] at[65] first[13] the[19] intervening[371] distance[264] obscured[4] from[316] us[569].
But[330] at[65] length[202] we[465] perceived[76] that[14] by[406] one[470] of[89] the[19] unimaginable[192] accidents[122]
of[89] the[19] fishery[136], this[256] whale[422] had[364] become[548] entangled[280] in[107] the[19] harpoon[67]-line[25]
that[14] he[362] towed[376]; he[362] had[364] also[119] run[172] away[443] with[449] the[19] cutting[454]-spade[19] in[107] him[248];
and[236] while[55] the[19] free[483] end[149] of[89] the[19] rope[265] attached[211] to[261] that[14] weapon[223],
had[364] permanently[492] caught[105] in[107] the[19] coils[259] of[89] the[19] harpoon[67]-line[25] round[287]
his[433] tail[102], the[19] cutting[454]-spade[19] itself[312] had[364] worked[245] loose[159] from[316] his[433] flesh[331].
So[281] that[14] tormented[256] to[261] madness[282], he[362] was[454] now[20] churning[367] through[295] the[19] water[520],
violently[340] flailing with[449] his[433] flexible[283] tail[102], and[236] tossing[213] the[19] keen[202]
spade[19] about[123] him[248], wounding[213] and[236] murdering[141] his[433] own[248] comrades[410].

This[256] terrific[315] object[100] seemed[132] to[261] recall[288] the[19] whole[199] herd[69] from[316] their[219]
stationary[360] fright[18]. First[13], the[19] whales[331] forming[354] the[19] margin[173] of[89] our[234] lake[43]
began[132] to[261] crowd[16] a[10] little[554], and[236] tumble[553] against[417] each[520] other[282], as[113] if[141] lifted[448]
by[406] half[119] spent[329] billows[295] from[316] afar[26]; then[45] the[19] lake[43] itself[312] began[132] faintly[20]
to[261] heave[308] and[236] swell[280]; the[19] submarine[161] bridal[23]-chambers[125] and[236] nurseries[99] vanished[564];
in[107] more[348] and[236] more[348] contracting[521] orbits[270] the[19] whales[331] in[107] the[19] more[348] central[229] circles[3]
began[132] to[261] swim[226] in[107] thickening[279] clusters[333]. Yes[143], the[19] long[544] calm[39] was[454] departing[84].
A[10] low[407] advancing[444] hum[345] was[454] soon[18] heard[444]; and[236] then[45] like[410] to[261] the[19] tumultuous[355]
masses[361] of[89] block[275]-ice[443] when[189] the[19] great[259] river[201] Hudson[435] breaks[522] up[405] in[107] Spring[148],
the[19] entire[230] host[5] of[89] whales[331] came[549] tumbling[10] upon[419] their[219] inner[204] centre[389],
as[113] if[141] to[261] pile[312] themselves[510] up[405] in[107] one[470] common[304] mountain[231]. Instantly[186] Starbuck
and[236] Queequeg changed[21] places[423]; Starbuck taking[146] the[19] stern[442].

"Oars[398]! Oars[398]!" he[362] intensely[102] whispered[89], seizing[327] the[19] helm[285]--"gripe[223]
your[162] oars[398], and[236] clutch[14] your[162] souls[82], now[20]! My[36] God[185], men[62], stand[530] by[406]!
Shove[389] him[248] off[111], you[227] Queequeg--the[19] whale[422] there[340]!--prick[189] him[248]!--hit[322] him[248]!
Stand[530] up[405]--stand[530] up[405], and[236] stay[238] so[281]! Spring[148] men[62]--pull[35], men[62]; never[206] mind[118]
their[219] backs[480]--scrape[455] them[146]!--scrape[455] away[443]!"

The[19] boat[439] was[454] now[20] all[145] but[330] jammed[241] between[77] two[527] vast[43] black[581] bulks[83],
leaving[231] a[10] narrow[140] Dardanelles[296] between[77] their[219] long[544] lengths[469].
But[330] by[406] desperate[316] endeavor[41] we[465] at[65] last[436] shot[443] into[554] a[10] temporary[235] opening[306];
then[45] giving[207] way[435] rapidly[116], and[236] at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577] earnestly[98] watching[330]
for[190] another[269] outlet[398]. After[358] many[282] similar[101] hair[237]-breadth[252] escapes[348], we[465] at[65]
last[436] swiftly[441] glided[152] into[554] what[243] had[364] just[108] been[185] one[470] of[89] the[19] outer[359] circles[3],
but[330] now[20] crossed[202] by[406] random[439] whales[331], all[145] violently[340] making[415] for[190] one[470] centre[389].
This[256] lucky[439] salvation[346] was[454] cheaply[338] purchased[188] by[406] the[19] loss[223] of[89] Queequeg's[483]
hat[107], who[319], while[55] standing[144] in[107] the[19] bows[460] to[261] prick[189] the[19] fugitive[332] whales[331],
had[364] his[433] hat[107] taken[222] clean[26] from[316] his[433] head[219] by[406] the[19] air[209]-eddy[446] made[563] by[406] the[19] sudden[309]
tossing[213] of[89] a[10] pair[106] of[89] broad[267] flukes[155] close[65] by[406].

Riotous[448] and[236] disordered[181] as[113] the[19] universal[397] commotion[155] now[20] was[454],
it[162] soon[18] resolved[158] itself[312] into[554] what[243] seemed[132] a[10] systematic[306] movement[128];
for[190] having[69] clumped[356] together[440] at[65] last[436] in[107] one[470] dense[481] body[348],
they[382] then[45] renewed[113] their[219] onward[39] flight[306] with[449] augmented[129] fleetness[125].
Further[53] pursuit[305] was[454] useless[327]; but[330] the[19] boats[83] still[278] lingered[127] in[107] their[219]
wake[205] to[261] pick[447] up[405] what[243] drugged[100] whales[331] might[496] be[341] dropped[2] astern[39],
and[236] likewise[193] to[261] secure[92] one[470] which[16] Flask[199] had[364] killed[409] and[236] waited[523].
The[19] waif[58] is[487] a[10] pennoned[75] pole[20], two[527] or[519] three[329] of[89] which[16] are[314] carried[232]
by[406] every[389] boat[439]; and[236] which[16], when[189] additional[131] game[233] is[487] at[65] hand[252],
are[314] inserted[102] upright[145] into[554] the[19] floating[30] body[348] of[89] a[10] dead[568] whale[422],
both[558] to[261] mark[169] its[234] place[107] on[392] the[19] sea[67], and[236] also[119] as[113] token[502] of[89]
prior[201] possession[379], should[255] the[19] boats[83] of[89] any[501] other[282] ship[438] draw[106] near[70].

The[19] result[115] of[89] this[256] lowering[240] was[454] somewhat[77] illustrative[44] of[89] that[14]
sagacious[10] saying[9] in[107] the[19] Fishery[136],--the[19] more[348] whales[331] the[19] less[261] fish[187].
Of[89] all[145] the[19] drugged[100] whales[331] only[517] one[470] was[454] captured[126].
The[19] rest[302] contrived[179] to[261] escape[565] for[190] the[19] time[577], but[330] only[517] to[261] be[341] taken[222],
as[113] will[584] hereafter[479] be[341] seen[154], by[406] some[265] other[282] craft[187] than[77] the[19] Pequod[288].

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Schools[50] and[236] Schoolmasters[21]

The[19] previous[376] chapter[293] gave[572] account[102] of[89] an[138] immense[301] body[348] or[519] herd[69] of[89] Sperm[26] Whales[331], and[236] there[340] was[454] also[119] then[45] given[141] the[19] probable[213] cause[220] inducing[350] those[427] vast[43] aggregations[348].

Now[20], though[400] such[420] great[259] bodies[392] are[314] at[65] times[121] encountered[102], yet[443], as[113] must[226] have[254] been[185] seen[154], even[198] at[65] the[19] present[112] day[112], small[350] detached[5] bands[468] are[314] occasionally[509] observed[340], embracing[92] from[316] twenty[433] to[261] fifty[406] individuals[298] each[520]. Such[420] bands[468] are[314] known[86] as[113] schools[50]. They[382] generally[402] are[314] of[89] two[527] sorts[354]; those[427] composed[339] almost[518] entirely[148] of[89] females[453], and[236] those[427] mustering[420] none[365] but[330] young[389] vigorous[113] males[153], or[519] bulls[78] as[113] they[382] are[314] familiarly[31] designated[41].

In[107] cavalier[15] attendance[46] upon[419] the[19] school[315] of[89] females[453], you[227] invariably[55] see[370] a[10] male[447] of[89] full[414] grown[299] magnitude[203], but[330] not[518] old[447]; who[319], upon[419] any[501] alarm[178], evinces[350] his[433] gallantry[57] by[406] falling[498] in[107] the[19] rear[252] and[236] covering[24] the[19] flight[306] of[89] his[433] ladies[66]. In[107] truth[350], this[256] gentleman[399] is[487] a[10] luxurious[279] Ottoman[330], swimming[367] about[123] over[82] the[19] watery[59] world[126], surroundingly accompanied[26] by[406] all[145] the[19] solaces[69] and[236] endearments[295] of[89] the[19] harem[69]. The[19] contrast[205] between[77] this[256] Ottoman[330] and[236] his[433] concubines[154] is[487] striking[22]; because[540], while[55] he[362] is[487] always[367] of[89] the[19] largest[139] leviathanic proportions[143], the[19] ladies[66], even[198] at[65] full[414] growth[160], are[314] not[518] more[348] than[77] one[470]-third[301] of[89] the[19] bulk[181] of[89] an[138] average[147]-sized[133] male[447]. They[382] are[314] comparatively[203] delicate[34], indeed[522]; I[482] dare[11] say[306], not[518] to[261] exceed[534] half[119] a[10] dozen[115] yards[386] round[287] the[19] waist[52]. Nevertheless[104], it[162] cannot be[341] denied[40], that[14] upon[419] the[19] whole[199] they[382] are[314] hereditarily[203] entitled[189] to[261] en[541] bon[124] point[438].

It[162] is[487] very[515] curious[264] to[261] watch[89] this[256] harem[69] and[236] its[234] lord[106] in[107] their[219] indolent[53] ramblings[210]. Like[410] fashionables[88], they[382] are[314] for[190] ever[208] on[392] the[19] move[361] in[107] leisurely[505] search[352] of[89] variety[78]. You[227] meet[16] them[146] on[392] the[19] Line[25] in[107] time[577] for[190] the[19] full[414] flower[356] of[89] the[19] Equatorial[105] feeding[367] season[248], having[69] just[108] returned[214], perhaps[75], from[316] spending[348] the[19] summer[408] in[107] the[19] Northern[252] seas[350], and[236] so[281] cheating[303] summer[408] of[89] all[145] unpleasant[421] weariness[429] and[236] warmth[284]. By[406] the[19] time[577] they[382] have[254] lounged[293] up[405] and[236] down[133] the[19] promenade[98] of[89] the[19] Equator[136] awhile[16], they[382] start[117] for[190] the[19] Oriental[147] waters[556] in[107] anticipation[315] of[89] the[19] cool[102] season[248] there[340], and[236] so[281] evade[25] the[19] other[282] excessive[301] temperature[423] of[89] the[19] year[347].

When[189] serenely[136] advancing[444] on[392] one[470] of[89] these[527] journeys[92], if[141] any[501] strange[440] suspicious[312] sights[24] are[314] seen[154], my[36] lord[106] whale[422] keeps[20] a[10] wary[419] eye[220] on[392] his[433] interesting[409] family[347]. Should[255] any[501] unwarrantably[103] pert[452] young[389] Leviathan[384] coming[140] that[14] way[435], presume[212] to[261] draw[106] confidentially[10] close[65] to[261] one[470] of[89] the[19] ladies[66], with[449] what[243] prodigious[223] fury[30] the[19] Bashaw[141] assails[59] him[248], and[236] chases[336] him[248] away[443]! High[361] times[121], indeed[522], if[141] unprincipled[355] young[389] rakes[260] like[410] him[248] are[314] to[261] be[341] permitted[120] to[261] invade[239] the[19] sanctity[247] of[89] domestic[303] bliss[128]; though[400] do[353] what[243] the[19] Bashaw[141] will[584], he[362] cannot keep[381] the[19] most[216] notorious[215] Lothario[364] out[66] of[89] his[433] bed[273]; for[190] alas[129]! all[145] fish[187] bed[273] in[107] common[304]. As[113] ashore[122], the[19] ladies[66] often[227] cause[220] the[19] most[216] terrible[132] duels[69] among[483] their[219] rival[315] admirers[336]; just[108] so[281] with[449] the[19] whales[331], who[319] sometimes[77] come[420] to[261] deadly[49] battle[105], and[236] all[145] for[190] love[391]. They[382] fence[314] with[449] their[219] long[544] lower[47] jaws[341], sometimes[77] locking[188] them[146] together[440], and[236] so[281] striving[388] for[190] the[19] supremacy[506] like[410] elks[386] that[14] warringly interweave[290] their[219] antlers[157]. Not[518] a[10] few[49] are[314] captured[126] having[69] the[19] deep[483] scars[218] of[89] these[527] encounters[433],--furrowed[19] heads[366], broken[255] teeth[82], scolloped[191] fins[556]; and[236] in[107] some[265] instances[252], wrenched[302] and[236] dislocated[106] mouths[26].

But[330] supposing[247] the[19] invader[271] of[89] domestic[303] bliss[128] to[261] betake[257] himself[282] away[443] at[65] the[19] first[13] rush[6] of[89] the[19] harem[69]'s[483] lord[106], then[45] is[487] it[162] very[515] diverting[320] to[261] watch[89] that[14] lord[106]. Gently[284] he[362] insinuates[29] his[433] vast[43] bulk[181] among[483] them[146] again[52] and[236] revels[442] there[340] awhile[16], still[278] in[107] tantalizing[261] vicinity[208] to[261] young[389] Lothario[364], like[410] pious[237] Solomon[8] devoutly[167] worshipping[186] among[483] his[433] thousand[586] concubines[154]. Granting[235] other[282] whales[331] to[261] be[341] in[107] sight[365], the[19] fisherman[18] will[584] seldom[140] give[142] chase[89] to[261] one[470] of[89] these[527] Grand[229] Turks[59]; for[190] these[527] Grand[229] Turks[59] are[314] too[11] lavish[19] of[89] their[219] strength[168], and[236] hence[503] their[219] unctuousness[83] is[487] small[350]. As[113] for[190] the[19] sons[250] and[236] the[19] daughters[197] they[382] beget[415], why[177], those[427] sons[250] and[236] daughters[197] must[226] take[279] care[307] of[89] themselves[510]; at[65] least[453], with[449] only[517] the[19] maternal[371] help[526]. For[190] like[410] certain[31] other[282] omnivorous[206] roving[270] lovers[88] that[14] might[496] be[341] named[312], my[36] Lord[106] Whale[422] has[399] no[235] taste[134] for[190] the[19] nursery[163], however[44] much[61] for[190] the[19] bower[438]; and[236] so[281], being[264] a[10] great[259] traveller[258], he[362] leaves[441] his[433] anonymous[474] babies[181] all[145] over[82] the[19] world[126]; every[389] baby[236] an[138] exotic[155]. In[107] good[221] time[577], nevertheless[104], as[113] the[19] ardor[393] of[89] youth[327] declines[422]; as[113] years[116] and[236] dumps[5] increase[400]; as[113] reflection[266] lends[207] her[400] solemn[303] pauses[379]; in[107] short[522], as[113] a[10] general[37] lassitude[21] overtakes[117] the[19] sated[477] Turk[291]; then[45] a[10] love[391] of[89] ease[387] and[236] virtue[16] supplants[583] the[19] love[391] for[190] maidens[375]; our[234] Ottoman[330] enters[157] upon[419] the[19] impotent[98], repentant[229], admonitory[306] stage[22] of[89] life[71], forswears[439], disbands[27] the[19] harem[69], and[236] grown[299] to[261] an[138] exemplary[208], sulky[316] old[447] soul[428], goes[205] about[123] all[145] alone[2] among[483] the[19] meridians[258] and[236] parallels[262] saying[9] his[433] prayers[173], and[236] warning[531] each[520] young[389] Leviathan[384] from[316] his[433] amorous[488] errors[6].

Now[20], as[113] the[19] harem[69] of[89] whales[331] is[487] called[237] by[406] the[19] fishermen[24] a[10] school[315], so[281] is[487] the[19] lord[106] and[236] master[131] of[89] that[14] school[315] technically[247] known[86] as[113] the[19] schoolmaster[115]. It[162] is[487] therefore[94] not[518] in[107] strict[284] character[239], however[44] admirably[127] satirical[434], that[14] after[358] going[227] to[261] school[315] himself[282], he[362] should[255] then[45] go[20] abroad[504] inculcating[260] not[518] what[243] he[362] learned[277] there[340], but[330] the[19] folly[520] of[89] it[162]. His[433] title[168], schoolmaster[115], would[282] very[515] naturally[362] seem[404] derived[494] from[316] the[19] name[477] bestowed[157] upon[419] the[19] harem[69] itself[312], but[330] some[265] have[254] surmised[97] that[14] the[19] man[17] who[319] first[13] thus[362] entitled[189] this[256] sort[42] of[89] Ottoman[330] whale[422], must[226] have[254] read[98] the[19] memoirs[398] of[89] Vidocq[400], and[236] informed[16] himself[282] what[243] sort[42] of[89] a[10] country[362]-schoolmaster[115] that[14] famous[254] Frenchman[151] was[454] in[107] his[433] younger[484] days[351], and[236] what[243] was[454] the[19] nature[159] of[89] those[427] occult[18] lessons[136] he[362] inculcated[445] into[554] some[265] of[89] his[433] pupils[304].

The[19] same[541] secludedness and[236] isolation[354] to[261] which[16] the[19] schoolmaster[115] whale[422] betakes[83] himself[282] in[107] his[433] advancing[444] years[116], is[487] true[483] of[89] all[145] aged[361] Sperm[26] Whales[331]. Almost[518] universally[403], a[10] lone[19] whale[422]-- as[113] a[10] solitary[407] Leviathan[384] is[487] called[237]--proves[376] an[138] ancient[463] one[470]. Like[410] venerable[57] moss[83]-bearded[364] Daniel[66] Boone[367], he[362] will[584] have[254] no[235] one[470] near[70] him[248] but[330] Nature[159] herself[263]; and[236] her[400] he[362] takes[362] to[261] wife[37] in[107] the[19] wilderness[396] of[89] waters[556], and[236] the[19] best[315] of[89] wives[473] she[391] is[487], though[400] she[391] keeps[20] so[281] many[282] moody[447] secrets[107].

The[19] schools[50] composing[460] none[365] but[330] young[389] and[236] vigorous[113] males[153], previously[250] mentioned[149], offer[422] a[10] strong[145] contrast[205] to[261] the[19] harem[69] schools[50]. For[190] while[55] those[427] female[239] whales[331] are[314] characteristically[368] timid[197], the[19] young[389] males[153], or[519] forty[525]-barrel[180]-bulls[78], as[113] they[382] call[259] them[146], are[314] by[406] far[258] the[19] most[216] pugnacious[201] of[89] all[145] Leviathans[336], and[236] proverbially[472] the[19] most[216] dangerous[2] to[261] encounter[250]; excepting[289] those[427] wondrous[30] grey[491]-headed[124], grizzled[34] whales[331], sometimes[77] met[130], and[236] these[527] will[584] fight[330] you[227] like[410] grim[19] fiends[270] exasperated[190] by[406] a[10] penal[229] gout[409].

The[19] Forty[525]-barrel[180]-bull[76] schools[50] are[314] larger[50] than[77] the[19] harem[69] schools[50]. Like[410] a[10] mob[308] of[89] young[389] collegians[214], they[382] are[314] full[414] of[89] fight[330], fun[347], and[236] wickedness[21], tumbling[10] round[287] the[19] world[126] at[65] such[420] a[10] reckless[240], rollicking[158] rate[515], that[14] no[235] prudent[183] underwriter[4] would[282] insure[339] them[146] any[501] more[348] than[77] he[362] would[282] a[10] riotous[448] lad[342] at[65] Yale[564] or[519] Harvard[395]. They[382] soon[18] relinquish[261] this[256] turbulence[110] though[400], and[236] when[189] about[123] three[329]-fourths[446] grown[299], break[483] up[405], and[236] separately[350] go[20] about[123] in[107] quest[36] of[89] settlements[92], that[14] is[487], harems[15].

Another[269] point[438] of[89] difference[3] between[77] the[19] male[447] and[236] female[239] schools[50] is[487] still[278] more[348] characteristic[378] of[89] the[19] sexes[160]. Say[306] you[227] strike[374] a[10] Forty[525]-barrel[180]-bull[76]--poor[533] devil[411]! all[145] his[433] comrades[410] quit[295] him[248]. But[330] strike[374] a[10] member[333] of[89] the[19] harem[69] school[315], and[236] her[400] companions[19] swim[226] around[66] her[400] with[449] every[389] token[502] of[89] concern[180], sometimes[77] lingering[186] so[281] near[70] her[400] and[236] so[281] long[544], as[113] themselves[510] to[261] fall[90] a[10] prey[347].

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The[19] allusion[88] to[261] the[19] waifs[446] and[236] waif[58]-poles[122] in[107] the[19] last[436] chapter[293] but[330] one[470], necessitates[425] some[265] account[102] of[89] the[19] laws[68] and[236] regulations[67] of[89] the[19] whale[422] fishery[136], of[89] which[16] the[19] waif[58] may[236] be[341] deemed[17] the[19] grand[229] symbol[426] and[236] badge[361].

It[162] frequently[475] happens[143] that[14] when[189] several[479] ships[21] are[314] cruising[298] in[107] company[280], a[10] whale[422] may[236] be[341] struck[441] by[406] one[470] vessel[155], then[45] escape[565], and[236] be[341] finally[69] killed[409] and[236] captured[126] by[406] another[269] vessel[155]; and[236] herein[264] are[314] indirectly[155] comprised[26] many[282] minor[333] contingencies[357], all[145] partaking[196] of[89] this[256] one[470] grand[229] feature[400]. For[190] example[479],--after[358] a[10] weary[306] and[236] perilous[141] chase[89] and[236] capture[361] of[89] a[10] whale[422], the[19] body[348] may[236] get[126] loose[159] from[316] the[19] ship[438] by[406] reason[238] of[89] a[10] violent[336] storm[218]; and[236] drifting[445] far[258] away[443] to[261] leeward[265], be[341] retaken[518] by[406] a[10] second[386] whaler[91], who[319], in[107] a[10] calm[39], snugly[392] tows[117] it[162] alongside[540], without[309] risk[97] of[89] life[71] or[519] line[25]. Thus[362] the[19] most[216] vexatious[223] and[236] violent[336] disputes[248] would[282] often[227] arise[376] between[77] the[19] fishermen[24], were[324] there[340] not[518] some[265] written[388] or[519] unwritten[223], universal[397], undisputed[122] law[231] applicable[279] to[261] all[145] cases[108].

Perhaps[75] the[19] only[517] formal[107] whaling[155] code[312] authorized[117] by[406] legislative[529] enactment[348], was[454] that[14] of[89] Holland[173]. It[162] was[454] decreed[292] by[406] the[19] States[443]-General[37] in[107] A[10].D[236]. 1695[129]. But[330] though[400] no[235] other[282] nation[466] has[399] ever[208] had[364] any[501] written[388] whaling[155] law[231], yet[443] the[19] American[272] fishermen[24] have[254] been[185] their[219] own[248] legislators[287] and[236] lawyers[259] in[107] this[256] matter[176]. They[382] have[254] provided[100] a[10] system[480] which[16] for[190] terse[255] comprehensiveness[31] surpasses[299] Justinian[27]'s[483] Pandects[173] and[236] the[19] By[406]-laws[68] of[89] the[19] Chinese[44] Society[520] for[190] the[19] Suppression[24] of[89] Meddling[186] with[449] other[282] People[482]'s[483] Business[168]. Yes[143]; these[527] laws[68] might[496] be[341] engraven[141] on[392] a[10] Queen[443] Anne[263]'s[483] farthing[5], or[519] the[19] barb[65] of[89] a[10] harpoon[67], and[236] worn[174] round[287] the[19] neck[239], so[281] small[350] are[314] they[382].

I[482]. A[10] Fast[208]-Fish[187] belongs[402] to[261] the[19] party[314] fast[208] to[261] it[162].

II[38]. A[10] Loose[159]-Fish[187] is[487] fair[320] game[233] for[190] anybody[58] who[319] can[450] soonest[336] catch[523] it[162].

But[330] what[243] plays[483] the[19] mischief[260] with[449] this[256] masterly[29] code[312] is[487] the[19] admirable[267] brevity[223] of[89] it[162], which[16] necessitates[425] a[10] vast[43] volume[295] of[89] commentaries[403] to[261] expound[188] it[162].

First[13]: What[243] is[487] a[10] Fast[208]-Fish[187]? Alive[298] or[519] dead[568] a[10] fish[187] is[487] technically[247] fast[208], when[189] it[162] is[487] connected[202] with[449] an[138] occupied[262] ship[438] or[519] boat[439], by[406] any[501] medium[27] at[65] all[145] controllable[83] by[406] the[19] occupant[248] or[519] occupants[367],--a[10] mast[44], an[138] oar[61], a[10] nine[140]-inch[65] cable[41], a[10] telegraph[212] wire[269], or[519] a[10] strand[171] of[89] cobweb[180], it[162] is[487] all[145] the[19] same[541]. Likewise[193] a[10] fish[187] is[487] technically[247] fast[208] when[189] it[162] bears[97] a[10] waif[58], or[519] any[501] other[282] recognized[410] symbol[426] of[89] possession[379]; so[281] long[544] as[113] the[19] party[314] wailing[128] it[162] plainly[450] evince[433] their[219] ability[470] at[65] any[501] time[577] to[261] take[279] it[162] alongside[540], as[113] well[263] as[113] their[219] intention[272] so[281] to[261] do[353].

These[527] are[314] scientific[435] commentaries[403]; but[330] the[19] commentaries[403] of[89] the[19] whalemen[451] themselves[510] sometimes[77] consist[103] in[107] hard[337] words[107] and[236] harder[46] knocks[391]--the[19] Coke-upon[419]-Littleton of[89] the[19] fist[414]. True[483], among[483] the[19] more[348] upright[145] and[236] honorable[15] whalemen[451] allowances[10] are[314] always[367] made[563] for[190] peculiar[291] cases[108], where[579] it[162] would[282] be[341] an[138] outrageous[247] moral[221] injustice[380] for[190] one[470] party[314] to[261] claim[217] possession[379] of[89] a[10] whale[422] previously[250] chased[389] or[519] killed[409] by[406] another[269] party[314]. But[330] others[317] are[314] by[406] no[235] means[502] so[281] scrupulous[154].

Some[265] fifty[406] years[116] ago[141] there[340] was[454] a[10] curious[264] case[346] of[89] whale[422]-trover litigated[25] in[107] England[348], wherein[396] the[19] plaintiffs[306] set[422] forth[152] that[14] after[358] a[10] hard[337] chase[89] of[89] a[10] whale[422] in[107] the[19] Northern[252] seas[350]; and[236] when[189] indeed[522] they[382] (the[19] plaintiffs[306]) had[364] succeeded[76] in[107] harpooning[6] the[19] fish[187]; they[382] were[324] at[65] last[436], through[295] peril[565] of[89] their[219] lives[245], obliged[206] to[261] forsake[177] not[518] only[517] their[219] lines[241], but[330] their[219] boat[439] itself[312]. Ultimately[239] the[19] defendants[388] (the[19] crew[126] of[89] another[269] ship[438]) came[549] up[405] with[449] the[19] whale[422], struck[441], killed[409], seized[337], and[236] finally[69] appropriated[412] it[162] before[344] the[19] very[515] eyes[125] of[89] the[19] plaintiffs[306]. And[236] when[189] those[427] defendants[388] were[324] remonstrated[206] with[449], their[219] captain[295] snapped[459] his[433] fingers[345] in[107] the[19] plaintiffs[306]' teeth[82], and[236] assured[557] them[146] that[14] by[406] way[435] of[89] doxology[10] to[261] the[19] deed[101] he[362] had[364] done[135], he[362] would[282] now[20] retain[153] their[219] line[25], harpoons[6], and[236] boat[439], which[16] had[364] remained[72] attached[211] to[261] the[19] whale[422] at[65] the[19] time[577] of[89] the[19] seizure[292]. Wherefore[220] the[19] plaintiffs[306] now[20] sued[124] for[190] the[19] recovery[405] of[89] the[19] value[567] of[89] their[219] whale[422], line[25], harpoons[6], and[236] boat[439].

Mr[219]. Erskine[359] was[454] counsel[437] for[190] the[19] defendants[388]; Lord[106] Ellenborough[239] was[454] the[19] judge[337]. In[107] the[19] course[171] of[89] the[19] defence[411], the[19] witty[176] Erskine[359] went[516] on[392] to[261] illustrate[301] his[433] position[383], by[406] alluding[243] to[261] a[10] recent[99] crim[83]. con[38]. case[346], wherein[396] a[10] gentleman[399], after[358] in[107] vain[216] trying[83] to[261] bridle[446] his[433] wife[37]'s[483] viciousness[445], had[364] at[65] last[436] abandoned[493] her[400] upon[419] the[19] seas[350] of[89] life[71]; but[330] in[107] the[19] course[171] of[89] years[116], repenting[160] of[89] that[14] step[204], he[362] instituted[78] an[138] action[102] to[261] recover[192] possession[379] of[89] her[400]. Erskine[359] was[454] on[392] the[19] other[282] side[246]; and[236] he[362] then[45] supported[158] it[162] by[406] saying[9], that[14] though[400] the[19] gentleman[399] had[364] originally[367] harpooned[290] the[19] lady[14], and[236] had[364] once[248] had[364] her[400] fast[208], and[236] only[517] by[406] reason[238] of[89] the[19] great[259] stress[37] of[89] her[400] plunging[93] viciousness[445], had[364] at[65] last[436] abandoned[493] her[400]; yet[443] abandon[12] her[400] he[362] did[444], so[281] that[14] she[391] became[70] a[10] loose[159]-fish[187]; and[236] therefore[94] when[189] a[10] subsequent[312] gentleman[399] re-harpooned[290] her[400], the[19] lady[14] then[45] became[70] that[14] subsequent[312] gentleman[399]'s[483] property[398], along[423] with[449] whatever[38] harpoon[67] might[496] have[254] been[185] found[260] sticking[457] in[107] her[400].

Now[20] in[107] the[19] present[112] case[346] Erskine[359] contended[256] that[14] the[19] examples[53] of[89] the[19] whale[422] and[236] the[19] lady[14] were[324] reciprocally[441] illustrative[44] of[89] each[520] other[282].

These[527] pleadings[367], and[236] the[19] counter[225] pleadings[367], being[264] duly[163] heard[444], the[19] very[515] learned[277] Judge[337] in[107] set[422] terms[297] decided[74], to[261] wit[571],--That[14] as[113] for[190] the[19] boat[439], he[362] awarded[27] it[162] to[261] the[19] plaintiffs[306], because[540] they[382] had[364] merely[57] abandoned[493] it[162] to[261] save[556] their[219] lives[245]; but[330] that[14] with[449] regard[448] to[261] the[19] controverted[229] whale[422], harpoons[6], and[236] line[25], they[382] belonged[455] to[261] the[19] defendants[388]; the[19] whale[422], because[540] it[162] was[454] a[10] Loose[159]-Fish[187] at[65] the[19] time[577] of[89] the[19] final[357] capture[361]; and[236] the[19] harpoons[6] and[236] line[25] because[540] when[189] the[19] fish[187] made[563] off[111] with[449] them[146], it[162] (the[19] fish[187]) acquired[436] a[10] property[398] in[107] those[427] articles[259]; and[236] hence[503] anybody[58] who[319] afterwards[418] took[68] the[19] fish[187] had[364] a[10] right[499] to[261] them[146]. Now[20] the[19] defendants[388] afterwards[418] took[68] the[19] fish[187]; ergo[142], the[19] aforesaid[260] articles[259] were[324] theirs[137].

A[10] common[304] man[17] looking[318] at[65] this[256] decision[249] of[89] the[19] very[515] learned[277] Judge[337], might[496] possibly[201] object[100] to[261] it[162]. But[330] ploughed[68] up[405] to[261] the[19] primary[27] rock[264] of[89] the[19] matter[176], the[19] two[527] great[259] principles[420] laid[181] down[133] in[107] the[19] twin[492] whaling[155] laws[68] previously[250] quoted[280], and[236] applied[122] and[236] elucidated[54] by[406] Lord[106] Ellenborough[239] in[107] the[19] above[502] cited[102] case[346]; these[527] two[527] laws[68] touching[80] Fast[208]-Fish[187] and[236] Loose[159]-Fish[187], I[482] say[306], will[584] on[392] reflection[266], be[341] found[260] the[19] fundamentals[102] of[89] all[145] human[43] jurisprudence[138]; For[190] notwithstanding[387] its[234] complicated[64] tracery[23] of[89] sculpture[376], the[19] Temple[237] of[89] the[19] Law[231], like[410] the[19] Temple[237] of[89] the[19] Philistines[170], has[399] but[330] two[527] props[505] to[261] stand[530] on[392].

Is[487] it[162] not[518] a[10] saying[9] in[107] every[389] one[470]'s[483] mouth[414], Possession[379] is[487] half[119] of[89] the[19] law[231]:

that[14] is[487], regardless[13] of[89] how[19] the[19] thing[309] came[549] into[554] possession[379]?
But[330] often[227] possession[379] is[487] the[19] whole[199] of[89] the[19] law[231]. What[243] are[314] the[19] sinews[270]
and[236] souls[82] of[89] Russian[300] serfs[26] and[236] Republican[582] slaves[368] but[330] Fast[208]-Fish[187],
whereof[422] possession[379] is[487] the[19] whole[199] of[89] the[19] law[231]? What[243] to[261] the[19] rapacious[503]
landlord[270] is[487] the[19] widow[231]'s[483] last[436] mite[199] but[330] a[10] Fast[208]-Fish[187]? What[243] is[487] yonder[41]
undetected[439] villain[361]'s[483] marble[364] mansion[491] with[449] a[10] doorplate for[190] a[10] waif[58];
what[243] is[487] that[14] but[330] a[10] Fast[208]-Fish[187]? What[243] is[487] the[19] ruinous[20] discount[19]
which[16] Mordecai[301], the[19] broker[357], gets[27] from[316] the[19] poor[533] Woebegone[66],
the[19] bankrupt[285], on[392] a[10] loan[97] to[261] keep[381] Woebegone[66]'s[483] family[347] from[316] starvation[251];
what[243] is[487] that[14] ruinous[20] discount[19] but[330] a[10] Fast[208]-Fish[187]? What[243] is[487] the[19] Archbishop[136]
of[89] Savesoul's[483] income[358] of[89] 100[179],000 pounds[74] seized[337] from[316] the[19] scant[460] bread[387]
and[236] cheese[10] of[89] hundreds[458] of[89] thousands[7] of[89] broken[255]-backed[270] laborers[247]
(all[145] sure[41] of[89] heaven[163] without[309] any[501] of[89] Savesoul's[483] help[526]) what[243] is[487] that[14] globular[203]
100[179],000 but[330] a[10] Fast[208]-Fish[187]. What[243] are[314] the[19] Duke[215] of[89] Dunder[43]'s[483] hereditary[125] towns[120]
and[236] hamlets[239] but[330] Fast[208]-Fish[187]? What[243] to[261] that[14] redoubted[207] harpooneer, John[416] Bull[76],
is[487] poor[533] Ireland[470], but[330] a[10] Fast[208]-Fish[187]? What[243] to[261] that[14] apostolic[105] lancer[372],
Brother[46] Jonathan[257], is[487] Texas[561] but[330] a[10] Fast[208]-Fish[187]? And[236] concerning[368] all[145] these[527],
is[487] not[518] Possession[379] the[19] whole[199] of[89] the[19] law[231]?

But[330] if[141] the[19] doctrine[90] of[89] Fast[208]-Fish[187] be[341] pretty[252] generally[402] applicable[279],
the[19] kindred[402] doctrine[90] of[89] Loose[159]-Fish[187] is[487] still[278] more[348] widely[171] so[281].
That[14] is[487] internationally[240] and[236] universally[403] applicable[279].

What[243] was[454] America[133] in[107] 1492[25] but[330] a[10] Loose[159]-Fish[187], in[107] which[16] Columbus[527]
struck[441] the[19] Spanish[124] standard[507] by[406] way[435] of[89] wailing[128] it[162] for[190] his[433] royal[161]
master[131] and[236] mistress[380]? What[243] was[454] Poland[285] to[261] the[19] Czar[427]? What[243] Greece[468]
to[261] the[19] Turk[291]? What[243] India[258] to[261] England[348]? What[243] at[65] last[436] will[584] Mexico[529]
be[341] to[261] the[19] United[419] States[443]? All[145] Loose[159]-Fish[187].

What[243] are[314] the[19] Rights[462] of[89] Man[17] and[236] the[19] Liberties[18] of[89] the[19] World[126] but[330]
Loose[159]-Fish[187]? What[243] all[145] men[62]'s[483] minds[244] and[236] opinions[320] but[330] Loose[159]-Fish[187]? What[243]
is[487] the[19] principle[420] of[89] religious[572] belief[85] in[107] them[146] but[330] a[10] Loose[159]-Fish[187]? What[243]
to[261] the[19] ostentatious[19] smuggling[303] verbalists are[314] the[19] thoughts[26] of[89] thinkers[493]
but[330] Loose[159]-Fish[187]? What[243] is[487] the[19] great[259] globe[23] itself[312] but[330] a[10] Loose[159]-Fish[187]? And[236]
what[243] are[314] you[227], reader[243], but[330] a[10] Loose[159]-Fish[187] and[236] a[10] Fast[208]-Fish[187], too[11]?

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Heads[366] or[519] Tails[490]

"De[404] balena[537] vero[160] sufficit[473], si[232] rex[142] habeat[165] caput[377], et[243] regina[551] caudam[165]."
BRACTON[25], L[580]. 3[212], C[62]. 3[212].

Latin[420] from[316] the[19] books[525] of[89] the[19] Laws[68] of[89] England[348], which[16] taken[222] along[423] with[449]
the[19] context[404], means[502], that[14] of[89] all[145] whales[331] captured[126] by[406] anybody[58] on[392] the[19] coast[287]
of[89] that[14] land[406], the[19] King[324], as[113] Honorary[57] Grand[229] Harpooneer, must[226] have[254]
the[19] head[219], and[236] the[19] Queen[443] be[341] respectfully[42] presented[320] with[449] the[19] tail[102].
A[10] division[217] which[16], in[107] the[19] whale[422], is[487] much[61] like[410] halving[4] an[138] apple[501]; there[340] is[487]
no[235] intermediate[21] remainder[270]. Now[20] as[113] this[256] law[231], under[533] a[10] modified[564] form[238],
is[487] to[261] this[256] day[112] in[107] force[406] in[107] England[348]; and[236] as[113] it[162] offers[287] in[107] various[183] respects[403]
a[10] strange[440] anomaly[247] touching[80] the[19] general[37] law[231] of[89] Fast[208]--and[236] Loose[159]-Fish[187],
it[162] is[487] here[135] treated[277] of[89] in[107] a[10] separate[495] chapter[293], on[392] the[19] same[541] courteous[363]
principle[420] that[14] prompts[414] the[19] English[69] railways[19] to[261] be[341] at[65] the[19] expense[465] of[89] a[10]
separate[495] car[170], specially[87] reserved[234] for[190] the[19] accommodation[141] of[89] royalty[283].
In[107] the[19] first[13] place[107], in[107] curious[264] proof[161] of[89] the[19] fact[12] that[14] the[19] above[502]-mentioned[149]
law[231] is[487] still[278] in[107] force[406], I[482] proceed[367] to[261] lay[62] before[344] you[227] a[10] circumstance[407]-that[14]
happened[156] within[503] the[19] last[436] two[527] years[116].

It[162] seems[19] that[14] some[265] honest[287] mariners[347] of[89] Dover[129], or[519] Sandwich[162],
or[519] some[265] one[470] of[89] the[19] Cinque[131] Ports[92], had[364] after[358] a[10] hard[337] chase[89] succeeded[76]
in[107] killing[311] and[236] beaching[39] a[10] fine[333] whale[422] which[16] they[382] had[364] originally[367]
descried[313] afar[26] off[111] from[316] the[19] shore[280]. Now[20] the[19] Cinque[131] Ports[92] are[314]
partially[263] or[519] somehow[425] under[533] the[19] jurisdiction[314] of[89] a[10] sort[42] of[89] policeman[67]
or[519] beadle[353], called[237] a[10] Lord[106] Warden[197]. Holding[311] the[19] office[256] directly[58]
from[316] the[19] crown[463], I[482] believe[191], all[145] the[19] royal[161] emoluments[235] incident[339]
to[261] the[19] Cinque[131] Port[409] territories[69] become[548] by[406] assignment[19] his[433].
By[406] some[265] writers[120] this[256] office[256] is[487] called[237] a[10] sinecure[198]. But[330] not[518] so[281].
Because[540] the[19] Lord[106] Warden[197] is[487] busily[181] employed[263] at[65] times[121] in[107] fobbing
his[433] perquisites[25]; which[16] are[314] his[433] chiefly[90] by[406] virtue[16] of[89] that[14] same[541]
fobbing of[89] them[146].

Now[20] when[189] these[527] poor[533] sun[397]-burnt[37] mariners[347], bare[245]-footed[83], and[236] with[449] their[219]
trowsers[206] rolled[226] high[361] up[405] on[392] their[219] eely[26] legs[108], had[364] wearily[434] hauled[80]
their[219] fat[351] fish[187] high[361] and[236] dry[430], promising[310] themselves[510] a[10] good[221] 150[52] pounds[74]
from[316] the[19] precious[234] oil[118] and[236] bone[184]; and[236] in[107] fantasy[489] sipping[316] rare[296] tea[521]
with[449] their[219] wives[473], and[236] good[221] ale[213] with[449] their[219] cronies[92], upon[419] the[19] strength[168]
of[89] their[219] respective[348] shares[29]; up[405] steps[392] a[10] very[515] learned[277] and[236] most[216] Christian[235]
and[236] charitable[495] gentleman[399], with[449] a[10] copy[380] of[89] Blackstone[152] under[533] his[433] arm[25];
and[236] laying[116] it[162] upon[419] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] head[219], he[362] says[424]--"Hands[87] off[111]! this[256] fish[187],
my[36] masters[259], is[487] a[10] Fast[208]-Fish[187]. I[482] seize[445] it[162] as[113] the[19] Lord[106] Warden[197]'s[483]." Upon[419] this[256]
the[19] poor[533] mariners[347] in[107] their[219] respectful[311] consternation[52]--so[281] truly[530] English[69]--

knowing[240] not[518] what[243] to[261] say[306], fall[90] to[261] vigorously[167] scratching[2] their[219] heads[366] all[145] round[287]; meanwhile[282] ruefully[100] glancing[18] from[316] the[19] whale[422] to[261] the[19] stranger[233]. But[330] that[14] did[444] in[107] nowise[416] mend[220] the[19] matter[176], or[519] at[65] all[145] soften[189] the[19] hard[337] heart[470] of[89] the[19] learned[277] gentleman[399] with[449] the[19] copy[380] of[89] Blackstone[152]. At[65] length[202] one[470] of[89] them[146], after[358] long[544] scratching[2] about[123] for[190] his[433] ideas[264], made[563] bold[356] to[261] speak[337],

"Please[153], sir[271], who[319] is[487] the[19] Lord[106] Warden[197]?"

"The[19] Duke[215]."

"But[330] the[19] duke[215] had[364] nothing[324] to[261] do[353] with[449] taking[146] this[256] fish[187]?"

"It[162] is[487] his[433]."

"We[465] have[254] been[185] at[65] great[259] trouble[328], and[236] peril[565], and[236] some[265] expense[465], and[236] is[487] all[145] that[14] to[261] go[20] to[261] the[19] Duke[215]'s[483] benefit[514]; we[465] getting[369] nothing[324] at[65] all[145] for[190] our[234] pains[97] but[330] our[234] blisters[180]?"

"It[162] is[487] his[433]."

"Is[487] the[19] Duke[215] so[281] very[515] poor[533] as[113] to[261] be[341] forced[28] to[261] this[256] desperate[316] mode[49] of[89] getting[369] a[10] livelihood[189]?"

"It[162] is[487] his[433]."

"I[482] thought[186] to[261] relieve[83] my[36] old[447] bed[273]-ridden[466] mother[276] by[406] part[207] of[89] my[36] share[218] of[89] this[256] whale[422]."

"It[162] is[487] his[433]."

"Won't[500] the[19] Duke[215] be[341] content[7] with[449] a[10] quarter[6] or[519] a[10] half[119]?"

"It[162] is[487] his[433]."

In[107] a[10] word[486], the[19] whale[422] was[454] seized[337] and[236] sold[7], and[236] his[433] Grace[174] the[19] Duke[215] of[89] Wellington[522] received[12] the[19] money[383]. Thinking[385] that[14] viewed[41] in[107] some[265] particular[336] lights[59], the[19] case[346] might[496] by[406] a[10] bare[245] possibility[237] in[107] some[265] small[350] degree[209] be[341] deemed[17], under[533] the[19] circumstances[267], a[10] rather[178] hard[337] one[470], an[138] honest[287] clergyman[99] of[89] the[19] town[172] respectfully[42] addressed[169] a[10] note[59] to[261] his[433] Grace[174], begging[104] him[248] to[261] take[279] the[19] case[346] of[89] those[427] unfortunate[327] mariners[347] into[554] full[414] consideration[196]. To[261] which[16] my[36] Lord[106] Duke[215] in[107] substance[316] replied[163] (both[558] letters[170] were[324] published[393]) that[14] he[362] had[364] already[93] done[135] so[281], and[236] received[12] the[19] money[383], and[236] would[282] be[341] obliged[206] to[261] the[19] reverend[11] gentleman[399] if[141] for[190] the[19] future[44] he[362] (the[19] reverend[11] gentleman[399]) would[282] decline[570] meddling[186] with[449] other[282] people[482]'s[483] business[168]. Is[487] this[256] the[19] still[278] militant[396] old[447] man[17], standing[144] at[65] the[19] corners[124] of[89] the[19] three[329] kingdoms[24], on[392] all[145] hands[87] coercing[368] alms[314] of[89] beggars[363]?

It[162] will[584] readily[467] be[341] seen[154] that[14] in[107] this[256] case[346] the[19] alleged[163] right[499] of[89] the[19] Duke[215] to[261] the[19] whale[422] was[454] a[10] delegated[494] one[470] from[316] the[19] Sovereign[324]. We[465] must[226] needs[41] inquire[41] then[45] on[392] what[243] principle[420] the[19] Sovereign[324] is[487] originally[367] invested[60] with[449] that[14] right[499]. The[19] law[231] itself[312] has[399] already[93] been[185] set[422] forth[152]. But[330] Plowdon gives[529] us[569] the[19] reason[238] for[190] it[162]. Says[424] Plowdon, the[19] whale[422] so[281] caught[105] belongs[402] to[261] the[19] King[324] and[236] Queen[443], "because[540] of[89] its[234] superior[479] excellence[27]." And[236] by[406] the[19] soundest[295] commentators[454] this[256] has[399] ever[208] been[185] held[212] a[10] cogent[222] argument[195] in[107] such[420] matters[515].

But[330] why[177] should[255] the[19] King[324] have[254] the[19] head[219], and[236] the[19] Queen[443] the[19] tail[102]? A[10] reason[238] for[190] that[14], ye[483] lawyers[259]!

In[107] his[433] treatise[117] on[392] "Queen[443]-Gold[231]," or[519] Queen[443]-pin[486]-money[383], an[138] old[447] King[324]'s[483] Bench[80] author[470], one[470] William[166] Prynne[389], thus[362] discourseth[51]: "Ye[483] tail[102] is[487] ye[483] Queen[443]'s[483], that[14] ye[483] Queen[443]'s[483] wardrobe[57] may[236] be[341] supplied[338] with[449] ye[483] whalebone[290]." Now[20] this[256] was[454] written[388] at[65] a[10] time[577] when[189] the[19] black[581] limber[227] bone[184] of[89] the[19] Greenland[110] or[519] Right[499] whale[422] was[454] largely[211] used[102] in[107] ladies[66]' bodices[282]. But[330] this[256] same[541] bone[184] is[487] not[518] in[107] the[19] tail[102]; it[162] is[487] in[107] the[19] head[219], which[16] is[487] a[10] sad[341] mistake[471] for[190] a[10] sagacious[10] lawyer[166] like[410] Prynne[389]. But[330] is[487] the[19] Queen[443] a[10] mermaid[100], to[261] be[341] presented[320] with[449] a[10] tail[102]? An[138] allegorical[464] meaning[62] may[236] lurk[246] here[135].

There[340] are[314] two[527] royal[161] fish[187] so[281] styled[154] by[406] the[19] English[69] law[231] writers[120]-- the[19] whale[422] and[236] the[19] sturgeon[423]; both[558] royal[161] property[398] under[533] certain[31] limitations[150], and[236] nominally[159] supplying[447] the[19] tenth[243] branch[384] of[89] the[19] crown[463]'s[483] ordinary[225] revenue[332]. I[482] know[60] not[518] that[14] any[501] other[282] author[470] has[399] hinted[253] of[89] the[19] matter[176]; but[330] by[406] inference[292] it[162] seems[19] to[261] me[2] that[14] the[19] sturgeon[423] must[226] be[341] divided[469] in[107] the[19] same[541] way[435] as[113] the[19] whale[422], the[19] King[324] receiving[124] the[19] highly[52] dense[481] and[236] elastic[370] head[219] peculiar[291] to[261] that[14] fish[187], which[16], symbolically[25] regarded[393], may[236] possibly[201] be[341] humorously[265] grounded[52] upon[419] some[265] presumed[300] congeniality[19]. And[236] thus[362] there[340] seems[19] a[10] reason[238] in[107] all[145] things[4], even[198] in[107] law[231].

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The[19] Pequod[288] Meets[518] The[19] Rose[449]-Bud[122]

"In[107] vain[216] it[162] was[454] to[261] rake[191] for[190] Ambergriese in[107] the[19] paunch[89]

of[89] this[256] Leviathan[384], insufferable[295] fetor[4] denying[426] not[518] inquiry[339]."
SIR[271] T[500]. BROWNE[400], V[303]. E[443].

It[162] was[454] a[10] week[11] or[519] two[527] after[358] the[19] last[436] whaling[155] scene[228] recounted[181],
and[236] when[189] we[465] were[324] slowly[149] sailing[232] over[82] a[10] sleepy[452], vapory[112],
mid[84]-day[112] sea[67], that[14] the[19] many[282] noses[261] on[392] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] deck[505] proved[312]
more[348] vigilant[142] discoverers[276] than[77] the[19] three[329] pairs[282] of[89] eyes[125] aloft[276].
A[10] peculiar[291] and[236] not[518] very[515] pleasant[233] smell[124] was[454] smelt[286] in[107] the[19] sea[67].

"I[482] will[584] bet[294] something[181] now[20]," said[252] Stubb, "that[14] somewhere[201] hereabouts[116]
are[314] some[265] of[89] those[427] drugged[100] whales[331] we[465] tickled[156] the[19] other[282] day[112].
I[482] thought[186] they[382] would[282] keel[39] up[405] before[344] long[544]."

Presently[166], the[19] vapors[99] in[107] advance[70] slid[132] aside[408]; and[236] there[340] in[107] the[19] distance[264]
lay[62] a[10] ship[438], whose[286] furled[145] sails[344] betokened[205] that[14] some[265] sort[42] of[89] whale[422] must[226]
be[341] alongside[540]. As[113] we[465] glided[152] nearer[303], the[19] stranger[233] showed[507] French[491] colors[24]
from[316] his[433] peak[454]; and[236] by[406] the[19] eddying[282] cloud[218] of[89] vulture[253] sea[67]-fowl[11] that[14] circled[446],
and[236] hovered[400], and[236] swooped[249] around[66] him[248], it[162] was[454] plain[28] that[14] the[19] whale[422] alongside[540]
must[226] be[341] what[243] the[19] fishermen[24] call[259] a[10] blasted[253] whale[422], that[14] is[487], a[10] whale[422] that[14] has[399]
died[575] unmolested[410] on[392] the[19] sea[67], and[236] so[281] floated[6] an[138] unappropriated[223] corpse[133].
It[162] may[236] well[263] be[341] conceived[276], what[243] an[138] unsavory[201] odor[482] such[420] a[10] mass[36] must[226] exhale[69];
worse[561] than[77] an[138] Assyrian[99] city[82] in[107] the[19] plague[133], when[189] the[19] living[117] are[314] incompetent[201]
to[261] bury[354] the[19] departed[467]. So[281] intolerable[304] indeed[522] is[487] it[162] regarded[393] by[406] some[265],
that[14] no[235] cupidity[181] could[375] persuade[223] them[146] to[261] moor[129] alongside[540] of[89] it[162].
Yet[443] are[314] there[340] those[427] who[319] will[584] still[278] do[353] it[162]; notwithstanding[387] the[19] fact[12]
that[14] the[19] oil[118] obtained[186] from[316] such[420] subjects[122] is[487] of[89] a[10] very[515] inferior[84] quality[127],
and[236] by[406] no[235] means[502] of[89] the[19] nature[159] of[89] attar-of[89]-rose[449].

Coming[140] still[278] nearer[303] with[449] the[19] expiring[399] breeze[227], we[465] saw[113]
that[14] the[19] Frenchman[151] had[364] a[10] second[386] whale[422] alongside[540]; and[236] this[256]
second[386] whale[422] seemed[132] even[198] more[348] of[89] a[10] nosegay[127] than[77] the[19] first[13].
In[107] truth[350], it[162] turned[492] out[66] to[261] be[341] one[470] of[89] those[427] problematical[453] whales[331]
that[14] seem[404] to[261] dry[430] up[405] and[236] die[229] with[449] a[10] sort[42] of[89] prodigious[223] dyspepsia[83],
or[519] indigestion[41]; leaving[231] their[219] defunct[437] bodies[392] almost[518] entirely[148]
bankrupt[285] of[89] anything[480] like[410] oil[118]. Nevertheless[104], in[107] the[19] proper[249]
place[107] we[465] shall[66] see[370] that[14] no[235] knowing[240] fisherman[18] will[584] ever[208] turn[17]
up[405] his[433] nose[176] at[65] such[420] a[10] whale[422] as[113] this[256], however[44] much[61] he[362] may[236] shun[349]
blasted[253] whales[331] in[107] general[37].

The[19] Pequod[288] had[364] now[20] swept[305] so[281] nigh[254] to[261] the[19] stranger[233], that[14] Stubb
vowed[429] he[362] recognized[410] his[433] cutting[454] spade[19]-pole[20] entangled[280] in[107] the[19] lines[241]
that[14] were[324] knotted[506] round[287] the[19] tail[102] of[89] one[470] of[89] these[527] whales[331].

"There[340]'s[483] a[10] pretty[252] fellow[369], now[20]," he[362] banteringly[83] laughed[166],
standing[144] in[107] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] bows[460], "there[340]'s[483] a[10] jackal[380] for[190] ye[483]!
I[482] well[263] know[60] that[14] these[527] Crappoes of[89] Frenchmen[155] are[314] but[330] poor[533] devils[377]
in[107] the[19] fishery[136]; sometimes[77] lowering[240] their[219] boats[83] for[190] breakers[317],
mistaking[243] them[146] for[190] Sperm[26] Whale[422] spouts[75]; yes[143], and[236] sometimes[77] sailing[232]
from[316] their[219] port[409] with[449] their[219] hold[204] full[414] of[89] boxes[381] of[89] tallow[157] candles[457],
and[236] cases[108] of[89] snuffers[70], foreseeing[366] that[14] all[145] the[19] oil[118] they[382] will[584] get[126] won't[500]
be[341] enough[217] to[261] dip[19] the[19] Captain[295]'s[483] wick[396] into[554]; aye[86], we[465] all[145] know[60] these[527] things[4];
but[330] look[523] ye[483], here[135]'s[483] a[10] Crappo that[14] is[487] content[7] with[449] our[234] leavings[82],
the[19] drugged[100] whale[422] there[340], I[482] mean[504]; aye[86], and[236] is[487] content[7] too[11] with[449]
scraping[276] the[19] dry[430] bones[5] of[89] that[14] other[282] precious[234] fish[187] he[362] has[399] there[340].
Poor[533] devil[411]! I[482] say[306], pass[153] round[287] a[10] hat[107], some[265] one[470], and[236] let[66]'s[483]
make[175] him[248] a[10] present[112] of[89] a[10] little[554] oil[118] for[190] dear[333] charity[221]'s[483] sake[523].
For[190] what[243] oil[118] he[362]'ll[300] get[126] from[316] that[14] drugged[100] whale[422] there[340],
wouldn't[500] be[341] fit[12] to[261] burn[118] in[107] a[10] jail[3]; no[235], not[518] in[107] a[10] condemned[518] cell[256].
And[236] as[113] for[190] the[19] other[282] whale[422], why[177], I[482]'ll[300] agree[578] to[261] get[126] more[348] oil[118] by[406]
chopping[299] up[405] and[236] trying[83] out[66] these[527] three[329] masts[212] of[89] ours[94], than[77] he[362]'ll[300]
get[126] from[316] that[14] bundle[57] of[89] bones[5]; though[400], now[20] that[14] I[482] think[424] of[89] it[162],
it[162] may[236] contain[112] something[181] worth[84] a[10] good[221] deal[543] more[348] than[77] oil[118];
yes[143], ambergris[4]. I[482] wonder[76] now[20] if[141] our[234] old[447] man[17] has[399] thought[186] of[89] that[14].
It[162]'s[483] worth[84] trying[83]. Yes[143], I[482]'m[250] for[190] it[162];" and[236] so[281] saying[9] he[362] started[492]
for[190] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505].

By[406] this[256] time[577] the[19] faint[316] air[209] had[364] become[548] a[10] complete[191] calm[39]; so[281] that[14]
whether[454] or[519] no[235], the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] now[20] fairly[211] entrapped[328] in[107] the[19] smell[124],
with[449] no[235] hope[211] of[89] escaping[173] except[545] by[406] its[234] breezing up[405] again[52].
Issuing[309] from[316] the[19] cabin[192], Stubb now[20] called[237] his[433] boat[439]'s[483] crew[126],
and[236] pulled[213] off[111] for[190] the[19] stranger[233]. Drawing[407] across[129] her[400] bow[146],
he[362] perceived[76] that[14] in[107] accordance[369] with[449] the[19] fanciful[188] French[491] taste[134],
the[19] upper[403] part[207] of[89] her[400] stem[493]-piece[121] was[454] carved[455] in[107] the[19] likeness[460]
of[89] a[10] huge[132] drooping[279] stalk[143], was[454] painted[340] green[549], and[236] for[190] thorns[63]
had[364] copper[300] spikes[60] projecting[336] from[316] it[162] here[135] and[236] there[340]; the[19] whole[199]
terminating[159] in[107] a[10] symmetrical[336] folded[305] bulb[83] of[89] a[10] bright[205] red[293] color[13].
Upon[419] her[400] head[219] boards[116], in[107] large[385] gilt[491] letters[170], he[362] read[98] "Bouton[34]
de[404] Rose[449],"--Rose[449]-button[282], or[519] Rose[449]-bud[122]; and[236] this[256] was[454] the[19] romantic[133]
name[477] of[89] this[256] aromatic[52] ship[438].

Though[400] Stubb did[444] not[518] understand[111] the[19] Bouton[34] part[207] of[89] the[19] inscription[306],
yet[443] the[19] word[486] rose[449], and[236] the[19] bulbous[20] figure[55]-head[219] put[190] together[440],
sufficiently[12] explained[492] the[19] whole[199] to[261] him[248].

"A[10] wooden[35] rose[449]-bud[122], eh[76]?" he[362] cried[506] with[449] his[433] hand[252] to[261] his[433] nose[176], "that[14] will[584] do[353] very[515] well[263]; but[330] how[19] like[410] all[145] creation[182] it[162] smells[422]!"

Now[20] in[107] order[343] to[261] hold[204] direct[314] communication[279] with[449] the[19] people[482] on[392] deck[505], he[362] had[364] to[261] pull[35] round[287] the[19] bows[460] to[261] the[19] starboard[309] side[246], and[236] thus[362] come[420] close[65] to[261] the[19] blasted[253] whale[422]; and[236] so[281] talk[173] over[82] it[162].

Arrived[553] then[45] at[65] this[256] spot[46], with[449] one[470] hand[252] still[278] to[261] his[433] nose[176], he[362] bawled[73]--"Bouton[34]-de[404]-Rose[449], ahoy[26]! are[314] there[340] any[501] of[89] you[227] Bouton[34]-de[404]-Roses[542] that[14] speak[337] English[69]?"

"Yes[143]," rejoined[147] a[10] Guernsey-man[17] from[316] the[19] bulwarks[411], who[319] turned[492] out[66] to[261] be[341] the[19] chief[156]-mate[508].

"Well[263], then[45], my[36] Bouton[34]-de[404]-Rose[449]-bud[122], have[254] you[227] seen[154] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]?"

"What[243] whale[422]?"

"The[19] White[82] Whale[422]--a[10] Sperm[26] Whale[422]--Moby[362] Dick[25], have[254] ye[483] seen[154] him[248]?

"Never[206] heard[444] of[89] such[420] a[10] whale[422]. Cachalot[4] Blanche[189]! White[82] Whale[422]--no[235]."

"Very[515] good[221], then[45]; good[221] bye[96] now[20], and[236] I[482]'ll[300] call[259] again[52] in[107] a[10] minute[236]."

Then[45] rapidly[116] pulling[217] back[457] towards[417] the[19] Pequod[288], and[236] seeing[426] Ahab[232] leaning[559] over[82] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505] rail[51] awaiting[408] his[433] report[238], he[362] moulded[239] his[433] two[527] hands[87] into[554] a[10] trumpet[104] and[236] shouted[300]--"No[235], Sir[271]! No[235]!" Upon[419] which[16] Ahab[232] retired[158], and[236] Stubb returned[214] to[261] the[19] Frenchman[151].

He[362] now[20] perceived[76] that[14] the[19] Guernsey-man[17], who[319] had[364] just[108] got[286] into[554] the[19] chains[446], and[236] was[454] using[14] a[10] cutting[454]-spade[19], had[364] slung[363] his[433] nose[176] in[107] a[10] sort[42] of[89] bag[141].

"What[243]'s[483] the[19] matter[176] with[449] your[162] nose[176], there[340]?" said[252] Stubb. "Broke[356] it[162]?"

"I[482] wish[95] it[162] was[454] broken[255], or[519] that[14] I[482] didn't[500] have[254] any[501] nose[176] at[65] all[145]!" answered[100] the[19] Guernsey-man[17], who[319] did[444] not[518] seem[404] to[261] relish[22] the[19] job[269] he[362] was[454] at[65] very[515] much[61]. "But[330] what[243] are[314] you[227] holding[311] yours[256] for[190]?"

"Oh[367], nothing[324]! It[162]'s[483] a[10] wax[245] nose[176]; I[482] have[254] to[261] hold[204] it[162] on[392]. Fine[333] day[112], ain't[500] it[162]? Air[209] rather[178] gardenny, I[482] should[255] say[306]; throw[345] us[569] a[10] bunch[100] of[89] posies[308], will[584] ye[483], Bouton[34]-de[404]-Rose[449]?"

"What[243] in[107] the[19] devil[411]'s[483] name[477] do[353] you[227] want[350] here[135]?" roared[315] the[19] Guernseyman, flying[354] into[554] a[10] sudden[309] passion[38].

"Oh[367]! keep[381] cool[102]--cool[102]? yes[143], that[14]'s[76] the[19] word[486]! why[177] don[280]'t[500] you[227] pack[294] those[427] whales[331] in[107] ice[443] while[55] you[227]'re[155] working[113] at[65] 'em? But[330] joking[320] aside[408], though[400]; do[353] you[227] know[60], Rose[449]-bud[122], that[14] it[162]'s[483] all[145] nonsense[581] trying[83] to[261] get[126] any[501] oil[118] out[66] of[89] such[420] whales[331]? As[113] for[190] that[14] dried[331] up[405] one[470], there[340], he[362] hasn't[500] a[10] gill[39] in[107] his[433] whole[199] carcase[366]."

"I[482] know[60] that[14] well[263] enough[217]; but[330], d[67]'ye[163] see[370], the[19] Captain[295] here[135] won't[500] believe[191] it[162]; this[256] is[487] his[433] first[13] voyage[137]; he[362] was[454] a[10] Cologne[427] manufacturer[4] before[344]. But[330] come[420] aboard[298], and[236] mayhap[421] he[362]'ll[300] believe[191] you[227], if[141] he[362] won't[500] me[2]; and[236] so[281] I[482]'ll[300] get[126] out[66] of[89] this[256] dirty[301] scrape[455]."

"Anything[480] to[261] oblige[144] ye[483], my[36] sweet[417] and[236] pleasant[233] fellow[369]," rejoined[147] Stubb, and[236] with[449] that[14] he[362] soon[18] mounted[191] to[261] the[19] deck[505]. There[340] a[10] queer[156] scene[228] presented[320] itself[312]. The[19] sailors[64], in[107] tasselled[388] caps[214] of[89] red[293] worsted[208], were[324] getting[369] the[19] heavy[421] tackles[278] in[107] readiness[420] for[190] the[19] whales[331]. But[330] they[382] worked[245] rather[178] slow[96] and[236] talked[7] very[515] fast[208], and[236] seemed[132] in[107] anything[480] but[330] a[10] good[221] humor[368]. All[145] their[219] noses[261] upwardly[203] projected[175] from[316] their[219] faces[97] like[410] so[281] many[282] jibbooms. Now[20] and[236] then[45] pairs[282] of[89] them[146] would[282] drop[22] their[219] work[385], and[236] run[172] up[405] to[261] the[19] mast[44]-head[116] to[261] get[126] some[265] fresh[540] air[209]. Some[265] thinking[385] they[382] would[282] catch[523] the[19] plague[133], dipped[377] oakum[4] in[107] coal[127]-tar[241], and[236] at[65] intervals[295] held[212] it[162] to[261] their[219] nostrils[42]. Others[317] having[69] broken[255] the[19] stems[244] of[89] their[219] pipes[17] almost[518] short[522] off[111] at[65] the[19] bowl[418], were[324] vigorously[167] puffing[4] tobacco[331]-smoke[248], so[281] that[14] it[162] constantly[344] filled[232] their[219] olfactories[127].

Stubb was[454] struck[441] by[406] a[10] shower[143] of[89] outcries[83] and[236] anathemas[282] proceeding[422] from[316] the[19] Captain[295]'s[483] round[287]-house[499] abaft[26]; and[236] looking[318] in[107] that[14] direction[67] saw[113] a[10] fiery[42] face[556] thrust[379] from[316] behind[80] the[19] door[135], which[16] was[454] held[212] ajar[105] from[316] within[503]. This[256] was[454] the[19] tormented[256] surgeon[135], who[319], after[358] in[107] vain[216] remonstrating[24] against[417] the[19] proceedings[121] of[89] the[19] day[112], had[364] betaken[273] himself[282] to[261] the[19] Captain[295]'s[483] round[287]-house[499] (cabinet[46] he[362] called[237] it[162]) to[261] avoid[444] the[19] pest[309]; but[330] still[278], could[375] not[518] help[526] yelling[244] out[66] his[433] entreaties[169] and[236] indignations[41] at[65] times[121].

Marking[279] all[145] this[256], Stubb argued[19] well[263] for[190] his[433] scheme[337], and[236] turning[69] to[261] the[19] Guernsey-man[17] had[364] a[10] little[554] chat[205] with[449] him[248], during[309] which[16] the[19] stranger[233] mate[508] expressed[21] his[433] detestation[95] of[89] his[433] Captain[295] as[113] a[10] conceited[149] ignoramus[494], who[319] had[364] brought[85] them[146] all[145] into[554] so[281] unsavory[201] and[236] unprofitable[392] a[10] pickle[110].

Sounding[331] him[248] carefully[374], Stubb further[53] perceived[76] that[14] the[19] Guernsey-man[17]
had[364] not[518] the[19] slightest[44] suspicion[368] concerning[368] the[19] ambergris[4].
He[362] therefore[94] held[212] his[433] peace[216] on[392] that[14] head[219], but[330] otherwise[542] was[454] quite[327]
frank[88] and[236] confidential[147] with[449] him[248], so[281] that[14] the[19] two[527] quickly[183] concocted[95]
a[10] little[554] plan[99] for[190] both[558] circumventing[27] and[236] satirizing[25] the[19] Captain[295],
without[309] his[433] at[65] all[145] dreaming[47] of[89] distrusting[27] their[219] sincerity[143].
According[281] to[261] this[256] little[554] plan[99] of[89] theirs[137], the[19] Guernsey-man[17], under[533] cover[172]
of[89] an[138] interpreter[251]'s[483] office[256], was[454] to[261] tell[392] the[19] Captain[295] what[243] he[362] pleased[282],
but[330] as[113] coming[140] from[316] Stubb; and[236] as[113] for[190] Stubb, he[362] was[454] to[261] utter[270] any[501] nonsense[581]
that[14] should[255] come[420] uppermost[226] in[107] him[248] during[309] the[19] interview[296].

By[406] this[256] time[577] their[219] destined[197] victim[300] appeared[88] from[316] his[433] cabin[192].
He[362] was[454] a[10] small[350] and[236] dark[471], but[330] rather[178] delicate[34] looking[318] man[17]
for[190] a[10] sea[67]-captain[295], with[449] large[385] whiskers[42] and[236] moustache[145], however[44];
and[236] wore[92] a[10] red[293] cotton[444] velvet[136] vest[315] with[449] watch[89]-seals[22] at[65] his[433] side[246].
To[261] this[256] gentleman[399], Stubb was[454] now[20] politely[322] introduced[265] by[406]
the[19] Guernsey-man[17], who[319] at[65] once[248] ostentatiously[173] put[190] on[392] the[19] aspect[147]
of[89] interpreting[14] between[77] them[146].

"What[243] shall[66] I[482] say[306] to[261] him[248] first[13]?" said[252] he[362].

"Why[177]," said[252] Stubb, eyeing[49] the[19] velvet[136] vest[315] and[236] the[19] watch[89] and[236] seals[221],
"you[227] may[236] as[113] well[263] begin[183] by[406] telling[196] him[248] that[14] he[362] looks[150] a[10] sort[42] of[89] babyish[452]
to[261] me[2], though[400] I[482] don[280]'t[500] pretend[493] to[261] be[341] a[10] judge[337]."

"He[362] says[424], Monsieur[127]," said[252] the[19] Guernsey-man[17], in[107] French[491],
turning[69] to[261] his[433] captain[295], "that[14] only[517] yesterday[235] his[433] ship[438] spoke[185]
a[10] vessel[155], whose[286] captain[295] and[236] chief[156]-mate[508], with[449] six[415] sailors[64],
had[364] all[145] died[575] of[89] a[10] fever[186] caught[105] from[316] a[10] blasted[253] whale[422] they[382]
had[364] brought[85] alongside[540]."

Upon[419] this[256] the[19] captain[295] started[492], and[236] eagerly[100] desired[480] to[261] know[60] more[348].

"What[243] now[20]?" said[252] the[19] Guernsey-man[17] to[261] Stubb.

"Why[177], since[374] he[362] takes[362] it[162] so[281] easy[281], tell[392] him[248] that[14] now[20] I[482]
have[254] eyed[363] him[248] carefully[374], I[482]'m[250] quite[327] certain[31] that[14] he[362]'s[483] no[235]
more[348] fit[12] to[261] command[190] a[10] whale[422]-ship[98] than[77] a[10] St[193]. Jago[296] monkey[335].
In[107] fact[12], tell[392] him[248] from[316] me[2] he[362]'s[483] a[10] baboon[265]."

"He[362] vows[102] and[236] declares[242], Monsieur[127], that[14] the[19] other[282] whale[422],
the[19] dried[331] one[470], is[487] far[258] more[348] deadly[49] than[77] the[19] blasted[253] one[470];
in[107] fine[333], Monsieur[127], he[362] conjures[128] us[569], as[113] we[465] value[567] our[234] lives[245],
to[261] cut[310] loose[159] from[316] these[527] fish[187]."

Instantly[186] the[19] captain[295] ran[391] forward[364], and[236] in[107] a[10] loud[556] voice[233] commanded[571]
his[433] crew[126] to[261] desist[472] from[316] hoisting[50] the[19] cutting[454]-tackles[278], and[236] at[65] once[248]
cast[99] loose[159] the[19] cables[25] and[236] chains[446] confining[325] the[19] whales[331] to[261] the[19] ship[438].

"What[243] now[20]?" said[252] the[19] Guernsey-man[17], when[189] the[19] Captain[295] had[364] returned[214] to[261] them[146].

"Why[177], let[66] me[2] see[370]; yes[143], you[227] may[236] as[113] well[263] tell[392] him[248] now[20] that[14]--that[14]--in[107] fact[12],
tell[392] him[248] I[482]'ve[149] diddled[353] him[248], and[236] (aside[408] to[261] himself[282]) perhaps[75] somebody[387] else[212]."

"He[362] says[424], Monsieur[127], that[14] he[362]'s[483] very[515] happy[416] to[261] have[254] been[185] of[89] any[501]
service[343] to[261] us[569]."

Hearing[325] this[256], the[19] captain[295] vowed[429] that[14] they[382] were[324] the[19] grateful[107] parties[162]
(meaning[62] himself[282] and[236] mate[508]), and[236] concluded[157] by[406] inviting[472] Stubb down[133] into[554]
his[433] cabin[192] to[261] drink[117] a[10] bottle[42] of[89] Bordeaux[41].

"He[362] wants[418] you[227] to[261] take[279] a[10] glass[27] of[89] wine[102] with[449] him[248]," said[252] the[19] interpreter[251].

"Thank[166] him[248] heartily[254]; but[330] tell[392] him[248] it[162]'s[483] against[417] my[36] principles[420] to[261] drink[117]
with[449] the[19] man[17] I[482]'ve[149] diddled[353]. In[107] fact[12], tell[392] him[248] I[482] must[226] go[20]."

"He[362] says[424], Monsieur[127], that[14] his[433] principles[420] won't[500] admit[321] of[89] his[433] drinking[453];
but[330] that[14] if[141] Monsieur[127] wants[418] to[261] live[554] another[269] day[112] to[261] drink[117], then[45] Monsieur[127]
had[364] best[315] drop[22] all[145] four[175] boats[83], and[236] pull[35] the[19] ship[438] away[443] from[316] these[527] whales[331],
for[190] it[162]'s[483] so[281] calm[39] they[382] won't[500] drift[86]."

By[406] this[256] time[577] Stubb was[454] over[82] the[19] side[246], and[236] getting[369] into[554] his[433] boat[439],
hailed[411] the[19] Guernsey-man[17] to[261] this[256] effect[215],--that[14] having[69] a[10] long[544]
tow[160]-line[98] in[107] his[433] boat[439], he[362] would[282] do[353] what[243] he[362] could[375] to[261] help[526] them[146],
by[406] pulling[217] out[66] the[19] lighter[415] whale[422] of[89] the[19] two[527] from[316] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] side[246].
While[55] the[19] Frenchman[151]'s[483] boats[83], then[45], were[324] engaged[479] in[107] towing[78] the[19] ship[438]
one[470] way[435], Stubb benevolently[156] towed[376] away[443] at[65] his[433] whale[422] the[19] other[282] way[435],
ostentatiously[173] slacking[141] out[66] a[10] most[216] unusually[35] long[544] tow[160]-line[98].

Presently[166] a[10] breeze[227] sprang[253] up[405]; Stubb feigned[280] to[261] cast[99] off[111] from[316] the[19] whale[422];
hoisting[50] his[433] boats[83], the[19] Frenchman[151] soon[18] increased[406] his[433] distance[264],
while[55] the[19] Pequod[288] slid[132] in[107] between[77] him[248] and[236] Stubb's[483] whale[422].
Whereupon[44] Stubb quickly[183] pulled[213] to[261] the[19] floating[30] body[348], and[236] hailing[400]
the[19] Pequod[288] to[261] give[142] notice[76] of[89] his[433] intentions[128], at[65] once[248] proceeded[121] to[261] reap[27]
the[19] fruit[9] of[89] his[433] unrighteous[22] cunning[198]. Seizing[327] his[433] sharp[427] boat[439]-spade[19],
he[362] commenced[8] an[138] excavation[16] in[107] the[19] body[348], a[10] little[554] behind[80] the[19] side[246] fin[286].

You[227] would[282] almost[518] have[254] thought[186] he[362] was[454] digging[291] a[10] cellar[93] there[340] in[107] the[19] sea[67]; and[236] when[189] at[65] length[202] his[433] spade[19] struck[441] against[417] the[19] gaunt[62] ribs[92], it[162] was[454] like[410] turning[69] up[405] old[447] Roman[333] tiles[143] and[236] pottery[266] buried[205] in[107] fat[351] English[69] loam[25]. His[433] boat[439]'s[483] crew[126] were[324] all[145] in[107] high[361] excitement[60], eagerly[100] helping[9] their[219] chief[156], and[236] looking[318] as[113] anxious[256] as[113] gold[231]-hunters[423].

And[236] all[145] the[19] time[577] numberless[4] fowls[206] were[324] diving[279], and[236] ducking[156], and[236] screaming[64], and[236] yelling[244], and[236] fighting[292] around[66] them[146]. Stubb was[454] beginning[188] to[261] look[523] disappointed[86], especially[371] as[113] the[19] horrible[398] nosegay[127] increased[406], when[189] suddenly[193] from[316] out[66] the[19] very[515] heart[470] of[89] this[256] plague[133], there[340] stole[135] a[10] faint[316] stream[184] of[89] perfume[83], which[16] flowed[261] through[295] the[19] tide[523] of[89] bad[458] smells[422] without[309] being[264] absorbed[116] by[406] it[162], as[113] one[470] river[201] will[584] flow[44] into[554] and[236] then[45] along[423] with[449] another[269], without[309] at[65] all[145] blending[350] with[449] it[162] for[190] a[10] time[577].

"I[482] have[254] it[162], I[482] have[254] it[162]," cried[506] Stubb, with[449] delight[25], striking[22] something[181] in[107] the[19] subterranean[105] regions[320], "a[10] purse[322]! a[10] purse[322]!"

Dropping[279] his[433] spade[19], he[362] thrust[379] both[558] hands[87] in[107], and[236] drew[175] out[66] handfuls[106] of[89] something[181] that[14] looked[232] like[410] ripe[238] Windsor[484] soap[458], or[519] rich[531] mottled[70] old[447] cheese[10]; very[515] unctuous[322] and[236] savory[451] withal[157]. You[227] might[496] easily[45] dent[321] it[162] with[449] your[162] thumb[141]; it[162] is[487] of[89] a[10] hue[296] between[77] yellow[95] and[236] ash[481] color[13]. And[236] this[256], good[221] friends[169], is[487] ambergris[4], worth[84] a[10] gold[231] guinea[310] an[138] ounce[275] to[261] any[501] druggist[83]. Some[265] six[415] handfuls[106] were[324] obtained[186]; but[330] more[348] was[454] unavoidably[70] lost[308] in[107] the[19] sea[67], and[236] still[278] more[348], perhaps[75], might[496] have[254] been[185] secured[284] were[324] it[162] not[518] for[190] impatient[160] Ahab[232]'s[483] loud[556] command[190] to[261] Stubb to[261] desist[472], and[236] come[420] on[392] board[540], else[212] the[19] ship[438] would[282] bid[171] them[146] good[221]-bye[356].

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Ambergris[4]

Now[20] this[256] ambergris[4] is[487] a[10] very[515] curious[264] substance[316], and[236] so[281] important[104] as[113] an[138] article[58] of[89] commerce[292], that[14] in[107] 1791[102] a[10] certain[31] Nantucket[283]-born[236] Captain[295] Coffin[284] was[454] examined[192] at[65] the[19] bar[144] of[89] the[19] English[69] House[499] of[89] Commons[133] on[392] that[14] subject[382]. For[190] at[65] that[14] time[577], and[236] indeed[522] until[316] a[10] comparatively[203] late[351] day[112], the[19] precise[158] origin[233] of[89] ambergris[4] remained[72], like[410] amber[255] itself[312], a[10] problem[28] to[261] the[19] learned[277]. Though[400] the[19] word[486] ambergris[4] is[487] but[330] the[19] French[491] compound[188] for[190] grey[491] amber[255], yet[443] the[19] two[527] substances[23] are[314] quite[327] distinct[259]. For[190] amber[255], though[400] at[65] times[121] found[260] on[392] the[19] sea[67]-coast[287], is[487] also[119] dug[165] up[405] in[107] some[265] far[258] inland[146] soils[84], whereas[18] ambergris[4] is[487] never[206] found[260] except[545] upon[419] the[19] sea[67]. Besides[465], amber[255] is[487] a[10] hard[337], transparent[129], brittle[36], odorless[242] substance[316], used[102] for[190] mouth[414]-pieces[283] to[261] pipes[17], for[190] beads[286] and[236] ornaments[30]; but[330] ambergris[4] is[487] soft[226], waxy[60], and[236] so[281] highly[52] fragrant[336] and[236] spicy[83], that[14] it[162] is[487] largely[211] used[102] in[107] perfumery[314], in[107] pastiles[97], precious[234] candles[457], hair[237]-powders, and[236] pomatum[127]. The[19] Turks[59] use[176] it[162] in[107] cooking[369], and[236] also[119] carry[160] it[162] to[261] Mecca[305], for[190] the[19] same[541] purpose[514] that[14] frankincense[257] is[487] carried[232] to[261] St[193]. Peter[419]'s[483] in[107] Rome[401]. Some[265] wine[102] merchants[25] drop[22] a[10] few[49] grains[275] into[554] claret[25], to[261] flavor[69] it[162].

Who[319] would[282] think[424], then[45], that[14] such[420] fine[333] ladies[66] and[236] gentlemen[340] should[255] regale[40] themselves[510] with[449] an[138] essence[13] found[260] in[107] the[19] inglorious[299] bowels[499] of[89] a[10] sick[250] whale[422]! Yet[443] so[281] it[162] is[487]. By[406] some[265], ambergris[4] is[487] supposed[423] to[261] be[341] the[19] cause[220], and[236] by[406] others[317] the[19] effect[215], of[89] the[19] dyspepsia[83] in[107] the[19] whale[422]. How[19] to[261] cure[166] such[420] a[10] dyspepsia[83] it[162] were[324] hard[337] to[261] say[306], unless[54] by[406] administering[518] three[329] or[519] four[175] boat[439] loads[475] of[89] Brandreth[325]'s[483] pills[70], and[236] then[45] running[296] out[66] of[89] harm[191]'s[483] way[435], as[113] laborers[247] do[353] in[107] blasting[92] rocks[265].

I[482] have[254] forgotten[170] to[261] say[306] that[14] there[340] were[324] found[260] in[107] this[256] ambergris[4], certain[31] hard[337], round[287], bony[23] plates[115], which[16] at[65] first[13] Stubb thought[186] might[496] be[341] sailors[64]' trousers[52] buttons[458]; but[330] it[162] afterwards[418] turned[492] out[66] that[14] they[382] were[324] nothing[324], more[348] than[77] pieces[283] of[89] small[350] squid[318] bones[5] embalmed[59] in[107] that[14] manner[153].

Now[20] that[14] the[19] incorruption[113] of[89] this[256] most[216] fragrant[336] ambergris[4] should[255] be[341] found[260] in[107] the[19] heart[470] of[89] such[420] decay[233]; is[487] this[256] nothing[324]? Bethink[51] thee[15] of[89] that[14] saying[9] of[89] St[193]. Paul[368] in[107] Corinthians[208], about[123] corruption[185] and[236] incorruption[113]; how[19] that[14] we[465] are[314] sown[240] in[107] dishonor[364], but[330] raised[493] in[107] glory[173]. And[236] likewise[193] call[259] to[261] mind[118] that[14] saying[9] of[89] Paracelsus[65] about[123] what[243] it[162] is[487] that[14] maketh[29] the[19] best[315] musk[16]. Also[119] forget[426] not[518] the[19] strange[440] fact[12] that[14] of[89] all[145] things[4] of[89] ill[236]-savor[402], Cologne[427]-water[520], in[107] its[234] rudimental[111] manufacturing[388] stages[83], is[487] the[19] worst[241].

I[482] should[255] like[410] to[261] conclude[1] the[19] chapter[293] with[449] the[19] above[502] appeal[190], but[330] cannot, owing[98] to[261] my[36] anxiety[221] to[261] repel[317] a[10] charge[308] often[227] made[563] against[417] whalemen[451], and[236] which[16], in[107] the[19] estimation[287] of[89] some[265] already[93] biased[298] minds[244], might[496] be[341] considered[484] as[113] indirectly[155] substantiated[484] by[406] what[243] has[399] been[185] said[252] of[89] the[19] Frenchman[151]'s[483] two[527] whales[331]. Elsewhere[154] in[107] this[256] volume[295] the[19] slanderous[35] aspersion[420] has[399] been[185] disproved[217], that[14] the[19] vocation[408] of[89] whaling[155] is[487] throughout[159] a[10] slatternly[167], untidy[315] business[168]. But[330] there[340] is[487] another[269] thing[309] to[261] rebut[25].

They[382] hint[335] that[14] all[145] whales[331] always[367] smell[124] bad[458]. Now[20] how[19] did[444] this[256] odious[412] stigma[84] originate[4]?

I[482] opine[27], that[14] it[162] is[487] plainly[450] traceable[237] to[261] the[19] first[13] arrival[274] of[89] the[19] Greenland[110] whaling[155] ships[21] in[107] London[41], more[348] than[77] two[527] centuries[168] ago[141]. Because[540] those[427] whalemen[451] did[444] not[518] then[45], and[236] do[353] not[518] now[20], try[266] out[66] their[219] oil[118] at[65] sea[67] as[113] the[19] Southern[187] ships[21] have[254] always[367] done[135]; but[330] cutting[454] up[405] the[19] fresh[540] blubber[232] in[107] small[350] bits[256], thrust[379] it[162] through[295] the[19] bung[99] holes[41] of[89] large[385] casks[213], and[236] carry[160] it[162] home[450] in[107] that[14] manner[153]; the[19] shortness[2] of[89] the[19] season[248] in[107] those[427] Icy[155] Seas[350], and[236] the[19] sudden[309] and[236] violent[336] storms[327] to[261] which[16] they[382] are[314] exposed[356], forbidding[147] any[501] other[282] course[171]. The[19] consequence[111] is[487], that[14] upon[419] breaking[6] into[554] the[19] hold[204], and[236] unloading[290] one[470] of[89] these[527] whale[422] cemeteries[397], in[107] the[19] Greenland[110] dock[482], a[10] savor[402] is[487] given[141] forth[152] somewhat[77] similar[101] to[261] that[14] arising[303] from[316] excavating[258] an[138] old[447] city[82] graveyard[329], for[190] the[19] foundations[499] of[89] a[10] Lying[204]-in[107] Hospital[143].

I[482] partly[311] surmise[159] also[119], that[14] this[256] wicked[5] charge[308] against[417] whalers[116] may[236] be[341] likewise[193] imputed[140] to[261] the[19] existence[187] on[392] the[19] coast[287] of[89] Greenland[110], in[107] former[157] times[121], of[89] a[10] Dutch[325] village[218] called[237] Schmerenburgh or[519] Smeerenberg, which[16] latter[497] name[477] is[487] the[19] one[470] used[102] by[406] the[19] learned[277] Fogo[155] Von[270] Slack[113], in[107] his[433] great[259] work[385] on[392] Smells[422], a[10] text[17]-book[234] on[392] that[14] subject[382]. As[113] its[234] name[477] imports[206] (smeer, fat[351]; berg[173], to[261] put[190] up[405]), this[256] village[218] was[454] founded[113] in[107] order[343] to[261] afford[282] a[10] place[107] for[190] the[19] blubber[232] of[89] the[19] Dutch[325] whale[422] fleet[206] to[261] be[341] tried[73] out[66], without[309] being[264] taken[222] home[450] to[261] Holland[173] for[190] that[14] purpose[514]. It[162] was[454] a[10] collection[270] of[89] furnaces[6], fat[351]-kettles[172], and[236] oil[118] sheds[23]; and[236] when[189] the[19] works[64] were[324] in[107] full[414] operation[261] certainly[124] gave[572] forth[152] no[235] very[515] pleasant[233] savor[402]. But[330] all[145] this[256] is[487] quite[327] different[276] from[316] a[10] South[257] Sea[67] Sperm[26] Whaler[91]; which[16] in[107] a[10] voyage[137] of[89] four[175] years[116] perhaps[75], after[358] completely[385] filling[330] her[400] hold[204] with[449] oil[118], does[565] not[518], perhaps[75], consume[403] fifty[406] days[351] in[107] the[19] business[168] of[89] boiling[99] out[66]; and[236] in[107] the[19] state[135] that[14] it[162] is[487] casked, the[19] oil[118] is[487] nearly[575] scentless[247]. The[19] truth[350] is[487], that[14] living[117] or[519] dead[568], if[141] but[330] decently[149] treated[277], whales[331] as[113] a[10] species[69] are[314] by[406] no[235] means[502] creatures[5] of[89] ill[236] odor[482]; nor[137] can[450] whalemen[451] be[341] recognised[133], as[113] the[19] people[482] of[89] the[19] middle[39] ages[146] affected[283] to[261] detect[102] a[10] Jew[399] in[107] the[19] company[280], by[406] the[19] nose[176]. Nor[137] indeed[522] can[450] the[19] whale[422] possibly[201] be[341] otherwise[542] than[77] fragrant[336], when[189], as[113] a[10] general[37] thing[309], he[362] enjoys[264] such[420] high[361] health[231]; taking[146] abundance[154] of[89] exercise[240]; always[367] out[66] of[89] doors[77]; though[400], it[162] is[487] true[483], seldom[140] in[107] the[19] open[464] air[209]. I[482] say[306], that[14] the[19] motion[544] of[89] a[10] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] flukes[155] above[502] water[520] dispenses[256] a[10] perfume[83], as[113] when[189] a[10] musk[16]-scented lady[14] rustles[41] her[400] dress[46] in[107] a[10] warm[178] parlor[522]. What[243] then[45] shall[66] I[482] liken[303] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] to[261] for[190] fragrance[237], considering[115] his[433] magnitude[203]? Must[226] it[162] not[518] be[341] to[261] that[14] famous[254] elephant[72], with[449] jewelled[10] tusks[85], and[236] redolent[102] with[449] myrrh[105], which[16] was[454] led[46] out[66] of[89] an[138] Indian[303] town[172] to[261] do[353] honor[497] to[261] Alexander[312] the[19] Great[259]?

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The[19] Castaway[439]

It[162] was[454] but[330] some[265] few[49] days[351] after[358] encountering[332] the[19] Frenchman[151], that[14] a[10] most[216] significant[143] event[28] befell[129] the[19] most[216] insignificant[96] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] crew[126]; an[138] event[28] most[216] lamentable[132]; and[236] which[16] ended[225] in[107] providing[7] the[19] sometimes[77] madly[218] merry[486] and[236] predestinated[332] craft[187] with[449] a[10] living[117] and[236] ever[208] accompanying[371] prophecy[147] of[89] whatever[38] shattered[205] sequel[124] might[496] prove[396] her[400] own[248].

Now[20], in[107] the[19] whale[422] ship[438], it[162] is[487] not[518] every[389] one[470] that[14] goes[205] in[107] the[19] boats[83]. Some[265] few[49] hands[87] are[314] reserved[234] called[237] shipkeepers, whose[286] province[162] it[162] is[487] to[261] work[385] the[19] vessel[155] while[55] the[19] boats[83] are[314] pursuing[392] the[19] whale[422]. As[113] a[10] general[37] thing[309], these[527] shipkeepers are[314] as[113] hardy[241] fellows[131] as[113] the[19] men[62] comprising[243] the[19] boats[83]' crews[559]. But[330] if[141] there[340] happen[352] to[261] be[341] an[138] unduly[8] slender[122], clumsy[394], or[519] timorous[223] wight[232] in[107] the[19] ship[438], that[14] wight[232] is[487] certain[31] to[261] be[341] made[563] a[10] ship[438]-keeper[98]. It[162] was[454] so[281] in[107] the[19] Pequod[288] with[449] the[19] little[554] negro[102] Pippin[172] by[406] nick[250]-name[477], Pip[238] by[406] abbreviation[306]. Poor[533] Pip[238]! ye[483] have[254] heard[444] of[89] him[248] before[344]; ye[483] must[226] remember[499] his[433] tambourine[197] on[392] that[14] dramatic[317] midnight[539], so[281] gloomy[340]-jolly[50].

In[107] outer[359] aspect[147], Pip[238] and[236] Dough-Boy[110] made[563] a[10] match[441], like[410] a[10] black[581] pony[321] and[236] a[10] white[82] one[470], of[89] equal[261] developments[83], though[400] of[89] dissimilar[273] color[13], driven[228] in[107] one[470] eccentric[212] span[450]. But[330] while[55] hapless[483] Dough-Boy[110] was[454] by[406] nature[159] dull[546] and[236] torpid[60] in[107] his[433] intellects[142], Pip[238], though[400] over[82] tender[454]-hearted[187], was[454] at[65] bottom[461] very[515] bright[205], with[449] that[14] pleasant[233], genial[173], jolly[50] brightness[217] peculiar[291] to[261] his[433] tribe[273]; a[10] tribe[273], which[16] ever[208] enjoy[173] all[145] holidays[333] and[236] festivities[78] with[449] finer[155], freer[377] relish[22] than[77] any[501] other[282] race[392]. For[190] blacks[83], the[19] year[347]'s[483] calendar[83] should[255] show[460] naught[80] but[330] three[329] hundred[93] and[236] sixty[332]-five[402] Fourth[399] of[89] Julys[292] and[236] New[36] Year[347]'s[483] Days[351]. Nor[137] smile[265] so[281], while[55] I[482] write[570] that[14] this[256] little[554] black[581] was[454] brilliant[354], for[190] even[198] blackness[448] has[399] its[234] brilliancy[4]; behold[525] yon[252] lustrous[174] ebony[59], panelled[8] in[107] king[324]'s[483] cabinets[186]. But[330] Pip[238] loved[13] life[71], and[236] all[145] life[71]'s[483] peaceable[31] securities[412]; so[281] that[14] the[19] panic[285]-striking[22] business[168] in[107] which[16] he[362] had[364] somehow[425] unaccountably[133]

become[548] entrapped[328], had[364] most[216] sadly[75] blurred[310] his[433] brightness[217]; though[400], as[113] ere[83]
long[544] will[584] be[341] seen[154], what[243] was[454] thus[362] temporarily[22] subdued[8] in[107] him[248],
in[107] the[19] end[149] was[454] destined[197] to[261] be[341] luridly[83] illumined[450] by[406] strange[440] wild[230] fires[75],
that[14] fictitiously[155] showed[507] him[248] off[111] to[261] ten[198] times[121] the[19] natural[298] lustre[19]
with[449] which[16] in[107] his[433] native[399] Tolland County[160] in[107] Connecticut[1], he[362] had[364] once[248]
enlivened[296] many[282] a[10] fiddler[76]'s[483] frolic[130] on[392] the[19] green[549]; and[236] at[65] melodious[515]
even[198]-tide[377], with[449] his[433] gay[323] ha[387]-ha[387]! had[364] turned[492] the[19] round[287] horizon[516] into[554]
one[470] star[274]-belled tambourine[197]. So[281], though[400] in[107] the[19] clear[408] air[209] of[89] day[112],
suspended[245] against[417] a[10] blue[240]-veined neck[239], the[19] pure[61]-watered diamond[101] drop[22] will[584]
healthful[176] glow[227]; yet[443], when[189] the[19] cunning[198] jeweller[280] would[282] show[460] you[227] the[19] diamond[101]
in[107] its[234] most[216] impressive[140] lustre[19], he[362] lays[361] it[162] against[417] a[10] gloomy[340] ground[127],
and[236] then[45] lights[59] it[162] up[405], not[518] by[406] the[19] sun[397], but[330] by[406] some[265] unnatural[111] gases[265].
Then[45] come[420] out[66] those[427] fiery[42] effulgences, infernally[191] superb[44]; then[45] the[19]
evil[2]-blazing[232] diamond[101], once[248] the[19] divinest[35] symbol[426] of[89] the[19] crystal[344] skies[30],
looks[150] like[410] some[265] crown[463]-jewel stolen[254] from[316] the[19] King[324] of[89] Hell[169]. But[330] let[66]
us[569] to[261] the[19] story[197].

It[162] came[549] to[261] pass[153], that[14] in[107] the[19] ambergris[4] affair[388] Stubb's[483] after[358]-oarsman[60]
chanced[424] so[281] to[261] sprain[261] his[433] hand[252], as[113] for[190] a[10] time[577] to[261] become[548] quite[327] maimed[116];
and[236], temporarily[22], Pip[238] was[454] put[190] into[554] his[433] place[107].

The[19] first[13] time[577] Stubb lowered[279] with[449] him[248], Pip[238] evinced[94] much[61] nervousness[167];
but[330] happily[217], for[190] that[14] time[577], escaped[197] close[65] contact[263] with[449] the[19] whale[422];
and[236] therefore[94] came[549] off[111] not[518] altogether[31] discreditably[34]; though[400] Stubb
observing[278] him[248], took[68] care[307], afterwards[418], to[261] exhort[308] him[248] to[261] cherish[181] his[433]
courageousness[83] to[261] the[19] utmost[43], for[190] he[362] might[496] often[227] find[138] it[162] needful[12].

Now[20] upon[419] the[19] second[386] lowering[240], the[19] boat[439] paddled[454] upon[419] the[19] whale[422];
and[236] as[113] the[19] fish[187] received[12] the[19] darted[362] iron[169], it[162] gave[572] its[234] customary[79] rap[105],
which[16] happened[156], in[107] this[256] instance[141], to[261] be[341] right[499] under[533] poor[533] Pip[238]'s[483] seat[88].
The[19] involuntary[3] consternation[52] of[89] the[19] moment[258] caused[308] him[248] to[261] leap[342],
paddle[39] in[107] hand[252], out[66] of[89] the[19] boat[439]; and[236] in[107] such[420] a[10] way[435], that[14] part[207] of[89] the[19] slack[113]
whale[422] line[25] coming[140] against[417] his[433] chest[98], he[362] breasted[92] it[162] overboard[247] with[449] him[248],
so[281] as[113] to[261] become[548] entangled[280] in[107] it[162], when[189] at[65] last[436] plumping[88] into[554] the[19] water[520].
That[14] instant[279] the[19] stricken[328] whale[422] started[492] on[392] a[10] fierce[394] run[172], the[19] line[25]
swiftly[441] straightened[346]; and[236] presto[204]! poor[533] Pip[238] came[549] all[145] foaming[193] up[405]
to[261] the[19] chocks[39] of[89] the[19] boat[439], remorselessly[364] dragged[460] there[340] by[406] the[19] line[25],
which[16] had[364] taken[222] several[479] turns[136] around[66] his[433] chest[98] and[236] neck[239].

Tashtego stood[1] in[107] the[19] bows[460]. He[362] was[454] full[414] of[89] the[19] fire[559] of[89] the[19] hunt[418].
He[362] hated[499] Pip[238] for[190] a[10] poltroon[191]. Snatching[111] the[19] boat[439]-knife[503] from[316] its[234] sheath[188],
he[362] suspended[245] its[234] sharp[427] edge[323] over[82] the[19] line[25], and[236] turning[69] towards[417] Stubb,
exclaimed[281] interrogatively[453], "Cut[310]?" Meantime[210] Pip[238]'s[483] blue[240], choked[191] face[556]
plainly[450] looked[232], Do[353], for[190] God[185]'s[483] sake[523]! All[145] passed[87] in[107] a[10] flash[424].
In[107] less[261] than[77] half[119] a[10] minute[236], this[256] entire[230] thing[309] happened[156].

"Damn[468] him[248], cut[310]!" roared[315] Stubb; and[236] so[281] the[19] whale[422] was[454] lost[308]
and[236] Pip[238] was[454] saved[446].

So[281] soon[18] as[113] he[362] recovered[234] himself[282], the[19] poor[533] little[554] negro[102] was[454] assailed[130]
by[406] yells[284] and[236] execrations[521] from[316] the[19] crew[126]. Tranquilly[83] permitting[66]
these[527] irregular[430] cursings[122] to[261] evaporate[295], Stubb then[45] in[107] a[10] plain[28],
business[168]-like[10], but[330] still[278] half[119] humorous[7] manner[153], cursed[441] Pip[238] officially[107];
and[236] that[14] done[135], unofficially[31] gave[572] him[248] much[61] wholesome[45] advice[481].
The[19] substance[316] was[454], Never[206] jump[50] from[316] a[10] boat[439], Pip[238], except[545]--but[330] all[145]
the[19] rest[302] was[454] indefinite[376], as[113] the[19] soundest[295] advice[481] ever[208] is[487].
Now[20], in[107] general[37], Stick[50] to[261] the[19] boat[439], is[487] your[162] true[483] motto[83] in[107] whaling[155];
but[330] cases[108] will[584] sometimes[77] happen[352] when[189] Leap[342] from[316] the[19] boat[439], is[487] still[278] better[34].
Moreover[326], as[113] if[141] perceiving[88] at[65] last[436] that[14] if[141] he[362] should[255] give[142] undiluted[159]
conscientious[196] advice[481] to[261] Pip[238], he[362] would[282] be[341] leaving[231] him[248] too[11] wide[465] a[10] margin[173]
to[261] jump[50] in[107] for[190] the[19] future[44]; Stubb suddenly[193] dropped[2] all[145] advice[481],
and[236] concluded[157] with[449] a[10] peremptory[212] command[190] "Stick[50] to[261] the[19] boat[439], Pip[238],
or[519] by[406] the[19] Lord[106], I[482] won't[500] pick[447] you[227] up[405] if[141] you[227] jump[50]; mind[118] that[14].
We[465] can[450]'t[500] afford[282] to[261] lose[247] whales[331] by[406] the[19] likes[93] of[89] you[227]; a[10] whale[422] would[282] sell[298]
for[190] thirty[521] times[121] what[243] you[227] would[282], Pip[238], in[107] Alabama[175]. Bear[48] that[14] in[107] mind[118],
and[236] don[280]'t[500] jump[50] any[501] more[348]." Hereby[196] perhaps[75] Stubb indirectly[155] hinted[253],
that[14] though[400] man[17] loved[13] his[433] fellow[369], yet[443] man[17] is[487] a[10] money[383]-making[415] animal[22],
which[16] propensity[367] too[11] often[227] interferes[221] with[449] his[433] benevolence[399].

But[330] we[465] are[314] all[145] in[107] the[19] hands[87] of[89] the[19] Gods[325]; and[236] Pip[238] jumped[499] again[52].
It[162] was[454] under[533] very[515] similar[101] circumstances[267] to[261] the[19] first[13] performance[70];
but[330] this[256] time[577] he[362] did[444] not[518] breast[272] out[66] the[19] line[25]; and[236] hence[503], when[189] the[19] whale[422]
started[492] to[261] run[172], Pip[238] was[454] left[159] behind[80] on[392] the[19] sea[67], like[410] a[10] hurried[335]
traveller[258]'s[483] trunk[389]. Alas[129]! Stubb was[454] but[330] too[11] true[483] to[261] his[433] word[486].
It[162] was[454] a[10] beautiful[239], bounteous[395], blue[240] day[112]! the[19] spangled[110] sea[67] calm[39]
and[236] cool[102], and[236] flatly[83] stretching[413] away[443], all[145] round[287], to[261] the[19] horizon[516],
like[410] gold[231]-beater's[483] skin[428] hammered[193] out[66] to[261] the[19] extremest[522]. Bobbing[3] up[405]
and[236] down[133] in[107] that[14] sea[67], Pip[238]'s[483] ebon[4] head[219] showed[507] like[410] a[10] head[219] of[89] cloves[4].
No[235] boat[439]-knife[503] was[454] lifted[448] when[189] he[362] fell[421] so[281] rapidly[116] astern[39].
Stubb's[483] inexorable[74] back[457] was[454] turned[492] upon[419] him[248]; and[236] the[19] whale[422] was[454] winged[144].
In[107] three[329] minutes[368], a[10] whole[199] mile[295] of[89] shoreless[4] ocean[224] was[454] between[77]
Pip[238] and[236] Stubb. Out[66] from[316] the[19] centre[389] of[89] the[19] sea[67], poor[533] Pip[238] turned[492]
his[433] crisp[519], curling[27], black[581] head[219] to[261] the[19] sun[397], another[269] lonely[137] castaway[439],
though[400] the[19] loftiest[460] and[236] the[19] brightest[105].

Now[20], in[107] calm[39] weather[405], to[261] swim[226] in[107] the[19] open[464] ocean[224] is[487] as[113] easy[281]
to[261] the[19] practised[190] swimmer[105] as[113] to[261] ride[197] in[107] a[10] spring[148]-carriage[21] ashore[122].
But[330] the[19] awful[539] lonesomeness[284] is[487] intolerable[304]. The[19] intense[89] concentration[27]
of[89] self[442] in[107] the[19] middle[39] of[89] such[420] a[10] heartless[190] immensity[94], my[36] God[185]! who[319] can[450]
tell[392] it[162]? Mark[169], how[19] when[189] sailors[64] in[107] a[10] dead[568] calm[39] bathe[4] in[107] the[19] open[464] sea[67]--
mark[169] how[19] closely[218] they[382] hug[17] their[219] ship[438] and[236] only[517] coast[287] along[423] her[400] sides[331].

But[330] had[364] Stubb really[406] abandoned[493] the[19] poor[533] little[554] negro[102]
to[261] his[433] fate[74]? No[235]; he[362] did[444] not[518] mean[504] to[261], at[65] least[453].
Because[540] there[340] were[324] two[527] boats[83] in[107] his[433] wake[205], and[236] he[362] supposed[423],
no[235] doubt[71], that[14] they[382] would[282] of[89] course[171] come[420] up[405] to[261] Pip[238] very[515] quickly[183],
and[236] pick[447] him[248] up[405]; though[400], indeed[522], such[420] considerations[88] towards[417]
oarsmen[59] jeopardized[209] through[295] their[219] own[248] timidity[315], is[487] not[518]
always[367] manifested[440] by[406] the[19] hunters[423] in[107] all[145] similar[101] instances[252];
and[236] such[420] instances[252] not[518] unfrequently[198] occur[512]; almost[518] invariably[55]
in[107] the[19] fishery[136], a[10] coward[92], so[281] called[237], is[487] marked[67] with[449] the[19] same[541]
ruthless[435] detestation[95] peculiar[291] to[261] military[317] navies[27] and[236] armies[50].

But[330] it[162] so[281] happened[156], that[14] those[427] boats[83], without[309] seeing[426] Pip[238],
suddenly[193] spying[377] whales[331] close[65] to[261] them[146] on[392] one[470] side[246], turned[492],
and[236] gave[572] chase[89]; and[236] Stubb's[483] boat[439] was[454] now[20] so[281] far[258] away[443],
and[236] he[362] and[236] all[145] his[433] crew[126] so[281] intent[359] upon[419] his[433] fish[187], that[14] Pip[238]'s[483]
ringed[379] horizon[516] began[132] to[261] expand[254] around[66] him[248] miserably[233].
By[406] the[19] merest[227] chance[292] the[19] ship[438] itself[312] at[65] last[436] rescued[29] him[248];
but[330] from[316] that[14] hour[384] the[19] little[554] negro[102] went[516] about[123] the[19] deck[505] an[138] idiot[475];
such[420], at[65] least[453], they[382] said[252] he[362] was[454]. The[19] sea[67] had[364] jeeringly[196] kept[290]
his[433] finite[507] body[348] up[405], but[330] drowned[83] the[19] infinite[503] of[89] his[433] soul[428].
Not[518] drowned[83] entirely[148], though[400]. Rather[178] carried[232] down[133] alive[298]
to[261] wondrous[30] depths[416], where[579] strange[440] shapes[525] of[89] the[19] unwarped[255]
primal[177] world[126] glided[152] to[261] and[236] fro[183] before[344] his[433] passive[84] eyes[125];
and[236] the[19] miser[166]-merman[289], Wisdom[380], revealed[530] his[433] hoarded[405] heaps[86];
and[236] among[483] the[19] joyous[396], heartless[190], ever[208]-juvenile eternities[83],
Pip[238] saw[113] the[19] multitudinous[317], God[185]-omnipresent, coral[22] insects[371],
that[14] out[66] of[89] the[19] firmament[181] of[89] waters[556] heaved[52] the[19] colossal[396] orbs[501].
He[362] saw[113] God[185]'s[483] foot[467] upon[419] the[19] treadle[396] of[89] the[19] loom[280], and[236] spoke[185] it[162];
and[236] therefore[94] his[433] shipmates[98] called[237] him[248] mad[235]. So[281] man[17]'s[415] insanity[115]
is[487] heaven[163]'s[483] sense[85]; and[236] wandering[530] from[316] all[145] mortal[371] reason[238],
man[17] comes[268] at[65] last[436] to[261] that[14] celestial[437] thought[186], which[16], to[261] reason[238],
is[487] absurd[142] and[236] frantic[211]; and[236] weal[58] or[519] woe[295], feels[450] then[45] uncompromised[136],
indifferent[255] as[113] his[433] God[185].

For[190] the[19] rest[302] blame[337] not[518] Stubb too[11] hardly[182]. The[19] thing[309] is[487] common[304]
in[107] that[14] fishery[136]; and[236] in[107] the[19] sequel[124] of[89] the[19] narrative[81], it[162] will[584] then[45]
be[341] seen[154] what[243] like[410] abandonment[102] befell[129] myself[99].

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A[10] Squeeze[59] of[89] the[19] Hand[252]

That[14] whale[422] of[89] Stubb's[483], so[281] dearly[450] purchased[188], was[454] duly[163] brought[85]
to[261] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] side[246], where[579] all[145] those[427] cutting[454] and[236] hoisting[50]
operations[181] previously[250] detailed[117], were[324] regularly[37] gone[190] through[295],
even[198] to[261] the[19] baling[369] of[89] the[19] Heidelburgh Tun[345], or[519] Case[346].

While[55] some[265] were[324] occupied[262] with[449] this[256] latter[497] duty[468], others[317] were[324] employed[263]
in[107] dragging[248] away[443] the[19] larger[50] tubs[410], so[281] soon[18] as[113] filled[232] with[449] the[19] sperm[26];
and[236] when[189] the[19] proper[249] time[577] arrived[553], this[256] same[541] sperm[26] was[454] carefully[374]
manipulated[196] ere[83] going[227] to[261] the[19] try[266]-works[64], of[89] which[16] anon[88].

It[162] had[364] cooled[565] and[236] crystallized[336] to[261] such[420] a[10] degree[209], that[14] when[189],
with[449] several[479] others[317], I[482] sat[77] down[133] before[344] a[10] large[385] Constantine's[483]
bath[453] of[89] it[162], I[482] found[260] it[162] strangely[155] concreted[320] into[554] lumps[85],
here[135] and[236] there[340] rolling[253] about[123] in[107] the[19] liquid[345] part[207].
It[162] was[454] our[234] business[168] to[261] squeeze[59] these[527] lumps[85] back[457] into[554] fluid[212].
A[10] sweet[417] and[236] unctuous[322] duty[468]! No[235] wonder[76] that[14] in[107] old[447] times[121] this[256]
sperm[26] was[454] such[420] a[10] favorite[461] cosmetic[58]. Such[420] a[10] clearer[557]! such[420]
a[10] sweetener[4]! such[420] a[10] softener[568]; such[420] a[10] delicious[142] mollifier!
After[358] having[69] my[36] hands[87] in[107] it[162] for[190] only[517] a[10] few[49] minutes[368], my[36] fingers[345] felt[440]
like[410] eels[141], and[236] began[132], as[113] it[162] were[324], to[261] serpentine[414] and[236] spiralize.

As[113] I[482] sat[77] there[340] at[65] my[36] ease[387], cross[416]-legged[350] on[392] the[19] deck[505]; after[358] the[19] bitter[236]
exertion[106] at[65] the[19] windlass[231]; under[533] a[10] blue[240] tranquil[181] sky[331]; the[19] ship[438]
under[533] indolent[53] sail[218], and[236] gliding[248] so[281] serenely[136] along[423]; as[113] I[482] bathed[120]
my[36] hands[87] among[483] those[427] soft[226], gentle[439] globules[20] of[89] infiltrated[357] tissues[20],
woven[26] almost[518] within[503] the[19] hour[384]; as[113] they[382] richly[311] broke[356] to[261] my[36] fingers[345],
and[236] discharged[509] all[145] their[219] opulence[153], like[410] fully[530] ripe[238] grapes[69]
their[219] wine[102]; as[113]. I[482] snuffed[250] up[405] that[14] uncontaminated[399] aroma[210],--
literally[37] and[236] truly[530], like[410] the[19] smell[124] of[89] spring[148] violets[284];
I[482] declare[167] to[261] you[227], that[14] for[190] the[19] time[577] I[482] lived[415] as[113] in[107] a[10] musky[280] meadow[310];
I[482] forgot[526] all[145] about[123] our[234] horrible[398] oath[115]; in[107] that[14] inexpressible[480] sperm[26],

I[482] washed[479] my[36] hands[87] and[236] my[36] heart[470] of[89] it[162]; I[482] almost[518] began[132] to[261] credit[78]
the[19] old[447] Paracelsan superstition[268] that[14] sperm[26] is[487] of[89] rare[296] virtue[16]
in[107] allaying[247] the[19] heat[218] of[89] anger[282]; while[55] bathing[183] in[107] that[14] bath[453],
I[482] felt[440] divinely[395] free[483] from[316] all[145] ill[236]-will[584], or[519] petulance[69], or[519] malice[157],
of[89] any[501] sort[42] whatsoever[268].

Squeeze[59]! squeeze[59]! squeeze[59]! all[145] the[19] morning[417] long[544]; I[482] squeezed[306]
that[14] sperm[26] till[181] I[482] myself[99] almost[518] melted[145] into[554] it[162]; I[482] squeezed[306]
that[14] sperm[26] till[181] a[10] strange[440] sort[42] of[89] insanity[115] came[549] over[82] me[2];
and[236] I[482] found[260] myself[99] unwittingly[413] squeezing[485] my[36] co-laborers[426]'
hands[87] in[107] it[162], mistaking[243] their[219] hands[87] for[190] the[19] gentle[439] globules[20].
Such[420] an[138] abounding[143], affectionate[57], friendly[495], loving[309] feeling[384] did[444]
this[256] avocation[211] beget[415]; that[14] at[65] last[436] I[482] was[454] continually[303] squeezing[485]
their[219] hands[87], and[236] looking[318] up[405] into[554] their[219] eyes[125] sentimentally[44];
as[113] much[61] as[113] to[261] say[306],--Oh[367]! my[36] dear[333] fellow[369] beings[6], why[177] should[255] we[465] longer[559]
cherish[181] any[501] social[149] acerbities, or[519] know[60] the[19] slightest[44] ill[236]-humor[345]
or[519] envy[388]! Come[420]; let[66] us[569] squeeze[59] hands[87] all[145] round[287]; nay[358], let[66] us[569]
all[145] squeeze[59] ourselves[15] into[554] each[520] other[282]; let[66] us[569] squeeze[59] ourselves[15]
universally[403] into[554] the[19] very[515] milk[362] and[236] sperm[26] of[89] kindness[376].

Would[282] that[14] I[482] could[375] keep[381] squeezing[485] that[14] sperm[26] for[190] ever[208]!
For[190] now[20], since[374] by[406] many[282] prolonged[246], repeated[381] experiences[93],
I[482] have[254] perceived[76] that[14] in[107] all[145] cases[108] man[17] must[226] eventually[163] lower[47],
or[519] at[65] least[453] shift[70], his[433] conceit[58] of[89] attainable[104] felicity[259];
not[518] placing[287] it[162] anywhere[436] in[107] the[19] intellect[229] or[519] the[19] fancy[396];
but[330] in[107] the[19] wife[37], the[19] heart[470], the[19] bed[273], the[19] table[572], the[19] saddle[182],
the[19] fire[559]-side[246]; the[19] country[362]; now[20] that[14] I[482] have[254] perceived[76] all[145] this[256],
I[482] am[375] ready[464] to[261] squeeze[59] case[346] eternally[86]. In[107] thoughts[26] of[89] the[19]
visions[193] of[89] the[19] night[108], I[482] saw[113] long[544] rows[375] of[89] angels[29] in[107] paradise[215],
each[520] with[449] his[433] hands[87] in[107] a[10] jar[408] of[89] spermaceti[283].

Now[20], while[55] discoursing[159] of[89] sperm[26] it[162] behooves[268] to[261] speak[337] of[89] other[282] things[4] akin[273]
to[261] it[162], in[107] the[19] business[168] of[89] preparing[52] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422] for[190] the[19] try[266]-works[64].

First[13] comes[268] white[82]-horse[409], so[281] called[237], which[16] is[487] obtained[186] from[316] the[19] tapering[416]
part[207] of[89] the[19] fish[187], and[236] also[119] from[316] the[19] thicker[318] portions[315] of[89] his[433] flukes[155].
It[162] is[487] tough[241] with[449] congealed[109] tendons[454]--a[10] wad[352] of[89] muscle[246]--but[330] still[278] contains[81]
some[265] oil[118]. After[358] being[264] severed[232] from[316] the[19] whale[422], the[19] white[82]-horse[409]
is[487] first[13] cut[310] into[554] portable[120] oblongs[25] ere[83] going[227] to[261] the[19] mincer.
They[382] look[523] much[61] like[410] blocks[6] of[89] Berkshire[44] marble[364].

Plum-pudding[176] is[487] the[19] term[416] bestowed[157] upon[419] certain[31] fragmentary[248] parts[470] of[89]
the[19] whale[422]'s[483] flesh[331], here[135] and[236] there[340] adhering[163] to[261] the[19] blanket[115] of[89] blubber[232],
and[236] often[227] participating[441] to[261] a[10] considerable[75] degree[209] in[107] its[234] unctuousness[83].
It[162] is[487] a[10] most[216] refreshing[24], convivial[355], beautiful[239] object[100] to[261] behold[525].
As[113] its[234] name[477] imports[206], it[162] is[487] of[89] an[138] exceedingly[257] rich[531], mottled[70] tint[205], with[449] a[10]
bestreaked[248] snowy[152] and[236] golden[508] ground[127], dotted[399] with[449] spots[8] of[89] the[19] deepest[494]
crimson[26] and[236] purple[167]. It[162] is[487] plums[22] of[89] rubies[491], in[107] pictures[371] of[89] citron[520].
Spite[431] of[89] reason[238], it[162] is[487] hard[337] to[261] keep[381] yourself[176] from[316] eating[22] it[162].
I[482] confess[315], that[14] once[248] I[482] stole[135] behind[80] the[19] foremast[331] to[261] try[266] it[162].
It[162] tasted[356] something[181] as[113] I[482] should[255] conceive[133] a[10] royal[161] cutlet[541] from[316]
the[19] thigh[108] of[89] Louis[264] le[489] Gros[410] might[496] have[254] tasted[356], supposing[247] him[248]
to[261] have[254] been[185] killed[409] the[19] first[13] day[112] after[358] the[19] venison[359] season[248],
and[236] that[14] particular[336] venison[359] season[248] contemporary[145] with[449] an[138] unusually[35]
fine[333] vintage[341] of[89] the[19] vineyards[446] of[89] Champagne[434].

There[340] is[487] another[269] substance[316], and[236] a[10] very[515] singular[216] one[470], which[16] turns[136]
up[405] in[107] the[19] course[171] of[89] this[256] business[168], but[330] which[16] I[482] feel[461] it[162] to[261] be[341]
very[515] puzzling[76] adequately[367] to[261] describe[54]. It[162] is[487] called[237] slobgollion;
an[138] appellation[84] original[463] with[449] the[19] whalemen[451], and[236] even[198] so[281] is[487]
the[19] nature[159] of[89] the[19] substance[316]. It[162] is[487] an[138] ineffably[127] oozy[286],
stringy[516] affair[388], most[216] frequently[475] found[260] in[107] the[19] tubs[410] of[89] sperm[26],
after[358] a[10] prolonged[246] squeezing[485], and[236] subsequent[312] decanting[259].
I[482] hold[204] it[162] to[261] be[341] the[19] wondrously[394] thin[445], ruptured[251] membranes[212]
of[89] the[19] case[346], coalescing[362].

Gurry[4], so[281] called[237], is[487] a[10] term[416] properly[93] belonging[168] to[261] right[499] whalemen[451],
but[330] sometimes[77] incidentally[261] used[102] by[406] the[19] sperm[26] fishermen[24].
It[162] designates[81] the[19] dark[471], glutinous[268] substance[316] which[16] is[487] scraped[122] off[111]
the[19] back[457] of[89] the[19] Greenland[110] or[519] right[499] whale[422], and[236] much[61] of[89] which[16] covers[454]
the[19] decks[386] of[89] those[427] inferior[84] souls[82] who[319] hunt[418] that[14] ignoble[38] Leviathan[384].

Nippers[4]. Strictly[303] this[256] word[486] is[487] not[518] indigenous[265] to[261] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] vocabulary[127].
But[330] as[113] applied[122] by[406] whalemen[451], it[162] becomes[314] so[281]. A[10] whaleman[98]'s[483] nipper[294]
is[487] a[10] short[522] firm[415] strip[396] of[89] tendinous[25] stuff[471] cut[310] from[316] the[19] tapering[416]
part[207] of[89] Leviathan[384]'s[483] tail[102]: it[162] averages[445] an[138] inch[65] in[107] thickness[280],
and[236] for[190] the[19] rest[302], is[487] about[123] the[19] size[503] of[89] the[19] iron[169] part[207] of[89] a[10] hoe[576].
Edgewise[279] moved[492] along[423] the[19] oily[212] deck[505], it[162] operates[69] like[410] a[10] leathern[427] squilgee;
and[236] by[406] nameless[427] blandishments[125], as[113] of[89] magic[54], allures[285] along[423] with[449]
it[162] all[145] impurities[378].

But[330] to[261] learn[341] all[145] about[123] these[527] recondite[305] matters[515], your[162] best[315] way[435] is[487] at[65] once[248]
to[261] descend[252] into[554] the[19] blubber[232]-room[65], and[236] have[254] a[10] long[544] talk[173] with[449] its[234] inmates[480].

This[256] place[107] has[399] previously[250] been[185] mentioned[149] as[113] the[19] receptacle[122] for[190] the[19] blanket[115]-pieces[283], when[189] stript[292] and[236] hoisted[367] from[316] the[19] whale[422]. When[189] the[19] proper[249] time[577] arrives[50] for[190] cutting[454] up[405] its[234] contents[347], this[256] apartment[18] is[487] a[10] scene[228] of[89] terror[85] to[261] all[145] tyros[303], especially[371] by[406] night[108]. On[392] one[470] side[246], lit[26] by[406] a[10] dull[546] lantern[220], a[10] space[468] has[399] been[185] left[159] clear[408] for[190] the[19] workmen[196]. They[382] generally[402] go[20] in[107] pairs[282],--a[10] pike[412]-and[236]-gaffman and[236] a[10] spade[19]-man[17]. The[19] whaling[155]-pike[412] is[487] similar[101] to[261] a[10] frigate[44]'s[483] boarding[155]-weapon[223] of[89] the[19] same[541] name[477]. The[19] gaff[98] is[487] something[181] like[410] a[10] boat[439]-hook[213]. With[449] his[433] gaff[98], the[19] gaffman hooks[561] on[392] to[261] a[10] sheet[327] of[89] blubber[232], and[236] strives[83] to[261] hold[204] it[162] from[316] slipping[522], as[113] the[19] ship[438] pitches[83] and[236] lurches[498] about[123]. Meanwhile[282], the[19] spade[19]-man[17] stands[256] on[392] the[19] sheet[327] itself[312], perpendicularly[41] chopping[299] it[162] into[554] the[19] portable[120] horse[409]-pieces[283]. This[256] spade[19] is[487] sharp[427] as[113] hone[493] can[450] make[175] it[162]; the[19] spademan's[483] feet[349] are[314] shoeless[86]; the[19] thing[309] he[362] stands[256] on[392] will[584] sometimes[77] irresistibly[41] slide[118] away[443] from[316] him[248], like[410] a[10] sledge[398]. If[141] he[362] cuts[26] off[111] one[470] of[89] his[433] own[248] toes[557], or[519] one[470] of[89] his[433] assistants[346]', would[282] you[227] be[341] very[515] much[61] astonished[260]? Toes[557] are[314] scarce[462] among[483] veteran[122] blubber[232]-room[65] men[62].

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The[19] Cassock[323]

Had[364] you[227] stepped[306] on[392] board[540] the[19] Pequod[288] at[65] a[10] certain[31] juncture[53] of[89] this[256] post[2]-mortemizing of[89] the[19] whale[422]; and[236] had[364] you[227] strolled[91] forward[364] nigh[254] the[19] windlass[231], pretty[252] sure[41] am[375] I[482] that[14] you[227] would[282] have[254] scanned[224] with[449] no[235] small[350] curiosity[501] a[10] very[515] strange[440], enigmatical[204] object[100], which[16] you[227] would[282] have[254] seen[154] there[340], lying[204] along[423] lengthwise[288] in[107] the[19] lee[472] scuppers[98]. Not[518] the[19] wondrous[30] cistern[141] in[107] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] huge[132] head[219]; not[518] the[19] prodigy[13] of[89] his[433] unhinged[70] lower[47] jaw[213]; not[518] the[19] miracle[309] of[89] his[433] symmetrical[336] tail[102]; none[365] of[89] these[527] would[282] so[281] surprise[125] you[227], as[113] half[119] a[10] glimpse[12] of[89] that[14] unaccountable[316] cone[117],--longer[559] than[77] a[10] Kentuckian[353] is[487] tall[373], nigh[254] a[10] foot[467] in[107] diameter[350] at[65] the[19] base[258], and[236] jet[423]-black[581] as[113] Yojo, the[19] ebony[59] idol[191] of[89] Queequeg. And[236] an[138] idol[191], indeed[522], it[162] is[487]; or[519] rather[178], in[107] old[447] times[121], its[234] likeness[460] was[454]. Such[420] an[138] idol[191] as[113] that[14] found[260] in[107] the[19] secret[409] groves[130] of[89] Queen[443] Maachah[227] in[107] Judea[235]; and[236] for[190] worshipping[186] which[16], King[324] Asa[331], her[400] son[26], did[444] depose[172] her[400], and[236] destroyed[197] the[19] idol[191], and[236] burnt[37] it[162] for[190] an[138] abomination[137] at[65] the[19] brook[490] Kedron[402], as[113] darkly[371] set[422] forth[152] in[107] the[19] 15th[38] chapter[293] of[89] the[19] First[13] Book[230] of[89] Kings[474].

Look[523] at[65] the[19] sailor[561], called[237] the[19] mincer, who[319] now[20] comes[268] along[423], and[236] assisted[84] by[406] two[527] allies[31], heavily[227] backs[480] the[19] grandissimus, as[113] the[19] mariners[347] call[259] it[162], and[236] with[449] bowed[26] shoulders[476], staggers[241] off[111] with[449] it[162] as[113] if[141] he[362] were[324] a[10] grenadier[4] carrying[103] a[10] dead[568] comrade[148] from[316] the[19] field[275]. Extending[231] it[162] upon[419] the[19] forecastle[367] deck[505], he[362] now[20] proceeds[215] cylindrically[25] to[261] remove[306] its[234] dark[471] pelt[83], as[113] an[138] African[117] hunter[287] the[19] pelt[83] of[89] a[10] boa[181]. This[256] done[135] he[362] turns[136] the[19] pelt[83] inside[438] out[66], like[410] a[10] pantaloon[83] leg[331]; gives[529] it[162] a[10] good[221] stretching[413], so[281] as[113] almost[518] to[261] double[20] its[234] diameter[350]; and[236] at[65] last[436] hangs[170] it[162], well[263] spread[348], in[107] the[19] rigging[516], to[261] dry[430]. Ere[83] long[544], it[162] is[487] taken[222] down[133]; when[189] removing[46] some[265] three[329] feet[349] of[89] it[162], towards[417] the[19] pointed[413] extremity[410], and[236] then[45] cutting[454] two[527] slits[270] for[190] arm[25]-holes[41] at[65] the[19] other[282] end[149], he[362] lengthwise[288] slips[437] himself[282] bodily[172] into[554] it[162]. The[19] mincer now[20] stands[256] before[344] you[227] invested[60] in[107] the[19] full[414] canonicals[191] of[89] his[433] calling[56]. Immemorial[52] to[261] all[145] his[433] order[343], this[256] investiture[256] alone[2] will[584] adequately[367] protect[77] him[248], while[55] employed[263] in[107] the[19] peculiar[291] functions[82] of[89] his[433] office[256].

That[14] office[256] consists[303] in[107] mincing[237] the[19] horse[409]-pieces[283] of[89] blubber[232] for[190] the[19] pots[184]; an[138] operation[261] which[16] is[487] conducted[269] at[65] a[10] curious[264] wooden[35] horse[409], planted[82] endwise[10] against[417] the[19] bulwarks[411], and[236] with[449] a[10] capacious[449] tub[339] beneath[320] it[162], into[554] which[16] the[19] minced[487] pieces[283] drop[22], fast[208] as[113] the[19] sheets[281] from[316] a[10] rapt[86] orator[332]'s[483] desk[294]. Arrayed[155] in[107] decent[136] black[581]; occupying[288] a[10] conspicuous[460] pulpit[107]; intent[359] on[392] bible[253] leaves[441]; what[243] a[10] candidate[368] for[190] an[138] archbishopric[4], what[243] a[10] lad[342] for[190] a[10] Pope[44] were[324] this[256] mincer!*

* Bible[253] leaves[441]! Bible[253] leaves[441]! This[256] is[487] the[19] invariable[261] cry[561] from[316] the[19] mates[264] to[261] the[19] mincer. It[162] enjoins[13] him[248] to[261] be[341] careful[252], and[236] cut[310] his[433] work[385] into[554] as[113] thin[445] slices[135] as[113] possible[277], inasmuch[110] as[113] by[406] so[281] doing[227] the[19] business[168] of[89] boiling[99] out[66] the[19] oil[118] is[487] much[61] accelerated[154], and[236] its[234] quantity[316] considerably[110] increased[406], besides[465] perhaps[75] improving[415] it[162] in[107] quality[127].

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The[19] Try[266]-Works[64]

Besides[465] her[400] hoisted[367] boats[83], an[138] American[272] whaler[91] is[487] outwardly[137] distinguished[365] by[406] her[400] try[266]-works[64]. She[391] presents[256] the[19] curious[264] anomaly[247] of[89] the[19] most[216] solid[494] masonry[210] joining[305] with[449] oak[170] and[236] hemp[245] in[107] constituting[412] the[19] completed[102] ship[438].

It[162] is[487] as[113] if[141] from[316] the[19] open[464] field[275] a[10] brick[335]-kiln were[324] transported[546] to[261] her[400] planks[284].

The[19] try[266]-works[64] are[314] planted[82] between[77] the[19] foremast[331] and[236] mainmast[323], the[19] most[216] roomy[282] part[207] of[89] the[19] deck[505]. The[19] timbers[125] beneath[320] are[314] of[89] a[10] peculiar[291] strength[168], fitted[200] to[261] sustain[264] the[19] weight[213] of[89] an[138] almost[518] solid[494] mass[36] of[89] brick[335] and[236] mortar[10], some[265] ten[198] feet[349] by[406] eight[316] square[302], and[236] five[103] in[107] height[20]. The[19] foundation[42] does[565] not[518] penetrate[140] the[19] deck[505], but[330] the[19] masonry[210] is[487] firmly[308] secured[284] to[261] the[19] surface[328] by[406] ponderous[213] knees[214] of[89] iron[169] bracing[336] it[162] on[392] all[145] sides[331], and[236] screwing[284] it[162] down[133] to[261] the[19] timbers[125]. On[392] the[19] flanks[46] it[162] is[487] cased[249] with[449] wood[46], and[236] at[65] top[70] completely[385] covered[452] by[406] a[10] large[385], sloping[135], battened[88] hatchway[64].
Removing[46] this[256] hatch[241] we[465] expose[58] the[19] great[259] try[266]-pots[184], two[527] in[107] number[196], and[236] each[520] of[89] several[479] barrels[368]' capacity[23]. When[189] not[518] in[107] use[176], they[382] are[314] kept[290] remarkably[106] clean[26]. Sometimes[77] they[382] are[314] polished[370] with[449] soapstone[283] and[236] sand[380], till[181] they[382] shine[262] within[503] like[410] silver[205] punchbowls.
During[309] the[19] night[108]-watches[192] some[265] cynical[267] old[447] sailors[64] will[584] crawl[445] into[554] them[146] and[236] coil[32] themselves[510] away[443] there[340] for[190] a[10] nap[484].
While[55] employed[263] in[107] polishing[151] them[146]--one[470] man[17] in[107] each[520] pot[209], side[246] by[406] side[246]--many[282] confidential[147] communications[296] are[314] carried[232] on[392], over[82] the[19] iron[169] lips[585].
It[162] is[487] a[10] place[107] also[119] for[190] profound[371] mathematical[368] meditation[21].
It[162] was[454] in[107] the[19] left[159] hand[252] try[266]-pot[209] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288], with[449] the[19] soapstone[283] diligently[344] circling[504] round[287] me[2], that[14] I[482] was[454] first[13] indirectly[155] struck[441] by[406] the[19] remarkable[381] fact[12], that[14] in[107] geometry[112] all[145] bodies[392] gliding[248] along[423] the[19] cycloid[172], my[36] soapstone[283] for[190] example[479], will[584] descend[252] from[316] any[501] point[438] in[107] precisely[217] the[19] same[541] time[577].

Removing[46] the[19] fire[559]-board[540] from[316] the[19] front[196] of[89] the[19] try[266]-works[64], the[19] bare[245] masonry[210] of[89] that[14] side[246] is[487] exposed[356], penetrated[300] by[406] the[19] two[527] iron[169] mouths[26] of[89] the[19] furnaces[6], directly[58] underneath[224] the[19] pots[184].
These[527] mouths[26] are[314] fitted[200] with[449] heavy[421] doors[77] of[89] iron[169]. The[19] intense[89] heat[218] of[89] the[19] fire[559] is[487] prevented[11] from[316] communicating[21] itself[312] to[261] the[19] deck[505], by[406] means[502] of[89] a[10] shallow[397] reservoir[320] extending[231] under[533] the[19] entire[230] inclosed[88] surface[328] of[89] the[19] works[64]. By[406] a[10] tunnel[86] inserted[102] at[65] the[19] rear[252], this[256] reservoir[320] is[487] kept[290] replenished[198] with[449] water[520] as[113] fast[208] as[113] it[162] evaporates[203].
There[340] are[314] no[235] external[386] chimneys[243]; they[382] open[464] direct[314] from[316] the[19] rear[252] wall[509].
And[236] here[135] let[66] us[569] go[20] back[457] for[190] a[10] moment[258].

It[162] was[454] about[123] nine[140] o[24]'clock[489] at[65] night[108] that[14] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] try[266]-works[64] were[324] first[13] started[492] on[392] this[256] present[112] voyage[137].
It[162] belonged[455] to[261] Stubb to[261] oversee[24] the[19] business[168].

"All[145] ready[464] there[340]? Off[111] hatch[241], then[45], and[236] start[117] her[400]. You[227] cook[41], fire[559] the[19] works[64]." This[256] was[454] an[138] easy[281] thing[309], for[190] the[19] carpenter[262] had[364] been[185] thrusting[100] his[433] shavings[117] into[554] the[19] furnace[123] throughout[159] the[19] passage[285].
Here[135] be[341] it[162] said[252] that[14] in[107] a[10] whaling[155] voyage[137] the[19] first[13] fire[559] in[107] the[19] try[266]-works[64] has[399] to[261] be[341] fed[491] for[190] a[10] time[577] with[449] wood[46]. After[358] that[14] no[235] wood[46] is[487] used[102], except[545] as[113] a[10] means[502] of[89] quick[241] ignition[25] to[261] the[19] staple[41] fuel[84].
In[107] a[10] word[486], after[358] being[264] tried[73] out[66], the[19] crisp[519], shrivelled[259] blubber[232], now[20] called[237] scraps[250] or[519] fritters[292], still[278] contains[81] considerable[75] of[89] its[234] unctuous[322] properties[161]. These[527] fritters[292] feed[252] the[19] flames[74].
Like[410] a[10] plethoric[91] burning[70] martyr[58], or[519] a[10] self[442]-consuming[246] misanthrope[547], once[248] ignited[350], the[19] whale[422] supplies[169] his[433] own[248] fuel[84] and[236] burns[160] by[406] his[433] own[248] body[348].
Would[282] that[14] he[362] consumed[78] his[433] own[248] smoke[99]! for[190] his[433] smoke[99] is[487] horrible[398] to[261] inhale[339], and[236] inhale[339] it[162] you[227] must[226], and[236] not[518] only[517] that[14], but[330] you[227] must[226] live[554] in[107] it[162] for[190] the[19] time[577]. It[162] has[399] an[138] unspeakable[4], wild[230], Hindoo[247] odor[482] about[123] it[162], such[420] as[113] may[236] lurk[246] in[107] the[19] vicinity[208] of[89] funereal[345] pyres[78].
It[162] smells[422] like[410] the[19] left[159] wing[101] of[89] the[19] day[112] of[89] judgment[83]; it[162] is[487] an[138] argument[195] for[190] the[19] pit[223].

By[406] midnight[539] the[19] works[64] were[324] in[107] full[414] operation[261].
We[465] were[324] clear[408] from[316] the[19] carcass[398]; sail[218] had[364] been[185] made[563]; the[19] wind[262] was[454] freshening[354]; the[19] wild[230] ocean[224] darkness[493] was[454] intense[89].
But[330] that[14] darkness[493] was[454] licked[181] up[405] by[406] the[19] fierce[394] flames[74], which[16] at[65] intervals[295] forked[386] forth[152] from[316] the[19] sooty[213] flues[291], and[236] illuminated[127] every[389] lofty[161] rope[265] in[107] the[19] rigging[516], as[113] with[449] the[19] famed[416] Greek[261] fire[559].
The[19] burning[70] ship[438] drove[427] on[392], as[113] if[141] remorselessly[364] commissioned[102] to[261] some[265] vengeful[504] deed[101]. So[281] the[19] pitch[115] and[236] sulphur[155]-freighted[12] brigs[231] of[89] the[19] bold[356] Hydriote[110], Canaris[41], issuing[309] from[316] their[219] midnight[539] harbors[348], with[449] broad[267] sheets[281] of[89] flame[113] for[190] sails[344], bore[27] down[133] upon[419] the[19] Turkish[124] frigates[263], and[236] folded[305] them[146] in[107] conflagrations[264].

The[19] hatch[241], removed[447] from[316] the[19] top[70] of[89] the[19] works[64], now[20] afforded[37] a[10] wide[465] hearth[61] in[107] front[196] of[89] them[146]. Standing[144] on[392] this[256] were[324] the[19] Tartarean[38] shapes[525] of[89] the[19] pagan[118] harpooneers, always[367] the[19] whale[422]-ship[98]'s[483] stokers[293].
With[449] huge[132] pronged[327] poles[122] they[382] pitched[101] hissing[403] masses[361] of[89] blubber[232] into[554] the[19] scalding[181] pots[184], or[519] stirred[101] up[405] the[19] fires[75] beneath[320], till[181] the[19] snaky[110] flames[74] darted[362], curling[27], out[66] of[89] the[19] doors[77] to[261] catch[523] them[146] by[406] the[19] feet[349].
The[19] smoke[99] rolled[226] away[443] in[107] sullen[335] heaps[86]. To[261] every[389] pitch[115] of[89] the[19] ship[438] there[340] was[454] a[10] pitch[115] of[89] the[19] boiling[99] oil[118], which[16] seemed[132] all[145] eagerness[275] to[261] leap[342] into[554] their[219] faces[97]. Opposite[107] the[19] mouth[414] of[89] the[19] works[64], on[392] the[19] further[53] side[246] of[89] the[19] wide[465] wooden[35] hearth[61], was[454] the[19] windlass[231].
This[256] served[460] for[190] a[10] sea[67]-sofa[34]. Here[135] lounged[293] the[19] watch[89], when[189] not[518] otherwise[542] employed[263], looking[318] into[554] the[19] red[293] heat[218] of[89] the[19] fire[559],

till[181] their[219] eyes[125] felt[440] scorched[253] in[107] their[219] heads[366]. Their[219] tawny[398] features[150],
now[20] all[145] begrimed[359] with[449] smoke[99] and[236] sweat[132], their[219] matted[2] beards[306],
and[236] the[19] contrasting[286] barbaric[559] brilliancy[4] of[89] their[219] teeth[82], all[145] these[527] were[324]
strangely[155] revealed[530] in[107] the[19] capricious[6] emblazonings of[89] the[19] works[64].
As[113] they[382] narrated[283] to[261] each[520] other[282] their[219] unholy[483] adventures[266], their[219] tales[527]
of[89] terror[85] told[82] in[107] words[107] of[89] mirth[457]; as[113] their[219] uncivilized[163] laughter[151]
forked[386] upwards[110] out[66] of[89] them[146], like[410] the[19] flames[74] from[316] the[19] furnace[123];
as[113] to[261] and[236] fro[183], in[107] their[219] front[196], the[19] harpooneers wildly[356] gesticulated[502]
with[449] their[219] huge[132] pronged[327] forks[282] and[236] dippers[39]; as[113] the[19] wind[262] howled[333] on[392],
and[236] the[19] sea[67] leaped[314], and[236] the[19] ship[438] groaned[233] and[236] dived[149], and[236] yet[443] steadfastly[106]
shot[443] her[400] red[293] hell[169] further[53] and[236] further[53] into[554] the[19] blackness[448] of[89] the[19] sea[67]
and[236] the[19] night[108], and[236] scornfully[78] champed[315] the[19] white[82] bone[184] in[107] her[400] mouth[414],
and[236] viciously[494] spat[115] round[287] her[400] on[392] all[145] sides[331]; then[45] the[19] rushing[344] Pequod[288],
freighted[12] with[449] savages[247], and[236] laden[126] with[449] fire[559], and[236] burning[70] a[10] corpse[133],
and[236] plunging[93] into[554] that[14] blackness[448] of[89] darkness[493], seemed[132] the[19] material[161]
counterpart[350] of[89] her[400] monomaniac[336] commander[108]'s[483] soul[428].

So[281] seemed[132] it[162] to[261] me[2], as[113] I[482] stood[1] at[65] her[400] helm[285], and[236] for[190] long[544]
hours[127] silently[533] guided[284] the[19] way[435] of[89] this[256] fire[559]-ship[263] on[392] the[19] sea[67].
Wrapped[99], for[190] that[14] interval[114], in[107] darkness[493] myself[99], I[482] but[330] the[19] better[34]
saw[113] the[19] redness[210], the[19] madness[282], the[19] ghastliness[310] of[89] others[317].
The[19] continual[222] sight[365] of[89] the[19] fiend[59] shapes[525] before[344] me[2], capering[183] half[119]
in[107] smoke[99] and[236] half[119] in[107] fire[559], these[527] at[65] last[436] begat[217] kindred[402] visions[193]
in[107] my[36] soul[428], so[281] soon[18] as[113] I[482] began[132] to[261] yield[39] to[261] that[14] unaccountable[316]
drowsiness[180] which[16] ever[208] would[282] come[420] over[82] me[2] at[65] a[10] midnight[539] helm[285].

But[330] that[14] night[108], in[107] particular[336], a[10] strange[440] (and[236] ever[208] since[374] inexplicable[367])
thing[309] occurred[205] to[261] me[2]. Starting[423] from[316] a[10] brief[59] standing[144] sleep[233],
I[482] was[454] horribly[375] conscious[443] of[89] something[181] fatally[394] wrong[70].
The[19] jaw[213]-bone[278] tiller[445] smote[261] my[36] side[246], which[16] leaned[265] against[417] it[162]; in[107] my[36]
ears[560] was[454] the[19] low[407] hum[345] of[89] sails[344], just[108] beginning[188] to[261] shake[180] in[107] the[19] wind[262];
I[482] thought[186] my[36] eyes[125] were[324] open[464]; I[482] was[454] half[119] conscious[443] of[89] putting[243]
my[36] fingers[345] to[261] the[19] lids[143] and[236] mechanically[143] stretching[413] them[146] still[278]
further[53] apart[526]. But[330], spite[431] of[89] all[145] this[256], I[482] could[375] see[370] no[235] compass[463]
before[344] me[2] to[261] steer[426] by[406]; though[400] it[162] seemed[132] but[330] a[10] minute[236] since[374] I[482] had[364] been[185]
watching[330] the[19] card[351], by[406] the[19] steady[21] binnacle[98] lamp[330] illuminating[446] it[162].
Nothing[324] seemed[132] before[344] me[2] but[330] a[10] jet[423] gloom[7], now[20] and[236] then[45] made[563]
ghastly[442] by[406] flashes[12] of[89] redness[210]. Uppermost[226] was[454] the[19] impression[219],
that[14] whatever[38] swift[376], rushing[344] thing[309] I[482] stood[1] on[392] was[454] not[518] so[281] much[61]
bound[108] to[261] any[501] haven[432] ahead[5] as[113] rushing[344] from[316] all[145] havens[465] astern[39].
A[10] stark[376], bewildered[91] feeling[384], as[113] of[89] death[543], came[549] over[82] me[2].
Convulsively[19] my[36] hands[87] grasped[101] the[19] tiller[445], but[330] with[449] the[19] crazy[418] conceit[58]
that[14] the[19] tiller[445] was[454], somehow[425], in[107] some[265] enchanted[229] way[435], inverted[93].
My[36] God[185]! what[243] is[487] the[19] matter[176] with[449] me[2]? thought[186] I[482]. Lo[418]! in[107] my[36]
brief[59] sleep[233] I[482] had[364] turned[492] myself[99] about[123], and[236] was[454] fronting[391]
the[19] ship[438]'s[483] stern[442], with[449] my[36] back[457] to[261] her[400] prow[451] and[236] the[19] compass[463].
In[107] an[138] instant[279] I[482] faced[115] back[457], just[108] in[107] time[577] to[261] prevent[491] the[19] vessel[155]
from[316] flying[354] up[405] into[554] the[19] wind[262], and[236] very[515] probably[244] capsizing[135] her[400].
How[19] glad[356] and[236] how[19] grateful[107] the[19] relief[60] from[316] this[256] unnatural[111]
hallucination[143] of[89] the[19] night[108], and[236] the[19] fatal[460] contingency[136] of[89] being[264]
brought[85] by[406] the[19] lee[472]!

Look[523] not[518] too[11] long[544] in[107] the[19] face[556] of[89] the[19] fire[559], O[24] man[17]! Never[206] dream[86]
with[449] thy[43] hand[252] on[392] the[19] helm[285]! Turn[17] not[518] thy[43] back[457] to[261] the[19] compass[463];
accept[566] the[19] first[13] hint[335] of[89] the[19] hitching[248] tiller[445]; believe[191] not[518] the[19]
artificial[310] fire[559], when[189] its[234] redness[210] makes[32] all[145] things[4] look[523] ghastly[442].
To[261]-morrow[376], in[107] the[19] natural[298] sun[397], the[19] skies[30] will[584] be[341] bright[205];
those[427] who[319] glared[327] like[410] devils[377] in[107] the[19] forking[331] flames[74], the[19] morn[309]
will[584] show[460] in[107] far[258] other[282], at[65] least[453] gentler[423], relief[60]; the[19] glorious[466],
golden[508], glad[356] sun[397], the[19] only[517] true[483] lamp[330]--all[145] others[317] but[330] liars[434]!

Nevertheless[104] the[19] sun[397] hides[454] not[518] Virginia[354]'s[483] Dismal[110] Swamp[321],
nor[137] Rome[401]'s[483] accursed[203] Campagna[125], nor[137] wide[465] Sahara[25], nor[137] all[145] the[19]
millions[208] of[89] miles[278] of[89] deserts[195] and[236] of[89] griefs[218] beneath[320] the[19] moon[45].
The[19] sun[397] hides[454] not[518] the[19] ocean[224], which[16] is[487] the[19] dark[471] side[246] of[89] this[256] earth[513],
and[236] which[16] is[487] two[527] thirds[141] of[89] this[256] earth[513]. So[281], therefore[94], that[14] mortal[371]
man[17] who[319] hath[585] more[348] of[89] joy[430] than[77] sorrow[174] in[107] him[248], that[14] mortal[371] man[17]
cannot be[341] true[483]--not[518] true[483], or[519] undeveloped[322]. With[449] books[525] the[19] same[541].
The[19] truest[481] of[89] all[145] men[62] was[454] the[19] Man[17] of[89] Sorrows[521], and[236] the[19] truest[481]
of[89] all[145] books[525] is[487] Solomon[8]'s[483], and[236] Ecclesiastes[45] is[487] the[19] fine[333]
hammered[193] steel[184] of[89] woe[295]. "All[145] is[487] vanity[44]." ALL[145]. This[256] wilful[160]
world[126] hath[585] not[518] got[286] hold[204] of[89] unchristian[22] Solomon[8]'s[483] wisdom[380] yet[443].
But[330] he[362] who[319] dodges[282] hospitals[270] and[236] jails[51], and[236] walks[461] fast[208]
crossing[402] graveyards[492], and[236] would[282] rather[178] talk[173] of[89] operas[29] than[77] hell[169];
calls[15] Cowper[23], Young[389], Pascal[19], Rousseau[7], poor[533] devils[377] all[145] of[89] sick[250] men[62];
and[236] throughout[159] a[10] care[307]-free[72] lifetime[3] swears[274] by[406] Rabelais[295]
as[113] passing[147] wise[16], and[236] therefore[94] jolly[50];--not[518] that[14] man[17] is[487] fitted[200]
to[261] sit[215] down[133] on[392] tomb[122]-stones[501], and[236] break[483] the[19] green[549] damp[264] mould[208]
with[449] unfathomably[190] wondrous[30] Solomon[8].

But[330] even[198] Solomon[8], he[362] says[424], "the[19] man[17] that[14] wandereth[12] out[66] of[89]
the[19] way[435] of[89] understanding[523] shall[66] remain[326]" (i[482].e[443]. even[198] while[55] living[117])
"in[107] the[19] congregation[23] of[89] the[19] dead[568]." Give[142] not[518] thyself[402] up[405], then[45], to[261] fire[559],

lest[499] it[162] invert[229] thee[15], deaden[64] thee[15]; as[113] for[190] the[19] time[577] it[162] did[444] me[2].
There[340] is[487] a[10] wisdom[380] that[14] is[487] woe[295]; but[330] there[340] is[487] a[10] woe[295] that[14] is[487] madness[282].
And[236] there[340] is[487] a[10] Catskill[258] eagle[319] in[107] some[265] souls[82] that[14] can[450] alike[122]
dive[316] down[133] into[554] the[19] blackest[443] gorges[261], and[236] soar[102] out[66] of[89] them[146] again[52]
and[236] become[548] invisible[186] in[107] the[19] sunny[200] spaces[137]. And[236] even[198] if[141] he[362] for[190]
ever[208] flies[419] within[503] the[19] gorge[19], that[14] gorge[19] is[487] in[107] the[19] mountains[202];
so[281] that[14] even[198] in[107] his[433] lowest[287] swoop[399] the[19] mountain[231] eagle[319] is[487] still[278]
higher[574] than[77] other[282] birds[332] upon[419] the[19] plain[28], even[198] though[400] they[382] soar[102].

CHAPTER[293] 97[436]

The[19] Lamp[330]

Had[364] you[227] descended[99] from[316] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] try[266]-works[64] to[261] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] forecastle[367],
where[579] the[19] off[111] duty[468] watch[89] were[324] sleeping[341], for[190] one[470] single[77] moment[258] you[227]
would[282] have[254] almost[518] thought[186] you[227] were[324] standing[144] in[107] some[265] illuminated[127]
shrine[77] of[89] canonized[25] kings[474] and[236] counsellors[502]. There[340] they[382] lay[62] in[107]
their[219] triangular[498] oaken[492] vaults[293], each[520] mariner[265] a[10] chiselled[253] muteness[88];
a[10] score[124] of[89] lamps[310] flashing[181] upon[419] his[433] hooded[374] eyes[125].

In[107] merchantmen[52], oil[118] for[190] the[19] sailor[561] is[487] more[348] scarce[462] than[77] the[19] milk[362]
of[89] queens[431]. To[261] dress[46] in[107] the[19] dark[471], and[236] eat[286] in[107] the[19] dark[471],
and[236] stumble[113] in[107] darkness[493] to[261] his[433] pallet[446], this[256] is[487] his[433] usual[278] lot[167].
But[330] the[19] whaleman[98], as[113] he[362] seeks[168] the[19] food[248] of[89] light[382], so[281] he[362] lives[245] in[107] light[382].
He[362] makes[32] his[433] berth[283] an[138] Aladdin[203]'s[483] lamp[330], and[236] lays[361] him[248] down[133] in[107] it[162];
so[281] that[14] in[107] the[19] pitchiest night[108] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] black[581] hull[323] still[278]
houses[166] an[138] illumination[20].

See[370] with[449] what[243] entire[230] freedom[88] the[19] whaleman[98] takes[362] his[433] handful[330]
of[89] lamps[310]--often[227] but[330] old[447] bottles[149] and[236] vials[192], though[400]--to[261] the[19]
copper[300] cooler[25] at[65] the[19] tryworks, and[236] replenishes[43] them[146] there[340],
as[113] mugs[340] of[89] ale[213] at[65] a[10] vat[88]. He[362] burns[160], too[11], the[19] purest[524] of[89] oil[118],
in[107] its[234] unmanufactured[386], and[236], therefore[94], unvitiated[110] state[135];
a[10] fluid[212] unknown[10] to[261] solar[355], lunar[489], or[519] astral[203] contrivances[99] ashore[122].
It[162] is[487] sweet[417] as[113] early[92] grass[418] butter[536] in[107] April[431]. He[362] goes[205] and[236] hunts[483]
for[190] his[433] oil[118], so[281] as[113] to[261] be[341] sure[41] of[89] its[234] freshness[8] and[236] genuineness[25],
even[198] as[113] the[19] traveller[258] on[392] the[19] prairie[214] hunts[483] up[405] his[433] own[248]
supper[4] of[89] game[233].

CHAPTER[293] 98[284]

Stowing[98] Down[133] and[236] Clearing[84] Up[405]

Already[93] has[399] it[162] been[185] related[377] how[19] the[19] great[259] leviathan[384] is[487] afar[26] off[111]
descried[313] from[316] the[19] mast[44]-head[116]; how[19] he[362] is[487] chased[389] over[82] the[19] watery[59] moors[24],
and[236] slaughtered[133] in[107] the[19] valleys[289] of[89] the[19] deep[483]; how[19] he[362] is[487] then[45] towed[376] alongside[540]
and[236] beheaded[62]; and[236] how[19] (on[392] the[19] principle[420] which[16] entitled[189] the[19] headsman[143]
of[89] old[447] to[261] the[19] garments[339] in[107] which[16] the[19] beheaded[62] was[454] killed[409]) his[433] great[259] padded[116]
surtout[19] becomes[314] the[19] property[398] of[89] his[433] executioner[141]; how[19], in[107] due[266] time[577],
he[362] is[487] condemned[518] to[261] the[19] pots[184], and[236], like[410] Shadrach[443], Meshach[375], and[236] Abednego[25],
his[433] spermaceti[283], oil[118], and[236] bone[184] pass[153] unscathed[429] through[295] the[19] fire[559];--but[330] now[20]
it[162] remains[324] to[261] conclude[1] the[19] last[436] chapter[293] of[89] this[256] part[207] of[89] the[19] description[396]
by[406] rehearsing[65]--singing[288], if[141] I[482] may[236]--the[19] romantic[133] proceeding[422] of[89] decanting[259]
off[111] his[433] oil[118] into[554] the[19] casks[213] and[236] striking[22] them[146] down[133] into[554] the[19] hold[204],
where[579] once[248] again[52] leviathan[384] returns[520] to[261] his[433] native[399] profundities[292],
sliding[540] along[423] beneath[320] the[19] surface[328] :is[487] before[344]; but[330], alas[129]! never[206] more[348]
to[261] rise[251] and[236] blow[230].

While[55] still[278] warm[178], the[19] oil[118], like[410] hot[424] punch[117], is[487] received[12] into[554]
the[19] six[415]-barrel[180] casks[213]; and[236] while[55], perhaps[75], the[19] ship[438] is[487] pitching[143]
and[236] rolling[253] this[256] way[435] and[236] that[14] in[107] the[19] midnight[539] sea[67], the[19] enormous[327]
casks[213] are[314] slewed[6] round[287] and[236] headed[124] over[82], end[149] for[190] end[149], and[236] sometimes[77]
perilously[426] scoot[481] across[129] the[19] slippery[204] deck[505], like[410] so[281] many[282] land[406] slides[270],
till[181] at[65] last[436] man[17]-handled[356] and[236] stayed[117] in[107] their[219] course[171]; and[236] all[145] round[287]
the[19] hoops[170], rap[105], rap[105], go[20] as[113] many[282] hammers[44] as[113] can[450] play[89] upon[419] them[146],
for[190] now[20], ex[144] officio[92], every[389] sailor[561] is[487] a[10] cooper[35].

At[65] length[202], when[189] the[19] last[436] pint[48] is[487] casked, and[236] all[145] is[487] cool[102],
then[45] the[19] great[259] hatchways[379] are[314] unsealed[124], the[19] bowels[499] of[89] the[19] ship[438] are[314]
thrown[359] open[464], and[236] down[133] go[20] the[19] casks[213] to[261] their[219] final[357] rest[302] in[107] the[19] sea[67].
This[256] done[135], the[19] hatches[4] are[314] replaced[161], and[236] hermetically[345] closed[523],
like[410] a[10] closet[437] walled[8] up[405].

In[107] the[19] sperm[26] fishery[136], this[256] is[487] perhaps[75] one[470] of[89] the[19] most[216]
remarkable[381] incidents[350] in[107] all[145] the[19] business[168] of[89] whaling[155].
One[470] day[112] the[19] planks[284] stream[184] with[449] freshets[445] of[89] blood[208] and[236] oil[118];
on[392] the[19] sacred[32] quarter[6]-deck[505] enormous[327] masses[361] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] head[219] are[314]
profanely[125] piled[126]; great[259] rusty[235] casks[213] lie[212] about[123], as[113] in[107] a[10] brewery[83] yard[258];
the[19] smoke[99] from[316] the[19] try[266]-works[64] has[399] besooted all[145] the[19] bulwarks[411];
the[19] mariners[347] go[20] about[123] suffused[253] with[449] unctuousness[83]; the[19] entire[230]

ship[438] seems[19] great[259] leviathan[384] himself[282]; while[55] on[392] all[145] hands[87]
the[19] din[190] is[487] deafening[26].

But[330] a[10] day[112] or[519] two[527] after[358], you[227] look[523] about[123] you[227], and[236] prick[189] your[162] ears[560]
in[107] this[256] self[442]-same[541] ship[438]! and[236] were[324] it[162] not[518] for[190] the[19] tell[392]-tale[132] boats[83]
and[236] try[266]-works[64], you[227] would[282] all[145] but[330] swear[322] you[227] trod[319] some[265] silent[382]
merchant[332] vessel[155], with[449] a[10] most[216] scrupulously[348] neat[163] commander[108].
The[19] unmanufactured[386] sperm[26] oil[118] possesses[87] a[10] singularly[389] cleansing[237] virtue[16].
This[256] is[487] the[19] reason[238] why[177] the[19] decks[386] never[206] look[523] so[281] white[82] as[113] just[108]
after[358] what[243] they[382] call[259] an[138] affair[388] of[89] oil[118]. Besides[465], from[316] the[19] ashes[243]
of[89] the[19] burned[389] scraps[250] of[89] the[19] whale[422], a[10] potent[422] lye[248] is[487] readily[467] made[563];
and[236] whenever[15] any[501] adhesiveness[4] from[316] the[19] back[457] of[89] the[19] whale[422] remains[324]
clinging[232] to[261] the[19] side[246], that[14] lye[248] quickly[183] exterminates[7] it[162].
Hands[87] go[20] diligently[344] along[423] the[19] bulwarks[411], and[236] with[449] buckets[157]
of[89] water[520] and[236] rags[302] restore[562] them[146] to[261] their[219] full[414] tidiness[91].
The[19] soot[192] is[487] brushed[513] from[316] the[19] lower[47] rigging[516]. All[145] the[19] numerous[558]
implements[420] which[16] have[254] been[185] in[107] use[176] are[314] likewise[193] faithfully[350]
cleansed[265] and[236] put[190] away[443]. The[19] great[259] hatch[241] is[487] scrubbed[279] and[236] placed[556]
upon[419] the[19] try[266]-works[64], completely[385] hiding[455] the[19] pots[184]; every[389] cask[503]
is[487] out[66] of[89] sight[365]; all[145] tackles[278] are[314] coiled[4] in[107] unseen[173] nooks[533];
and[236] when[189] by[406] the[19] combined[265] and[236], simultaneous[129] industry[113] of[89] almost[518]
the[19] entire[230] ship[438]'s[483] company[280], the[19] whole[199] of[89] this[256] conscientious[196]
duty[468] is[487] at[65] last[436] concluded[157], then[45] the[19] crew[126] themselves[510] proceed[367]
to[261] their[219] own[248] ablutions[160]; shift[70] themselves[510] from[316] top[70] to[261] toe[424];
and[236] finally[69] issue[117] to[261] the[19] immaculate[129] deck[505], fresh[540] and[236] all[145] aglow[521]
as[113] bridegrooms[309] new[36]-leaped[314] from[316] out[66] the[19] daintiest[89] Holland[173].

Now[20], with[449] elated[362] step[204], they[382] pace[384] the[19] planks[284] in[107] twos[18] and[236] threes[169],
and[236] humorously[265] discourse[521] of[89] parlors[568], sofas[217], carpets[450], and[236] fine[333] cambrics[287];
propose[385] to[261] mat[316] the[19] deck[505]; think[424] of[89] having[69] hangings[105] to[261] the[19] top[70];
object[100] not[518] to[261] taking[146] tea[521] by[406] moonlight[122] on[392] the[19] piazza[354] of[89] the[19] forecastle[367].
To[261] hint[335] to[261] such[420] musked[183] mariners[347] of[89] oil[118], and[236] bone[184], and[236] blubber[232],
were[324] little[554] short[522] of[89] audacity[337]. They[382] know[60] not[518] the[19] thing[309] you[227] distantly[336]
allude[116] to[261]. Away[443], and[236] bring[173] us[569] napkins[261]!

But[330] mark[169]: aloft[276] there[340], at[65] the[19] three[329] mast[44] heads[366], stand[530] three[329]
men[62] intent[359] on[392] spying[377] out[66] more[348] whales[331], which[16], if[141] caught[105],
infallibly[426] will[584] again[52] soil[430] the[19] old[447] oaken[492] furniture[11], and[236] drop[22]
at[65] least[453] one[470] small[350] grease[43]-spot[46] somewhere[201]. Yes[143]; and[236] many[282] is[487]
the[19] time[577], when[189], after[358] the[19] severest[240] uninterrupted[165] labors[426], which[16] know[60]
no[235] night[108]; continuing[215] straight[346] through[295] for[190] ninety[2]-six[59] hours[127];
when[189] from[316] the[19] boat[439], where[579] they[382] have[254] swelled[213] their[219] wrists[260]
with[449] all[145] day[112] rowing[375] on[392] the[19] Line[25],--they[382] only[517] step[204] to[261] the[19] deck[505]
to[261] carry[160] vast[43] chains[446], and[236] heave[308] the[19] heavy[421] windlass[231], and[236] cut[310]
and[236] slash[142], yea[204], and[236] in[107] their[219] very[515] sweatings[24] to[261] be[341] smoked[60]
and[236] burned[389] anew[262] by[406] the[19] combined[265] fires[75] of[89] the[19] equatorial[105] sun[397]
and[236] the[19] equatorial[105] try[266]-works[64]; when[189], on[392] the[19] heel[105] of[89] all[145] this[256],
they[382] have[254] finally[69] bestirred[275] themselves[510] to[261] cleanse[126] the[19] ship[438], and[236] make[175]
a[10] spotless[251] dairy[44] room[65] of[89] it[162]; many[282] is[487] the[19] time[577] the[19] poor[533] fellows[131],
just[108] buttoning[181] the[19] necks[279] of[89] their[219] clean[26] frocks[282], are[314] startled[475]
by[406] the[19] cry[561] of[89] "There[340] she[391] blows[361]!" and[236] away[443] they[382] fly[324] to[261] fight[330]
another[269] whale[422], and[236] go[20] through[295] the[19] whole[199] weary[306] thing[309] again[52].
Oh[367]! my[36] friends[169], but[330] this[256] is[487] man[17]-killing[25]! Yet[443] this[256] is[487] life[71].
For[190] hardly[182] have[254] we[465] mortals[72] by[406] long[544] toilings extracted[69] from[316] this[256]
world[126]'s[483] vast[43] bulk[181] its[234] small[350] but[330] valuable[72] sperm[26]; and[236] then[45],
with[449] weary[306] patience[295], cleansed[265] ourselves[15] from[316] its[234] defilements[395],
and[236] learned[277] to[261] live[554] here[135] in[107] clean[26] tabernacles[8] of[89] the[19] soul[428];
hardly[182] is[487] this[256] done[135], when[189]--There[340] she[391] blows[361]!--the[19] ghost[246]
is[487] spouted[395] up[405], and[236] away[443] we[465] sail[218] to[261] fight[330] some[265] other[282] world[126],
and[236] go[20] through[295] young[389] life[71]'s[483] old[447] routine[266] again[52].

Oh[367]! the[19] metempsychosis[23]! Oh[367]! Pythagoras[336], that[14] in[107] bright[205] Greece[468],
two[527] thousand[586] years[116] ago[141], did[444] die[229], so[281] good[221], so[281] wise[16], so[281] mild[117]; I[482] sailed[248]
with[449] thee[15] along[423] the[19] Peruvian[25] coast[287] last[436] voyage[137]--and[236], foolish[509] as[113] I[482] am[375],
taught[564] thee[15], a[10] green[549] simple[271] boy[110], how[19] to[261] splice[4] a[10] rope[265].

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The[19] Doubloon[263]

Ere[83] now[20] it[162] has[399] been[185] related[377] how[19] Ahab[232] was[454] wont[268] to[261] pace[384] his[433] quarter[6]-deck[505],
taking[146] regular[400] turns[136] at[65] either[45] limit[272], the[19] binnacle[98] and[236] mainmast[323];
but[330] in[107] the[19] multiplicity[81] of[89] other[282] things[4] requiring[94] narration[402] it[162]
has[399] not[518] been[185] added[52] how[19] that[14] sometimes[77] in[107] these[527] walks[461], when[189] most[216]
plunged[340] in[107] his[433] mood[547], he[362] was[454] wont[268] to[261] pause[391] in[107] turn[17] at[65] each[520] spot[46],
and[236] stand[530] there[340] strangely[155] eyeing[49] the[19] particular[336] object[100] before[344] him[248].
When[189] he[362] halted[249] before[344] the[19] binnacle[98], with[449] his[433] glance[362] fastened[426] on[392]
the[19] pointed[413] needle[459] in[107] the[19] compass[463], that[14] glance[362] shot[443] like[410] a[10] javelin[161]
with[449] the[19] pointed[413] intensity[285] of[89] his[433] purpose[514]; and[236] when[189] resuming[283] his[433] walk[405]
he[362] again[52] paused[390] before[344] the[19] mainmast[323], then[45], as[113] the[19] same[541] riveted[264] glance[362]
fastened[426] upon[419] the[19] riveted[264] gold[231] coin[77] there[340], he[362] still[278] wore[92] the[19] same[541]

aspect[147] of[89] nailed[419] firmness[386], only[517] dashed[304] with[449] a[10] certain[31] wild[230] longing[292],
if[141] not[518] hopefulness[19].

But[330] one[470] morning[417], turning[69] to[261] pass[153] the[19] doubloon[263], he[362] seemed[132] to[261] be[341] newly[318]
attracted[36] by[406] the[19] strange[440] figures[66] and[236] inscriptions[162] stamped[31] on[392] it[162],
as[113] though[400] now[20] for[190] the[19] first[13] time[577] beginning[188] to[261] interpret[217] for[190] himself[282]
in[107] some[265] monomaniac[336] way[435] whatever[38] significance[330] might[496] lurk[246] in[107] them[146].
And[236] some[265] certain[31] significance[330] lurks[115] in[107] all[145] things[4], else[212] all[145] things[4]
are[314] little[554] worth[84], and[236] the[19] round[287] world[126] itself[312] but[330] an[138] empty[450] cipher[45],
except[545] to[261] sell[298] by[406] the[19] cartload[250], as[113] they[382] do[353] hills[352] about[123] Boston[240],
to[261] fill[380] up[405] some[265] morass[27] in[107] the[19] Milky[23] Way[435].

Now[20] this[256] doubloon[263] was[454] of[89] purest[524], virgin[317] gold[231], raked[110] somewhere[201]
out[66] of[89] the[19] heart[470] of[89] gorgeous[188] hills[352], whence[494], east[524] and[236] west[569],
over[82] golden[508] sands[118], the[19] head[219]-waters[556] of[89] many[282] a[10] Pactolus[246] flows[6].
And[236] though[400] now[20] nailed[419] amidst[273] all[145] the[19] rustiness[4] of[89] iron[169] bolts[147]
and[236] the[19] verdigris[25] of[89] copper[300] spikes[60], yet[443], untouchable[380] and[236] immaculate[129]
to[261] any[501] foulness[367], it[162] still[278] preserved[335] its[234] Quito[25] glow[227]. Nor[137], though[400] placed[556]
amongst[386] a[10] ruthless[435] crew[126] and[236] every[389] hour[384] passed[87] by[406] ruthless[435] hands[87],
and[236] through[295] the[19] livelong[167] nights[224] shrouded[465] with[449] thick[502] darkness[493]
which[16] might[496] cover[172] any[501] pilfering[213] approach[23], nevertheless[104] every[389]
sunrise[445] found[260] the[19] doubloon[263] where[579] the[19] sunset[305] last[436] left[159] it[162] last[436].
For[190] it[162] was[454] set[422] apart[526] and[236] sanctified[186] to[261] one[470] awe[305]-striking[22] end[149];
and[236] however[44] wanton[133] in[107] their[219] sailor[561] ways[101], one[470] and[236] all[145],
the[19] mariners[347] revered[154] it[162] as[113] the[19] white[82] whale[422]'s[483] talisman[97].
Sometimes[77] they[382] talked[7] it[162] over[82] in[107] the[19] weary[306] watch[89] by[406] night[108],
wondering[263] whose[286] it[162] was[454] to[261] be[341] at[65] last[436], and[236] whether[454] he[362] would[282] ever[208]
live[554] to[261] spend[357] it[162].

Now[20] those[427] noble[226] golden[508] coins[294] of[89] South[257] America[133] are[314] as[113] medals[69] of[89] the[19] sun[397]
and[236] tropic[303] token[502]-pieces[283]. Here[135] palms[173], alpacas[25], and[236] volcanoes[102]; sun[397]'s[483] disks[261]
and[236] stars[286], ecliptics[292], horns[450]-of[89]-plenty[406], and[236] rich[531] banners[371] waving[364],
are[314] in[107] luxuriant[350] profusion[258] stamped[31]; so[281] that[14] the[19] precious[234] gold[231] seems[19]
almost[518] to[261] derive[414] an[138] added[52] preciousness[464] and[236] enhancing[21] glories[29],
by[406] passing[147] through[295] those[427] fancy[396] mints[382], so[281] Spanishly poetic[314].

It[162] so[281] chanced[424] that[14] the[19] doubloon[263] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] a[10] most[216] wealthy[434]
example[479] of[89] these[527] things[4]. On[392] its[234] round[287] border[197] it[162] bore[27] the[19] letters[170],
REPUBLICA[173] DEL[128] ECUADOR[31]: QUITO[25]. So[281] this[256] bright[205] coin[77] came[549] from[316] a[10] country[362]
planted[82] in[107] the[19] middle[39] of[89] the[19] world[126], and[236] beneath[320] the[19] great[259] equator[136],
and[236] named[312] after[358] it[162]; and[236] it[162] had[364] been[185] cast[99] midway[418] up[405] the[19] Andes[341],
in[107] the[19] unwaning clime[158] that[14] knows[286] no[235] autumn[66]. Zoned[280] by[406] those[427] letters[170]
you[227] saw[113] the[19] likeness[460] of[89] three[329] Andes[341]' summits[2]; from[316] one[470] a[10] flame[113];
a[10] tower[36] on[392] another[269]; on[392] the[19] third[301] a[10] crowing[95] cock[519]; while[55] arching[27]
over[82] all[145] was[454] a[10] segment[384] of[89] the[19] partitioned[399] zodiac[68], the[19] signs[211] all[145]
marked[67] with[449] their[219] usual[278] cabalistics, and[236] the[19] keystone[31] sun[397] entering[423]
the[19] equinoctial[161] point[438] at[65] Libra[141].

Before[344] this[256] equatorial[105] coin[77], Ahab[232], not[518] unobserved[44] by[406] others[317],
was[454] now[20] pausing[19].

"There[340]'s[483] something[181] ever[208] egotistical[345] in[107] mountain[231]-tops[40]
and[236] towers[506], and[236] all[145] other[282] grand[229] and[236] lofty[161] things[4]; look[523] here[135],--
three[329] peaks[19] as[113] proud[108] as[113] Lucifer[212]. The[19] firm[415] tower[36], that[14] is[487] Ahab[232];
the[19] volcano[155], that[14] is[487] Ahab[232]; the[19] courageous[127], the[19] undaunted[141],
and[236] victorious[128] fowl[11], that[14], too[11], is[487] Ahab[232]; all[145] are[314] Ahab[232];
and[236] this[256] round[287] gold[231] is[487] but[330] the[19] image[74] of[89] the[19] rounder[421] globe[23],
which[16], like[410] a[10] magician[43]'s[483] glass[27], to[261] each[520] and[236] every[389] man[17] in[107] turn[17]
but[330] mirrors[40] back[457] his[433] own[248] mysterious[304] self[442]. Great[259] pains[97],
small[350] gains[270] for[190] those[427] who[319] ask[238] the[19] world[126] to[261] solve[262] them[146]; it[162] cannot
solve[262] itself[312]. Methinks[462] now[20] this[256] coined[37] sun[397] wears[270] a[10] ruddy[359] face[556];
but[330] see[370]! aye[86], he[362] enters[157] the[19] sign[8] of[89] storms[327], the[19] equinox[350]!
and[236] but[330] six[415] months[17] before[344] he[362] wheeled[542] out[66] of[89] a[10] former[157] equinox[350]
at[65] Aries[165]! From[316] storm[218] to[261] storm[218]! So[281] be[341] it[162], then[45]. Born[236] in[107] throes[47],
't[500] is[487] fit[12] that[14] man[17] should[255] live[554] in[107] pains[97] and[236] die[229] in[107] pangs[290]!
So[281] be[341] it[162], then[45]! Here[135]'s[483] stout[29] stuff[471] for[190] woe[295] to[261] work[385] on[392].
So[281] be[341] it[162], then[45]."

"No[235] fairy[272] fingers[345] can[450] have[254] pressed[323] the[19] gold[231], but[330] devil[411]'s[483]
claws[133] must[226] have[254] left[159] their[219] mouldings[264] there[340] since[374] yesterday[235],"
murmured[238] Starbuck to[261] himself[282], leaning[559] against[417] the[19] bulwarks[411].
"The[19] old[447] man[17] seems[19] to[261] read[98] Belshazzar[19]'s[483] awful[539] writing[558].
I[482] have[254] never[206] marked[67] the[19] coin[77] inspectingly. He[362] goes[205] below[397]; let[66] me[2] read[98].
A[10] dark[471] valley[18] between[77] three[329] mighty[2], heaven[163]-abiding[217] peaks[19],
that[14] almost[518] seem[404] the[19] Trinity[261], in[107] some[265] faint[316] earthly[64] symbol[426].
So[281] in[107] this[256] vale[52] of[89] Death[543], God[185] girds[330] us[569] round[287]; and[236] over[82] all[145] our[234] gloom[7],
the[19] sun[397] of[89] Righteousness[190] still[278] shines[265] a[10] beacon[314] and[236] a[10] hope[211].
If[141] we[465] bend[434] down[133] our[234] eyes[125], the[19] dark[471] vale[52] shows[364] her[400] mouldy[508] soil[430];
but[330] if[141] we[465] lift[229] them[146], the[19] bright[205] sun[397] meets[518] our[234] glance[362] half[119] way[435], to[261] cheer[337].
Yet[443], oh[367], the[19] great[259] sun[397] is[487] no[235] fixture[227]; and[236] if[141], at[65] midnight[539], we[465] would[282]
fain[264] snatch[276] some[265] sweet[417] solace[26] from[316] him[248], we[465] gaze[568] for[190] him[248] in[107] vain[216]!
This[256] coin[77] speaks[454] wisely[420], mildly[115], truly[530], but[330] still[278] sadly[75] to[261] me[2].
I[482] will[584] quit[295] it[162], lest[499] Truth[350] shake[180] me[2] falsely[524]."

"There[340] now[20]'s[483] the[19] old[447] Mogul[270]," soliloquized[336] Stubb by[406] the[19] try[266]-works[64],
"he[362]'s[483] been[185] twigging[60] it[162]; and[236] there[340] goes[205] Starbuck from[316] the[19] same[541],
and[236] both[558] with[449] faces[97] which[16] I[482] should[255] say[306] might[496] be[341] somewhere[201]
within[503] nine[140] fathoms[375] long[544]. And[236] all[145] from[316] looking[318] at[65] a[10] piece[121]
of[89] gold[231], which[16] did[444] I[482] have[254] it[162] now[20] on[392] Negro[102] Hill[219] or[519] in[107]
Corlaer[279]'s[483] Hook[157], I[482]'d[67] not[518] look[523] at[65] it[162] very[515] long[544] ere[83] spending[348] it[162].
Humph[86]! in[107] my[36] poor[533], insignificant[96] opinion[316], I[482] regard[448] this[256] as[113] queer[156].
I[482] have[254] seen[154] doubloons[292] before[344] now[20] in[107] my[36] voyagings[8]; your[162] doubloons[292]
of[89] old[447] Spain[20], your[162] doubloons[292] of[89] Peru[19], your[162] doubloons[292] of[89] Chili[399],
your[162] doubloons[292] of[89] Bolivia[107], your[162] doubloons[292] of[89] Popayan;
with[449] plenty[406] of[89] gold[231] moidores[172] and[236] pistoles[264], and[236] joes[213],
and[236] half[119] joes[213], and[236] quarter[6] joes[213]. What[243] then[45] should[255] there[340] be[341]
in[107] this[256] doubloon[263] of[89] the[19] Equator[136] that[14] is[487] so[281] killing[311] wonderful[291]?
By[406] Golconda[133]! let[66] me[2] read[98] it[162] once[248]. Halloa[83]! here[135]'s[483] signs[211] and[236]
wonders[115] truly[530]! That[14], now[20], is[487] what[243] old[447] Bowditch[98] in[107] his[433] Epitome[188]
calls[15] the[19] zodiac[68], and[236] what[243] my[36] almanack[21] below[397] calls[15] ditto[421].
I[482]'ll[300] get[126] the[19] almanack[21]; and[236] as[113] I[482] have[254] heard[444] devils[377] can[450] be[341] raised[493]
with[449] Daboll's[483] arithmetic[223], I[482]'ll[300] try[266] my[36] hand[252] at[65] raising[99] a[10] meaning[62]
out[66] of[89] these[527] queer[156] curvicues here[135] with[449] the[19] Massachusetts[376] calendar[83].
Here[135]'s[483] the[19] book[230]. Let[66]'s[483] see[370] now[20]. Signs[211] and[236] wonders[115];
and[236] the[19] sun[397], he[362]'s[483] always[367] among[483] 'em. Hem[322], hem[322], hem[322]; here[135] they[382] are[314]--
here[135] they[382] go[20]--all[145] alive[298]: Aries[165], or[519] the[19] Ram[375]; Taurus[402], or[519] the[19] Bull[76]
and[236] Jimimi! here[135]'s[483] Gemini[38] himself[282], or[519] the[19] Twins[186]. Well[263]; the[19] sun[397]
he[362] wheels[116] among[483] 'em. Aye[86], here[135] on[392] the[19] coin[77] he[362]'s[483] just[108] crossing[402]
the[19] threshold[21] between[77] two[527] of[89] twelve[293] sitting[136]-rooms[22] all[145] in[107] a[10] ring[579].
Book[230]! you[227] lie[212] there[340]; the[19] fact[12] is[487], you[227] books[525] must[226] know[60] your[162] places[423].
You[227]'ll[300] do[353] to[261] give[142] us[569] the[19] bare[245] words[107] and[236] facts[484], but[330] we[465] come[420]
in[107] to[261] supply[283] the[19] thoughts[26]. That[14]'s[76] my[36] small[350] experience[127],
so[281] far[258] as[113] the[19] Massachusetts[376] calendar[83], and[236] Bowditch[98]'s[483] navigator[354],
and[236] Daboll's[483] arithmetic[223] go[20]. Signs[211] and[236] wonders[115], eh[76]? Pity[270] if[141] there[340]
is[487] nothing[324] wonderful[291] in[107] signs[211], and[236] significant[143] in[107] wonders[115]!
There[340]'s[483] a[10] clue[345] somewhere[201]; wait[315] a[10] bit[72]; hist[117]--hark[313]! By[406] Jove[274], I[482] have[254] it[162]!
Look[523] you[227], Doubloon[263], your[162] zodiac[68] here[135] is[487] the[19] life[71] of[89] man[17] in[107] one[470]
round[287] chapter[293]; and[236] now[20] I[482]'ll[300] read[98] it[162] off[111], straight[346] out[66] of[89] the[19] book[230].
Come[420], Almanack[21]! To[261] begin[183]: there[340]'s[483] Aries[165], or[519] the[19] Ram[375]--
lecherous[142] dog[322], he[362] begets[129] us[569]; then[45], Taurus[402], or[519] the[19] Bull[76]--
he[362] bumps[232] us[569] the[19] first[13] thing[309]; then[45] Gemini[38], or[519] the[19] Twins[186]--
that[14] is[487], Virtue[16] and[236] Vice[443]; we[465] try[266] to[261] reach[43] Virtue[16],
when[189] lo[418]! comes[268] Cancer[110] the[19] Crab[206], and[236] drags[295] us[569] back[457]; and[236] here[135],
going[227] from[316] Virtue[16], Leo[173], a[10] roaring[182] Lion[84], lies[27] in[107] the[19] path[234]--
he[362] gives[529] a[10] few[49] fierce[394] bites[221] and[236] surly[219] dabs[282] with[449] his[433] paw[194];
we[465] escape[565], and[236] hail[75] Virgo[188], the[19] Virgin[317]! that[14]'s[76] our[234] first[13] love[391];
we[465] marry[118] and[236] think[424] to[261] be[341] happy[416] for[190] aye[86], when[189] pop[466] comes[268] Libra[141],
or[519] the[19] Scales[543]--happiness[344] weighed[107] and[236] found[260] wanting[361]; and[236] while[55] we[465]
are[314] very[515] sad[341] about[123] that[14], Lord[106]! how[19] we[465] suddenly[193] jump[50], as[113] Scorpio[295],
or[519] the[19] Scorpion[82], stings[4] us[569] in[107] the[19] rear[252]; we[465] are[314] curing[104] the[19] wound[342],
when[189] whang[223] comes[268] the[19] arrows[473] all[145] round[287]; Sagittarius[24], or[519] the[19] Archer[375],
is[487] amusing[155] himself[282]. As[113] we[465] pluck[132] out[66] the[19] shafts[270], stand[530] aside[408]!
here[135]'s[483] the[19] battering[193]-ram[323], Capricornus[305], or[519] the[19] Goat[113]; full[414] tilt[122],
he[362] comes[268] rushing[344], and[236] headlong[4] we[465] are[314] tossed[227]; when[189] Aquarius[87],
or[519] the[19] Waterbearer, pours[299] out[66] his[433] whole[199] deluge[376] and[236] drowns[243] us[569];
and[236] to[261] wind[262] up[405] with[449] Pisces[165], or[519] the[19] Fishes[13], we[465] sleep[233].
There[340]'s[483] a[10] sermon[167] now[20], writ[57] in[107] high[361] heaven[163], and[236] the[19] sun[397] goes[205] through[295]
it[162] every[389] year[347], and[236] yet[443] comes[268] out[66] of[89] it[162] all[145] alive[298] and[236] hearty[140].
Jollily[128] he[362], aloft[276] there[340], wheels[116] through[295] toil[89] and[236] trouble[328]; and[236] so[281],
alow[61] here[135], does[565] jolly[50] Stubb. Oh[367], jolly[50]'s[483] the[19] word[486] for[190] aye[86]!
Adieu[116], Doubloon[263]! But[330] stop[48]; here[135] comes[268] little[554] King[324]-Post[2];
dodge[472] round[287] the[19] try[266]-works[64], now[20], and[236] let[66]'s[483] hear[386] what[243] he[362]'ll[300] have[254]
to[261] say[306]. There[340]; he[362]'s[483] before[344] it[162]; he[362]'ll[300] out[66] with[449] something[181] presently[166].
So[281], so[281]; he[362]'s[483] beginning[188]."

"I[482] see[370] nothing[324] here[135], but[330] a[10] round[287] thing[309] made[563] of[89] gold[231], and[236] whoever[23] raises[148]
a[10] certain[31] whale[422], this[256] round[287] thing[309] belongs[402] to[261] him[248]. So[281], what[243]'s[483] all[145]
this[256] staring[523] been[185] about[123]? It[162] is[487] worth[84] sixteen[68] dollars[201], that[14]'s[76] true[483];
and[236] at[65] two[527] cents[250] the[19] cigar[211], that[14]'s[76] nine[140] hundred[93] and[236] sixty[332] cigars[443].
I[482] won't[500] smoke[99] dirty[301] pipes[17] like[410] Stubb, but[330] I[482] like[410] cigars[443], and[236] here[135]'s[483] nine[140]
hundred[93] and[236] sixty[332] of[89] them[146]; so[281] here[135] goes[205] Flask[199] aloft[276] to[261] spy[411] 'em out[66]."

"Shall[66] I[482] call[259] that[14] Wise[16] or[519] foolish[509], now[20]; if[141] it[162] be[341] really[406] wise[16] it[162] has[399]
a[10] foolish[509] look[523] to[261] it[162]; yet[443], if[141] it[162] be[341] really[406] foolish[509], then[45] has[399] it[162] a[10] sort[42]
of[89] wiseish look[523] to[261] it[162]. But[330], avast[279]; here[135] comes[268] our[234] old[447] Manxman--the[19] old[447]
hearse[34]-driver[49], he[362] must[226] have[254] been[185], that[14] is[487], before[344] he[362] took[68] to[261] the[19] sea[67].
He[362] luffs up[405] before[344] the[19] doubloon[263]; halloa[83], and[236] goes[205] round[287] on[392] the[19] other[282]
side[246] of[89] the[19] mast[44]; why[177], there[340]'s[483] a[10] horse[409]-shoe[34] nailed[419] on[392] that[14] side[246];
and[236] now[20] he[362]'s[483] back[457] again[52]; what[243] does[565] that[14] mean[504]? Hark[313]! he[362]'s[483] muttering[403]--
voice[233] like[410] an[138] old[447] worn[174]-out[66] coffee[331]-mill[135]. Prick[189] ears[560], and[236] listen[417]!"

"If[141] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] be[341] raised[493], it[162] must[226] be[341] in[107] a[10] month[438] and[236] a[10] day[112],
when[189] the[19] sun[397] stands[256] in[107] some[265] one[470] of[89] these[527] signs[211]. I[482]'ve[149] studied[222] signs[211],
and[236] know[60] their[219] marks[226]; they[382] were[324] taught[564] me[2] two[527] score[124] years[116] ago[141],
by[406] the[19] old[447] witch[190] in[107] Copenhagen[67]. Now[20], in[107] what[243] sign[8] will[584] the[19] sun[397] then[45] be[341]?
The[19] horse[409]-shoe[34] sign[8]; for[190] there[340] it[162] is[487], right[499] opposite[107] the[19] gold[231].
And[236] what[243]'s[483] the[19] horse[409]-shoe[34] sign[8]? The[19] lion[84] is[487] the[19] horse[409]-shoe[34] sign[8]--

the[19] roaring[182] and[236] devouring[354] lion[84]. Ship[438], old[447] ship[438]! my[36] old[447] head[219] shakes[560] to[261] think[424] of[89] thee[15]."

"There[340]'s[483] another[269] rendering[155] now[20]; but[330] still[278] one[470] text[17]. All[145] sorts[354] of[89] men[62] in[107] one[470] kind[451] of[89] world[126], you[227] see[370]. Dodge[472] again[52]! here[135] comes[268] Queequeg--all[145] tattooing[42]--looks[150] like[410] the[19] signs[211] of[89] the[19] Zodiac[68] himself[282]. What[243] says[424] the[19] Cannibal[180]? As[113] I[482] live[554] he[362]'s[483] comparing[339] notes[45]; looking[318] at[65] his[433] thigh[108] bone[184]; thinks[344] the[19] sun[397] is[487] in[107] the[19] thigh[108], or[519] in[107] the[19] calf[83], or[519] in[107] the[19] bowels[499], I[482] suppose[120], as[113] the[19] old[447] women[275] talk[173] Surgeon[135]'s[483] Astronomy[163] in[107] the[19] back[457] country[362]. And[236] by[406] Jove[274], he[362]'s[483] found[260] something[181] there[340] in[107] the[19] vicinity[208] of[89] his[433] thigh[108]--I[482] guess[304] it[162]'s[483] Sagittarius[24], or[519] the[19] Archer[375]. No[235]: he[362] don[280]'t[500] know[60] what[243] to[261] make[175] of[89] the[19] doubloon[263]; he[362] takes[362] it[162] for[190] an[138] old[447] button[282] off[111] some[265] king[324]'s[483] trowsers[206]. But[330], aside[408] again[52]! here[135] comes[268] that[14] ghost[246]-devil[411], Fedallah; tail[102] coiled[4] out[66] of[89] sight[365] as[113] usual[278], oakum[4] in[107] the[19] toes[557] of[89] his[433] pumps[128] as[113] usual[278]. What[243] does[565] he[362] say[306], with[449] that[14] look[523] of[89] his[433]? Ah[132], only[517] makes[32] a[10] sign[8] to[261] the[19] sign[8] and[236] bows[460] himself[282]; there[340] is[487] a[10] sun[397] on[392] the[19] coin[77]--fire[559] worshipper[227], depend[236] upon[419] it[162]. Ho[31]! more[348] and[236] more[348]. This[256] way[435] comes[268] Pip[238]--poor[533] boy[110]! would[282] he[362] had[364] died[575], or[519] I[482]; he[362]'s[483] half[119] horrible[398] to[261] me[2]. He[362] too[11] has[399] been[185] watching[330] all[145] of[89] these[527] interpreters[398] myself[99] included[559]--and[236] look[523] now[20], he[362] comes[268] to[261] read[98], with[449] that[14] unearthly[110] idiot[475] face[556]. Stand[530] away[443] again[52] and[236] hear[386] him[248]. Hark[313]!"

"I[482] look[523], you[227] look[523], he[362] looks[150]; we[465] look[523], ye[483] look[523], they[382] look[523]."

"Upon[419] my[36] soul[428], he[362]'s[483] been[185] studying[67] Murray[14]'s[483] Grammar[367]! Improving[415] his[433] mind[118], poor[533] fellow[369]! But[330] what[243]'s[483] that[14] he[362] says[424] now[20]--hist[117]!"

"I[482] look[523], you[227] look[523], he[362] looks[150]; we[465] look[523], ye[483] look[523], they[382] look[523]."

"Why[177], he[362]'s[483] getting[369] it[162] by[406] heart[470]--hist[117]! again[52]."

"I[482] look[523], you[227] look[523], he[362] looks[150]; we[465] look[523], ye[483] look[523], they[382] look[523]."

"Well[263], that[14]'s[76] funny[96]."

"And[236] I[482], you[227], and[236] he[362]; and[236] we[465], ye[483], and[236] they[382], are[314] all[145] bats[245]; and[236] I[482]'m[250] a[10] crow[151], especially[371] when[189] I[482] stand[530] a[10]'top[70] of[89] this[256] pine[54] tree[482] here[135]. Caw[86]! caw[86]! caw[86]! caw[86]! caw[86]! Ain't[500] I[482] a[10] crow[151]? And[236] where[579]'s[483] the[19] scare[75]-crow[364]? There[340] he[362] stands[256]; two[527] bones[5] stuck[120] into[554] a[10] pair[106] of[89] old[447] trowsers[206], and[236] two[527] more[348] poked[406] into[554] the[19] sleeves[363] of[89] an[138] old[447] jacket[481]."

"Wonder[76] if[141] he[362] means[502] me[2]?--complimentary[396]--poor[533] lad[342]!--I[482] could[375] go[20] hang[253] myself[99]. Any[501] way[435], for[190] the[19] present[112], I[482]'ll[300] quit[295] Pip[238]'s[483] vicinity[208]. I[482] can[450] stand[530] the[19] rest[302], for[190] they[382] have[254] plain[28] wits[552]; but[330] he[362]'s[483] too[11] crazy[418]-witty[176] for[190] my[36] sanity[140]. So[281], so[281], I[482] leave[450] him[248] muttering[403]."

"Here[135]'s[483] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] navel[141], this[256] doubloon[263] here[135], and[236] they[382] are[314] all[145] one[470] fire[559] to[261] unscrew[68] it[162]. But[330], unscrew[68] your[162] navel[141], and[236] what[243]'s[483] the[19] consequence[111]? Then[45] again[52], if[141] it[162] stays[324] here[135], that[14] is[487] ugly[101], too[11], for[190] when[189] aught[26]'s[483] nailed[419] to[261] the[19] mast[44] it[162]'s[483] a[10] sign[8] that[14] things[4] grow[163] desperate[316]. Ha[387]! ha[387]! old[447] Ahab[232]! the[19] White[82] Whale[422]; he[362]'ll[300] nail[367] ye[483]! This[256] is[487] a[10] pine[54] tree[482]. My[36] father[339], in[107] old[447] Tolland county[160], cut[310] down[133] a[10] pine[54] tree[482] once[248], and[236] found[260] a[10] silver[205] ring[579] grown[299] over[82] in[107] it[162]; some[265] old[447] darkey[278]'s[483] wedding[377] ring[579]. How[19] did[444] it[162] get[126] there[340]? And[236] so[281] they[382]'ll[300] say[306] in[107] the[19] resurrection[281], when[189] they[382] come[420] to[261] fish[187] up[405] this[256] old[447] mast[44], and[236] find[138] a[10] doubloon[263] lodged[238] in[107] it[162], with[449] bedded[237] oysters[453] for[190] the[19] shaggy[200] bark[223]. Oh[367], the[19] gold[231]! the[19] precious[234], precious[234] gold[231]!--the[19] green[549] miser[166]'ll[300] hoard[295] ye[483] soon[18]! Hish[225]! hish[225]! God[185] goes[205] 'mong the[19] worlds[388] blackberrying. Cook[41]! ho[31], cook[41]! and[236] cook[41] us[569]! Jenny[512]! hey[382], hey[382], hey[382], hey[382], hey[382], Jenny[512], Jenny[512]! and[236] get[126] your[162] hoe[576]-cake done[135]!"

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Leg[331] and[236] Arm[25]

The[19] Pequod[288] of[89] Nantucket[283], Meets[518] the[19] Samuel[77] Enderby[283], of[89] London[41]

"Ship[438], ahoy[26]! Hast[174] seen[154] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]?"

So[281] cried[506] Ahab[232], once[248] more[348] hailing[400] a[10] ship[438] showing[445] English[69] colors[24], bearing[354] down[133] under[533] the[19] stern[442]. Trumpet[104] to[261] mouth[414], the[19] old[447] man[17] was[454] standing[144] in[107] his[433] hoisted[367] quarter[6]-deck[505], his[433] ivory[76] leg[331] plainly[450] revealed[530] to[261] the[19] stranger[233] captain[295], who[319] was[454] carelessly[184] reclining[316] in[107] his[433] own[248] boat[439]'s[483] bow[146]. He[362] was[454] a[10] darkly[371]-tanned, burly[541], goodnatured[43], fine[333]-looking[318] man[17], of[89] sixty[332] or[519] thereabouts[366], dressed[321] in[107] a[10] spacious[133] roundabout[139], that[14] hung[479] round[287] him[248] in[107] festoons[116] of[89] blue[240] pilot[559]-cloth[285]; and[236] one[470] empty[450] arm[25] of[89] this[256] jacket[481] streamed[122] behind[80] him[248] like[410] the[19] broidered[52] arm[25] of[89] a[10] huzzar[41]'s[483] surcoat[52].

"Hast[174] seen[154] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]!"

"See[370] you[227] this[256]?" and[236] withdrawing[152] it[162] from[316] the[19] folds[367] that[14] had[364] hidden[78] it[162], he[362] held[212] up[405] a[10] white[82] arm[25] of[89] sperm[26] whale[422] bone[184], terminating[159] in[107] a[10] wooden[35]

head[219] like[410] a[10] mallet[409].

"Man[17] my[36] boat[439]!" cried[506] Ahab[232], impetuously[86], and[236] tossing[213] about[123] the[19] oars[398] near[70] him[248]--"Stand[530] by[406] to[261] lower[47]!"

In[107] less[261] than[77] a[10] minute[236], without[309] quitting[155] his[433] little[554] craft[187], he[362] and[236] his[433] crew[126] were[324] dropped[2] to[261] the[19] water[520], and[236] were[324] soon[18] alongside[540] of[89] the[19] stranger[233]. But[330] here[135] a[10] curious[264] difficulty[263] presented[320] itself[312]. In[107] the[19] excitement[60] of[89] the[19] moment[258], Ahab[232] had[364] forgotten[170] that[14] since[374] the[19] loss[223] of[89] his[433] leg[331] he[362] had[364] never[206] once[248] stepped[306] on[392] board[540] of[89] any[501] vessel[155] at[65] sea[67] but[330] his[433] own[248], and[236] then[45] it[162] was[454] always[367] by[406] an[138] ingenious[102] and[236] very[515] handy[270] mechanical[31] contrivance[139] peculiar[291] to[261] the[19] Pequod[288], and[236] a[10] thing[309] not[518] to[261] be[341] rigged[340] and[236] shipped[26] in[107] any[501] other[282] vessel[155] at[65] a[10] moment[258]'s[483] warning[531]. Now[20], it[162] is[487] no[235] very[515] easy[281] matter[176] for[190] anybody[58]--except[545] those[427] who[319] are[314] almost[518] hourly[224] used[102] to[261] it[162], like[410] whalemen[451]--to[261] clamber[155] up[405] a[10] ship[438]'s[483] side[246] from[316] a[10] boat[439] on[392] the[19] open[464] sea[67]; for[190] the[19] great[259] swells[446] now[20] lift[229] the[19] boat[439] high[361] up[405] towards[417] the[19] bulwarks[411], and[236] then[45] instantaneously[494] drop[22] it[162] half[119] way[435] down[133] to[261] the[19] kelson[2]. So[281], deprived[304] of[89] one[470] leg[331], and[236] the[19] strange[440] ship[438] of[89] course[171] being[264] altogether[31] unsupplied[129] with[449] the[19] kindly[459] invention[5], Ahab[232] now[20] found[260] himself[282] abjectly[258] reduced[275] to[261] a[10] clumsy[394] landsman[331] again[52]; hopelessly[367] eyeing[49] the[19] uncertain[396] changeful[362] height[20] he[362] could[375] hardly[182] hope[211] to[261] attain[324].

It[162] has[399] before[344] been[185] hinted[253], perhaps[75], that[14] every[389] little[554] untoward[32] circumstance[407] that[14] befell[129] him[248], and[236] which[16] indirectly[155] sprang[253] from[316] his[433] luckless[122] mishap[116], almost[518] invariably[55] irritated[204] or[519] exasperated[190] Ahab[232]. And[236] in[107] the[19] present[112] instance[141], all[145] this[256] was[454] heightened[53] by[406] the[19] sight[365] of[89] the[19] two[527] officers[439] of[89] the[19] strange[440] ship[438], leaning[559] over[82] the[19] side[246], by[406] the[19] perpendicular[83] ladder[391] of[89] nailed[419] cleets[445] there[340], and[236] swinging[379] towards[417] him[248] a[10] pair[106] of[89] tastefully-ornamented[423] man[17]-ropes[461]; for[190] at[65] first[13] they[382] did[444] not[518] seem[404] to[261] bethink[51] them[146] that[14] a[10] one[470]-legged man[17] must[226] be[341] too[11] much[61] of[89] a[10] cripple[12] to[261] use[176] their[219] sea[67] bannisters[350]. But[330] this[256] awkwardness[267] only[517] lasted[135] a[10] minute[236], because[540] the[19] strange[440] captain[295], observing[278] at[65] a[10] glance[362] how[19] affairs[492] stood[1], cried[506] out[66], "I[482] see[370], I[482] see[370]!--avast[279] heaving[174] there[340]! Jump[50], boys[22], and[236] swing[311] over[82] the[19] cutting[454]-tackle[346]."

As[113] good[221] luck[453] would[282] have[254] it[162], they[382] had[364] had[364] a[10] whale[422] alongside[540] a[10] day[112] or[519] two[527] previous[376], and[236] the[19] great[259] tackles[278] were[324] still[278] aloft[276], and[236] the[19] massive[232] curved[331] blubber[232]-hook[157], now[20] clean[26] and[236] dry[430], was[454] still[278] attached[211] to[261] the[19] end[149]. This[256] was[454] quickly[183] lowered[279] to[261] Ahab[232], who[319] at[65] once[248] comprehending[264] it[162] all[145], slid[132] his[433] solitary[407] thigh[108] into[554] the[19] curve[452] of[89] the[19] hook[157] (it[162] was[454] like[410] sitting[136] in[107] the[19] fluke[415] of[89] an[138] anchor[141], or[519] the[19] crotch[111] of[89] an[138] apple[501] tree[482]), and[236] then[45] giving[207] the[19] word[486], held[212] himself[282] fast[208], and[236] at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577] also[119] helped[204] to[261] hoist[9] his[433] own[248] weight[213], by[406] pulling[217] hand[252]-over[82]-hand[252] upon[419] one[470] of[89] the[19] running[296] parts[470] of[89] the[19] tackle[346]. Soon[18] he[362] was[454] carefully[374] swung[205] inside[438] the[19] high[361] bulwarks[411], and[236] gently[284] landed[451] upon[419] the[19] capstan[241] head[219]. With[449] his[433] ivory[76] arm[25] frankly[41] thrust[379] forth[152] in[107] welcome[2], the[19] other[282] captain[295] advanced[55], and[236] Ahab[232], putting[243] out[66] his[433] ivory[76] leg[331], and[236] crossing[402] the[19] ivory[76] arm[25] (like[410] two[527] sword[273]-fish[187] blades[141]) cried[506] out[66] in[107] his[433] walrus[111] way[435], "Aye[86], aye[86], hearty[140]! let[66] us[569] shake[180] bones[5] together[440]!--an[138] arm[25] and[236] a[10] leg[331]!--an[138] arm[25] that[14] never[206] can[450] shrink[21], d[67]'ye[163] see[370]; and[236] a[10] leg[331] that[14] never[206] can[450] run[172]. Where[579] did[444]'st[193] thou[173] see[370] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]?--how[19] long[544] ago[141]?"

"The[19] White[82] Whale[422]," said[252] the[19] Englishman[101], pointing[295] his[433] ivory[76] arm[25] towards[417] the[19] East[524], and[236] taking[146] a[10] rueful[213] sight[365] along[423] it[162], as[113] if[141] it[162] had[364] been[185] a[10] telescope[26]; There[340] I[482] saw[113] him[248], on[392] the[19] Line[25], last[436] season[248]."

"And[236] he[362] took[68] that[14] arm[25] off[111], did[444] he[362]?" asked[369] Ahab[232], now[20] sliding[540] down[133] from[316] the[19] capstan[241], and[236] resting[455] on[392] the[19] Englishman[101]'s[483] shoulder[168], as[113] he[362] did[444] so[281].

"Aye[86], he[362] was[454] the[19] cause[220] of[89] it[162], at[65] least[453]; and[236] that[14] leg[331], too[11]?"

"Spin[218] me[2] the[19] yarn[118]," said[252] Ahab[232]; "how[19] was[454] it[162]?"

"It[162] was[454] the[19] first[13] time[577] in[107] my[36] life[71] that[14] I[482] ever[208] cruised[198] on[392] the[19] Line[25]," began[132] the[19] Englishman[101]. "I[482] was[454] ignorant[136] of[89] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] at[65] that[14] time[577]. Well[263], one[470] day[112] we[465] lowered[279] for[190] a[10] pod[25] of[89] four[175] or[519] five[103] whales[331], and[236] my[36] boat[439] fastened[426] to[261] one[470] of[89] them[146]; a[10] regular[400] circus[331] horse[409] he[362] was[454], too[11], that[14] went[516] milling[86] and[236] milling[86] round[287] so[281] that[14] my[36] boat[439]'s[483] crew[126] could[375] only[517] trim[129] dish[278], by[406] sitting[136] all[145] their[219] sterns[98] on[392] the[19] outer[359] gunwale[198]. Presently[166] up[405] breaches[24] from[316] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] sea[67] a[10] bouncing[316] great[259] whale[422], with[449] a[10] milky[23]-white[82] head[219] and[236] hump[20], all[145] crows[140]' feet[349] and[236] wrinkles[318]."

"It[162] was[454] he[362], it[162] was[454] he[362]!" cried[506] Ahab[232], suddenly[193] letting[122] out[66] his[433] suspended[245] breath[150].

"And[236] harpoons[6] sticking[457] in[107] near[70] his[433] starboard[309] fin[286]. Aye[86], aye[86]--they[382] were[324] mine[482]--my[36] irons[363]," cried[506] Ahab[232], exultingly[187]--"but[330] on[392]!"

"Give[142] me[2] a[10] chance[292], then[45]," said[252] the[19] Englishman[101], good[221]-humoredly. "Well[263], this[256] old[447] great[259]-grandfather[303], with[449] the[19] white[82] head[219] and[236] hump[20], runs[399] all[145] afoam into[554] the[19] pod[25], and[236] goes[205] to[261] snapping[88] furiously[252] at[65] my[36] fast[208]-line[25]!

"Aye[86], I[482] see[370]!--wanted[85] to[261] part[207] it[162]; free[483] the[19] fast[208]-fish[187]--an[138] old[447] trick[26]--
I[482] know[60] him[248]."

"How[19] it[162] was[454] exactly[315]," continued[44] the[19] one[470]-armed[127] commander[108],
"I[482] do[353] not[518] know[60]; but[330] in[107] biting[29] the[19] line[25], it[162] got[286] foul[528] of[89] his[433] teeth[82],
caught[105] there[340] somehow[425]; but[330] we[465] didn't[500] know[60] it[162] then[45]; so[281] that[14] when[189] we[465]
afterwards[418] pulled[213] on[392] the[19] line[25], bounce[571] we[465] came[549] plump[105] on[392] to[261] his[433] hump[20]!
instead[398] of[89] the[19] other[282] whale[422]'s[483]; that[14] went[516] off[111] to[261] windward[170], all[145] fluking[98].
Seeing[426] how[19] matters[515] stood[1], and[236] what[243] a[10] noble[226] great[259] whale[422] it[162] was[454]--
the[19] noblest[140] and[236] biggest[224] I[482] ever[208] saw[113], sir[271], in[107] my[36] life[71]--I[482] resolved[158]
to[261] capture[361] him[248], spite[431] of[89] the[19] boiling[99] rage[293] he[362] seemed[132] to[261] be[341] in[107].
And[236] thinking[385] the[19] hap[224]-hazard[202] line[25] would[282] get[126] loose[159], or[519] the[19] tooth[108]
it[162] was[454] tangled[142] to[261] might[496] draw[106] (for[190] I[482] have[254] a[10] devil[411] of[89] a[10] boat[439]'s[483]
crew[126] for[190] a[10] pull[35] on[392] a[10] whale[422]-line[25]); seeing[426] all[145] this[256], I[482] say[306],
I[482] jumped[499] into[554] my[36] first[13] mate[508]'s[483] boat[439]--Mr[219]. Mounttop's[483] here[135]
(by[406] the[19] way[435], Captain[295]--Mounttop; Mounttop--the[19] captain[295]);--
as[113] I[482] was[454] saying[9], I[482] jumped[499] into[554] Mounttop's[483] boat[439], which[16], d[67]'ye[163] see[370],
was[454] gunwale[198] and[236] gunwale[198] with[449] mine[482], then[45]; and[236] snatching[111] the[19]
first[13] harpoon[67], let[66] this[256] old[447] great[259]-grandfather[303] have[254] it[162]. But[330], Lord[106],
look[523] you[227], sir[271]--hearts[431] and[236] souls[82] alive[298], man[17]--the[19] next[27] instant[279],
in[107] a[10] jiff, I[482] was[454] blind[375] as[113] a[10] bat[330]--both[558] eyes[125] out[66]--all[145] befogged[461]
and[236] bedeadened with[449] black[581] foam[160]--the[19] whale[422]'s[483] tail[102] looming[197] straight[346]
up[405] out[66] of[89] it[162], perpendicular[83] in[107] the[19] air[209], like[410] a[10] marble[364] steeple[107].
No[235] use[176] sterning all[145], then[45]; but[330] as[113] I[482] was[454] groping[127] at[65] midday[101],
with[449] a[10] blinding[298] sun[397], all[145] crown[463]-jewels[36]; as[113] I[482] was[454] groping[127], I[482] say[306],
after[358] the[19] second[386] iron[169], to[261] toss[237] it[162] overboard[247]--down[133] comes[268] the[19] tail[102]
like[410] a[10] Lima[120] tower[36], cutting[454] my[36] boat[439] in[107] two[527], leaving[231] each[520] half[119]
in[107] splinters[30]; and[236], flukes[155] first[13], the[19] white[82] hump[20] backed[270] through[295]
the[19] wreck[171], as[113] though[400] it[162] was[454] all[145] chips[333]. We[465] all[145] struck[441] out[66].
To[261] escape[565] his[433] terrible[132] flailings, I[482] seized[337] hold[204] of[89] my[36] harpoon[67]-pole[20]
sticking[457] in[107] him[248], and[236] for[190] a[10] moment[258] clung[336] to[261] that[14] like[410] a[10] sucking[373] fish[187].
But[330] a[10] combing[99] sea[67] dashed[304] me[2] off[111], and[236] at[65] the[19] same[541] instant[279],
the[19] fish[187], taking[146] one[470] good[221] dart[293] forwards[528], went[516] down[133] like[410] a[10] flash[424];
and[236] the[19] barb[65] of[89] that[14] cursed[441] second[386] iron[169] towing[78] along[423] near[70] me[2]
caught[105] me[2] here[135]" (clapping[152] his[433] hand[252] just[108] below[397] his[433] shoulder[168]);
"yes[143], caught[105] me[2] just[108] here[135], I[482] say[306], and[236] bore[27] me[2] down[133] to[261]
Hell[169]'s[483] flames[74], I[482] was[454] thinking[385]; when[189], when[189], all[145] of[89] a[10] sudden[309],
thank[166] the[19] good[221] God[185], the[19] barb[65] ript[142] its[234] way[435] along[423] the[19] flesh[331]--
clear[408] along[423] the[19] whole[199] length[202] of[89] my[36] arm[25]--came[549] out[66] nigh[254] my[36] wrist[117],
and[236] up[405] I[482] floated[6];--and[236] that[14] gentleman[399] there[340] will[584] tell[392] you[227] the[19] rest[302]
(by[406] the[19] way[435], captain[295]--Dr[364]. Bunger, ship[438]'s[483] surgeon[135]: Bunger, my[36] lad[342],--
the[19] captain[295]). Now[20], Bunger boy[110], spin[218] your[162] part[207] of[89] the[19] yarn[118]."

The[19] professional[357] gentleman[399] thus[362] familiarly[31] pointed[413] out[66],
had[364] been[185] all[145] the[19] time[577] standing[144] near[70] them[146], with[449] nothing[324]
specific[383] visible[94], to[261] denote[493] his[433] gentlemanly[86] rank[47] on[392] board[540].
His[433] face[556] was[454] an[138] exceedingly[257] round[287] but[330] sober[121] one[470]; he[362] was[454] dressed[321]
in[107] a[10] faded[69] blue[240] woollen[27] frock[200] or[519] shirt[413], and[236] patched[435] trowsers[206];
and[236] had[364] thus[362] far[258] been[185] dividing[306] his[433] attention[518] between[77] a[10] marlingspike
he[362] held[212] in[107] one[470] hand[252], and[236] a[10] pill-box[325] held[212] in[107] the[19] other[282],
occasionally[509] casting[19] a[10] critical[38] glance[362] at[65] the[19] ivory[76] limbs[315] of[89]
the[19] two[527] crippled[480] captains[124]. But[330], at[65] his[433] superior[479]'s[483] introduction[267]
of[89] him[248] to[261] Ahab[232], he[362] politely[322] bowed[26], and[236] straightway[210] went[516] on[392]
to[261] do[353] his[433] captain[295]'s[483] bidding[340].

"It[162] was[454] a[10] shocking[270] bad[458] wound[342]," began[132] the[19] whale[422]-surgeon[135];
"and[236], taking[146] my[36] advice[481], Captain[295] Boomer[4] here[135], stood[1] our[234] old[447] Sammy[479]-"

"Samuel[77] Enderby[283] is[487] the[19] name[477] of[89] my[36] ship[438]," interrupted[34] the[19]
one[470]-armed[127] captain[295], addressing[54] Ahab[232]; "go[20] on[392], boy[110]."

"Stood[1] our[234] old[447] Sammy[479] off[111] to[261] the[19] northward[63], to[261] get[126] out[66] of[89] the[19] blazing[232]
hot[424] weather[405] there[340] on[392] the[19] Line[25]. But[330] it[162] was[454] no[235] use[176]--I[482] did[444] all[145] I[482] could[375];
sat[77] up[405] with[449] him[248] nights[224]; was[454] very[515] severe[503] with[449] him[248] in[107] the[19] matter[176] of[89] diet[110]-"

"Oh[367], very[515] severe[503]!" chimed[92] in[107] the[19] patient[516] himself[282]; then[45] suddenly[193]
altering[436] his[433] voice[233], "Drinking[453] hot[424] rum[21] toddies with[449] me[2] every[389] night[108],
till[181] he[362] couldn't[500] see[370] to[261] put[190] on[392] the[19] bandages[446]; and[236] sending[1] me[2]
to[261] bed[273], half[119] seas[350] over[82], about[123] three[329] o[24]'clock[489] in[107] the[19] morning[417].
Oh[367], ye[483] stars[286]! he[362] sat[77] up[405] with[449] me[2] indeed[522], and[236] was[454] very[515] severe[503]
in[107] my[36] diet[110]. Oh[367]! a[10] great[259] watcher[60], and[236] very[515] dietetically severe[503],
is[487] Dr[364]. Bunger. (Bunger, you[227] dog[322], laugh[559] out[66]! why[177] don[280]'t[500] ye[483]?
You[227] know[60] you[227]'re[155] a[10] precious[234] jolly[50] rascal[231].) But[330], heave[308] ahead[5], boy[110],
I[482]'d[67] rather[178] be[341] killed[409] by[406] you[227] than[77] kept[290] alive[298] by[406] any[501] other[282] man[17]."

"My[36] captain[295], you[227] must[226] have[254] ere[83] this[256] perceived[76], respected[475] sir[271]"--
said[252] the[19] imperturbable[363] godly[186]-looking[318] Bunger, slightly[238] bowing[452]
to[261] Ahab[232]--"is[487] apt[40] to[261] be[341] facetious[68] at[65] times[121]; he[362] spins[242] us[569] many[282]
clever[238] things[4] of[89] that[14] sort[42]. But[330] I[482] may[236] as[113] well[263] say[306]--en[541] passant[372],
as[113] the[19] French[491] remark[325]--that[14] I[482] myself[99]--that[14] is[487] to[261] say[306], Jack[299] Bunger,
late[351] of[89] the[19] reverend[11] clergy[437]--am[375] a[10] strict[284] total[478] abstinence[35] man[17];
I[482] never[206] drink[117]-"

"Water[520]!" cried[506] the[19] captain[295]; "he[362] never[206] drinks[530] it[162]; it[162]'s[483] a[10] sort[42]

of[89] fits[369] to[261] him[248]; fresh[540] water[520] throws[53] him[248] into[554] the[19] hydrophobia[489];
but[330] go[20] on[392]--go[20] on[392] with[449] the[19] arm[25] story[197]."

"Yes[143], I[482] may[236] as[113] well[263]," said[252] the[19] surgeon[135], coolly[156]. "I[482] was[454] about[123]
observing[278], sir[271], before[344] Captain[295] Boomer[4]'s[483] facetious[68] interruption[57],
that[14] spite[431] of[89] my[36] best[315] and[236] severest[240] endeavors[212], the[19] wound[342] kept[290] getting[369]
worse[561] and[236] worse[561]; the[19] truth[350] was[454], sir[271], it[162] was[454] as[113] ugly[101] gaping[59] wound[342]
as[113] surgeon[135] ever[208] saw[113]; more[348] than[77] two[527] feet[349] and[236] several[479] inches[301] long[544].
I[482] measured[96] it[162] with[449] the[19] lead[362] line[25]. In[107] short[522], it[162] grew[5] black[581];
I[482] knew[480] what[243] was[454] threatened[110], and[236] off[111] it[162] came[549]. But[330] I[482] had[364] no[235] hand[252]
in[107] shipping[319] that[14] ivory[76] arm[25] there[340]; that[14] thing[309] is[487] against[417] all[145] rule[393]"--
pointing[295] at[65] it[162] with[449] the[19] marlingspike--"that[14] is[487] the[19] captain[295]'s[483] work[385],
not[518] mine[482]; he[362] ordered[143] the[19] carpenter[262] to[261] make[175] it[162]; he[362] had[364] that[14] club[83]-hammer[364]
there[340] put[190] to[261] the[19] end[149], to[261] knock[142] some[265] one[470]'s[483] brains[279] out[66] with[449], I[482] suppose[120],
as[113] he[362] tried[73] mine[482] once[248]. He[362] flies[419] into[554] diabolical[340] passions[173] sometimes[77].
Do[353] ye[483] see[370] this[256] dent[321], sir[271]"--removing[46] his[433] hat[107], and[236] brushing[323] aside[408] his[433] hair[237],
and[236] exposing[201] a[10] bowl[418]-like[410] cavity[4] in[107] his[433] skull[9], but[330] which[16] bore[27] not[518]
the[19] slightest[44] scarry[141] trace[327], or[519] any[501] token[502] of[89] ever[208] having[69] been[185] a[10] wound[342]--
"Well[263], the[19] captain[295] there[340] will[584] tell[392] you[227] how[19] that[14] came[549] there[340]; he[362] knows[286]."

"No[235], I[482] don[280]'t[500]," said[252] the[19] captain[295], "but[330] his[433] mother[276] did[444];
he[362] was[454] born[236] with[449] it[162]. Oh[367], you[227] solemn[303] rogue[439], you[227]--you[227] Bunger!
was[454] there[340] ever[208] such[420] another[269] Bunger in[107] the[19] watery[59] world[126]?
Bunger, when[189] you[227] die[229], you[227] ought[170] to[261] die[229] in[107] pickle[110], you[227] dog[322];
you[227] should[255] be[341] preserved[335] to[261] future[44] ages[146], you[227] rascal[231]."

"What[243] became[70] of[89] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]?" now[20] cried[506] Ahab[232], who[319] thus[362] far[258] had[364] been[185]
impatiently[374] listening[19] to[261] this[256] byeplay between[77] the[19] two[527] Englishmen[189].

"Oh[367]!" cried[506] the[19] one[470]-armed[127] captain[295], Oh[367], yes[143]! Well[263]; after[358] he[362] sounded[163],
we[465] didn't[500] see[370] him[248] again[52] for[190] some[265] time[577]; in[107] fact[12], as[113] I[482] before[344] hinted[253],
I[482] didn't[500] then[45] know[60] what[243] whale[422] it[162] was[454] that[14] had[364] served[460] me[2] such[420] a[10] trick[26],
till[181] some[265] time[577] afterwards[418], when[189] coming[140] back[457] to[261] the[19] Line[25], we[465] heard[444]
about[123] Moby[362] Dick[25]--as[113] some[265] call[259] him[248]--and[236] then[45] I[482] knew[480] it[162] was[454] he[362]."

"Did[444]'st[193] thou[173] cross[416] his[433] wake[205] again[52]?"

"Twice[366]."

"But[330] could[375] not[518] fasten[476]?"

"Didn't[500] want[350] to[261] try[266] to[261]; ain't[500] one[470] limb[43] enough[217]? What[243] should[255] I[482]
do[353] without[309] this[256] other[282] arm[25]? And[236] I[482]'m[250] thinking[385] Moby[362] Dick[25] doesn't[500]
bite[517] so[281] much[61] as[113] he[362] swallows[384]."

"Well[263], then[45]," interrupted[34] Bunger, "give[142] him[248] your[162] left[159] arm[25] for[190]
bait[362] to[261] get[126] the[19] right[499]. Do[353] you[227] know[60], gentlemen[340]"--very[515] gravely[174]
and[236] mathematically[554] bowing[452] to[261] each[520] Captain[295] in[107] succession[17]--"Do[353]
you[227] know[60], gentlemen[340], that[14] the[19] digestive[9] organs[410] of[89] the[19] whale[422]
are[314] so[281] inscrutably[34] constructed[126] by[406] Divine[216] Providence[112], that[14] it[162] is[487]
quite[327] impossible[305] for[190] him[248] to[261] completely[385] digest[261] even[198] a[10] man[17]'s[415] arm[25]?
And[236] he[362] knows[286] it[162] too[11]. So[281] that[14] what[243] you[227] take[279] for[190] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]'s[483]
malice[157] is[487] only[517] his[433] awkwardness[267]. For[190] he[362] never[206] means[502] to[261]
swallow[195] a[10] single[77] limb[43]; he[362] only[517] thinks[344] to[261] terrify[503] by[406] feints[92].
But[330] sometimes[77] he[362] is[487] like[410] the[19] old[447] juggling[259] fellow[369], formerly[277] a[10] patient[516]
of[89] mine[482] in[107] Ceylon[444], that[14] making[415] believe[191] swallow[195] jack[299]-knives[386],
once[248] upon[419] a[10] time[577] let[66] one[470] drop[22] into[554] him[248] in[107] good[221] earnest[495],
and[236] there[340] it[162] stayed[117] for[190] a[10] twelvemonth[160] or[519] more[348]; when[189] I[482] gave[572]
him[248] an[138] emetic[350], and[236] he[362] heaved[52] it[162] up[405] in[107] small[350] tacks[496], d[67]'ye[163] see[370]?
No[235] possible[277] way[435] for[190] him[248] to[261] digest[261] that[14] jack[299]-knife[60], and[236] fully[530]
incorporate[38] it[162] into[554] his[433] general[37] bodily[172] system[480]. Yes[143], Captain[295] Boomer[4],
if[141] you[227] are[314] quick[241] enough[217] about[123] it[162], and[236] have[254] a[10] mind[118] to[261] pawn[117]
one[470] arm[25] for[190] the[19] sake[523] of[89] the[19] privilege[414] of[89] giving[207] decent[136] burial[218]
to[261] the[19] other[282], why[177], in[107] that[14] case[346] the[19] arm[25] is[487] yours[256]; only[517] let[66]
the[19] whale[422] have[254] another[269] chance[292] at[65] you[227] shortly[425], that[14]'s[76] all[145]."

"No[235], thank[166] you[227], Bunger," said[252] the[19] English[69] Captain[295], "he[362]'s[483] welcome[2]
to[261] the[19] arm[25] he[362] has[399], since[374] I[482] can[450]'t[500] help[526] it[162], and[236] didn't[500] know[60]
him[248] then[45]; but[330] not[518] to[261] another[269] one[470]. No[235] more[348] White[82] Whales[331] for[190] me[2];
I[482]'ve[149] lowered[279] for[190] him[248] once[248], and[236] that[14] has[399] satisfied[376] me[2].
There[340] would[282] be[341] great[259] glory[173] in[107] killing[311] him[248], I[482] know[60] that[14];
and[236] there[340] is[487] a[10] ship[438]-load[27] of[89] precious[234] sperm[26] in[107] him[248], but[330], hark[313] ye[483],
he[362]'s[483] best[315] let[66] alone[2]; don[280]'t[500] you[227] think[424] so[281], Captain[295]?"--glancing[18] at[65]
the[19] ivory[76] leg[331].

"He[362] is[487]. But[330] he[362] will[584] still[278] be[341] hunted[439], for[190] all[145] that[14]. What[243] is[487] best[315]
let[66] alone[2], that[14] accursed[203] thing[309] is[487] not[518] always[367] what[243] least[453] allures[285].
He[362]'s[483] all[145] a[10] magnet[506]! How[19] long[544] since[374] thou[173] saw[113]'st[193] him[248] last[436]?
Which[16] way[435] heading[364]?"

"Bless[128] my[36] soul[428], and[236] curse[48] the[19] foul[528] fiend[59]'s[483]," cried[506] Bunger,
stoopingly walking[523] round[287] Ahab[232], and[236] like[410] a[10] dog[322], strangely[155] snuffing[107];
"this[256] man[17]'s[415] blood[208]--bring[173] the[19] thermometer[229]!--it[162]'s[483] at[65] the[19] boiling[99] point[438]!--
his[433] pulse[217] makes[32] these[527] planks[284] beat[449]!--sir[271]!"--taking[146] a[10] lancet[444] from[316]
his[433] pocket[461], and[236] drawing[407] near[70] to[261] Ahab[232]'s[483] arm[25].

"Avast[279]!" roared[315] Ahab[232], dashing[14] him[248] against[417] the[19] bulwarks[411]--"Man[17] the[19] boat[439]! Which[16] way[435] heading[364]?"

"Good[221] God[185]!" cried[506] the[19] English[69] Captain[295], to[261] whom[324] the[19] question[562] was[454] put[190]. "What[243]'s[483] the[19] matter[176]? He[362] was[454] heading[364] east[524], I[482] think[424].--Is[487] your[162] Captain[295] crazy[418]?" whispering[491] Fedallah.

But[330] Fedallah, putting[243] a[10] finger[190] on[392] his[433] lip[318], slid[132] over[82] the[19] bulwarks[411] to[261] take[279] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] steering[252] oar[61], and[236] Ahab[232], swinging[379] the[19] cutting[454]-tackle[346] towards[417] him[248] commanded[571] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] sailors[64] to[261] stand[530] by[406] to[261] lower[47].

In[107] a[10] moment[258] he[362] was[454] standing[144] in[107] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] stern[442], and[236] the[19] Manilla[283] men[62] were[324] springing[481] to[261] their[219] oars[398]. In[107] vain[216] the[19] English[69] Captain[295] hailed[411] him[248]. With[449] back[457] to[261] the[19] stranger[233] ship[438], and[236] face[556] set[422] like[410] a[10] flint[153] to[261] his[433] own[248], Ahab[232] stood[1] upright[145] till[181] alongside[540] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288].

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The[19] Decanter[523]

Ere[83] the[19] English[69] ship[438] fades[48] from[316] sight[365] be[341] it[162] set[422] down[133] here[135], that[14] she[391] hailed[411] from[316] London[41], and[236] was[454] named[312] after[358] the[19] late[351] Samuel[77] Enderby[283], merchant[332] of[89] that[14] city[82], the[19] original[463] of[89] the[19] famous[254] whaling[155] house[499] of[89] enderby[283] and[236] sons[250]; a[10] house[499] which[16] in[107] my[36] poor[533] whaleman[98]'s[483] opinion[316], comes[268] not[518] far[258] behind[80] the[19] united[419] royal[161] houses[166] of[89] the[19] Tudors[27] and[236] Bourbons[49], in[107] point[438] of[89] real[305] historical[243] interest[323]. How[19] long[544], prior[201] to[261] the[19] year[347] of[89] our[234] Lord[106] 1775[103], this[256] great[259] whaling[155] house[499] was[454] in[107] existence[187], my[36] numerous[558] fish[187]-documents[125] do[353] not[518] make[175] plain[28]; but[330] in[107] that[14] year[347] (1775[103]) it[162] fitted[200] out[66] the[19] first[13] English[69] ships[21] that[14] ever[208] regularly[37] hunted[439] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]; though[400] for[190] some[265] score[124] of[89] years[116] previous[376] (ever[208] since[374] 1726[360]) our[234] valiant[359] Coffins[259] and[236] Maceys of[89] Nantucket[283] and[236] the[19] Vineyard[92] had[364] in[107] large[385] fleets[29] pursued[460] the[19] Leviathan[384], but[330] only[517] in[107] the[19] North[174] and[236] South[257] Atlantic[198]: not[518] elsewhere[154]. Be[341] it[162] distinctly[26] recorded[84] here[135], that[14] the[19] Nantucketers were[324] the[19] first[13] among[483] mankind[40] to[261] harpoon[67] with[449] civilized[441] steel[184] the[19] great[259] Sperm[26] Whale[422]; and[236] that[14] for[190] half[119] a[10] century[149] they[382] were[324] the[19] only[517] people[482] of[89] the[19] whole[199] globe[23] who[319] so[281] harpooned[290] him[248].

In[107] 1778[518], a[10] fine[333] ship[438], the[19] Amelia[39], fitted[200] out[66] for[190] the[19] express[91] purpose[514], and[236] at[65] the[19] sole[462] charge[308] of[89] the[19] vigorous[113] Enderbys[300], boldly[445] rounded[23] Cape[23] Horn[139], and[236] was[454] the[19] first[13] among[483] the[19] nations[274] to[261] lower[47] a[10] whale[422]-boat[439] of[89] any[501] sort[42] in[107] the[19] great[259] South[257] Sea[67]. The[19] voyage[137] was[454] a[10] skilful[41] and[236] lucky[439] one[470]; and[236] returning[53] to[261] her[400] berth[283] with[449] her[400] hold[204] full[414] of[89] the[19] precious[234] sperm[26], the[19] Amelia[39]'s[483] example[479] was[454] soon[18] followed[234] by[406] other[282] ships[21], English[69] and[236] American[272], and[236] thus[362] the[19] vast[43] Sperm[26] Whale[422] grounds[448] of[89] the[19] Pacific[294] were[324] thrown[359] open[464]. But[330] not[518] content[7] with[449] this[256] good[221] deed[101], the[19] indefatigable[117] house[499] again[52] bestirred[275] itself[312]: Samuel[77] and[236] all[145] his[433] Sons[250]--how[19] many[282], their[219] mother[276] only[517] knows[286]--and[236] under[533] their[219] immediate[388] auspices[25], and[236] partly[311], I[482] think[424], at[65] their[219] expense[465], the[19] British[81] government[303] was[454] induced[45] to[261] send[536] the[19] sloop[172]-of[89]-war[169] Rattler[299] on[392] a[10] whaling[155] voyage[137] of[89] discovery[416] into[554] the[19] South[257] Sea[67]. Commanded[571] by[406] a[10] naval[152] Post[2]-Captain[295], the[19] Rattler[299] made[563] a[10] rattling[282] voyage[137] of[89] it[162], and[236] did[444] some[265] service[343]; how[19] much[61] does[565] not[518] appear[443]. But[330] this[256] is[487] not[518] all[145]. In[107] 1819[477], the[19] same[541] house[499] fitted[200] out[66] a[10] discovery[416] whale[422] ship[438] of[89] their[219] own[248], to[261] go[20] on[392] a[10] tasting[95] cruise[117] to[261] the[19] remote[141] waters[556] of[89] Japan[53]. That[14] ship[438]--well[263] called[237] the[19] "Syren[102]"--made[563] a[10] noble[226] experimental[93] cruise[117]; and[236] it[162] was[454] thus[362] that[14] the[19] great[259] Japanese[364] Whaling[155] Ground[127] first[13] became[70] generally[402] known[86]. The[19] Syren[102] in[107] this[256] famous[254] voyage[137] was[454] commanded[571] by[406] a[10] Captain[295] Coffin[284], a[10] Nantucketer.

All[145] honor[497] to[261] the[19] Enderbies, therefore[94], whose[286] house[499], I[482] think[424], exists[393] to[261] the[19] present[112] day[112]; though[400] doubtless[101] the[19] original[463] Samuel[77] must[226] long[544] ago[141] have[254] slipped[227] his[433] cable[41] for[190] the[19] great[259] South[257] Sea[67] of[89] the[19] other[282] world[126].

The[19] ship[438] named[312] after[358] him[248] was[454] worthy[60] of[89] the[19] honor[497], being[264] a[10] very[515] fast[208] sailer[155] and[236] a[10] noble[226] craft[187] every[389] way[435]. I[482] boarded[52] her[400] once[248] at[65] midnight[539] somewhere[201] off[111] the[19] Patagonian[31] coast[287], and[236] drank[82] good[221] flip[282] down[133] in[107] the[19] forecastle[367]. It[162] was[454] a[10] fine[333] gam[437] we[465] had[364], and[236] they[382] were[324] all[145] trumps[21]--every[389] soul[428] on[392] board[540]. A[10] short[522] life[71] to[261] them[146], and[236] a[10] jolly[50] death[543]. And[236] that[14] fine[333] gam[437] I[482] had[364]--long[544], very[515] long[544] after[358] old[447] Ahab[232] touched[367] her[400] planks[284] with[449] his[433] ivory[76] heel[105]--it[162] minds[244] me[2] of[89] the[19] noble[226], solid[494], Saxon[479] hospitality[137] of[89] that[14] ship[438]; and[236] may[236] my[36] parson[18] forget[426] me[2], and[236] the[19] devil[411] remember[499] me[2], if[141] I[482] ever[208] lose[247] sight[365] of[89] it[162]. Flip[282]? Did[444] I[482] say[306] we[465] had[364] flip[282]? Yes[143], and[236] we[465] flipped[285] it[162] at[65] the[19] rate[515] of[89] ten[198] gallons[141] the[19] hour[384]; and[236] when[189] the[19] squall[467] came[549] (for[190] it[162]'s[483] squally[78] off[111] there[340] by[406] Patagonia[111]), and[236] all[145] hands[87]--visitors[143] and[236] all[145]--were[324] called[237] to[261] reef[265] topsails[76], we[465] were[324] so[281] top[70]-heavy[421] that[14] we[465] had[364] to[261] swing[311] each[520] other[282] aloft[276] in[107] bowlines[141]; and[236] we[465] ignorantly[136] furled[145] the[19] skirts[259] of[89] our[234] jackets[140] into[554] the[19] sails[344], so[281] that[14] we[465] hung[479] there[340], reefed[402] fast[208] in[107] the[19] howling[204] gale[440], a[10] warning[531] example[479] to[261] all[145] drunken[314] tars[156]. However[44], the[19] masts[212] did[444] not[518] go[20] overboard[247]; and[236] by[406] and[236] by[406] we[465] scrambled[320] down[133],

so[281] sober[121], that[14] we[465] had[364] to[261] pass[153] the[19] flip[282] again[52], though[400] the[19] savage[398] salt[183]
spray[76] bursting[288] down[133] the[19] forecastle[367] scuttle[27], rather[178] too[11] much[61] diluted[95]
and[236] pickled[231] it[162] for[190] my[36] taste[134].

The[19] beef[303] was[454] fine[333]--tough[241], but[330] with[449] body[348] in[107] it[162].
They[382] said[252] it[162] was[454] bullbeef; others[317], that[14] it[162] was[454] dromedary[183] beef[303];
but[330] I[482] do[353] not[518] know[60], for[190] certain[31], how[19] that[14] was[454]. They[382] had[364]
dumplings[461] too[11]; small[350], but[330] substantial[101], symmetrically[557] globular[203],
and[236] indestructible[143] dumplings[461]. I[482] fancied[100] that[14] you[227] could[375] feel[461] them[146],
and[236] roll[473] them[146] about[123] in[107] you[227] after[358] they[382] were[324] swallowed[104].
If[141] you[227] stooped[14] over[82] too[11] far[258] forward[364], you[227] risked[23] their[219]
pitching[143] out[66] of[89] you[227] like[410] billiard[110]-balls[336]. The[19] bread[387]--
but[330] that[14] couldn't[500] be[341] helped[204]; besides[465], it[162] was[454] an[138] anti-scorbutic[92],
in[107] short[522], the[19] bread[387] contained[275] the[19] only[517] fresh[540] fare[19] they[382] had[364].
But[330] the[19] forecastle[367] was[454] not[518] very[515] light[382], and[236] it[162] was[454] very[515] easy[281]
to[261] step[204] over[82] into[554] a[10] dark[471] corner[204] when[189] you[227] ate[367] it[162]. But[330] all[145] in[107] all[145],
taking[146] her[400] from[316] truck[120] to[261] helm[285], considering[115] the[19] dimensions[400]
of[89] the[19] cook[41]'s[483] boilers[69], including[123] his[433] own[248] live[554] parchment[127] boilers[69];
fore[259] and[236] aft[2], I[482] say[306], the[19] Samuel[77] Enderby[283] was[454] a[10] jolly[50] ship[438];
of[89] good[221] fare[19] and[236] plenty[406]; fine[333] flip[282] and[236] strong[145]; crack[83] fellows[131] all[145],
and[236] capital[154] from[316] boot[159] heels[368] to[261] hat[107]-band[541].

But[330] why[177] was[454] it[162], think[424] ye[483], that[14] the[19] Samuel[77] Enderby[283], and[236] some[265] other[282]
English[69] whalers[116] I[482] know[60] of[89]--not[518] all[145] though[400]--were[324] such[420] famous[254],
hospitable[468] ships[21]; that[14] passed[87] round[287] the[19] beef[303], and[236] the[19] bread[387],
and[236] the[19] can[450], and[236] the[19] joke[568]; and[236] were[324] not[518] soon[18] weary[306] of[89] eating[22],
and[236] drinking[453], and[236] laughing[83]? I[482] will[584] tell[392] you[227]. The[19] abounding[143] good[221]
cheer[337] of[89] these[527] English[69] whalers[116] is[487] matter[176] for[190] historical[243] research[51].
Nor[137] have[254] I[482] been[185] at[65] all[145] sparing[427] of[89] historical[243] whale[422] research[51],
when[189] it[162] has[399] seemed[132] needed[133].

The[19] English[69] were[324] preceded[518] in[107] the[19] whale[422] fishery[136] by[406]
the[19] Hollanders[129], Zealanders[362], and[236] Danes[350]; from[316] whom[324] they[382] derived[494]
many[282] terms[297] still[278] extant[557] in[107] the[19] fishery[136]; and[236] what[243] is[487] yet[443] more[348],
their[219] fat[351] old[447] fashions[74], touching[80] plenty[406] to[261] eat[286] and[236] drink[117].
For[190], as[113] a[10] general[37] thing[309], the[19] English[69] merchant[332]-ship[438] scrimps her[400] crew[126];
but[330] not[518] so[281] the[19] English[69] whaler[91]. Hence[503], in[107] the[19] English[69], this[256] thing[309]
of[89] whaling[155] good[221] cheer[337] is[487] not[518] normal[210] and[236] natural[298], but[330] incidental[71]
and[236] particular[336]; and[236], therefore[94], must[226] have[254] some[265] special[326] origin[233],
which[16] is[487] here[135] pointed[413] out[66], and[236] will[584] be[341] still[278] further[53] elucidated[54].

During[309] my[36] researches[368] in[107] the[19] Leviathanic histories[23], I[482] stumbled[30] upon[419]
an[138] ancient[463] Dutch[325] volume[295], which[16], by[406] the[19] musty[321] whaling[155] smell[124] of[89] it[162],
I[482] knew[480] must[226] be[341] about[123] whalers[116]. The[19] title[168] was[454], "Dan[363] Coopman,"
wherefore[220] I[482] concluded[157] that[14] this[256] must[226] be[341] the[19] invaluable[2] memoirs[398]
of[89] some[265] Amsterdam[345] cooper[35] in[107] the[19] fishery[136], as[113] every[389] whale[422] ship[438] must[226]
carry[160] its[234] cooper[35]. I[482] was[454] reinforced[107] in[107] this[256] opinion[316] by[406] seeing[426]
that[14] it[162] was[454] the[19] production[432] of[89] one[470] "Fitz[166] Swackhammer." But[330] my[36]
friend[179] Dr[364]. Snodhead, a[10] very[515] learned[277] man[17], professor[281] of[89] Low[407] Dutch[325]
and[236] High[361] German[264] in[107] the[19] college[400] of[89] Santa[494] Claus[370] and[236] St[193]. Potts[471],
to[261] whom[324] I[482] handed[189] the[19] work[385] for[190] translation[298], giving[207] him[248] a[10] box[226] of[89] sperm[26]
candles[457] for[190] his[433] trouble[328]--this[256] same[541] Dr[364]. Snodhead, so[281] soon[18] as[113] he[362] spied[387]
the[19] book[230], assured[557] me[2] that[14] "Dan[363] Coopman" did[444] not[518] mean[504] "The[19] Cooper[35],"
but[330] "The[19] Merchant[332]." In[107] short[522], this[256] ancient[463] and[236] learned[277] Low[407] Dutch[325]
book[230] treated[277] of[89] the[19] commerce[292] of[89] Holland[173]; and[236], among[483] other[282] subjects[122],
contained[275] a[10] very[515] interesting[409] account[102] of[89] its[234] whale[422] fishery[136].
And[236] in[107] this[256] chapter[293] it[162] was[454], headed[124], "Smeer," or[519] "Fat[351]," that[14] I[482]
found[260] a[10] long[544] detailed[117] list[576] of[89] the[19] outfits[88] for[190] the[19] larders[292]
and[236] cellars[191] of[89] 180[69] sail[218] of[89] Dutch[325] whalemen[451]; from[316] which[16] list[576],
as[113] translated[241] by[406] Dr[364]. Snodhead, I[482] transcribe[485] the[19] following[181]:

0084400,000 lbs[283]. of[89] beef[303].
60[87],000[360] lbs[283]. Friesland[273] pork[3].
150[52],000[287] lbs[283]. of[89] stock[437] fish[187].
550[235],000[125] lbs[283]. of[89] biscuit[369].
72[152],000[25] lbs[283]. of[89] soft[226] bread[387].
2[404],800 firkins[26] of[89] butter[536].
20[406],000 lbs[283]. of[89] Texel[117] and[236] Leyden[199] cheese[10].
144,000[157] lbs[283]. cheese[10] (probably[244] an[138] inferior[84] article[58]).
550[235] ankers[192] of[89] Geneva[83].
10[474],800 barrels[368] of[89] beer[471].

Most[216] statistical[67] tables[13] are[314] parchingly dry[430] in[107] the[19] reading[210];
not[518] so[281] in[107] the[19] present[112] case[346], however[44], where[579] the[19] reader[243] is[487] flooded[549]
with[449] whole[199] pipes[17], barrels[368], quarts[95], and[236] gills[111] of[89] good[221] gin[78]
and[236] good[221] cheer[337].

At[65] the[19] time[577], I[482] devoted[15] three[329] days[351] to[261] the[19] studious[303] digesting[53] of[89] all[145]
this[256] beer[471], beef[303], and[236] bread[387], during[309] which[16] many[282] profound[371] thoughts[26]
were[324] incidentally[261] suggested[431] to[261] me[2], capable[424] of[89] a[10] transcendental[73]
and[236] Platonic[280] application[258]; and[236], furthermore[181], I[482] compiled[38] supplementary[210]
tables[13] of[89] my[36] own[248], touching[80] the[19] probable[213] quantity[316] of[89] stock[437]-fish[187], &c[62].,
consumed[78] by[406] every[389] Low[407] Dutch[325] harpooneer in[107] that[14] ancient[463] Greenland[110]
and[236] Spitzbergen[78] whale[422] fishery[136]. In[107] the[19] first[13] place[107], the[19] amount[11]

of[89] butter[536], and[236] Texel[117] and[236] Leyden[199] cheese[10] consumed[78], seems[19] amazing[306].
I[482] impute[261] it[162], though[400], to[261] their[219] naturally[362] unctuous[322] natures[531],
being[264] rendered[37] still[278] more[348] unctuous[322] by[406] the[19] nature[159] of[89] their[219] vocation[408],
and[236] especially[371] by[406] their[219] pursuing[392] their[219] game[233] in[107] those[427] frigid[499] Polar[25] Seas[350],
on[392] the[19] very[515] coasts[147] of[89] that[14] Esquimaux[162] country[362] where[579] the[19] convivial[355]
natives[165] pledge[322] each[520] other[282] in[107] bumpers[27] of[89] train[127] oil[118].

The[19] quantity[316] of[89] the[19] beer[471], too[11], is[487] very[515] large[385], 10[474],800 barrels[368].
Now[20], as[113] those[427] polar[25] fisheries[6] could[375] only[517] be[341] prosecuted[368] in[107] the[19] short[522]
summer[408] of[89] that[14] climate[271], so[281] that[14] the[19] whole[199] cruise[117] of[89] one[470] of[89] these[527] Dutch[325]
whalemen[451], including[123] the[19] short[522] voyage[137] to[261] and[236] from[316] the[19] Spitzbergen[78] sea[67],
did[444] not[518] much[61] exceed[534] three[329] months[17], say[306], and[236] reckoning[541] 30[292] men[62]
to[261] each[520] of[89] their[219] fleet[206] of[89] 180[69] sail[218], we[465] have[254] 5[87],400[135] Low[407] Dutch[325] seamen[6]
in[107] all[145]; therefore[94], I[482] say[306], we[465] have[254] precisely[217] two[527] barrels[368] of[89] beer[471]
per[47] man[17], for[190] a[10] twelve[293] weeks[522]' allowance[392], exclusive[518] of[89] his[433] fair[320]
proportion[160] of[89] that[14] 550[235] ankers[192] of[89] gin[78]. Now[20], whether[454] these[527] gin[78] and[236]
beer[471] harpooneers, so[281] fuddled[10] as[113] one[470] might[496] fancy[396] them[146] to[261] have[254] been[185],
were[324] the[19] right[499] sort[42] of[89] men[62] to[261] stand[530] up[405] in[107] a[10] boat[439]'s[483] head[219], and[236] take[279]
good[221] aim[176] at[65] flying[354] whales[331]; this[256] would[282] seem[404] somewhat[77] improbable[128].
Yet[443] they[382] did[444] aim[176] at[65] them[146], and[236] hit[322] them[146] too[11]. But[330] this[256] was[454] very[515] far[258] North[174],
be[341] it[162] remembered[66], where[579] beer[471] agrees[430] well[263] with[449] the[19] constitution[480];
upon[419] the[19] Equator[136], in[107] our[234] southern[187] fishery[136], beer[471] would[282] be[341] apt[40] to[261] make[175]
the[19] harpooneer sleepy[452] at[65] the[19] mast[44]-head[116] and[236] boozy[2] in[107] his[433] boat[439];
and[236] grievous[502] loss[223] might[496] ensue[524] to[261] Nantucket[283] and[236] New[36] Bedford[83].

But[330] no[235] more[348]; enough[217] has[399] been[185] said[252] to[261] show[460] that[14] the[19] old[447] Dutch[325]
whalers[116] of[89] two[527] or[519] three[329] centuries[168] ago[141] were[324] high[361] livers[83]; and[236] that[14]
the[19] English[69] whalers[116] have[254] not[518] neglected[209] so[281] excellent[161] an[138] example[479].
For[190], say[306] they[382], when[189] cruising[298] in[107] an[138] empty[450] ship[438], if[141] you[227] can[450] get[126] nothing[324]
better[34] out[66] of[89] the[19] world[126], get[126] a[10] good[221] dinner[322] out[66] of[89] it[162], at[65] least[453].
And[236] this[256] empties[84] the[19] decanter[523].

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A[10] Bower[438] in[107] the[19] Arsacides[125]

Hitherto[533], in[107] descriptively[103] treating[117] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422], I[482] have[254]
chiefly[90] dwelt[495] upon[419] the[19] marvels[25] of[89] his[433] outer[359] aspect[147]; or[519] separately[350]
and[236] in[107] detail[41] upon[419] some[265] few[49] interior[163] structural[143] features[150].
But[330] to[261] a[10] large[385] and[236] thorough[98] sweeping[61] comprehension[367] of[89] him[248],
it[162] behoves[86] me[2] now[20] to[261] unbutton[46] him[248] still[278] further[53], and[236] untagging
the[19] points[245] of[89] his[433] hose[192], unbuckling[403] his[433] garters[127], and[236] casting[19] loose[159]
the[19] hooks[561] and[236] the[19] eyes[125] of[89] the[19] joints[401] of[89] his[433] innermost[27] bones[5],
set[422] him[248] before[344] you[227] in[107] his[433] ultimatum[31]; that[14] is[487] to[261] say[306],
in[107] his[433] unconditional[25] skeleton[231].

But[330] how[19] now[20], Ishmael[196]? How[19] is[487] it[162], that[14] you[227], a[10] mere[393] oarsman[60] in[107]
the[19] fishery[136], pretend[493] to[261] know[60] aught[26] about[123] the[19] subterranean[105] parts[470]
of[89] the[19] whale[422]? Did[444] erudite[54] Stubb, mounted[191] upon[419] your[162] capstan[241],
deliver[492] lectures[124] on[392] the[19] anatomy[334] of[89] the[19] Cetacea[6]; and[236] by[406] help[526]
of[89] the[19] windlass[231], hold[204] up[405] a[10] specimen[155] rib[84] for[190] exhibition[77]?
Explain[349] thyself[402], Ishmael[196]. Can[450] you[227] land[406] a[10] full[414]-grown[299] whale[422] on[392] your[162]
deck[505] for[190] examination[283], as[113] a[10] cook[41] dishes[36] a[10] roast[120]-pig[241]? Surely[388] not[518].
A[10] veritable[282] witness[134] have[254] you[227] hitherto[533] been[185], Ishmael[196];
but[330] have[254] a[10] care[307] how[19] you[227] seize[445] the[19] privilege[414] of[89] Jonah[41] alone[2];
the[19] privilege[414] of[89] discoursing[159] upon[419] the[19] joists[311] and[236] beams[523];
the[19] rafters[344], ridge[435]-pole[212], sleepers[367], and[236] under[533]-pinnings, making[415]
up[405] the[19] frame[84]-work[25] of[89] leviathan[384]; and[236] belike[142] of[89] the[19] tallow[157]-vats,
dairy[44]-rooms[133], butteries[336], and[236] cheeseries in[107] his[433] bowels[499].

I[482] confess[315], that[14] since[374] Jonah[41], few[49] whalemen[451] have[254] penetrated[300] very[515] far[258]
beneath[320] the[19] skin[428] of[89] the[19] adult[305] whale[422]; nevertheless[104], I[482] have[254] been[185]
blessed[473] with[449] an[138] opportunity[256] to[261] dissect[25] him[248] in[107] miniature[124].
In[107] a[10] ship[438] I[482] belonged[455] to[261], a[10] small[350] cub[198] Sperm[26] Whale[422] was[454] once[248]
bodily[172] hoisted[367] to[261] the[19] deck[505] for[190] his[433] poke[213] or[519] bag[141], to[261] make[175] sheaths[202]
for[190] the[19] barbs[226] of[89] the[19] harpoons[6], and[236] for[190] the[19] heads[366] of[89] the[19] lances[8].
Think[424] you[227] I[482] let[66] that[14] chance[292] go[20], without[309] using[14] my[36] boat[439]-hatchet[273]
and[236] jack[299]-knife[60], and[236] breaking[6] the[19] seal[40] and[236] reading[210] all[145] the[19] contents[347]
of[89] that[14] young[389] cub[198]?

And[236] as[113] for[190] my[36] exact[408] knowledge[270] of[89] the[19] bones[5] of[89] the[19] leviathan[384]
in[107] their[219] gigantic[157], full[414] grown[299] development[112], for[190] that[14] rare[296] knowledge[270]
I[482] am[375] indebted[54] to[261] my[36] late[351] royal[161] friend[179] Tranquo, king[324] of[89] Tranque,
one[470] of[89] the[19] Arsacides[125]. For[190] being[264] at[65] Tranque, years[116] ago[141],
when[189] attached[211] to[261] the[19] trading[280]-ship[135] Dey[400] of[89] Algiers[330], I[482] was[454] invited[230]
to[261] spend[357] part[207] of[89] the[19] Arsacidean holidays[333] with[449] the[19] lord[106] of[89] Tranque,
at[65] his[433] retired[158] palm[114] villa[181] at[65] Pupella; a[10] sea[67]-side[246] glen[548] not[518] very[515] far[258]
distant[353] from[316] what[243] our[234] sailors[64] called[237] Bamboo[41]-Town[172], his[433] capital[154].

Among[483] many[282] other[282] fine[333] qualities[21], my[36] royal[161] friend[179] Tranquo,
being[264] gifted[19] with[449] a[10] devout[292] love[391] for[190] all[145] matters[515] of[89] barbaric[559] vertu[236],

had[364] brought[85] together[440] in[107] Pupella whatever[38] rare[296] things[4] the[19] more[348] ingenious[102]
of[89] his[433] people[482] could[375] invent[292]; chiefly[90] carved[455] woods[29] of[89] wonderful[291] devices[285],
chiselled[253] shells[203], inlaid[6] spears[450], costly[189] paddles[78], aromatic[52] canoes[471];
and[236] all[145] these[527] distributed[474] among[483] whatever[38] natural[298] wonders[115],
the[19] wonder[76]-freighted[12], tribute[412]-rendering[155] waves[443] had[364] cast[99] upon[419] his[433] shores[116].

Chief[156] among[483] these[527] latter[497] was[454] a[10] great[259] Sperm[26] Whale[422], which[16], after[358] an[138]
unusually[35] long[544] raging[173] gale[440], had[364] been[185] found[260] dead[568] and[236] stranded[299], with[449] his[433]
head[219] against[417] a[10] cocoa-nut[142] tree[482], whose[286] plumage[206]-like[410], tufted[272] droopings
seemed[132] his[433] verdant[441] jet[423]. When[189] the[19] vast[43] body[348] had[364] at[65] last[436] been[185] stripped[301]
of[89] its[234] fathomdeep enfoldings[142], and[236] the[19] bones[5] become[548] dust[434] dry[430] in[107] the[19] sun[397],
then[45] the[19] skeleton[231] was[454] carefully[374] transported[546] up[405] the[19] Pupella glen[548],
where[579] a[10] grand[229] temple[237] of[89] lordly[14] palms[173] now[20] sheltered[6] it[162].

The[19] ribs[92] were[324] hung[479] with[449] trophies[197]; the[19] vertebrae[258] were[324] carved[455]
with[449] Arsacidean annals[303], in[107] strange[440] hieroglyphics[99]; in[107] the[19] skull[9],
the[19] priests[411] kept[290] up[405] an[138] unextinguished[68] aromatic[52] flame[113], so[281] that[14] the[19] mystic[455]
head[219] again[52] sent[411] forth[152] its[234] vapory[112] spout[224]; while[55], suspended[245] from[316]
a[10] bough[35], the[19] terrific[315] lower[47] jaw[213] vibrated[376] over[82] all[145] the[19] devotees[83],
like[410] the[19] hair[237]-hung[479] sword[273] that[14] so[281] affrighted[35] Damocles[146].

It[162] was[454] a[10] wondrous[30] sight[365]. The[19] wood[46] was[454] green[549] as[113] mosses[28] of[89] the[19] Icy[155] Glen[548];
the[19] trees[354] stood[1] high[361] and[236] haughty[459], feeling[384] their[219] living[117] sap[18];
the[19] industrious[241] earth[513] beneath[320] was[454] as[113] a[10] weaver[36]'s[483] loom[280],
with[449] a[10] gorgeous[188] carpet[446] on[392] it[162], whereof[422] the[19] ground[127]-vine tendrils[151]
formed[294] the[19] warp[382] and[236] woof[414], and[236] the[19] living[117] flowers[325] the[19] figures[66].
All[145] the[19] trees[354], with[449] all[145] their[219] laden[126] branches[364]; all[145] the[19] shrubs[221],
and[236] ferns[157], and[236] grasses[248]; the[19] message[15]-carrying[103] air[209]; all[145] these[527]
unceasingly[507] were[324] active[54]. Through[295] the[19] lacings[305] of[89] the[19] leaves[441],
the[19] great[259] sun[397] seemed[132] a[10] flying[354] shuttle[465] weaving[113] the[19] unwearied[158] verdure[329].
Oh[367], busy[130] weaver[36]! unseen[173] weaver[36]!--pause[391]!--one[470] word[486]!--
whither[160] flows[6] the[19] fabric[191]? what[243] palace[17] may[236] it[162] deck[505]? wherefore[220]
all[145] these[527] ceaseless[25] toilings? Speak[337], weaver[36]!--stay[238] thy[43] hand[252]!--
but[330] one[470] single[77] word[486] with[449] thee[15]! Nay[358]--the[19] shuttle[465] flies[419]--
the[19] figures[66] float[231] from[316] forth[152] the[19] loom[280]; the[19] fresher[120]-rushing[344]
carpet[446] for[190] ever[208] slides[270] away[443]. The[19] weaver[36]-god[185], he[362] weaves[110];
and[236] by[406] that[14] weaving[113] is[487] he[362] deafened[174], that[14] he[362] hears[561] no[235] mortal[371] voice[233];
and[236] by[406] that[14] humming[243], we[465], too[11], who[319] look[523] on[392] the[19] loom[280] are[314] deafened[174];
and[236] only[517] when[189] we[465] escape[565] it[162] shall[66] we[465] hear[386] the[19] thousand[586] voices[386] that[14]
speak[337] through[295] it[162]. For[190] even[198] so[281] it[162] is[487] in[107] all[145] material[161] factories[146].
The[19] spoken[507] words[107] that[14] are[314] inaudible[516] among[483] the[19] flying[354] spindles[157];
those[427] same[541] words[107] are[314] plainly[450] heard[444] without[309] the[19] walls[116], bursting[288] from[316]
the[19] opened[461] casements[212]. Thereby[190] have[254] villainies[217] been[185] detected[185].
Ah[132], mortal[371]! then[45], be[341] heedful[133]; for[190] so[281], in[107] all[145] this[256] din[190] of[89] the[19] great[259]
world[126]'s[483] loom[280], thy[43] subtlest[23] thinkings[142] may[236] be[341] overheard[512] afar[26].

Now[20], amid[240] the[19] green[549], life[71]-restless[92] loom[280] of[89] that[14] Arsacidean wood[46],
the[19] great[259], white[82], worshipped[499] skeleton[231] lay[62] lounging[325]--a[10] gigantic[157] idler[458]!
Yet[443], as[113] the[19] ever[208]-woven[26] verdant[441] warp[382] and[236] woof[414] intermixed[223] and[236] hummed[459]
around[66] him[248], the[19] mighty[2] idler[458] seemed[132] the[19] cunning[198] weaver[36]; himself[282] all[145] woven[26]
over[82] with[449] the[19] vines[489]; every[389] month[438] assuming[330] greener[429], fresher[120] verdure[329];
but[330] himself[282] a[10] skeleton[231]. Life[71] folded[305] Death[543]; Death[543] trellised[445] Life[71];
the[19] grim[19] god[185] wived[56] with[449] youthful[41] Life[71], and[236] begat[217] him[248] curly-headed[124] glories[29].

Now[20], when[189] with[449] royal[161] Tranquo I[482] visited[16] this[256] wondrous[30] whale[422],
and[236] saw[113] the[19] skull[9] an[138] altar[273], and[236] the[19] artificial[310] smoke[99] ascending[116]
from[316] where[579] the[19] real[305] jet[423] had[364] issued[146], I[482] marvelled[34] that[14] the[19] king[324]
should[255] regard[448] a[10] chapel[60] as[113] an[138] object[100] of[89] vertu[236]. He[362] laughed[166].
But[330] more[348] I[482] marvelled[34] that[14] the[19] priests[411] should[255] swear[322] that[14] smoky[178] jet[423]
of[89] his[433] was[454] genuine[44]. To[261] and[236] fro[183] I[482] paced[145] before[344] this[256] skeleton[231]--
brushed[513] the[19] vines[489] aside[408]--broke[356] through[295] the[19] ribs[92]--and[236] with[449] a[10] ball[141]
of[89] Arsacidean twine[104], wandered[429], eddied[101] long[544] amid[240] its[234] many[282] winding[486],
shaded[366] colonnades[7] and[236] arbors[216]. But[330] soon[18] my[36] line[25] was[454] out[66];
and[236] following[181] it[162] back[457], I[482] emerged[100] from[316] the[19] opening[306] where[579] I[482] entered[447].
I[482] saw[113] no[235] living[117] thing[309] within[503]; naught[80] was[454] there[340] but[330] bones[5].

Cutting[454] me[2] a[10] green[549] measuring[446]-rod[216], I[482] once[248] more[348] dived[149] within[503]
the[19] skeleton[231]. From[316] their[219] arrow[44]-slit[430] in[107] the[19] skull[9], the[19] priests[411]
perceived[76] me[2] taking[146] the[19] altitude[315] of[89] the[19] final[357] rib[84], "How[19] now[20]!"
they[382] shouted[300]; "Dar'st[193] thou[173] measure[520] this[256] our[234] god[185]! That[14]'s[76] for[190] us[569]."
"Aye[86], priests[411]--well[263], how[19] long[544] do[353] ye[483] make[175] him[248], then[45]?" But[330] hereupon[163]
a[10] fierce[394] contest[31] rose[449] among[483] them[146], concerning[368] feet[349] and[236] inches[301];
they[382] cracked[423] each[520] other[282]'s[483] sconces[520] with[449] their[219] yard[258]-sticks[335]--
the[19] great[259] skull[9] echoed[84]--and[236] seizing[327] that[14] lucky[439] chance[292],
I[482] quickly[183] concluded[157] my[36] own[248] admeasurements[398].

These[527] admeasurements[398] I[482] now[20] propose[385] to[261] set[422] before[344] you[227].
But[330] first[13], be[341] it[162] recorded[84], that[14], in[107] this[256] matter[176], I[482] am[375] not[518] free[483]
to[261] utter[270] any[501] fancied[100] measurements[243] I[482] please[153]. Because[540] there[340] are[314]
skeleton[231] authorities[322] you[227] can[450] refer[169] to[261], to[261] test[124] my[36] accuracy[484].
There[340] is[487] a[10] Leviathanic Museum[392], they[382] tell[392] me[2], in[107] Hull[323], England[348],
one[470] of[89] the[19] whaling[155] ports[92] of[89] that[14] country[362], where[579] they[382] have[254] some[265]
fine[333] specimens[91] of[89] fin[286]-backs[480] and[236] other[282] whales[331]. Likewise[193], I[482] have[254]
heard[444] that[14] in[107] the[19] museum[392] of[89] Manchester[229], in[107] New[36] Hampshire[324],

they[382] have[254] what[243] the[19] proprietors[506] call[259] "the[19] only[517] perfect[307] specimen[155] of[89] a[10] Greenland[110] or[519] River[201] Whale[422] in[107] the[19] United[419] States[443]." Moreover[326], at[65] a[10] place[107] in[107] Yorkshire[129], England[348], Burton[412] Constable[272] by[406] name[477], a[10] certain[31] Sir[271] Clifford[406] Constable[272] has[399] in[107] his[433] possession[379] the[19] skeleton[231] of[89] a[10] Sperm[26] Whale[422], but[330] of[89] moderate[57] size[503], by[406] no[235] means[502] of[89] the[19] full[414]-grown[299] magnitude[203] of[89] my[36] friend[179] King[324] Tranquo's[483].

In[107] both[558] cases[108], the[19] stranded[299] whales[331] to[261] which[16] these[527] two[527] skeletons[154] belonged[455], were[324] originally[367] claimed[125] by[406] their[219] proprietors[506] upon[419] similar[101] grounds[448]. King[324] Tranquo seizing[327] his[433] because[540] he[362] wanted[85] it[162]; and[236] Sir[271] Clifford[406], because[540] he[362] was[454] lord[106] of[89] the[19] seignories[27] of[89] those[427] parts[470]. Sir[271] Clifford[406]'s[483] whale[422] has[399] been[185] articulated[423] throughout[159]; so[281] that[14], like[410] a[10] great[259] chest[98] of[89] drawers[350], you[227] can[450] open[464] and[236] shut[59] him[248], in[107] all[145] his[433] bony[23] cavities[380]--spread[348] out[66] his[433] ribs[92] like[410] a[10] gigantic[157] fan[104]--and[236] swing[311] all[145] day[112] upon[419] his[433] lower[47] jaw[213]. Locks[445] are[314] to[261] be[341] put[190] upon[419] some[265] of[89] his[433] trap[19]-doors[7] and[236] shutters[302]; and[236] a[10] footman[280] will[584] show[460] round[287] future[44] visitors[143] with[449] a[10] bunch[100] of[89] keys[470] at[65] his[433] side[246]. Sir[271] Clifford[406] thinks[344] of[89] charging[386] twopence[30] for[190] a[10] peep[222] at[65] the[19] whispering[491] gallery[417] in[107] the[19] spinal[7] column[265]; threepence[115] to[261] hear[386] the[19] echo[25] in[107] the[19] hollow[511] of[89] his[433] cerebellum[336]; and[236] sixpence[470] for[190] the[19] unrivalled[154] view[370] from[316] his[433] forehead[380].

The[19] skeleton[231] dimensions[400] I[482] shall[66] now[20] proceed[367] to[261] set[422] down[133] are[314] copied[129] verbatim[327] from[316] my[36] right[499] arm[25], where[579] I[482] had[364] them[146] tattooed[101]; as[113] in[107] my[36] wild[230] wanderings[341] at[65] that[14] period[196], there[340] was[454] no[235] other[282] secure[92] way[435] of[89] preserving[129] such[420] valuable[72] statistics[360]. But[330] as[113] I[482] was[454] crowded[95] for[190] space[468], and[236] wished[246] the[19] other[282] parts[470] of[89] my[36] body[348] to[261] remain[326] a[10] blank[156] page[425] for[190] a[10] poem[157] I[482] was[454] then[45] composing[460]--at[65] least[453], what[243] untattooed parts[470] might[496] remain[326]--I[482] did[444] not[518] trouble[328] myself[99] with[449] the[19] odd[19] inches[301]; nor[137], indeed[522], should[255] inches[301] at[65] all[145] enter[204] into[554] a[10] congenial[118] admeasurement[24] of[89] the[19] whale[422].

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Measurement[367] of[89] The[19] Whale[422]'s[483] Skeleton[231]

In[107] the[19] first[13] place[107], I[482] wish[95] to[261] lay[62] before[344] you[227] a[10] particular[336], plain[28] statement[187], touching[80] the[19] living[117] bulk[181] of[89] this[256] leviathan[384], whose[286] skeleton[231] we[465] are[314] briefly[472] to[261] exhibit[256]. Such[420] a[10] statement[187] may[236] prove[396] useful[212] here[135].

According[281] to[261] a[10] careful[252] calculation[354] I[482] have[254] made[563], and[236] which[16] I[482] partly[311] base[258] upon[419] Captain[295] Scoresby's[483] estimate[398], of[89] seventy[156] tons[363] for[190] the[19] largest[139] sized[133] Greenland[110] whale[422] of[89] sixty[332] feet[349] in[107] length[202]; according[281] to[261] my[36] careful[252] calculation[354], I[482] say[306], a[10] Sperm[26] Whale[422] of[89] the[19] largest[139] magnitude[203], between[77] eighty[148]-five[103] and[236] ninety[2] feet[349] in[107] length[202], and[236] something[181] less[261] than[77] forty[525] feet[349] in[107] its[234] fullest[82] circumference[417], such[420] a[10] whale[422] will[584] weigh[8] at[65] least[453] ninety[2] tons[363]; so[281] that[14], reckoning[541] thirteen[430] men[62] to[261] a[10] ton[8], he[362] would[282] considerably[110] outweigh[348] the[19] combined[265] population[4] of[89] a[10] whole[199] village[218] of[89] one[470] thousand[586] one[470] hundred[93] inhabitants[110].

Think[424] you[227] not[518] then[45] that[14] brains[279], like[410] yoked[417] cattle[264], should[255] be[341] put[190] to[261] this[256] leviathan[384], to[261] make[175] him[248] at[65] all[145] budge[278] to[261] any[501] landsman[331]'s[483] imagination[131]?

Having[69] already[93] in[107] various[183] ways[101] put[190] before[344] you[227] his[433] skull[9], spout[224]-hole[73], jaw[213], teeth[82], tail[102], forehead[380], fins[556], and[236] divers[213] other[282] parts[470], I[482] shall[66] now[20] simply[142] point[438] out[66] what[243] is[487] most[216] interesting[409] in[107] the[19] general[37] bulk[181] of[89] his[433] unobstructed[92] bones[5]. But[330] as[113] the[19] colossal[396] skull[9] embraces[296] so[281] very[515] large[385] a[10] proportion[160] of[89] the[19] entire[230] extent[144] of[89] the[19] skeleton[231]; as[113] it[162] is[487] by[406] far[258] the[19] most[216] complicated[64] part[207]; and[236] as[113] nothing[324] is[487] to[261] be[341] repeated[381] concerning[368] it[162] in[107] this[256] chapter[293], you[227] must[226] not[518] fail[126] to[261] carry[160] it[162] in[107] your[162] mind[118], or[519] under[533] your[162] arm[25], as[113] we[465] proceed[367], otherwise[542] you[227] will[584] not[518] gain[101] a[10] complete[191] notion[266] of[89] the[19] general[37] structure[235] we[465] are[314] about[123] to[261] view[370].

In[107] length[202], the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]'s[483] skeleton[231] at[65] Tranque measured[96] seventy[156]-two[527] feet[349]: so[281] that[14] when[189] fully[530] invested[60] and[236] extended[531] in[107] life[71], he[362] must[226] have[254] been[185] ninety[2] feet[349] long[544]; for[190] in[107] the[19] whale[422], the[19] skeleton[231] loses[125] about[123] one[470] fifth[403] in[107] length[202] compared[357] with[449] the[19] living[117] body[348]. Of[89] this[256] seventy[156]-two[527] feet[349], his[433] skull[9] and[236] jaw[213] comprised[26] some[265] twenty[433] feet[349], leaving[231] some[265] fifty[406] feet[349] of[89] plain[28] backbone[25]. Attached[211] to[261] this[256] back[457]-bone[184], for[190] something[181] less[261] than[77] a[10] third[301] of[89] its[234] length[202], was[454] the[19] mighty[2] circular[21] basket[296] of[89] ribs[92] which[16] once[248] enclosed[336] his[433] vitals[127].

To[261] me[2] this[256] vast[43] ivory[76]-ribbed[246] chest[98], with[449] the[19] long[544], unrelieved[22] spine[236], extending[231] far[258] away[443] from[316] it[162] in[107] a[10] straight[346] line[25], not[518] a[10] little[554] resembled[172] the[19] hull[323] of[89] a[10] great[259] ship[438] new[36]-laid[181] upon[419] the[19] stocks[425], when[189] only[517] some[265] twenty[433] of[89] her[400] naked[70] bow[146]-ribs[92] are[314] inserted[102], and[236] the[19] keel[39] is[487] otherwise[542], for[190] the[19] time[577], but[330] a[10] long[544], disconnected[31] timber[59].

The[19] ribs[92] were[324] ten[198] on[392] a[10] side[246]. The[19] first[13], to[261] begin[183] from[316] the[19] neck[239], was[454] nearly[575] six[415] feet[349] long[544]; the[19] second[386], third[301], and[236] fourth[399] were[324] each[520] successively[154] longer[559], till[181] you[227] came[549] to[261] the[19] climax[191] of[89] the[19] fifth[403], or[519] one[470] of[89] the[19] middle[39] ribs[92], which[16] measured[96] eight[316] feet[349] and[236] some[265] inches[301]. From[316] that[14] part[207], the[19] remaining[64] ribs[92] diminished[163], till[181] the[19] tenth[243] and[236] last[436] only[517] spanned[461] five[103] feet[349] and[236] some[265] inches[301]. In[107] general[37] thickness[280], they[382] all[145] bore[27] a[10] seemly[35] correspondence[154] to[261] their[219] length[202]. The[19] middle[39] ribs[92] were[324] the[19] most[216] arched[4]. In[107] some[265] of[89] the[19] Arsacides[125] they[382] are[314] used[102] for[190] beams[523] whereon[132] to[261] lay[62] footpath[102] bridges[270] over[82] small[350] streams[15].

In[107] considering[115] these[527] ribs[92], I[482] could[375] not[518] but[330] be[341] struck[441] anew[262] with[449] the[19] circumstance[407], so[281] variously[215] repeated[381] in[107] this[256] book[230], that[14] the[19] skeleton[231] of[89] the[19] whale[422] is[487] by[406] no[235] means[502] the[19] mould[208] of[89] his[433] invested[60] form[238]. The[19] largest[139] of[89] the[19] Tranque ribs[92], one[470] of[89] the[19] middle[39] ones[396], occupied[262] that[14] part[207] of[89] the[19] fish[187] which[16], in[107] life[71], is[487] greatest[479] in[107] depth[474]. Now[20], the[19] greatest[479] depth[474] of[89] the[19] invested[60] body[348] of[89] this[256] particular[336] whale[422] must[226] have[254] been[185] at[65] least[453] sixteen[68] feet[349]; whereas[18], the[19] corresponding[427] rib[84] measured[96] but[330] little[554] more[348] than[77] eight[316] feet[349]. So[281] that[14] this[256] rib[84] only[517] conveyed[223] half[119] of[89] the[19] true[483] notion[266] of[89] the[19] living[117] magnitude[203] of[89] that[14] part[207]. Besides[465], for[190] some[265] way[435], where[579] I[482] now[20] saw[113] but[330] a[10] naked[70] spine[236], all[145] that[14] had[364] been[185] once[248] wrapped[99] round[287] with[449] tons[363] of[89] added[52] bulk[181] in[107] flesh[331], muscle[246], blood[208], and[236] bowels[499]. Still[278] more[348], for[190] the[19] ample[264] fins[556], I[482] here[135] saw[113] but[330] a[10] few[49] disordered[181] joints[401]; and[236] in[107] place[107] of[89] the[19] weighty[503] and[236] majestic[13], but[330] boneless[120] flukes[155], an[138] utter[270] blank[156]!

How[19] vain[216] and[236] foolish[509], then[45], thought[186] I[482], for[190] timid[197] untravelled[325] man[17] to[261] try[266] to[261] comprehend[301] aright[366] this[256] wondrous[30] whale[422], by[406] merely[57] poring[295] over[82] his[433] dead[568] attenuated[168] skeleton[231], stretched[63] in[107] this[256] peaceful[319] wood[46]. No[235]. Only[517] in[107] the[19] heart[470] of[89] quickest[49] perils[140]; only[517] when[189] within[503] the[19] eddyings of[89] his[433] angry[402] flukes[155]; only[517] on[392] the[19] profound[371] unbounded[296] sea[67], can[450] the[19] fully[530] invested[60] whale[422] be[341] truly[530] and[236] livingly[434] found[260] out[66].

But[330] the[19] spine[236]. For[190] that[14], the[19] best[315] way[435] we[465] can[450] consider[259] it[162] is[487], with[449] a[10] crane[110], to[261] pile[312] its[234] bones[5] high[361] up[405] on[392] end[149]. No[235] speedy[282] enterprise[106]. But[330] now[20] it[162]'s[483] done[135], it[162] looks[150] much[61] like[410] Pompey[124]'s[483] Pillar[397].

There[340] are[314] forty[525] and[236] odd[19] vertebrae[258] in[107] all[145], which[16] in[107] the[19] skeleton[231] are[314] not[518] locked[105] together[440]. They[382] mostly[190] lie[212] like[410] the[19] great[259] knobbed[116] blocks[6] on[392] a[10] Gothic[157] spire[461], forming[354] solid[494] courses[139] of[89] heavy[421] masonry[210]. The[19] largest[139], a[10] middle[39] one[470], is[487] in[107] width[118] something[181] less[261] than[77] three[329] feet[349], and[236] in[107] depth[474] more[348] than[77] four[175]. The[19] smallest[443], where[579] the[19] spine[236] tapers[362] away[443] into[554] the[19] tail[102], is[487] only[517] two[527] inches[301] in[107] width[118], and[236] looks[150] something[181] like[410] a[10] white[82] billiard[110]-ball[364]. I[482] was[454] told[82] that[14] there[340] were[324] still[278] smaller[236] ones[396], but[330] they[382] had[364] been[185] lost[308] by[406] some[265] little[554] cannibal[180] urchins[565], the[19] priest[60]'s[483] children[374], who[319] had[364] stolen[254] them[146] to[261] play[89] marbles[484] with[449]. Thus[362] we[465] see[370] how[19] that[14] the[19] spine[236] of[89] even[198] the[19] hugest[83] of[89] living[117] things[4] tapers[362] off[111] at[65] last[436] into[554] simple[271] child[451]'s[483] play[89].

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The[19] Fossil[86] Whale[422]

From[316] his[433] mighty[2] bulk[181] the[19] whale[422] affords[153] a[10] most[216] congenial[118] theme[160] whereon[132] to[261] enlarge[568], amplify[7], and[236] generally[402] expatiate[125]. Would[282] you[227], you[227] could[375] not[518] compress[29] him[248]. By[406] good[221] rights[462] he[362] should[255] only[517] be[341] treated[277] of[89] in[107] imperial[249] folio[172]. Not[518] to[261] tell[392] over[82] again[52] his[433] furlongs[24] from[316] spiracle[4] to[261] tail[102], and[236] the[19] yards[386] he[362] measures[359] about[123] the[19] waist[52]; only[517] think[424] of[89] the[19] gigantic[157] involutions[27] of[89] his[433] intestines[367], where[579] they[382] lie[212] in[107] him[248] like[410] great[259] cables[25] and[236] hawsers[8] coiled[4] away[443] in[107] the[19] subterranean[105] orlop[241]-deck[505] of[89] a[10] line[25]-of[89]-battle[105]-ship[438].

Since[374] I[482] have[254] undertaken[29] to[261] manhandle[364] this[256] Leviathan[384], it[162] behoves[86] me[2] to[261] approve[364] myself[99] omnisciently[477] exhaustive[434] in[107] the[19] enterprise[106]; not[518] overlooking[253] the[19] minutest[332] seminal[4] germs[21] of[89] his[433] blood[208], and[236] spinning[170] him[248] out[66] to[261] the[19] uttermost[129] coil[32] of[89] his[433] bowels[499]. Having[69] already[93] described[483] him[248] in[107] most[216] of[89] his[433] present[112] habitatory and[236] anatomical[68] peculiarities[38], it[162] now[20] remains[324] to[261] magnify[5] him[248] in[107] an[138] archaeological[336], fossiliferous[78], and[236] antediluvian[212] point[438] of[89] view[370]. Applied[122] to[261] any[501] other[282] creature[82] than[77] the[19] Leviathan[384]--to[261] an[138] ant[106] or[519] a[10] flea[403]--such[420] portly[149] terms[297] might[496] justly[91] be[341] deemed[17] unwarrantably[103] grandiloquent[4]. But[330] when[189] Leviathan[384] is[487] the[19] text[17], the[19] case[346] is[487] altered[124]. Fain[264] am[375] I[482] to[261] stagger[106] to[261] this[256] enterprise[106] under[533] the[19] weightiest[27] words[107] of[89] the[19] dictionary[249]. And[236] here[135] be[341] it[162] said[252], that[14] whenever[15] it[162] has[399] been[185] convenient[470] to[261] consult[52] one[470] in[107] the[19] course[171] of[89] these[527] dissertations[27], I[482] have[254] invariably[55] used[102] a[10] huge[132] quarto[292] edition[462] of[89] Johnson[69], expressly[367] purchased[188] for[190] that[14] purpose[514]; because[540] that[14] famous[254] lexicographer[88]'s[483] uncommon[88] personal[492] bulk[181] more[348] fitted[200] him[248] to[261] compile[26] a[10] lexicon[165] to[261] be[341] used[102] by[406] a[10] whale[422] author[470] like[410] me[2].

One[470] often[227] hears[561] of[89] writers[120] that[14] rise[251] and[236] swell[280] with[449] their[219] subject[382], though[400] it[162] may[236] seem[404] but[330] an[138] ordinary[225] one[470]. How[19], then[45], with[449] me[2],

writing[558] of[89] this[256] Leviathan[384]? Unconsciously[59] my[36] chirography[426]
expands[392] into[554] placard[498] capitals[154]. Give[142] me[2] a[10] condor[170]'s[483] quill[305]!
Give[142] me[2] Vesuvius[581]' crater[369] for[190] an[138] inkstand[286]! Friends[169], hold[204] my[36] arms[536]!
For[190] in[107] the[19] mere[393] act[10] of[89] penning[97] my[36] thoughts[26] of[89] this[256] Leviathan[384],
they[382] weary[306] me[2], and[236] make[175] me[2] faint[316] with[449] their[219] outreaching[400]
comprehensiveness[31] of[89] sweep[471], as[113] if[141] to[261] include[38] the[19] whole[199] circle[282]
of[89] the[19] sciences[76], and[236] all[145] the[19] generations[124] of[89] whales[331], and[236] men[62],
and[236] mastodons[100], past[111], present[112], and[236] to[261] come[420], with[449] all[145] the[19] revolving[21]
panoramas[212] of[89] empire[390] on[392] earth[513], and[236] throughout[159] the[19] whole[199] universe[426],
not[518] excluding[4] its[234] suburbs[51]. Such[420], and[236] so[281] magnifying[4], is[487] the[19]
virtue[16] of[89] a[10] large[385] and[236] liberal[125] theme[160]! We[465] expand[254] to[261] its[234] bulk[181].
To[261] produce[494] a[10] mighty[2] book[230], you[227] must[226] choose[147] a[10] mighty[2] theme[160].
No[235] great[259] and[236] enduring[377] volume[295] can[450] ever[208] be[341] written[388] on[392] the[19] flea[403],
though[400] many[282] there[340] be[341] who[319] have[254] tried[73] it[162].

Ere[83] entering[423] upon[419] the[19] subject[382] of[89] Fossil[86] Whales[331], I[482] present[112] my[36]
credentials[102] as[113] a[10] geologist[146], by[406] stating[521] that[14] in[107] my[36] miscellaneous[557]
time[577] I[482] have[254] been[185] a[10] stone[398]-mason[221], and[236] also[119] a[10] great[259] digger[78] of[89] ditches[259],
canals[87] and[236] wells[132], wine[102]-vaults[293], cellars[191], and[236] cisterns[144] of[89] all[145] sorts[354].
Likewise[193], by[406] way[435] of[89] preliminary[32], I[482] desire[241] to[261] remind[150] the[19] reader[243],
that[14] while[55] in[107] the[19] earlier[56] geological[303] strata[83] there[340] are[314] found[260] the[19] fossils[41]
of[89] monsters[129] now[20] almost[518] completely[385] extinct[105]; the[19] subsequent[312] relics[361]
discovered[36] in[107] what[243] are[314] called[237] the[19] Tertiary[111] formations[203] seem[404] the[19] connecting[430],
or[519] at[65] any[501] rate[515] intercepted[179] links[333], between[77] the[19] antichronical creatures[5],
and[236] those[427] whose[286] remote[141] posterity[447] are[314] said[252] to[261] have[254] entered[447] the[19] Ark[25];
all[145] the[19] Fossil[86] Whales[331] hitherto[533] discovered[36] belong[243] to[261] the[19] Tertiary[111] period[196],
which[16] is[487] the[19] last[436] preceding[44] the[19] superficial[531] formations[203]. And[236] though[400]
none[365] of[89] them[146] precisely[217] answer[164] to[261] any[501] known[86] species[69] of[89] the[19] present[112] time[577],
they[382] are[314] yet[443] sufficiently[12] akin[273] to[261] them[146] in[107] general[37] respects[403], to[261] justify[310]
their[219] taking[146] ranks[189] as[113] Cetacean[118] fossils[41].

Detached[5] broken[255] fossils[41] of[89] pre-adamite[269] whales[331], fragments[430] of[89] their[219] bones[5]
and[236] skeletons[154], have[254] within[503] thirty[521] years[116] past[111], at[65] various[183] intervals[295],
been[185] found[260] at[65] the[19] base[258] of[89] the[19] Alps[214], in[107] Lombardy[83], in[107] France[54],
in[107] England[348], in[107] Scotland[181], and[236] in[107] the[19] States[443] of[89] Louisiana[68], Mississippi[83],
and[236] Alabama[175]. Among[483] the[19] more[348] curious[264] of[89] such[420] remains[324] is[487] part[207] of[89] a[10] skull[9],
which[16] in[107] the[19] year[347] 1779[283] was[454] disinterred[27] in[107] the[19] Rue[223] Dauphine[264] in[107] Paris[134],
a[10] short[522] street[100] opening[306] almost[518] directly[58] upon[419] the[19] palace[17] of[89] the[19] Tuileries[264];
and[236] bones[5] disinterred[27] in[107] excavating[258] the[19] great[259] docks[99] of[89] Antwerp[41],
in[107] Napoleon[66]'s[483] time[577]. Cuvier[158] pronounced[429] these[527] fragments[430] to[261] have[254] belonged[455]
to[261] some[265] utterly[46] unknown[10] Leviathanic species[69].

But[330] by[406] far[258] the[19] most[216] wonderful[291] of[89] all[145] Cetacean[118] relics[361] was[454] the[19] almost[518]
complete[191] vast[43] skeleton[231] of[89] an[138] extinct[105] monster[480], found[260] in[107] the[19] year[347] 1842[30],
on[392] the[19] plantation[3] of[89] Judge[337] Creagh[244], in[107] Alabama[175]. The[19] awe[305]-stricken[328] credulous[74]
slaves[368] in[107] the[19] vicinity[208] took[68] it[162] for[190] the[19] bones[5] of[89] one[470] of[89] the[19] fallen[40] angels[29].
The[19] Alabama[175] doctors[407] declared[29] it[162] a[10] huge[132] reptile[242], and[236] bestowed[157] upon[419] it[162]
the[19] name[477] of[89] Basilosaurus. But[330] some[265] specimen[155] bones[5] of[89] it[162] being[264] taken[222]
across[129] the[19] sea[67] to[261] Owen[129], the[19] English[69] Anatomist[161], it[162] turned[492] out[66] that[14] this[256]
alleged[163] reptile[242] was[454] a[10] whale[422], though[400] of[89] a[10] departed[467] species[69]. A[10] significant[143]
illustration[416] of[89] the[19] fact[12], again[52] and[236] again[52] repeated[381] in[107] this[256] book[230],
that[14] the[19] skeleton[231] of[89] the[19] whale[422] furnishes[165] but[330] little[554] clue[345] to[261] the[19] shape[99]
of[89] his[433] fully[530] invested[60] body[348]. So[281] Owen[129] rechristened[270] the[19] monster[480] Zeuglodon;
and[236] in[107] his[433] paper[401] read[98] before[344] the[19] London[41] Geological[303] Society[520], pronounced[429] it[162],
in[107] substance[316], one[470] of[89] the[19] most[216] extraordinary[346] creatures[5] which[16] the[19] mutations[45]
of[89] the[19] globe[23] have[254] blotted[460] out[66] of[89] existence[187].

When[189] I[482] stand[530] among[483] these[527] mighty[2] Leviathan[384] skeletons[154],
skulls[136], tusks[85], jaws[341], ribs[92], and[236] vertebrae[258], all[145] characterized[241]
by[406] partial[297] resemblances[101] to[261] the[19] existing[15] breeds[447] of[89] sea[67]-monsters[129];
but[330] at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577] bearing[354] on[392] the[19] other[282] hand[252] similar[101] affinities[158] to[261]
the[19] annihilated[133] antichronical Leviathans[336], their[219] incalculable[305] seniors[318];
I[482] am[375], by[406] a[10] flood[167], borne[493] back[457] to[261] that[14] wondrous[30] period[196], ere[83] time[577]
itself[312] can[450] be[341] said[252] to[261] have[254] begun[243]; for[190] time[577] began[132] with[449] man[17].
Here[135] Saturn[84]'s[483] grey[491] chaos[133] rolls[475] over[82] me[2], and[236] I[482] obtain[238] dim[14],
shuddering[143] glimpses[446] into[554] those[427] Polar[25] eternities[83]; when[189] wedged[55]
bastions[361] of[89] ice[443] pressed[323] hard[337] upon[419] what[243] are[314] now[20] the[19] Tropics[300];
and[236] in[107] all[145] the[19] 25[413],000[102] miles[278] of[89] this[256] world[126]'s[483] circumference[417],
not[518] an[138] inhabitable[58] hand[252]'s[483] breadth[252] of[89] land[406] was[454] visible[94].
Then[45] the[19] whole[199] world[126] was[454] the[19] whale[422]'s[483]; and[236], king[324] of[89] creation[182],
he[362] left[159] his[433] wake[205] along[423] the[19] present[112] lines[241] of[89] the[19] Andes[341] and[236]
the[19] Himmalehs. Who[319] can[450] show[460] a[10] pedigree[86] like[410] Leviathan[384]? Ahab[232]'s[483] harpoon[67]
had[364] shed[155] older[195] blood[208] than[77] the[19] Pharaoh[336]'s[483]. Methuselah[251] seems[19] a[10] schoolboy[77].
I[482] look[523] round[287] to[261] shake[180] hands[87] with[449] Shem[377]. I[482] am[375] horror[134]-struck[341]
at[65] this[256] antemosaic, unsourced existence[187] of[89] the[19] unspeakable[4]
terrors[192] of[89] the[19] whale[422], which[16], having[69] been[185] before[344] all[145] time[577],
must[226] needs[41] exist[265] after[358] all[145] humane[365] ages[146] are[314] over[82].

But[330] not[518] alone[2] has[399] this[256] Leviathan[384] left[159] his[433] pre-adamite[269] traces[191] in[107] the[19]
stereotype[4] plates[115] of[89] nature[159], and[236] in[107] limestone[252] and[236] marl[451] bequeathed[235] his[433]
ancient[463] bust[181]; but[330] upon[419] Egyptian[358] tablets[18], whose[286] antiquity[354] seems[19] to[261] claim[217]
for[190] them[146] an[138] almost[518] fossiliferous[78] character[239], we[465] find[138] the[19] unmistakable[10] print[312]
of[89] his[433] fin[286]. In[107] an[138] apartment[18] of[89] the[19] great[259] temple[237] of[89] Denderah[37], some[265] fifty[406]

years[116] ago[141], there[340] was[454] discovered[36] upon[419] the[19] granite[192] ceiling[30] a[10] sculptured[161] and[236] painted[340] planisphere[451], abounding[143] in[107] centaurs[553], griffins[102], and[236] dolphins[192], similar[101] to[261] the[19] grotesque[282] figures[66] on[392] the[19] celestial[437] globe[23] of[89] the[19] moderns[325]. Gliding[248] among[483] them[146], old[447] Leviathan[384] swam[111] as[113] of[89] yore[160]; was[454] there[340] swimming[367] in[107] that[14] planisphere[451], centuries[168] before[344] Solomon[8] was[454] cradled[288].

Nor[137] must[226] there[340] be[341] omitted[117] another[269] strange[440] attestation[41] of[89] the[19] antiquity[354] of[89] the[19] whale[422], in[107] his[433] own[248] osseous[286] postdiluvian[4] reality[214], as[113] set[422] down[133] by[406] the[19] venerable[57] John[416] Leo[173], the[19] old[447] Barbary[119] traveller[258].

"Not[518] far[258] from[316] the[19] Sea[67]-side[246], they[382] have[254] a[10] Temple[237], the[19] Rafters[344] and[236] Beams[523] of[89] which[16] are[314] made[563] of[89] Whale[422]-Bones[117]; for[190] Whales[331] of[89] a[10] monstrous[395] size[503] are[314] oftentimes[30] cast[99] up[405] dead[568] upon[419] that[14] shore[280]. The[19] Common[304] People[482] imagine[385], that[14] by[406] a[10] secret[409] Power[145] bestowed[157] by[406] God[185] upon[419] the[19] Temple[237], no[235] Whale[422] can[450] pass[153] it[162] without[309] immediate[388] death[543]. But[330] the[19] truth[350] of[89] the[19] Matter[176] is[487], that[14] on[392] either[45] side[246] of[89] the[19] Temple[237], there[340] are[314] Rocks[265] that[14] shoot[316] two[527] Miles[278] into[554] the[19] Sea[67], and[236] wound[342] the[19] Whales[331] when[189] they[382] light[382] upon[419] 'em. They[382] keep[381] a[10] Whale[422]'s[483] Rib[84] of[89] an[138] incredible[98] length[202] for[190] a[10] Miracle[309], which[16] lying[204] upon[419] the[19] Ground[127] with[449] its[234] convex[111] part[207] uppermost[226], makes[32] an[138] Arch[198], the[19] Head[219] of[89] which[16] cannot be[341] reached[386] by[406] a[10] Man[17] upon[419] a[10] Camel[82]'s[483] Back[457]. This[256] Rib[84] (says[424] John[416] Leo[173]) is[487] said[252] to[261] have[254] layn[183] there[340] a[10] hundred[93] Years[116] before[344] I[482] saw[113] it[162]. Their[219] Historians[162] affirm[423], that[14] a[10] Prophet[25] who[319] prophesy[168]'d[67] of[89] Mahomet[160], came[549] from[316] this[256] Temple[237], and[236] some[265] do[353] not[518] stand[530] to[261] assert[354], that[14] the[19] Prophet[25] Jonas[188] was[454] cast[99] forth[152] by[406] the[19] Whale[422] at[65] the[19] Base[258] of[89] the[19] Temple[237]."

In[107] this[256] Afric[252] Temple[237] of[89] the[19] Whale[422] I[482] leave[450] you[227], reader[243], and[236] if[141] you[227] be[341] a[10] Nantucketer, and[236] a[10] whaleman[98], you[227] will[584] silently[533] worship[48] there[340].

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Does[565] the[19] Whale[422]'s[483] Magnitude[203] Diminish[340]? - Will[584] He[362] Perish[441]?

Inasmuch[110], then[45], as[113] this[256] Leviathan[384] comes[268] floundering[283] down[133] upon[419] us[569] from[316] the[19] head[219]-waters[556] of[89] the[19] Eternities[83], it[162] may[236] be[341] fitly[104] inquired[182], whether[454], in[107] the[19] long[544] course[171] of[89] his[433] generations[124], he[362] has[399] not[518] degenerated[86] from[316] the[19] original[463] bulk[181] of[89] his[433] sires[246].

But[330] upon[419] investigation[43] we[465] find[138], that[14] not[518] only[517] are[314] the[19] whales[331] of[89] the[19] present[112] day[112] superior[479] in[107] magnitude[203] to[261] those[427] whose[286] fossil[86] remains[324] are[314] found[260] in[107] the[19] Tertiary[111] system[480] (embracing[92] a[10] distinct[259] geological[303] period[196] prior[201] to[261] man[17]), but[330] of[89] the[19] whales[331] found[260] in[107] that[14] Tertiary[111] system[480], those[427] belonging[168] to[261] its[234] latter[497] formations[203] exceed[534] in[107] size[503] those[427] of[89] its[234] earlier[56] ones[396].

Of[89] all[145] the[19] pre-adamite[269] whales[331] yet[443] exhumed[206], by[406] far[258] the[19] largest[139] is[487] the[19] Alabama[175] one[470] mentioned[149] in[107] the[19] last[436] chapter[293], and[236] that[14] was[454] less[261] than[77] seventy[156] feet[349] in[107] length[202] in[107] the[19] skeleton[231]. Whereas[18], we[465] have[254] already[93] seen[154], that[14] the[19] tape-measure[520] gives[529] seventy[156]-two[527] feet[349] for[190] the[19] skeleton[231] of[89] a[10] large[385] sized[133] modern[446] whale[422]. And[236] I[482] have[254] heard[444], on[392] whalemen[451]'s[483] authority[146], that[14] Sperm[26] Whales[331] have[254] been[185] captured[126] near[70] a[10] hundred[93] feet[349] long[544] at[65] the[19] time[577] of[89] capture[361].

But[330] may[236] it[162] not[518] be[341], that[14] while[55] the[19] whales[331] of[89] the[19] present[112] hour[384] are[314] an[138] advance[70] in[107] magnitude[203] upon[419] those[427] of[89] all[145] previous[376] geological[303] periods[24]; may[236] it[162] not[518] be[341], that[14] since[374] Adam[482]'s[483] time[577] they[382] have[254] degenerated[86]?

Assuredly[216], we[465] must[226] conclude[1] so[281], if[141] we[465] are[314] to[261] credit[78] the[19] accounts[311] of[89] such[420] gentlemen[340] as[113] Pliny[159], and[236] the[19] ancient[463] naturalists[140] generally[402]. For[190] Pliny[159] tells[449] us[569] of[89] Whales[331] that[14] embraced[393] acres[506] of[89] living[117] bulk[181], and[236] Aldrovandus[25] of[89] others[317] which[16] measured[96] eight[316] hundred[93] feet[349] in[107] length[202]-- Rope[265] Walks[461] and[236] Thames[328] Tunnels[318] of[89] Whales[331]! And[236] even[198] in[107] the[19] days[351] of[89] Banks[145] and[236] Solander[499], Cooke[454]'s[483] naturalists[140], we[465] find[138] a[10] Danish[208] member[333] of[89] the[19] Academy[15] of[89] Sciences[76] setting[151] down[133] certain[31] Iceland[203] Whales[331] (reydan-siskur, or[519] Wrinkled[259] Bellies[192]) at[65] one[470] hundred[93] and[236] twenty[433] yards[386]; that[14] is[487], three[329] hundred[93] and[236] sixty[332] feet[349]. And[236] Lacepede[155], the[19] French[491] naturalist[122], in[107] his[433] elaborate[36] history[183] of[89] whales[331], in[107] the[19] very[515] beginning[188] of[89] his[433] work[385] (page[425] 3[212]), sets[83] down[133] the[19] Right[499] Whale[422] at[65] one[470] hundred[93] metres[83], three[329] hundred[93] and[236] twenty[433]-eight[316] feet[349]. And[236] this[256] work[385] was[454] published[393] so[281] late[351] as[113] A[10].D[236]. 1825[125].

But[330] will[584] any[501] whaleman[98] believe[191] these[527] stories[264]? No[235]. The[19] whale[422] of[89] to[261]-day[112] is[487] as[113] big[245] as[113] his[433] ancestors[143] in[107] Pliny[159]'s[483] time[577]. And[236] if[141] ever[208] I[482] go[20] where[579] Pliny[159] is[487], I[482], a[10] whaleman[98] (more[348] than[77] he[362] was[454]), will[584] make[175] bold[356] to[261] tell[392] him[248] so[281]. Because[540] I[482] cannot understand[111] how[19] it[162] is[487], that[14] while[55] the[19] Egyptian[358] mummies[110] that[14] were[324] buried[205] thousands[7] of[89] years[116] before[344] even[198] Pliny[159] was[454] born[236], do[353] not[518] measure[520] so[281] much[61] in[107] their[219] coffins[259] as[113] a[10] modern[446] Kentuckian[353] in[107] his[433] socks[479]; and[236] while[55] the[19] cattle[264] and[236] other[282] animals[440] sculptured[161] on[392] the[19] oldest[248] Egyptian[358] and[236] Nineveh[375] tablets[18], by[406] the[19] relative[310] proportions[143] in[107]

which[16] they[382] are[314] drawn[564], just[108] as[113] plainly[450] prove[396] that[14] the[19] high[361]-bred[128], stall-fed[461], prize[74] cattle[264] of[89] Smithfield[27], not[518] only[517] equal[261], but[330] far[258] exceed[534] in[107] magnitude[203] the[19] fattest[403] of[89] Pharaoh[336]'s[483] fat[351] kine[111]; in[107] the[19] face[556] of[89] all[145] this[256], I[482] will[584] not[518] admit[321] that[14] of[89] all[145] animals[440] the[19] whale[422] alone[2] should[255] have[254] degenerated[86].

But[330] still[278] another[269] inquiry[339] remains[324]; one[470] often[227] agitated[140] by[406] the[19] more[348] recondite[305] Nantucketers. Whether[454] owing[98] to[261] the[19] almost[518] omniscient[310] look[523]-outs[52] at[65] the[19] mast[44]-heads[279] of[89] the[19] whaleships, now[20] penetrating[149] even[198] through[295] Behring[227]'s[483] straits[273], and[236] into[554] the[19] remotest[95] secret[409] drawers[350] and[236] lockers[98] of[89] the[19] world[126]; and[236] the[19] thousand[586] harpoons[6] and[236] lances[8] darted[362] along[423] all[145] continental[389] coasts[147]; the[19] moot[267] point[438] is[487], whether[454] Leviathan[384] can[450] long[544] endure[161] so[281] wide[465] a[10] chase[89], and[236] so[281] remorseless[266] a[10] havoc[172]; whether[454] he[362] must[226] not[518] at[65] last[436] be[341] exterminated[94] from[316] the[19] waters[556], and[236] the[19] last[436] whale[422], like[410] the[19] last[436] man[17], smoke[99] his[433] last[436] pipe[124], and[236] then[45] himself[282] evaporate[295] in[107] the[19] final[357] puff[82].

Comparing[339] the[19] humped[25] herds[341] of[89] whales[331] with[449] the[19] humped[25] herds[341] of[89] buffalo[299], which[16], not[518] forty[525] years[116] ago[141], overspread[288] by[406] tens[367] of[89] thousands[7] the[19] prairies[155] of[89] Illinois[5] and[236] Missouri[390], and[236] shook[161] their[219] iron[169] manes[102] and[236] scowled[27] with[449] their[219] thunder[356]-clotted[378] brows[259] upon[419] the[19] sites[303] of[89] populous[4] river[201]-capitals[154], where[579] now[20] the[19] polite[499] broker[357] sells[122] you[227] land[406] at[65] a[10] dollar[501] an[138] inch[65]; in[107] such[420] a[10] comparison[255] an[138] irresistible[214] argument[195] would[282] seem[404] furnished[201], to[261] show[460] that[14] the[19] hunted[439] whale[422] cannot now[20] escape[565] speedy[282] extinction[154].

But[330] you[227] must[226] look[523] at[65] this[256] matter[176] in[107] every[389] light[382]. Though[400] so[281] short[522] a[10] period[196] ago[141]--not[518] a[10] good[221] lifetime[3]--the[19] census[198] of[89] the[19] buffalo[299] in[107] Illinois[5] exceeded[374] the[19] census[198] of[89] men[62] now[20] in[107] London[41], and[236] though[400] at[65] the[19] present[112] day[112] not[518] one[470] horn[139] or[519] hoof[278] of[89] them[146] remains[324] in[107] all[145] that[14] region[145]; and[236] though[400] the[19] cause[220] of[89] this[256] wondrous[30] extermination[26] was[454] the[19] spear[188] of[89] man[17]; yet[443] the[19] far[258] different[276] nature[159] of[89] the[19] whale[422]-hunt[418] peremptorily[235] forbids[314] so[281] inglorious[299] an[138] end[149] to[261] the[19] Leviathan[384]. Forty[525] men[62] in[107] one[470] ship[438] hunting[45] the[19] Sperm[26] Whales[331] for[190] forty[525]-eight[316] months[17] think[424] they[382] have[254] done[135] extremely[330] well[263], and[236] thank[166] God[185], if[141] at[65] last[436] they[382] carry[160] home[450] the[19] oil[118] of[89] forty[525] fish[187]. Whereas[18], in[107] the[19] days[351] of[89] the[19] old[447] Canadian[118] and[236] Indian[303] hunters[423] and[236] trappers[76] of[89] the[19] West[569], when[189] the[19] far[258] west[569] (in[107] whose[286] sunset[305] suns[350] still[278] rise[251]) was[454] a[10] wilderness[396] and[236] a[10] virgin[317], the[19] same[541] number[196] of[89] moccasined[299] men[62], for[190] the[19] same[541] number[196] of[89] months[17], mounted[191] on[392] horse[409] instead[398] of[89] sailing[232] in[107] ships[21], would[282] have[254] slain[268] not[518] forty[525], but[330] forty[525] thousand[586] and[236] more[348] buffaloes[125]; a[10] fact[12] that[14], if[141] need[32] were[324], could[375] be[341] statistically[27] stated[543].

Nor[137], considered[484] aright[366], does[565] it[162] seem[404] any[501] argument[195] in[107] favor[161] of[89] the[19] gradual[425] extinction[154] of[89] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422], for[190] example[479], that[14] in[107] former[157] years[116] (the[19] latter[497] part[207] of[89] the[19] last[436] century[149], say[306]) these[527] Leviathans[336], in[107] small[350] pods[25], were[324] encountered[102] much[61] oftener[222] than[77] at[65] present[112], and[236], in[107] consequence[111], the[19] voyages[368] were[324] not[518] so[281] prolonged[246], and[236] were[324] also[119] much[61] more[348] remunerative[282]. Because[540], as[113] has[399] been[185] elsewhere[154] noticed[157], those[427] whales[331], influenced[70] by[406] some[265] views[67] to[261] safety[388], now[20] swim[226] the[19] seas[350] in[107] immense[301] caravans[18], so[281] that[14] to[261] a[10] large[385] degree[209] the[19] scattered[17] solitaries[83], yokes[146], and[236] pods[25], and[236] schools[50] of[89] other[282] days[351] are[314] now[20] aggregated[204] into[554] vast[43] but[330] widely[171] separated[384], unfrequent[371] armies[50]. That[14] is[487] all[145]. And[236] equally[336] fallacious[282] seems[19] the[19] conceit[58], that[14] because[540] the[19] so[281]-called[237] whale[422]-bone[184] whales[331] no[235] longer[559] haunt[137] many[282] grounds[448] in[107] former[157] years[116] abounding[143] with[449] them[146], hence[503] that[14] species[69] also[119] is[487] declining[225]. For[190] they[382] are[314] only[517] being[264] driven[228] from[316] promontory[273] to[261] cape[23]; and[236] if[141] one[470] coast[287] is[487] no[235] longer[559] enlivened[296] with[449] their[219] jets[6], then[45], be[341] sure[41], some[265] other[282] and[236] remoter[20] strand[171] has[399] been[185] very[515] recently[128] startled[475] by[406] the[19] unfamiliar[397] spectacle[250].

Furthermore[181]: concerning[368] these[527] last[436] mentioned[149] Leviathans[336], they[382] have[254] two[527] firm[415] fortresses[19], which[16], in[107] all[145] human[43] probability[377], will[584] for[190] ever[208] remain[326] impregnable[410]. And[236] as[113] upon[419] the[19] invasion[343] of[89] their[219] valleys[289], the[19] frosty[58] Swiss[115] have[254] retreated[173] to[261] their[219] mountains[202]; so[281], hunted[439] from[316] the[19] savannas[41] and[236] glades[83] of[89] the[19] middle[39] seas[350], the[19] whale[422]-bone[184] whales[331] can[450] at[65] last[436] resort[425] to[261] their[219] Polar[25] citadels[110], and[236] diving[279] under[533] the[19] ultimate[221] glassy[489] barriers[303] and[236] walls[116] there[340], come[420] up[405] among[483] icy[155] fields[64] and[236] floes[248]! and[236] in[107] a[10] charmed[542] circle[282] of[89] everlasting[249] December[490], bid[171] defiance[32] to[261] all[145] pursuit[305] from[316] man[17].

But[330] as[113] perhaps[75] fifty[406] of[89] these[527] whale[422]-bone[184] whales[331] are[314] harpooned[290] for[190] one[470] cachalot[4], some[265] philosophers[529] of[89] the[19] forecastle[367] have[254] concluded[157] that[14] this[256] positive[31] havoc[172] has[399] already[93] very[515] seriously[378] diminished[163] their[219] battalions[162]. But[330] though[400] for[190] some[265] time[577] past[111] a[10] number[196] of[89] these[527] whales[331], not[518] less[261] than[77] 13[128],000[447], have[254] been[185] annually[146] slain[268] on[392] the[19] nor[137]'west[569] coast[287] by[406] the[19] Americans[81] alone[2]; yet[443] there[340] are[314] considerations[88] which[16] render[509] even[198] this[256] circumstance[407] of[89] little[554] or[519] no[235] account[102] as[113] an[138] opposing[402] argument[195] in[107] this[256] matter[176].

Natural[298] as[113] it[162] is[487] to[261] be[341] somewhat[77] incredulous[361] concerning[368] the[19] populousness[69] of[89] the[19] more[348] enormous[327] creatures[5] of[89] the[19] globe[23], yet[443] what[243] shall[66] we[465] say[306] to[261] Harto[164], the[19] historian[147] of[89] Goa[97], when[189] he[362] tells[449] us[569] that[14] at[65] one[470] hunting[45] the[19] King[324] of[89] Siam[332] took[68] 4[489],000[241] elephants[452]; that[14] in[107] those[427] regions[320]

elephants[452] are[314] numerous[558] as[113] droves[27] of[89] cattle[264] in[107] the[19] temperate[241] climes[348].
And[236] there[340] seems[19] no[235] reason[238] to[261] doubt[71] that[14] if[141] these[527] elephants[452],
which[16] have[254] now[20] been[185] hunted[439] for[190] thousands[7] of[89] years[116], by[406] Semiramis[364],
by[406] Porus[290], by[406] Hannibal[301], and[236] by[406] all[145] the[19] successive[423] monarchs[93] of[89] the[19] East[524]--
if[141] they[382] still[278] survive[308] there[340] in[107] great[259] numbers[285], much[61] more[348] may[236]
the[19] great[259] whale[422] outlast[426] all[145] hunting[45], since[374] he[362] has[399] a[10] pasture[330]
to[261] expatiate[125] in[107], which[16] is[487] precisely[217] twice[366] as[113] large[385] as[113] all[145] Asia[112],
both[558] Americas[265], Europe[153] and[236] Africa[269], New[36] Holland[173], and[236] all[145] the[19] Isles[425]
of[89] the[19] sea[67] combined[265].

Moreover[326]: we[465] are[314] to[261] consider[259], that[14] from[316] the[19] presumed[300] great[259] longevity[31]
of[89] whales[331], their[219] probably[244] attaining[399] the[19] age[157] of[89] a[10] century[149] and[236] more[348],
therefore[94] at[65] any[501] one[470] period[196] of[89] time[577], several[479] distinct[259] adult[305]
generations[124] must[226] be[341] contemporary[145]. And[236] what[243] this[256] is[487], we[465] may[236] soon[18]
gain[101] some[265] idea[250] of[89], by[406] imagining[18] all[145] the[19] grave[344]-yards[386], cemeteries[397],
and[236] family[347] vaults[293] of[89] creation[182] yielding[345] up[405] the[19] live[554] bodies[392] of[89] all[145]
the[19] men[62], women[275], and[236] children[374] who[319] were[324] alive[298] seventy[156]-five[13] years[116] ago[141];
and[236] adding[169] this[256] countless[111] host[5] to[261] the[19] present[112] human[43] population[4]
of[89] the[19] globe[23].

Wherefore[220], for[190] all[145] these[527] things[4], we[465] account[102] the[19] whale[422] immortal[15]
in[107] his[433] species[69], however[44] perishable[4] in[107] his[433] individuality[15].
He[362] swam[111] the[19] seas[350] before[344] the[19] continents[155] broke[356] water[520]; he[362] once[248]
swam[111] over[82] the[19] site[273] of[89] the[19] Tuileries[264], and[236] Windsor[484] Castle[271],
and[236] the[19] Kremlin[322]. In[107] Noah[69]'s[483] flood[167] he[362] despised[235] Noah[69]'s[483] Ark[25];
and[236] if[141] ever[208] the[19] world[126] is[487] to[261] be[341] again[52] flooded[549], like[410] the[19] Netherlands[518],
to[261] kill[219] off[111] its[234] rats[127], then[45] the[19] eternal[155] whale[422] will[584] still[278] survive[308],
and[236] rearing[251] upon[419] the[19] topmost[346] crest[445] of[89] the[19] equatorial[105] flood[167],
spout[224] his[433] frothed[51] defiance[32] to[261] the[19] skies[30].

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Ahab[232]'s[483] Leg[331]

The[19] precipitating[354] manner[153] in[107] which[16] Captain[295] Ahab[232] had[364] quitted[137]
the[19] Samuel[77] Enderby[283] of[89] London[41], had[364] not[518] been[185] unattended[359] with[449] some[265] small[350]
violence[486] to[261] his[433] own[248] person[550]. He[362] had[364] lighted[422] with[449] such[420] energy[182] upon[419] a[10] thwart[76]
of[89] his[433] boat[439] that[14] his[433] ivory[76] leg[331] had[364] received[12] a[10] half[119]-splintering shock[44].
And[236] when[189] after[358] gaining[225] his[433] own[248] deck[505], and[236] his[433] own[248] pivot-hole[73] there[340],
he[362] so[281] vehemently[201] wheeled[542] round[287] with[449] an[138] urgent[398] command[190] to[261] the[19] steersman[290]
(it[162] was[454], as[113] ever[208], something[181] about[123] his[433] not[518] steering[252] inflexibly[125] enough[217]);
then[45], the[19] already[93] shaken[23] ivory[76] received[12] such[420] an[138] additional[131] twist[30]
and[236] wrench[160], that[14] though[400] it[162] still[278] remained[72] entire[230], and[236] to[261] all[145]
appearances[14] lusty[282], yet[443] Ahab[232] did[444] not[518] deem[126] it[162] entirely[148] trustworthy[303].

And[236], indeed[522], it[162] seemed[132] small[350] matter[176] for[190] wonder[76], that[14] for[190] all[145]
his[433] pervading[140], mad[235] recklessness[34], Ahab[232], did[444] at[65] times[121] give[142] careful[252]
heed[163] to[261] the[19] condition[62] of[89] that[14] dead[568] bone[184] upon[419] which[16] he[362] partly[311] stood[1].
For[190] it[162] had[364] not[518] been[185] very[515] long[544] prior[201] to[261] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] sailing[232]
from[316] Nantucket[283], that[14] he[362] had[364] been[185] found[260] one[470] night[108] lying[204] prone[388] upon[419]
the[19] ground[127], and[236] insensible[173]; by[406] some[265] unknown[10], and[236] seemingly[261] inexplicable[367],
unimaginable[192] casualty[347], his[433] ivory[76] limb[43] having[69] been[185] so[281] violently[340] displaced[354],
that[14] it[162] had[364] stake[156]-wise[16] smitten[83], and[236] all[145] but[330] pierced[197] his[433] groin[227];
nor[137] was[454] it[162] without[309] extreme[31] difficulty[263] that[14] the[19] agonizing[41] wound[342]
was[454] entirely[148] cured[471].

Nor[137], at[65] the[19] time[577], had[364] it[162] failed[564] to[261] enter[204] his[433] monomaniac[336] mind[118],
that[14] all[145] the[19] anguish[75] of[89] that[14] then[45] present[112] suffering[543] was[454] but[330] the[19]
direct[314] issue[117] of[89] a[10] former[157] woe[295]; and[236] he[362] too[11] plainly[450] seemed[132] to[261] see[370],
that[14] as[113] the[19] most[216] poisonous[288] reptile[242] of[89] the[19] marsh[63] perpetuates[445]
his[433] kind[451] as[113] inevitably[127] as[113] the[19] sweetest[115] songster[248] of[89] the[19] grove[263];
so[281], equally[336] with[449] every[389] felicity[259], all[145] miserable[364] events[390] do[353] naturally[362]
beget[415] their[219] like[410]. Yea[204], more[348] than[77] equally[336], thought[186] Ahab[232];
since[374] both[558] the[19] ancestry[147] and[236] posterity[447] of[89] Grief[318] go[20] further[53] than[77]
the[19] ancestry[147] and[236] posterity[447] of[89] Joy[430]. For[190], not[518] to[261] hint[335] of[89] this[256]:
that[14] it[162] is[487] an[138] inference[292] from[316] certain[31] canonic[285] teachings[396], that[14] while[55]
some[265] natural[298] enjoyments[263] here[135] shall[66] have[254] no[235] children[374] born[236] to[261] them[146]
for[190] the[19] other[282] world[126], but[330], on[392] the[19] contrary[166], shall[66] be[341] followed[234] by[406]
the[19] joy[430]-childlessness of[89] all[145] hell[169]'s[483] despair[187]; whereas[18], some[265] guilty[290]
mortal[371] miseries[237] shall[66] still[278] fertilely beget[415] to[261] themselves[510]
an[138] eternally[86] progressive[173] progeny[196] of[89] griefs[218] beyond[421] the[19] grave[344];
not[518] at[65] all[145] to[261] hint[335] of[89] this[256], there[340] still[278] seems[19] an[138] inequality[431]
in[107] the[19] deeper[253] analysis[444] of[89] the[19] thing[309]. For[190], thought[186] Ahab[232],
while[55] even[198] the[19] highest[575] earthly[64] felicities[29] ever[208] have[254] a[10] certain[31]
unsignifying pettiness[214] lurking[89] in[107] them[146], but[330], at[65] bottom[461], all[145] heartwoes,
a[10] mystic[455] significance[330], and[236], in[107] some[265] men[62], an[138] archangelic[22] grandeur[436];
so[281] do[353] their[219] diligent[51] tracings-out[66] not[518] belie[119] the[19] obvious[147] deduction[233].
To[261] trail[3] the[19] genealogies[409] of[89] these[527] high[361] mortal[371] miseries[237],
carries[440] us[569] at[65] last[436] among[483] the[19] sourceless primogenitures of[89] the[19] gods[325];
so[281] that[14], in[107] the[19] face[556] of[89] all[145] the[19] glad[356], hay[515]-making[415] suns[350],
and[236] softcymballing, round[287] harvest[38]-moons[51], we[465] must[226] needs[41] give[142]

in[107] to[261] this[256]: that[14] the[19] gods[325] themselves[510] are[314] not[518] for[190] ever[208] glad[356]. The[19] ineffaceable[83], sad[341] birth[215]-mark[202] in[107] the[19] brow[474] of[89] man[17], is[487] but[330] the[19] stamp[292] of[89] sorrow[174] in[107] the[19] signers[402].

Unwittingly[413] here[135] a[10] secret[409] has[399] been[185] divulged[13], which[16] perhaps[75] might[496] more[348] properly[93], in[107] set[422] way[435], have[254] been[185] disclosed[446] before[344]. With[449] many[282] other[282] particulars[230] concerning[368] Ahab[232], always[367] had[364] it[162] remained[72] a[10] mystery[254] to[261] some[265], why[177] it[162] was[454], that[14] for[190] a[10] certain[31] period[196], both[558] before[344] and[236] after[358] the[19] sailing[232] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288], he[362] had[364] hidden[78] himself[282] away[443] with[449] such[420] Grand[229]-Lama-like[410] exclusiveness[95]; and[236], for[190] that[14] one[470] interval[114], sought[82] speechless[225] refuge[154], as[113] it[162] were[324], among[483] the[19] marble[364] senate[256] of[89] the[19] dead[568]. Captain[295] Peleg[375]'s[483] bruited[203] reason[238] for[190] this[256] thing[309] appeared[88] by[406] no[235] means[502] adequate[209]; though[400], indeed[522], as[113] touching[80] all[145] Ahab[232]'s[483] deeper[253] part[207], every[389] revelation[104] partook[256] more[348] of[89] significant[143] darkness[493] than[77] of[89] explanatory[514] light[382]. But[330], in[107] the[19] end[149], it[162] all[145] came[549] out[66]; this[256] one[470] matter[176] did[444], at[65] least[453]. That[14] direful[137] mishap[116] was[454] at[65] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] his[433] temporary[235] recluseness. And[236] not[518] only[517] this[256], but[330] to[261] that[14] ever[208]-contracting[521], dropping[279] circle[282] ashore[122], who[319] for[190] any[501] reason[238], possessed[95] the[19] privilege[414] of[89] a[10] less[261] banned[133] approach[23] to[261] him[248]; to[261] that[14] timid[197] circle[282] the[19] above[502] hinted[253] casualty[347]--remaining[64], as[113] it[162] did[444], moodily[174] unaccounted[8] for[190] by[406] Ahab[232]--invested[60] itself[312] with[449] terrors[192], not[518] entirely[148] underived from[316] the[19] land[406] of[89] spirits[471] and[236] of[89] wails[364]. So[281] that[14], through[295] their[219] zeal[57] for[190] him[248], they[382] had[364] all[145] conspired[83], so[281] far[258] as[113] in[107] them[146] lay[62], to[261] muffle[401] up[405] the[19] knowledge[270] of[89] this[256] thing[309] from[316] others[317]; and[236] hence[503] it[162] was[454], that[14] not[518] till[181] a[10] considerable[75] interval[114] had[364] elapsed[172], did[444] it[162] transpire[138] upon[419] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] decks[386].

But[330] be[341] all[145] this[256] as[113] it[162] may[236]; let[66] the[19] unseen[173], ambiguous[46] synod[208] in[107] the[19] air[209], or[519] the[19] vindictive[35] princes[183] and[236] potentates[256] of[89] fire[559], have[254] to[261] do[353] or[519] not[518] with[449] earthly[64] Ahab[232], yet[443], in[107] this[256] present[112] matter[176] of[89] his[433] leg[331], he[362] took[68] plain[28] practical[74] procedures[357];-- he[362] called[237] the[19] carpenter[262].

And[236] when[189] that[14] functionary[166] appeared[88] before[344] him[248], he[362] bade[411] him[248] without[309] delay[309] set[422] about[123] making[415] a[10] new[36] leg[331], and[236] directed[498] the[19] mates[264] to[261] see[370] him[248] supplied[338] with[449] all[145] the[19] studs[54] and[236] joists[311] of[89] jaw[213]-ivory[76] (Sperm[26] Whale[422]) which[16] had[364] thus[362] far[258] been[185] accumulated[236] on[392] the[19] voyage[137], in[107] order[343] that[14] a[10] careful[252] selection[143] of[89] the[19] stoutest[480], clearest-grained stuff[471] might[496] be[341] secured[284]. This[256] done[135], the[19] carpenter[262] received[12] orders[199] to[261] have[254] the[19] leg[331] completed[102] that[14] night[108]; and[236] to[261] provide[172] all[145] the[19] fittings[25] for[190] it[162], independent[330] of[89] those[427] pertaining[375] to[261] the[19] distrusted[136] one[470] in[107] use[176]. Moreover[326], the[19] ship[438]'s[483] forge[218] was[454] ordered[143] to[261] be[341] hoisted[367] out[66] of[89] its[234] temporary[235] idleness[191] in[107] the[19] hold[204]; and[236], to[261] accelerate[93] the[19] affair[388], the[19] blacksmith[149] was[454] commanded[571] to[261] proceed[367] at[65] once[248] to[261] the[19] forging[246] of[89] whatever[38] iron[169] contrivances[99] might[496] be[341] needed[133].

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The[19] Carpenter[262]

Seat[88] thyself[402] sultanically among[483] the[19] moons[51] of[89] Saturn[84], and[236] take[279] high[361] abstracted[320] man[17] alone[2]; and[236] he[362] seems[19] a[10] wonder[76], a[10] grandeur[436], and[236] a[10] woe[295]. But[330] from[316] the[19] same[541] point[438], take[279] mankind[40] in[107] mass[36], and[236] for[190] the[19] most[216] part[207], they[382] seem[404] a[10] mob[308] of[89] unnecessary[444] duplicates[19], both[558] contemporary[145] and[236] hereditary[125]. But[330] most[216] humble[105] though[400] he[362] was[454], and[236] far[258] from[316] furnishing[471] an[138] example[479] of[89] the[19] high[361], humane[365] abstraction[124]; the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] carpenter[262] was[454] no[235] duplicate[294]; hence[503], he[362] now[20] comes[268] in[107] person[550] on[392] this[256] stage[22].

Like[410] all[145] sea[67]-going[227] ship[438] carpenters[185], and[236] more[348] especially[371] those[427] belonging[168] to[261] whaling[155] vessels[150], he[362] was[454], to[261] a[10] certain[31] off[111]-hand[252], practical[74] extent[144], alike[122] experienced[93] in[107] numerous[558] trades[111] and[236] callings[518] collateral[203] to[261] his[433] own[248]; the[19] carpenter[262]'s[483] pursuit[305] being[264] the[19] ancient[463] and[236] outbranching trunk[389] of[89] all[145] those[427] numerous[558] handicrafts[201] which[16] more[348] or[519] less[261] have[254] to[261] do[353] with[449] wood[46] as[113] an[138] auxiliary[103] material[161]. But[330], besides[465] the[19] application[258] to[261] him[248] of[89] the[19] generic[152] remark[325] above[502], this[256] carpenter[262] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] singularly[389] efficient[53] in[107] those[427] thousand[586] nameless[427] mechanical[31] emergencies[183] continually[303] recurring[252] in[107] a[10] large[385] ship[438], upon[419] a[10] three[329] or[519] four[175] years[116]' voyage[137], in[107] uncivilized[163] and[236] far[258]-distant[102] seas[350]. For[190] not[518] to[261] speak[337] of[89] his[433] readiness[420] in[107] ordinary[225] duties[137]:-- repairing[51] stove[373] boats[83], sprung[376] spars[15], reforming[350] the[19] shape[99] of[89] clumsy[394]-bladed oars[398], inserting[357] bull[76]'s[483] eyes[125] in[107] the[19] deck[505], or[519] new[36] tree[482]-nails[174] in[107] the[19] side[246] planks[284], and[236] other[282] miscellaneous[557] matters[515] more[348] directly[58] pertaining[375] to[261] his[433] special[326] business[168]; he[362] was[454] moreover[326] unhesitatingly[279] expert[441] in[107] all[145] manner[153] of[89] conflicting[6] aptitudes[165], both[558] useful[212] and[236] capricious[6].

The[19] one[470] grand[229] stage[22] where[579] he[362] enacted[267] all[145] his[433] various[183] parts[470] so[281] manifold[14], was[454] his[433] vice[443]-bench[80]; a[10] long[544] rude[474] ponderous[213] table[572] furnished[201] with[449] several[479] vices[125], of[89] different[276] sizes[456], and[236] both[558] of[89] iron[169] and[236] of[89] wood[46]. At[65] all[145] times[121] except[545] when[189] whales[331] were[324] alongside[540], this[256] bench[80] was[454] securely[342] lashed[97] athwartships[98] against[417] the[19] rear[252] of[89] the[19] Try[266]-works[64].

A[10] belaying[101] pin[486] is[487] found[260] too[11] large[385] to[261] be[341] easily[45] inserted[102] into[554] its[234] hole[73]:
the[19] carpenter[262] claps[468] it[162] into[554] one[470] of[89] his[433] ever[208] ready[464] vices[125],
and[236] straightway[210] files[225] it[162] smaller[236]. A[10] lost[308] landbird of[89] strange[440]
plumage[206] strays[262] on[392] board[540], and[236] is[487] made[563] a[10] captive[401]: out[66] of[89] clean[26] shaved[446]
rods[242] of[89] right[499]-whale[422] bone[184], and[236] cross[416]-beams[523] of[89] sperm[26] whale[422] ivory[76],
the[19] carpenter[262] makes[32] a[10] pagoda[354]-looking[318] cage[41] for[190] it[162]. An[138] oarsman[60]
sprains[212] his[433] wrist[117]: the[19] carpenter[262] concocts[183] a[10] soothing[60] lotion[479].
Stubb longed[51] for[190] vermillion[197] stars[286] to[261] be[341] painted[340] upon[419] the[19] blade[83]
of[89] his[433] every[389] oar[61]; screwing[284] each[520] oar[61] in[107] his[433] big[245] vice[443] of[89] wood[46],
the[19] carpenter[262] symmetrically[557] supplies[169] the[19] constellation[246].
A[10] sailor[561] takes[362] a[10] fancy[396] to[261] wear[250] shark[4]-bone[184] ear[515]-rings[25]:
the[19] carpenter[262] drills[209] his[433] ears[560]. Another[269] has[399] the[19] toothache[191]:
the[19] carpenter[262] out[66] pincers[398], and[236] clapping[152] one[470] hand[252] upon[419] his[433] bench[80]
bids[572] him[248] be[341] seated[158] there[340]; but[330] the[19] poor[533] fellow[369] unmanageably[7] winces[330]
under[533] the[19] unconcluded[31] operation[261]; whirling[122] round[287] the[19] handle[546] of[89] his[433]
wooden[35] vice[443], the[19] carpenter[262] signs[211] him[248] to[261] clap[225] his[433] jaw[213] in[107] that[14],
if[141] he[362] would[282] have[254] him[248] draw[106] the[19] tooth[108].

Thus[362], this[256] carpenter[262] was[454] prepared[59] at[65] all[145] points[245], and[236] alike[122] indifferent[255]
and[236] without[309] respect[441] in[107] all[145]. Teeth[82] he[362] accounted[480] bits[256] of[89] ivory[76];
heads[366] he[362] deemed[17] but[330] top[70]-blocks[6]; men[62] themselves[510] he[362] lightly[284] held[212]
for[190] capstans[8]. But[330] while[55] now[20] upon[419] so[281] wide[465] a[10] field[275] thus[362] variously[215]
accomplished[225] and[236] with[449] such[420] liveliness[284] of[89] expertness[295] in[107] him[248], too[11];
all[145] this[256] would[282] seem[404] to[261] argue[69] some[265] uncommon[88] vivacity[29] of[89] intelligence[30].
But[330] not[518] precisely[217] so[281]. For[190] nothing[324] was[454] this[256] man[17] more[348] remarkable[381],
than[77] for[190] a[10] certain[31] impersonal[86] stolidity[136] as[113] it[162] were[324]; impersonal[86], I[482] say[306];
for[190] it[162] so[281] shaded[366] off[111] into[554] the[19] surrounding[398] infinite[503] of[89] things[4],
that[14] it[162] seemed[132] one[470] with[449] the[19] general[37] stolidity[136] discernible[136] in[107] the[19] whole[199]
visible[94] world[126]; which[16] while[55] pauselessly active[54] in[107] uncounted[391] modes[243],
still[278] eternally[86] holds[92] its[234] peace[216], and[236] ignores[41] you[227], though[400] you[227] dig[89]
foundations[499] for[190] cathedrals[214]. Yet[443] was[454] this[256] half[119]-horrible[398] stolidity[136]
in[107] him[248], involving[360], too[11], as[113] it[162] appeared[88], an[138] all[145]-ramifying heartlessness[250];--
yet[443] was[454] it[162] oddly[25] dashed[304] at[65] times[121], with[449] an[138] old[447], crutch-like[410], antediluvian[212],
wheezing[60] humorousness[210], not[518] unstreaked[22] now[20] and[236] then[45] with[449] a[10] certain[31]
grizzled[34] wittiness[4]; such[420] as[113] might[496] have[254] served[460] to[261] pass[153] the[19] time[577]
during[309] the[19] midnight[539] watch[89] on[392] the[19] bearded[364] forecastle[367] of[89] Noah[69]'s[483] ark[25].
Was[454] it[162] that[14] this[256] old[447] carpenter[262] had[364] been[185] a[10] life[71]-long[544] wanderer[499],
whose[286] much[61] rolling[253], to[261] and[236] fro[183], not[518] only[517] had[364] gathered[165] no[235] moss[83];
but[330] what[243] is[487] more[348], had[364] rubbed[14] off[111] whatever[38] small[350] outward[393] clingings
might[496] have[254] originally[367] pertained[83] to[261] him[248]? He[362] was[454] a[10] stript[292] abstract[439];
an[138] unfractioned integral[336]; uncompromised[136] as[113] a[10] new[36]-born[320] babe[251];
living[117] without[309] premeditated[27] reference[116] to[261] this[256] world[126] or[519] the[19] next[27].
You[227] might[496] almost[518] say[306], that[14] this[256] strange[440] uncompromisedness in[107] him[248] involved[149]
a[10] sort[42] of[89] unintelligence[188]; for[190] in[107] his[433] numerous[558] trades[111], he[362] did[444] not[518] seem[404]
to[261] work[385] so[281] much[61] by[406] reason[238] or[519] by[406] instinct[72], or[519] simply[142] because[540] he[362] had[364] been[185]
tutored[75] to[261] it[162], or[519] by[406] any[501] intermixture[25] of[89] all[145] these[527], even[198] or[519] uneven[434];
but[330] merely[57] by[406] a[10] kind[451] of[89] deaf[375] and[236] dumb[371], spontaneous[264] literal[426] process[29].
He[362] was[454] a[10] pure[61] manipulator[214]; his[433] brain[158], if[141] he[362] had[364] ever[208] had[364] one[470],
must[226] have[254] early[92] oozed[10] along[423] into[554] the[19] muscles[101] of[89] his[433] fingers[345].
He[362] was[454] like[410] one[470] of[89] those[427] unreasoning[107] but[330] still[278] highly[52] useful[212],
multum[215] in[107] parvo[165], Sheffield[25] contrivances[99], assuming[330] the[19] exterior[451]--
though[400] a[10] little[554] swelled[213]--of[89] a[10] common[304] pocket[461] knife[503]; but[330] containing[247],
not[518] only[517] blades[141] of[89] various[183] sizes[456], but[330] also[119] screw[243]-drivers,
cork[4]-screws[205], tweezers[105], awls[278], pens[307], rulers[513], nail[367]-filers, countersinkers.
So[281], if[141] his[433] superiors[38] wanted[85] to[261] use[176] the[19] carpenter[262] for[190] a[10] screw[243]-driver[19],
all[145] they[382] had[364] to[261] do[353] was[454] to[261] open[464] that[14] part[207] of[89] him[248], and[236] the[19] screw[243] was[454] fast[208]:
or[519] if[141] for[190] tweezers[105], take[279] him[248] up[405] by[406] the[19] legs[108], and[236] there[340] they[382] were[324].

Yet[443], as[113] previously[250] hinted[253], this[256] omnitooled, open[464]-and[236]-shut[59] carpenter[262],
was[454], after[358] all[145], no[235] mere[393] machine[487] of[89] an[138] automaton[58]. If[141] he[362] did[444] not[518]
have[254] a[10] common[304] soul[428] in[107] him[248], he[362] had[364] a[10] subtle[143] something[181] that[14] somehow[425]
anomalously did[444] its[234] duty[468]. What[243] that[14] was[454], whether[454] essence[13] of[89] quicksilver[51],
or[519] a[10] few[49] drops[6] of[89] hartshorn[320], there[340] is[487] no[235] telling[196]. But[330] there[340] it[162] was[454];
and[236] there[340] it[162] had[364] abided[491] for[190] now[20] some[265] sixty[332] years[116] or[519] more[348].
And[236] this[256] it[162] was[454], this[256] same[541] unaccountable[316], cunning[198] life[71]-principle[420] in[107] him[248];
this[256] it[162] was[454], that[14] kept[290] him[248] a[10] great[259] part[207] of[89] the[19] time[577] soliloquizing[70];
but[330] only[517] like[410] an[138] unreasoning[107] wheel[135], which[16] also[119] hummingly soliloquizes[157];
or[519] rather[178], his[433] body[348] was[454] a[10] sentry[364]-box[226] and[236] this[256] soliloquizer on[392] guard[205] there[340],
and[236] talking[513] all[145] the[19] time[577] to[261] keep[381] himself[282] awake[255].

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Ahab[232] and[236] the[19] Carpenter[262]

The[19] Deck[505] - First[13] Night[108] Watch[89]

(Carpenter[262] standing[144] before[344] his[433] vice[443]-bench[80], and[236] by[406] the[19] light[382]
of[89] two[527] lanterns[362] busily[181] filing[347] the[19] ivory[76] joist[279] for[190] the[19] leg[331],
which[16] joist[279] is[487] firmly[308] fixed[564] in[107] the[19] vice[443]. Slabs[231] of[89] ivory[76],
leather[303] straps[86], pads[259], screws[205], and[236] various[183] tools[21] of[89] all[145] sorts[354] lying[204]

about[123] the[19] bench[80]. Forward[364], the[19] red[293] flame[113] of[89] the[19] forge[218] is[487] seen[154], where[579] the[19] blacksmith[149] is[487] at[65] work[385].)

Drat[235] the[19] file[322], and[236] drat[235] the[19] bone[184]! That[14] is[487] hard[337] which[16] should[255] be[341] soft[226], and[236] that[14] is[487] soft[226] which[16] should[255] be[341] hard[337]. So[281] we[465] go[20], who[319] file[322] old[447] jaws[341] and[236] shin[379] bones[5]. Let[66]'s[483] try[266] another[269]. Aye[86], now[20], this[256] works[64] better[34] (sneezes[89]). Halloa[83], this[256] bone[184] dust[434] is[487] (sneezes[89])--why[177] it[162]'s[483] (sneezes[89])--yes[143] it[162]'s[483] (sneezes[89])--bless[128] my[36] soul[428], it[162] won't[500] let[66] me[2] speak[337]! This[256] is[487] what[243] an[138] old[447] fellow[369] gets[27] now[20] for[190] working[113] in[107] dead[568] lumber[314]. Saw[113] a[10] live[554] tree[482], and[236] you[227] don[280]'t[500] get[126] this[256] dust[434]; amputate[191] a[10] live[554] bone[184], and[236] you[227] don[280]'t[500] get[126] it[162] (sneezes[89]). Come[420], come[420], you[227] old[447] Smut[468], there[340], bear[48] a[10] hand[252], and[236] let[66]'s[483] have[254] that[14] ferrule[57] and[236] buckle[65]-screw[243]; I[482]'ll[300] be[341] ready[464] for[190] them[146] presently[166]. Lucky[439] now[20] (sneezes[89]) there[340]'s[483] no[235] knee[235]-joint[65] to[261] make[175]; that[14] might[496] puzzle[364] a[10] little[554]; but[330] a[10] mere[393] shin[379]-bone[157]--why[177] it[162]'s[483] easy[281] as[113] making[415] hop[559]-poles[122]; only[517] I[482] should[255] like[410] to[261] put[190] a[10] good[221] finish[28] on[392]. Time[577], time[577]; if[141] I[482] but[330] only[517] had[364] the[19] time[577], I[482] could[375] turn[17] him[248] out[66] as[113] neat[163] a[10] leg[331] now[20] as[113] ever[208] (sneezes[89]) scraped[122] to[261] a[10] lady[14] in[107] a[10] parlor[522]. Those[427] buckskin[197] legs[108] and[236] calves[21] of[89] legs[108] I[482]'ve[149] seen[154] in[107] shop[245] windows[115] wouldn't[500] compare[184] at[65] all[145]. They[382] soak[437] water[520], they[382] do[353]; and[236] of[89] course[171] get[126] rheumatic[238], and[236] have[254] to[261] be[341] doctored[406] (sneezes[89]) with[449] washes[169] and[236] lotions[484], just[108] like[410] live[554] legs[108]. There[340]; before[344] I[482] saw[113] it[162] off[111], now[20], I[482] must[226] call[259] his[433] old[447] Mogulship, and[236] see[370] whether[454] the[19] length[202] will[584] be[341] all[145] right[499]; too[11] short[522], if[141] anything[480], I[482] guess[304]. Ha[387]! that[14]'s[76] the[19] heel[105]; we[465] are[314] in[107] luck[453]; here[135] he[362] comes[268], or[519] it[162]'s[483] somebody[387] else[212], that[14]'s[76] certain[31]. AHAB[232] (advancing[444])

(During[309] the[19] ensuing[74] scene[228], the[19] carpenter[262] continues[540] sneezing[413] at[65] times[121]).

Well[263], manmaker[27]!

Just[108] in[107] time[577], sir[271]. If[141] the[19] captain[295] pleases[437], I[482] will[584] now[20] mark[169] the[19] length[202]. Let[66] me[2] measure[520], sir[271].

Measured[96] for[190] a[10] leg[331]! good[221]. Well[263], it[162]'s[483] not[518] the[19] first[13] time[577]. About[123] it[162]! There[340]; keep[381] thy[43] finger[190] on[392] it[162]. This[256] is[487] a[10] cogent[222] vice[443] thou[173] hast[174] here[135], carpenter[262]; let[66] me[2] feel[461] its[234] grip[133] once[248]. So[281], so[281]; it[162] does[565] pinch[212] some[265].

Oh[367], sir[271], it[162] will[584] break[483] bones[5]--beware[255], beware[255]!

No[235] fear[103]; I[482] like[410] a[10] good[221] grip[133]; I[482] like[410] to[261] feel[461] something[181] in[107] this[256] slippery[204] world[126] that[14] can[450] hold[204], man[17]. What[243]'s[483] Prometheus[170] about[123] there[340]?--the[19] blacksmith[149], I[482] mean[504]--what[243]'s[483] he[362] about[123]?

He[362] must[226] be[341] forging[246] the[19] buckle[65]-screw[243], sir[271], now[20].

Right[499]. It[162]'s[483] a[10] partnership[476]; he[362] supplies[169] the[19] muscle[246] part[207]. He[362] makes[32] a[10] fierce[394] red[293] flame[113] there[340]!

Aye[86], sir[271]; he[362] must[226] have[254] the[19] white[82] heat[218] for[190] this[256] kind[451] of[89] fine[333] work[385].

Um[13]-m. So[281] he[362] must[226]. I[482] do[353] deem[126] it[162] now[20] a[10] most[216] meaning[62] thing[309], that[14] that[14] old[447] Greek[261], Prometheus[170], who[319] made[563] men[62], they[382] say[306], should[255] have[254] been[185] a[10] blacksmith[149], and[236] animated[143] them[146] with[449] fire[559]; for[190] what[243]'s[483] made[563] in[107] fire[559] must[226] properly[93] belong[243] to[261] fire[559]; and[236] so[281] hell[169]'s[483] probable[213]. How[19] the[19] soot[192] flies[419]! This[256] must[226] be[341] the[19] remainder[270] the[19] Greek[261] made[563] the[19] Africans[125] of[89]. Carpenter[262], when[189] he[362]'s[483] through[295] with[449] that[14] buckle[65], tell[392] him[248] to[261] forge[218] a[10] pair[106] of[89] steel[184] shoulder[168]-blades[248]; there[340]'s[483] a[10] pedlar[476] aboard[298] with[449] a[10] crushing[475] pack[294].

Sir[271]?

Hold[204]; while[55] Prometheus[170] is[487] about[123] it[162], I[482]'ll[300] order[343] a[10] complete[191] man[17] after[358] a[10] desirable[277] pattern[397]. Imprimis[364], fifty[406] feet[349] high[361] in[107] his[433] socks[479]; then[45], chest[98] modelled[124] after[358] the[19] Thames[328] Tunnel[86] then[45], legs[108] with[449] roots[263] to[261] 'em, to[261] stay[238] in[107] one[470] place[107]; then[45], arms[536] three[329] feet[349] through[295] the[19] wrist[117]; no[235] heart[470] at[65] all[145], brass[63] forehead[380], and[236] about[123] a[10] quarter[6] of[89] an[138] acre[279] of[89] fine[333] brains[279]; and[236] let[66] me[2] see[370]--shall[66] I[482] order[343] eyes[125] to[261] see[370] outwards[259]? No[235], but[330] put[190] a[10] sky[331]-light[382] on[392] top[70] of[89] his[433] head[219] to[261] illuminate[243] inwards[317]. There[340], take[279] the[19] order[343], and[236] away[443].

Now[20], what[243]'s[483] he[362] speaking[22] about[123], and[236] who[319]'s[483] he[362] speaking[22] to[261], I[482] should[255] like[410] to[261] know[60]? Shall[66] I[482] keep[381] standing[144] here[135]? (aside[408].)

'Tis but[330] indifferent[255] architecture[443] to[261] make[175] a[10] blind[375] dome[125]; here[135]'s[483] one[470]. No[235], no[235], no[235]; I[482] must[226] have[254] a[10] lantern[220].

Ho[31], ho[31]! That[14]'s[76] it[162], hey[382]? Here[135] are[314] two[527], sir[271]; one[470] will[584] serve[269] my[36] turn[17].

What[243] art[462] thou[173] thrusting[100] that[14] thief-catcher[166] into[554] my[36] face[556] for[190], man[17]? Thrusted[113] light[382] is[487] worse[561] than[77] presented[320] pistols[213].

I[482] thought[186], sir[271], that[14] you[227] spoke[185] to[261] carpenter[262].

Carpenter[262]? why[177] that[14]'s[76]--but[330] no[235];--a[10] very[515] tidy[225], and[236], I[482] may[236] say[306], an[138] extremely[330]

gentlemanlike[449] sort[42] of[89] business[168] thou[173] art[462] in[107] here[135], carpenter[262];--or[519] would[282]'st[193]
thou[173] rather[178] work[385] in[107] clay[370]?

Sir[271]?--Clay[370]? clay[370], sir[271]? That[14]'s[76] mud[340]; we[465] leave[450] clay[370] to[261] ditchers[263], sir[271].

The[19] fellow[369]'s[483] impious[15]! What[243] art[462] thou[173] sneezing[413] about[123]?

Bone[184] is[487] rather[178] dusty[271], sir[271].

Take[279] the[19] hint[335], then[45]; and[236] when[189] thou[173] art[462] dead[568], never[206] bury[354] thyself[402]
under[533] living[117] people[482]'s[483] noses[261].

Sir[271]?--oh[367]! ah[132]!--I[482] guess[304] so[281]; so[281];--yes[143], yes[143]--oh[367] dear[333]!

Look[523] ye[483], carpenter[262], I[482] dare[11] say[306] thou[173] callest[375] thyself[402] a[10] right[499] good[221]
workmanlike[364] workman[94], eh[76]? Well[263], then[45], will[584] it[162] speak[337] thoroughly[4] well[263]
for[190] thy[43] work[385], if[141], when[189] I[482] come[420] to[261] mount[34] this[256] leg[331] thou[173] makest[486], I[482] shall[66]
nevertheless[104] feel[461] another[269] leg[331] in[107] the[19] same[541] identical[351] place[107] with[449] it[162];
that[14] is[487], carpenter[262], my[36] old[447] lost[308] leg[331]; the[19] flesh[331] and[236] blood[208] one[470], I[482] mean[504].
Canst[502] thou[173] not[518] drive[548] that[14] old[447] Adam[482] away[443]?

Truly[530], sir[271], I[482] begin[183] to[261] understand[111] somewhat[77] now[20].
Yes[143], I[482] have[254] heard[444] something[181] curious[264] on[392] that[14] score[124], sir[271];
how[19] that[14] a[10] dismasted[331] man[17] never[206] entirely[148] loses[125] the[19] feeling[384]
of[89] his[433] old[447] spar[14], but[330] it[162] will[584] be[341] still[278] pricking[490] him[248] at[65] times[121].
May[236] I[482] humbly[160] ask[238] if[141] it[162] be[341] really[406] so[281], sir[271]?

It[162] is[487], man[17]. Look[523], put[190] thy[43] live[554] leg[331] here[135] in[107] the[19] place[107] where[579] mine[482] once[248] was[454];
so[281], now[20], here[135] is[487] only[517] one[470] distinct[259] leg[331] to[261] the[19] eye[220], yet[443] two[527] to[261] the[19] soul[428].
Where[579] thou[173] feelest[220] tingling[14] life[71]; there[340], exactly[315] there[340], there[340] to[261] a[10] hair[237],
do[353] I[482]. Is[487]'t[500] a[10] riddle[41]?

I[482] should[255] humbly[160] call[259] it[162] a[10] poser[201], sir[271].

Hist[117], then[45]. How[19] dost[306] thou[173] know[60] that[14] some[265] entire[230], living[117], thinking[385] thing[309]
may[236] not[518] be[341] invisibly[552] and[236] uninterpenetratingly standing[144] precisely[217]
where[579] thou[173] now[20] standest[461]; aye[86], and[236] standing[144] there[340] in[107] thy[43] spite[431]?
In[107] thy[43] most[216] solitary[407] hours[127], then[45], dost[306] thou[173] not[518] fear[103] eavesdroppers[294]?
Hold[204], don[280]'t[500] speak[337]! And[236] if[141] I[482] still[278] feel[461] the[19] smart[210] of[89] my[36] crushed[197] leg[331],
though[400] it[162] be[341] now[20] so[281] long[544] dissolved[538]; then[45], why[177] mayest[75] not[518] thou[173], carpenter[262],
feel[461] the[19] fiery[42] pains[97] of[89] hell[169] for[190] ever[208], and[236] without[309] a[10] body[348]? Hah[318]!

Good[221] Lord[106]! Truly[530], sir[271], if[141] it[162] comes[268] to[261] that[14], I[482] must[226] calculate[325] over[82] again[52];
I[482] think[424] I[482] didn't[500] carry[160] a[10] small[350] figure[55], sir[271].

Look[523] ye[483], pudding[176]-heads[366] should[255] never[206] grant[328] premises[143].--How[19] long[544]
before[344] this[256] leg[331] is[487] done[135]?

Perhaps[75] an[138] hour[384], sir[271].

Bungle[167] away[443] at[65] it[162] then[45], and[236] bring[173] it[162] to[261] me[2] (turns[136] to[261] go[20]).
Oh[367], Life[71]. Here[135] I[482] am[375], proud[108] as[113] Greek[261] god[185], and[236] yet[443] standing[144] debtor[104]
to[261] this[256] blockhead[25] for[190] a[10] bone[184] to[261] stand[530] on[392]! Cursed[441] be[341] that[14] mortal[371]
inter-indebtedness which[16] will[584] not[518] do[353] away[443] with[449] ledgers[445].
I[482] would[282] be[341] free[483] as[113] air[209]; and[236] I[482]'m[250] down[133] in[107] the[19] whole[199] world[126]'s[483] books[525].
I[482] am[375] so[281] rich[531], I[482] could[375] have[254] given[141] bid[171] for[190] bid[171] with[449] the[19] wealthiest[136]
Praetorians[24] at[65] the[19] auction[22] of[89] the[19] Roman[333] empire[390] (which[16] was[454] the[19] world[126]'s[483]);
and[236] yet[443] I[482] owe[511] for[190] the[19] flesh[331] in[107] the[19] tongue[375] I[482] brag[58] with[449]. By[406] heavens[494]!
I[482]'ll[300] get[126] a[10] crucible[83], and[236] into[554] it[162], and[236] dissolve[36] myself[99] down[133] to[261] one[470] small[350],
compendious[225] vertebra[55]. So[281].

Carpenter[262] (resuming[283] his[433] work[385]).

Well[263], well[263], well[263]! Stubb knows[286] him[248] best[315] of[89] all[145], and[236] Stubb always[367] says[424]
he[362]'s[483] queer[156]; says[424] nothing[324] but[330] that[14] one[470] sufficient[124] little[554] word[486] queer[156];
he[362]'s[483] queer[156], says[424] Stubb; he[362]'s[483] queer[156]--queer[156], queer[156]; and[236] keeps[20] dinning[64] it[162]
into[554] Mr[219]. Starbuck all[145] the[19] time[577]--queer[156]--sir[271]--queer[156], queer[156], very[515] queer[156].
And[236] here[135]'s[483] his[433] leg[331]. Yes[143], now[20] that[14] I[482] think[424] of[89] it[162], here[135]'s[483] his[433] bed[273]-fellow[369]!
has[399] a[10] stick[50] of[89] whale[422]'s[483] jaw[213]-bone[278] for[190] a[10] wife[37]! And[236] this[256] is[487] his[433] leg[331];
he[362]'ll[300] stand[530] on[392] this[256]. What[243] was[454] that[14] now[20] about[123] one[470] leg[331] standing[144]
in[107] three[329] places[423], and[236] all[145] three[329] places[423] standing[144] in[107] one[470] hell[169]--
how[19] was[454] that[14]? Oh[367]! I[482] don[280]'t[500] wonder[76] he[362] looked[232] so[281] scornful[34] at[65] me[2]!
I[482]'m[250] a[10] sort[42] of[89] strange[440]-thoughted sometimes[77], they[382] say[306]; but[330] that[14]'s[76]
only[517] haphazard-like[410]. Then[45], a[10] short[522], little[554] old[447] body[348] like[410] me[2],
should[255] never[206] undertake[5] to[261] wade[401] out[66] into[554] deep[483] waters[556] with[449] tall[373],
heron[116]-built[20] captains[124]; the[19] water[520] chucks[461] you[227] under[533] the[19] chin[49] pretty[252] quick[241],
and[236] there[340]'s[483] a[10] great[259] cry[561] for[190] life[71]-boats[83]. And[236] here[135]'s[483] the[19] heron[116]'s[483] leg[331]!
long[544] and[236] slim[321], sure[41] enough[217]! Now[20], for[190] most[216] folks[6] one[470] pair[106] of[89] legs[108]
lasts[227] a[10] lifetime[3], and[236] that[14] must[226] be[341] because[540] they[382] use[176] them[146] mercifully[379],
as[113] a[10] tender[454]-hearted[187] old[447] lady[14] uses[282] her[400] roly-poly[104] old[447] coach[188]-horses[189].
But[330] Ahab[232]; oh[367] he[362]'s[483] a[10] hard[337] driver[49]. Look[523], driven[228] one[470] leg[331] to[261] death[543],
and[236] spavined[30] the[19] other[282] for[190] life[71], and[236] now[20] wears[270] out[66] bone[184] legs[108] by[406] the[19] cord[96].
Halloa[83], there[340], you[227] Smut[468]! bear[48] a[10] hand[252] there[340] with[449] those[427] screws[205],
and[236] let[66]'s[483] finish[28] it[162] before[344] the[19] resurrection[281] fellow[369] comes[268]
a[10]-calling[364] with[449] his[433] horn[139] for[190] all[145] legs[108], true[483] or[519] false[490], as[113] brewery[83]

men[62] go[20] round[287] collecting[141] old[447] beer[471] barrels[368], to[261] fill[380] 'em up[405] again[52]. What[243] a[10] leg[331] this[256] is[487]! It[162] looks[150] like[410] a[10] real[305] live[554] leg[331], filed[225] down[133] to[261] nothing[324] but[330] the[19] core[82]; he[362]'ll[300] be[341] standing[144] on[392] this[256] to[261]-morrow[376]; he[362]'ll[300] be[341] taking[146] altitudes[25] on[392] it[162]. Halloa[83]! I[482] almost[518] forgot[526] the[19] little[554] oval[42] slate[434], smoothed[521] ivory[76], where[579] he[362] figures[66] up[405] the[19] latitude[258]. So[281], so[281]; chisel[247], file[322], and[236] sand[380]-paper[401], now[20]!

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Ahab[232] and[236] Starbuck in[107] the[19] Cabin[192]

According[281] to[261] usage[454] they[382] were[324] pumping[127] the[19] ship[438] next[27] morning[417]; and[236] lo[418]! no[235] inconsiderable[568] oil[118] came[549] up[405] with[449] the[19] water[520]; the[19] casks[213] below[397] must[226] have[254] sprung[376] a[10] bad[458] leak[41]. Much[61] concern[180] was[454] shown[446]; and[236] Starbuck went[516] down[133] into[554] the[19] cabin[192] to[261] report[238] this[256] unfavorable[64] affair[388].*

*In[107] Sperm[26]-whalemen[451] with[449] any[501] considerable[75] quantity[316] of[89] oil[118] on[392] board[540], it[162] is[487] a[10] regular[400] semiweekly[270] duty[468] to[261] conduct[161] a[10] hose[192] into[554] the[19] hold[204], and[236] drench[501] the[19] casks[213] with[449] sea[67]-water[520]; which[16] afterwards[418], at[65] varying[303] intervals[295], is[487] removed[447] by[406] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] pumps[128]. Hereby[196] the[19] casks[213] are[314] sought[82] to[261] be[341] kept[290] damply[439] tight[369]; while[55] by[406] the[19] changed[21] character[239] of[89] the[19] withdrawn[35] water[520], the[19] mariners[347] readily[467] detect[102] any[501] serious[97] leakage[364] in[107] the[19] precious[234] cargo[88].

Now[20], from[316] the[19] South[257] and[236] West[569] the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] drawing[407] nigh[254] to[261] Formosa[340] and[236] the[19] Bashee Isles[425], between[77] which[16] lies[27] one[470] of[89] the[19] tropical[92] outlets[387] from[316] the[19] China[253] waters[556] into[554] the[19] Pacific[294]. And[236] so[281] Starbuck found[260] Ahab[232] with[449] a[10] general[37] chart[102] of[89] the[19] oriental[147] archipelagoes[83] spread[348] before[344] him[248]; and[236] another[269] separate[495] one[470] representing[118] the[19] long[544] eastern[86] coasts[147] of[89] the[19] Japanese[364] islands[59]--Niphon, Matsmai, and[236] Sikoke. With[449] his[433] snow[498]-white[362] new[36] ivory[76] leg[331] braced[84] against[417] the[19] screwed[453] leg[331] of[89] his[433] table[572], and[236] with[449] a[10] long[544] pruning-hook[23] of[89] a[10] jack[299]-knife[60] in[107] his[433] hand[252], the[19] wondrous[30] old[447] man[17], with[449] his[433] back[457] to[261] the[19] gangway[240] door[135], was[454] wrinkling[151] his[433] brow[474], and[236] tracing[359] his[433] old[447] courses[139] again[52].

"Who[319]'s[483] there[340]?" hearing[325] the[19] footstep[203] at[65] the[19] door[135], but[330] not[518] turning[69] round[287] to[261] it[162]. "On[392] deck[505]! Begone[52]!"

"Captain[295] Ahab[232] mistakes[70]; it[162] is[487] I[482]. The[19] oil[118] in[107] the[19] hold[204] is[487] leaking[298], sir[271]. We[465] must[226] up[405] Burtons[107] and[236] break[483] out[66]."

"Up[405] Burtons[107] and[236] break[483] out[66]? Now[20] that[14] we[465] are[314] nearing[98] Japan[53]; heave[308]-to[261] here[135] for[190] a[10] week[11] to[261] tinker[44] a[10] parcel[295] of[89] old[447] hoops[170]?"

"Either[45] do[353] that[14], sir[271], or[519] waste[232] in[107] one[470] day[112] more[348] oil[118] than[77] we[465] may[236] make[175] good[221] in[107] a[10] year[347]. What[243] we[465] come[420] twenty[433] thousand[586] miles[278] to[261] get[126] is[487] worth[84] saving[216], sir[271]."

"So[281] it[162] is[487], so[281] it[162] is[487]; if[141] we[465] get[126] it[162]."

"I[482] was[454] speaking[22] of[89] the[19] oil[118] in[107] the[19] hold[204], sir[271]."

"And[236] I[482] was[454] not[518] speaking[22] or[519] thinking[385] of[89] that[14] at[65] all[145]. Begone[52]! Let[66] it[162] leak[41]! I[482]'m[250] all[145] aleak myself[99]. Aye[86]! leaks[106] in[107] leaks[106]! not[518] only[517] full[414] of[89] leaky[299] casks[213], but[330] those[427] leaky[299] casks[213] are[314] in[107] a[10] leaky[299] ship[438]; and[236] that[14]'s[76] a[10] far[258] worse[561] plight[215] than[77] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483], man[17]. Yet[443] I[482] don[280]'t[500] stop[48] to[261] plug[127] my[36] leak[41]; for[190] who[319] can[450] find[138] it[162] in[107] the[19] deep[483]-loaded[55] hull[323]; or[519] how[19] hope[211] to[261] plug[127] it[162], even[198] if[141] found[260], in[107] this[256] life[71]'s[483] howling[204] gale[440]? Starbuck! I[482]'ll[300] not[518] have[254] the[19] Burtons[107] hoisted[367]."

"What[243] will[584] the[19] owners[208] say[306], sir[271]?"

"Let[66] the[19] owners[208] stand[530] on[392] Nantucket[283] beach[183] and[236] outyell the[19] Typhoons[445]. What[243] cares[40] Ahab[232]? Owners[208], owners[208]? Thou[173] art[462] always[367] prating[35] to[261] me[2], Starbuck, about[123] those[427] miserly[196] owners[208], as[113] if[141] the[19] owners[208] were[324] my[36] conscience[75]. But[330] look[523] ye[483], the[19] only[517] real[305] owner[260] of[89] anything[480] is[487] its[234] commander[108]; and[236] hark[313] ye[483], my[36] conscience[75] is[487] in[107] this[256] ship[438]'s[483] keel[39].--On[392] deck[505]!"

"Captain[295] Ahab[232]," said[252] the[19] reddening[316] mate[508], moving[316] further[53] into[554] the[19] cabin[192], with[449] a[10] daring[322] so[281] strangely[155] respectful[311] and[236] cautious[406] that[14] it[162] almost[518] seemed[132] not[518] only[517] every[389] way[435] seeking[427] to[261] avoid[444] the[19] slightest[44] outward[393] manifestation[4] of[89] itself[312], but[330] within[503] also[119] seemed[132] more[348] than[77] half[119] distrustful[46] of[89] itself[312]; "A[10] better[34] man[17] than[77] I[482] might[496] well[263] pass[153] over[82] in[107] thee[15] what[243] he[362] would[282] quickly[183] enough[217] resent[305] in[107] a[10] younger[484] man[17]; aye[86], and[236] in[107] a[10] happier[387], Captain[295] Ahab[232]."

"Devils[377]! Dost[306] thou[173] then[45] so[281] much[61] as[113] dare[11] to[261] critically[355] think[424] of[89] me[2]?--On[392] deck[505]!"

"Nay[358], sir[271], not[518] yet[443]; I[482] do[353] entreat[40]. And[236] I[482] do[353] dare[11], sir[271]--to[261] be[341] forbearing[462]! Shall[66] we[465] not[518] understand[111] each[520] other[282] better[34] than[77] hitherto[533], Captain[295] Ahab[232]?"

Ahab[232] seized[337] a[10] loaded[55] musket[19] from[316] the[19] rack[415] (forming[354] part[207] of[89] most[216] South[257]-Sea[67]-men[62]'s[483] cabin[192] furniture[11]), and[236] pointing[295] it[162] towards[417] Starbuck, exclaimed[281]: "There[340] is[487] one[470] God[185] that[14] is[487] Lord[106] over[82] the[19] earth[513], and[236] one[470] Captain[295] that[14] is[487] lord[106] over[82] the[19] Pequod[288].--On[392] deck[505]!"

For[190] an[138] instant[279] in[107] the[19] flashing[181] eyes[125] of[89] the[19] mate[508], and[236] his[433] fiery[42] cheeks[282], you[227] would[282] have[254] almost[518] thought[186] that[14] he[362] had[364] really[406] received[12] the[19] blaze[69] of[89] the[19] levelled[126] tube[295]. But[330], mastering[82] his[433] emotion[355], he[362] half[119] calmly[170] rose[449], and[236] as[113] he[362] quitted[137] the[19] cabin[192], paused[390] for[190] an[138] instant[279] and[236] said[252]: "Thou[173] hast[174] outraged[42], not[518] insulted[25] me[2], Sir[271]; but[330] for[190] that[14] I[482] ask[238] thee[15] not[518] to[261] beware[255] of[89] Starbuck; thou[173] wouldst[30] but[330] laugh[559]; but[330] let[66] Ahab[232] beware[255] of[89] Ahab[232]; beware[255] of[89] thyself[402], old[447] man[17]."

"He[362] waxes[83] brave[218], but[330] nevertheless[104] obeys[320]; most[216] careful[252] bravery[288] that[14]!" murmured[238] Ahab[232], as[113] Starbuck disappeared[5]. "What[243]'s[483] that[14] he[362] said[252]--Ahab[232] beware[255] of[89] Ahab[232]--there[340]'s[483] something[181] there[340]!" Then[45] unconsciously[59] using[14] the[19] musket[19] for[190] a[10] staff[391], with[449] an[138] iron[169] brow[474] he[362] paced[145] to[261] and[236] fro[183] in[107] the[19] little[554] cabin[192]; but[330] presently[166] the[19] thick[502] plaits[379] of[89] his[433] forehead[380] relaxed[2], and[236] returning[53] the[19] gun[152] to[261] the[19] rack[415], he[362] went[516] to[261] the[19] deck[505].

"Thou[173] art[462] but[330] too[11] good[221] a[10] fellow[369], Starbuck," he[362] said[252] lowly[117] to[261] the[19] mate[508]; then[45] raising[99] his[433] voice[233] to[261] the[19] crew[126]: "Furl[403] the[19] t[500]'gallant[323]-sails[344], and[236] close[65]-reef[265] the[19] top[70]-sails[344], fore[259] and[236] aft[2]; back[457] the[19] main[501]-yard[98]; up[405] Burtons[107], and[236] break[483] out[66] in[107] the[19] main[501]-hold[204]."

It[162] were[324] perhaps[75] vain[216] to[261] surmise[159] exactly[315] why[177] it[162] was[454], that[14] as[113] respecting[540] Starbuck, Ahab[232] thus[362] acted[553]. It[162] may[236] have[254] been[185] a[10] flash[424] of[89] honesty[515] in[107] him[248]; or[519] mere[393] prudential[154] policy[422] which[16], under[533] the[19] circumstance[407], imperiously[361] forbade[202] the[19] slightest[44] symptom[25] of[89] open[464] disaffection[13], however[44] transient[13], in[107] the[19] important[104] chief[156] officer[70] of[89] his[433] ship[438]. However[44] it[162] was[454], his[433] orders[199] were[324] executed[128]; and[236] the[19] Burtons[107] were[324] hoisted[367].

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Queequeg in[107] His[433] Coffin[284]

Upon[419] searching[15], it[162] was[454] found[260] that[14] the[19] casks[213] last[436] struck[441] into[554] the[19] hold[204] were[324] perfectly[26] sound[181], and[236] that[14] the[19] leak[41] must[226] be[341] further[53] off[111]. So[281], it[162] being[264] calm[39] weather[405], they[382] broke[356] out[66] deeper[253] and[236] deeper[253], disturbing[236] the[19] slumbers[18] of[89] the[19] huge[132] ground[127]-tier butts[83]; and[236] from[316] that[14] black[581] midnight[539] sending[1] those[427] gigantic[157] moles[8] into[554] the[19] daylight[155] above[502]. So[281] deep[483] did[444] they[382] go[20]; and[236] so[281] ancient[463], and[236] corroded[348], and[236] weedy[513] the[19] aspect[147] of[89] the[19] lowermost[141] puncheons[328], that[14] you[227] almost[518] looked[232] next[27] for[190] some[265] mouldy[508] corner[204]-stone[398] cask[503] containing[247] coins[294] of[89] Captain[295] Noah[69], with[449] copies[363] of[89] the[19] posted[478] placards[22], vainly[116] warning[531] the[19] infatuated[4] old[447] world[126] from[316] the[19] flood[167]. Tierce[384] after[358] tierce[384], too[11], of[89] water[520], and[236] bread[387], and[236] beef[303], and[236] shooks[27] of[89] staves[203], and[236] iron[169] bundles[492] of[89] hoops[170], were[324] hoisted[367] out[66], till[181] at[65] last[436] the[19] piled[126] decks[386] were[324] hard[337] to[261] get[126] about[123]; and[236] the[19] hollow[511] hull[323] echoed[84] under[533] foot[467], as[113] if[141] you[227] were[324] treading[227] over[82] empty[450] catacombs[261], and[236] reeled[429] and[236] rolled[226] in[107] the[19] sea[67] like[410] an[138] air[209]-freighted[12] demijohn[106]. Top[70]-heavy[421] was[454] the[19] ship[438] as[113] a[10] dinnerless[212] student[388] with[449] all[145] Aristotle[107] in[107] his[433] head[219]. Well[263] was[454] it[162] that[14] the[19] Typhoons[445] did[444] not[518] visit[229] them[146] then[45].

Now[20], at[65] this[256] time[577] it[162] was[454] that[14] my[36] poor[533] pagan[118] companion[266], and[236] fast[208] bosom[82]-friend[179], Queequeg, was[454] seized[337] with[449] a[10] fever[186], which[16] brought[85] him[248] nigh[254] to[261] his[433] endless[489] end[149].

Be[341] it[162] said[252], that[14] in[107] this[256] vocation[408] of[89] whaling[155], sinecures[110] are[314] unknown[10]; dignity[338] and[236] danger[383] go[20] hand[252] in[107] hand[252]; till[181] you[227] get[126] to[261] be[341] Captain[295], the[19] higher[574] you[227] rise[251] the[19] harder[46] you[227] toil[89]. So[281] with[449] poor[533] Queequeg, who[319], as[113] harpooneer, must[226] not[518] only[517] face[556] all[145] the[19] rage[293] of[89] the[19] living[117] whale[422], but[330]--as[113] we[465] have[254] elsewhere[154] seen[154]--mount[34] his[433] dead[568] back[457] in[107] a[10] rolling[253] sea[67]; and[236] finally[69] descend[252] into[554] the[19] gloom[7] of[89] the[19] hold[204], and[236] bitterly[259] sweating[391] all[145] day[112] in[107] that[14] subterraneous[6] confinement[223], resolutely[255] manhandle[364] the[19] clumsiest[214] casks[213] and[236] see[370] to[261] their[219] stowage[402]. To[261] be[341] short[522], among[483] whalemen[451], the[19] harpooneers are[314] the[19] holders[209], so[281] called[237].

Poor[533] Queequeg! when[189] the[19] ship[438] was[454] about[123] half[119] disembowelled[350], you[227] should[255] have[254] stooped[14] over[82] the[19] hatchway[64], and[236] peered[446] down[133] upon[419] him[248] there[340]; where[579], stripped[301] to[261] his[433] woollen[27] drawers[350], the[19] tattooed[101] savage[398] was[454] crawling[318] about[123] amid[240] that[14] dampness[466] and[236] slime[367], like[410] a[10] green[549] spotted[122] lizard[279] at[65] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] a[10] well[263]. And[236] a[10] well[263], or[519] an[138] ice[443]-house[17], it[162] somehow[425] proved[312] to[261] him[248], poor[533] pagan[118]; where[579], strange[440] to[261] say[306], for[190] all[145] the[19] heat[218] of[89] his[433] sweatings[24], he[362] caught[105] a[10] terrible[132] chill[224] which[16] lapsed[180] into[554] a[10] fever[186]; and[236] at[65] last[436], after[358] some[265] days[351]' suffering[543], laid[181] him[248] in[107] his[433] hammock[323],

close[65] to[261] the[19] very[515] sill[345] of[89] the[19] door[135] of[89] death[543]. How[19] he[362] wasted[465]
and[236] wasted[465] away[443] in[107] those[427] few[49] long[544]-lingering[186] days[351], till[181] there[340]
seemed[132] but[330] little[554] left[159] of[89] him[248] but[330] his[433] frame[84] and[236] tattooing[42].
But[330] as[113] all[145] else[212] in[107] him[248] thinned[232], and[236] his[433] cheek[327]-bones[5] grew[5] sharper[339],
his[433] eyes[125], nevertheless[104], seemed[132] growing[66] fuller[77] and[236] fuller[77];
they[382] became[70] of[89] a[10] strange[440] softness[159] of[89] lustre[19]; and[236] mildly[115] but[330]
deeply[225] looked[232] out[66] at[65] you[227] there[340] from[316] his[433] sickness[166], a[10] wondrous[30]
testimony[9] to[261] that[14] immortal[15] health[231] in[107] him[248] which[16] could[375] not[518] die[229],
or[519] be[341] weakened[256]. And[236] like[410] circles[3] on[392] the[19] water[520], which[16], as[113] they[382]
grow[163] fainter[25], expand[254]; so[281] his[433] eyes[125] seemed[132] rounding[314] and[236] rounding[314],
like[410] the[19] rings[25] of[89] Eternity[380]. An[138] awe[305] that[14] cannot be[341] named[312] would[282]
steal[238] over[82] you[227] as[113] you[227] sat[77] by[406] the[19] side[246] of[89] this[256] waning[442] savage[398],
and[236] saw[113] as[113] strange[440] things[4] in[107] his[433] face[556], as[113] any[501] beheld[132] who[319] were[324]
bystanders[39] when[189] Zoroaster[229] died[575]. For[190] whatever[38] is[487] truly[530] wondrous[30]
and[236] fearful[183] in[107] man[17], never[206] yet[443] was[454] put[190] into[554] words[107] or[519] books[525].
And[236] the[19] drawing[407] near[70] of[89] Death[543], which[16] alike[122] levels[211] all[145],
alike[122] impresses[64] all[145] with[449] a[10] last[436] revelation[104], which[16] only[517] an[138] author[470]
from[316] the[19] dead[568] could[375] adequately[367] tell[392]. So[281] that[14]--let[66] us[569] say[306] it[162] again[52]--
no[235] dying[69] Chaldee[45] or[519] Greek[261] had[364] higher[574] and[236] holier[514] thoughts[26]
than[77] those[427], whose[286] mysterious[304] shades[508] you[227] saw[113] creeping[104] over[82] the[19] face[556]
of[89] poor[533] Queequeg, as[113] he[362] quietly[380] lay[62] in[107] his[433] swaying[315] hammock[323],
and[236] the[19] rolling[253] sea[67] seemed[132] gently[284] rocking[6] him[248] to[261] his[433] final[357] rest[302],
and[236] the[19] ocean[224]'s[483] invisible[186] flood[167]-tide[395] lifted[448] him[248] higher[574] and[236] higher[574]
towards[417] his[433] destined[197] heaven[163].

Not[518] a[10] man[17] of[89] the[19] crew[126] but[330] gave[572] him[248] up[405]; and[236], as[113] for[190] Queequeg himself[282],
what[243] he[362] thought[186] of[89] his[433] case[346] was[454] forcibly[252] shown[446] by[406] a[10] curious[264]
favor[161] he[362] asked[369]. He[362] called[237] one[470] to[261] him[248] in[107] the[19] grey[491] morning[417] watch[89],
when[189] the[19] day[112] was[454] just[108] breaking[6], and[236] taking[146] his[433] hand[252],
said[252] that[14] while[55] in[107] Nantucket[283] he[362] had[364] chanced[424] to[261] see[370] certain[31] little[554]
canoes[471] of[89] dark[471] wood[46], like[410] the[19] rich[531] war[169]-wood[46] of[89] his[433] native[399] isle[41];
and[236] upon[419] inquiry[339], he[362] had[364] learned[277] that[14] all[145] whalemen[451] who[319] died[575]
in[107] Nantucket[283], were[324] laid[181] in[107] those[427] same[541] dark[471] canoes[471], and[236] that[14] the[19] fancy[396]
of[89] being[264] so[281] laid[181] had[364] much[61] pleased[282] him[248]; for[190] it[162] was[454] not[518] unlike[406]
the[19] custom[544] of[89] his[433] own[248] race[392], who[319], after[358] embalming[435] a[10] dead[568] warrior[140],
stretched[63] him[248] out[66] in[107] his[433] canoe[290], and[236] so[281] left[159] him[248] to[261] be[341] floated[6]
away[443] to[261] the[19] starry[477] archipelagoes[83]; for[190] not[518] only[517] do[353] they[382] believe[191]
that[14] the[19] stars[286] are[314] isles[425], but[330] that[14] far[258] beyond[421] all[145] visible[94] horizons[143],
their[219] own[248] mild[117], uncontinented seas[350], interflow[83] with[449] the[19] blue[240] heavens[494];
and[236] so[281] form[238] the[19] white[82] breakers[317] of[89] the[19] milky[23] way[435]. He[362] added[52],
that[14] he[362] shuddered[147] at[65] the[19] thought[186] of[89] being[264] buried[205] in[107] his[433] hammock[323],
according[281] to[261] the[19] usual[278] sea[67]-custom[544], tossed[227] like[410] something[181] vile[221]
to[261] the[19] death[543]-devouring[354] sharks[206]. No[235]: he[362] desired[480] a[10] canoe[290] like[410] those[427]
of[89] Nantucket[283], all[145] the[19] more[348] congenial[118] to[261] him[248], being[264] a[10] whaleman[98],
that[14] like[410] a[10] whale[422]-boat[439] these[527] coffin[284]-canoes[471] were[324] without[309] a[10] keel[39];
though[400] that[14] involved[149] but[330] uncertain[396] steering[252], and[236] much[61] lee[472]-way[435]
adown[429] the[19] dim[14] ages[146].

Now[20], when[189] this[256] strange[440] circumstance[407] was[454] made[563] known[86] aft[2],
the[19] carpenter[262] was[454] at[65] once[248] commanded[571] to[261] do[353] Queequeg's[483] bidding[340],
whatever[38] it[162] might[496] include[38]. There[340] was[454] some[265] heathenish[320],
coffin[284]-colored[213] old[447] lumber[314] aboard[298], which[16], upon[419] a[10] long[544] previous[376] voyage[137],
had[364] been[185] cut[310] from[316] the[19] aboriginal[15] groves[130] of[89] the[19] Lackaday[26] islands[59],
and[236] from[316] these[527] dark[471] planks[284] the[19] coffin[284] was[454] recommended[181] to[261] be[341] made[563].
No[235] sooner[338] was[454] the[19] carpenter[262] apprised[92] of[89] the[19] order[343], than[77] taking[146]
his[433] rule[393], he[362] forthwith[198] with[449] all[145] the[19] indifferent[255] promptitude[353]
of[89] his[433] character[239], proceeded[121] into[554] the[19] forecastle[367] and[236] took[68]
Queequeg's[483] measure[520] with[449] great[259] accuracy[484], regularly[37] chalking[371]
Queequeg's[483] person[550] as[113] he[362] shifted[167] the[19] rule[393].

"Ah[132]! poor[533] fellow[369]! he[362]'ll[300] have[254] to[261] die[229] now[20]," ejaculated[306] the[19]
Long[544] Island[516] sailor[561].

Going[227] to[261] his[433] vice[443]-bench[80], the[19] carpenter[262] for[190] convenience[180] sake[523]
and[236] general[37] reference[116], now[20] transferringly measured[96] on[392] it[162]
the[19] exact[408] length[202] the[19] coffin[284] was[454] to[261] be[341], and[236] then[45] made[563] the[19] transfer[549]
permanent[339] by[406] cutting[454] two[527] notches[236] at[65] its[234] extremities[341].
This[256] done[135], he[362] marshalled[237] the[19] planks[284] and[236] his[433] tools[21], and[236] to[261] work[385].

When[189] the[19] last[436] nail[367] was[454] driven[228], and[236] the[19] lid[157] duly[163] planed[236] and[236] fitted[200],
he[362] lightly[284] shouldered[200] the[19] coffin[284] and[236] went[516] forward[364] with[449] it[162],
inquiring[24] whether[454] they[382] were[324] ready[464] for[190] it[162] yet[443] in[107] that[14] direction[67].

Overhearing[84] the[19] indignant[367] but[330] half[119]-humorous[83] cries[104] with[449] which[16]
the[19] people[482] on[392] deck[505] began[132] to[261] drive[548] the[19] coffin[284] away[443], Queequeg,
to[261] every[389] one[470]'s[483] consternation[52], commanded[571] that[14] the[19] thing[309] should[255]
be[341] instantly[186] brought[85] to[261] him[248], nor[137] was[454] there[340] any[501] denying[426] him[248];
seeing[426] that[14], of[89] all[145] mortals[72], some[265] dying[69] men[62] are[314] the[19] most[216] tyrannical[93];
and[236] certainly[124], since[374] they[382] will[584] shortly[425] trouble[328] us[569] so[281] little[554]
for[190] evermore[274], the[19] poor[533] fellows[131] ought[170] to[261] be[341] indulged[24].

Leaning[559] over[82] in[107] his[433] hammock[323], Queequeg long[544] regarded[393] the[19] coffin[284]
with[449] an[138] attentive[484] eye[220]. He[362] then[45] called[237] for[190] his[433] harpoon[67],
had[364] the[19] wooden[35] stock[437] drawn[564] from[316] it[162], and[236] then[45] had[364] the[19] iron[169] part[207]

placed[556] in[107] the[19] coffin[284] along[423] with[449] one[470] of[89] the[19] paddles[78] of[89] his[433] boat[439].
All[145] by[406] his[433] own[248] request[116], also[119], biscuits[104] were[324] then[45] ranged[435] round[287]
the[19] sides[331] within[503]; a[10] flask[199] of[89] fresh[540] water[520] was[454] placed[556] at[65] the[19] head[219],
and[236] a[10] small[350] bag[141] of[89] woody[2] earth[513] scraped[122] up[405] in[107] the[19] hold[204] at[65] the[19] foot[467];
and[236] a[10] piece[121] of[89] sail[218]-cloth[102] being[264] rolled[226] up[405] for[190] a[10] pillow[376],
Queequeg now[20] entreated[88] to[261] be[341] lifted[448] into[554] his[433] final[357] bed[273],
that[14] he[362] might[496] make[175] trial[103] of[89] its[234] comforts[329], if[141] any[501] it[162] had[364].
He[362] lay[62] without[309] moving[316] a[10] few[49] minutes[368], then[45] told[82] one[470] to[261] go[20]
to[261] his[433] bag[141] and[236] bring[173] out[66] his[433] little[554] god[185], Yojo. Then[45] crossing[402]
his[433] arms[536] on[392] his[433] breast[272] with[449] Yojo between[77], he[362] called[237] for[190]
the[19] coffin[284] lid[157] (hatch[241] he[362] called[237] it[162]) to[261] be[341] placed[556] over[82] him[248].
The[19] head[219] part[207] turned[492] over[82] with[449] a[10] leather[303] hinge[526], and[236] there[340] lay[62]
Queequeg in[107] his[433] coffin[284] with[449] little[554] but[330] his[433] composed[339] countenance[553]
in[107] view[370]. "Rarmai" (it[162] will[584] do[353]; it[162] is[487] easy[281]), he[362] murmured[238] at[65] last[436],
and[236] signed[181] to[261] be[341] replaced[161] in[107] his[433] hammock[323].

But[330] ere[83] this[256] was[454] done[135], Pip[238], who[319] had[364] been[185] slily[142] hovering[520] near[70] by[406] all[145]
the[19] while[55], drew[175] nigh[254] to[261] him[248] where[579] he[362] lay[62], and[236] with[449] soft[226] sobbings[22],
took[68] him[248] by[406] the[19] hand[252]; in[107] the[19] other[282], holding[311] his[433] tambourine[197].

"Poor[533] rover[382]! will[584] ye[483] never[206] have[254] done[135] with[449] all[145] this[256] weary[306] roving[270]?
Where[579] go[20] ye[483] now[20]? But[330] if[141] the[19] currents[218] carry[160] ye[483] to[261] those[427] sweet[417] Antilles[31]
where[579] the[19] beaches[364] are[314] only[517] beat[449] with[449] water[520]-lilies[479], will[584] ye[483] do[353] one[470]
little[554] errand[264] for[190] me[2]? Seek[292] out[66] one[470] Pip[238], who[319]'s[483] now[20] been[185] missing[210] long[544]:
I[482] think[424] he[362]'s[483] in[107] those[427] far[258] Antilles[31]. If[141] ye[483] find[138] him[248], then[45] comfort[364] him[248];
for[190] he[362] must[226] be[341] very[515] sad[341]; for[190] look[523]! he[362]'s[483] left[159] his[433] tambourine[197] behind[80];--
I[482] found[260] it[162]. Rig[415]-a[10]-dig[89], dig[89], dig[89]! Now[20], Queequeg, die[229]; and[236] I[482]'ll[300] beat[449]
ye[483] your[162] dying[69] march[396]."

"I[482] have[254] heard[444]," murmured[238] Starbuck, gazing[117] down[133] the[19] scuttle[27], "that[14] in[107]
violent[336] fevers[295], men[62], all[145] ignorance[211], have[254] talked[7] in[107] ancient[463] tongues[202];
and[236] that[14] when[189] the[19] mystery[254] is[487] probed[34], it[162] turns[136] out[66] always[367]
that[14] in[107] their[219] wholly[497] forgotten[170] childhood[379] those[427] ancient[463] tongues[202]
had[364] been[185] really[406] spoken[507] in[107] their[219] hearing[325] by[406] some[265] lofty[161] scholars[255].
So[281], to[261] my[36] fond[174] faith[511], poor[533] Pip[238], in[107] this[256] strange[440] sweetness[275] of[89]
his[433] lunacy[26], brings[44] heavenly[375] vouchers[69] of[89] all[145] our[234] heavenly[375] homes[156].
Where[579] learned[277] he[362] that[14], but[330] there[340]?--Hark[313]! he[362] speaks[454] again[52];
but[330] more[348] wildly[356] now[20]."

"Form[238] two[527] and[236] two[527]! Let[66]'s[483] make[175] a[10] General[37] of[89] him[248]! Ho[31], where[579]'s[483]
his[433] harpoon[67]? Lay[62] it[162] across[129] here[135].--Rig[415]-a[10]-dig[89], dig[89], dig[89]! huzza[191]!
Oh[367] for[190] a[10] game[233] cock[519] now[20] to[261] sit[215] upon[419] his[433] head[219] and[236] crow[151]!
Queequeg dies[384] game[233]!--mind[118] ye[483] that[14]; Queequeg dies[384] game[233]!--
take[279] ye[483] good[221] heed[163] of[89] that[14]; Queequeg dies[384] game[233]!
I[482] say[306]; game[233], game[233], game[233]! but[330] base[258] little[554] Pip[238], he[362] died[575] a[10] coward[92];
died[575] all[145] a[10]'shiver[452];--out[66] upon[419] Pip[238]! Hark[313] ye[483]; if[141] ye[483] find[138] Pip[238],
tell[392] all[145] the[19] Antilles[31] he[362]'s[483] a[10] runaway[180]; a[10] coward[92], a[10] coward[92],
a[10] coward[92]! Tell[392] them[146] he[362] jumped[499] from[316] a[10] whale[422]-boat[439]! I[482]'d[67] never[206]
beat[449] my[36] tambourine[197] over[82] base[258] Pip[238], and[236] hail[75] him[248] General[37],
if[141] he[362] were[324] once[248] more[348] dying[69] here[135]. No[235], no[235]! shame[240] upon[419] all[145] cowards[394]--
shame[240] upon[419] them[146]! Let[66]'em[4] go[20] drown[522] like[410] Pip[238], that[14] jumped[499] from[316]
a[10] whale[422]-boat[439]. Shame[240]! shame[240]!"

During[309] all[145] this[256], Queequeg lay[62] with[449] closed[523] eyes[125], as[113] if[141] in[107] a[10] dream[86].
Pip[238] was[454] led[46] away[443], and[236] the[19] sick[250] man[17] was[454] replaced[161] in[107] his[433] hammock[323].

But[330] now[20] that[14] he[362] had[364] apparently[261] made[563] every[389] preparation[40] for[190] death[543];
now[20] that[14] his[433] coffin[284] was[454] proved[312] a[10] good[221] fit[12], Queequeg suddenly[193] rallied[71];
soon[18] there[340] seemed[132] no[235] need[32] of[89] the[19] carpenter[262]'s[483] box[226]; and[236] thereupon[25],
when[189] some[265] expressed[21] their[219] delighted[493] surprise[125], he[362], in[107] substance[316],
said[252], that[14] the[19] cause[220] of[89] his[433] sudden[309] convalescence[259] was[454] this[256];--
at[65] a[10] critical[38] moment[258], he[362] had[364] just[108] recalled[346] a[10] little[554] duty[468] ashore[122], which[16] he[362]
was[454] leaving[231] undone[421]; and[236] therefore[94] had[364] changed[21] his[433] mind[118] about[123] dying[69]:
he[362] could[375] not[518] die[229] yet[443], he[362] averred[141]. They[382] asked[369] him[248], then[45], whether[454] to[261]
live[554] or[519] die[229] was[454] a[10] matter[176] of[89] his[433] own[248] sovereign[324] will[584] and[236] pleasure[145].
He[362] answered[100], certainly[124]. In[107] a[10] word[486], it[162] was[454] Queequeg's[483] conceit[58],
that[14] if[141] a[10] man[17] made[563] up[405] his[433] mind[118] to[261] live[554], mere[393] sickness[166] could[375] not[518] kill[219] him[248]:
nothing[324] but[330] a[10] whale[422], or[519] a[10] gale[440], or[519] some[265] violent[336], ungovernable[320],
unintelligent[354] destroyer[111] of[89] that[14] sort[42].

Now[20], there[340] is[487] this[256] noteworthy[489] difference[3] between[77] savage[398] and[236] civilized[441];
that[14] while[55] a[10] sick[250], civilized[441] man[17] may[236] be[341] six[415] months[17] convalescing[41],
generally[402] speaking[22], a[10] sick[250] savage[398] is[487] almost[518] half[119]-well[263] again[52]
in[107] a[10] day[112]. So[281], in[107] good[221] time[577] my[36] Queequeg gained[290] strength[168];
and[236] at[65] length[202] after[358] sitting[136] on[392] the[19] windlass[231] for[190] a[10] few[49] indolent[53] days[351]
(but[330] eating[22] with[449] a[10] vigorous[113] appetite[97]) he[362] suddenly[193] leaped[314] to[261] his[433] feet[349],
threw[459] out[66] his[433] arms[536] and[236] legs[108], gave[572] himself[282] a[10] good[221] stretching[413], yawned[402] a[10]
little[554] bit[72], and[236] then[45] springing[481] into[554] the[19] head[219] of[89] his[433] hoisted[367] boat[439],
and[236] poising[218] a[10] harpoon[67], pronounced[429] himself[282] fit[12] for[190] a[10] fight[330].

With[449] a[10] wild[230] whimsiness, he[362] now[20] used[102] his[433] coffin[284] for[190] a[10] sea[67]-chest[98];
and[236] emptying[22] into[554] it[162] his[433] canvas[557] bag[141] of[89] clothes[98], set[422] them[146] in[107] order[343] there[340].
Many[282] spare[295] hours[127] he[362] spent[329], in[107] carving[54] the[19] lid[157] with[449] all[145] manner[153] of[89] grotesque[282]
figures[66] and[236] drawings[468]; and[236] it[162] seemed[132] that[14] hereby[196] he[362] was[454] striving[388],

in[107] his[433] rude[474] way[435], to[261] copy[380] parts[470] of[89] the[19] twisted[279] tattooing[42] on[392] his[433] body[348]. And[236] this[256] tattooing[42] had[364] been[185] the[19] work[385] of[89] a[10] departed[467] prophet[25] and[236] seer[44] of[89] his[433] island[516], who[319], by[406] those[427] hieroglyphic[171] marks[226], had[364] written[388] out[66] on[392] his[433] body[348] a[10] complete[191] theory[60] of[89] the[19] heavens[494] and[236] the[19] earth[513], and[236] a[10] mystical[493] treatise[117] on[392] the[19] art[462] of[89] attaining[399] truth[350]; so[281] that[14] Queequeg in[107] his[433] own[248] proper[249] person[550] was[454] a[10] riddle[41] to[261] unfold[204]; a[10] wondrous[30] work[385] in[107] one[470] volume[295]; but[330] whose[286] mysteries[445] not[518] even[198] himself[282] could[375] read[98], though[400] his[433] own[248] live[554] heart[470] beat[449] against[417] them[146]; and[236] these[527] mysteries[445] were[324] therefore[94] destined[197] in[107] the[19] end[149] to[261] moulder[218] away[443] with[449] the[19] living[117] parchment[127] whereon[132] they[382] were[324] inscribed[180], and[236] so[281] be[341] unsolved[198] to[261] the[19] last[436]. And[236] this[256] thought[186] it[162] must[226] have[254] been[185] which[16] suggested[431] to[261] Ahab[232] that[14] wild[230] exclamation[156] of[89] his[433], when[189] one[470] morning[417] turning[69] away[443] from[316] surveying[122] poor[533] Queequeg--"Oh[367], devilish[181] tantalization[283] of[89] the[19] gods[325]!"

CHAPTER[293] 111[54]

The[19] Pacific[294]

When[189] gliding[248] by[406] the[19] Bashee isles[425] we[465] emerged[100] at[65] last[436] upon[419] the[19] great[259] South[257] Sea[67]; were[324] it[162] not[518] for[190] other[282] things[4] I[482] could[375] have[254] greeted[346] my[36] dear[333] Pacific[294] with[449] uncounted[391] thanks[68], for[190] now[20] the[19] long[544] supplication[236] of[89] my[36] youth[327] was[454] answered[100]; that[14] serene[18] ocean[224] rolled[226] eastwards[239] from[316] me[2] a[10] thousand[586] leagues[116] of[89] blue[240].

There[340] is[487], one[470] knows[286] not[518] what[243] sweet[417] mystery[254] about[123] this[256] sea[67], whose[286] gently[284] awful[539] stirrings[22] seems[19] to[261] speak[337] of[89] some[265] hidden[78] soul[428] beneath[320]; like[410] those[427] fabled[173] undulations[106] of[89] the[19] Ephesian[502] sod[299] over[82] the[19] buried[205] Evangelist[4] St[193]. John[416]. And[236] meet[16] it[162] is[487], that[14] over[82] these[527] sea[67]-pastures[403], wide[465]-rolling[253] watery[59] prairies[155] and[236] Potters[87]' Fields[64] of[89] all[145] four[175] continents[155], the[19] waves[443] should[255] rise[251] and[236] fall[90], and[236] ebb[443] and[236] flow[44] unceasingly[507]; for[190] here[135], millions[208] of[89] mixed[459] shades[508] and[236] shadows[480], drowned[83] dreams[299], somnambulisms[120], reveries[423]; all[145] that[14] we[465] call[259] lives[245] and[236] souls[82], lie[212] dreaming[47], dreaming[47], still[278]; tossing[213] like[410] slumberers[288] in[107] their[219] beds[41]; the[19] ever[208]-rolling[104] waves[443] but[330] made[563] so[281] by[406] their[219] restlessness[380].

To[261] any[501] meditative[220] Magian[183] rover[382], this[256] serene[18] Pacific[294], once[248] beheld[132], must[226] ever[208] after[358] be[341] the[19] sea[67] of[89] his[433] adoption[113]. It[162] rolls[475] the[19] midmost[366] waters[556] of[89] the[19] world[126], the[19] Indian[303] ocean[224] and[236] Atlantic[198] being[264] but[330] its[234] arms[536]. The[19] same[541] waves[443] wash[160] the[19] moles[8] of[89] the[19] new[36]-built[20] California[451] towns[120], but[330] yesterday[235] planted[82] by[406] the[19] recentest race[392] of[89] men[62] and[236] lave[192] the[19] faded[69] but[330] still[278] gorgeous[188] skirts[259] of[89] Asiatic[16] lands[436], older[195] than[77] Abraham[124]; while[55] all[145] between[77] float[231] milky[23]-ways[101] of[89] coral[22] isles[425], and[236] low[407]-lying[204], endless[489], unknown[10] Archipelagoes[83], and[236] impenetrable[219] Japans[373]. Thus[362] this[256] mysterious[304], divine[216] Pacific[294] zones[183] the[19] world[126]'s[483] whole[199] bulk[181] about[123]; makes[32] all[145] coasts[147] one[470] bay[279] to[261] it[162]; seems[19] the[19] tide[523]-beating[124] heart[470] of[89] earth[513]. Lifted[448] by[406] those[427] eternal[155] swells[446], you[227] needs[41] must[226] own[248] the[19] seductive[86] god[185], bowing[452] your[162] head[219] to[261] Pan[23].

But[330] few[49] thoughts[26] of[89] Pan[23] stirred[101] Ahab[232]'s[483] brain[158], as[113] standing[144], like[410] an[138] iron[169] statue[37] at[65] his[433] accustomed[295] place[107] beside[276] the[19] mizen[117] rigging[516], with[449] one[470] nostril[406] he[362] unthinkingly[364] snuffed[250] the[19] sugary[290] musk[16] from[316] the[19] Bashee isles[425] (in[107] whose[286] sweet[417] woods[29] mild[117] lovers[88] must[226] be[341] walking[523]), and[236] with[449] the[19] other[282] consciously[133] inhaled[498] the[19] salt[183] breath[150] of[89] the[19] new[36] found[260] sea[67]; that[14] sea[67] in[107] which[16] the[19] hated[499] White[82] Whale[422] must[226] even[198] then[45] be[341] swimming[367]. Launched[336] at[65] length[202] upon[419] these[527] almost[518] final[357] waters[556], and[236] gliding[248] towards[417] the[19] Japanese[364] cruising[298]-ground[127], the[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415] purpose[514] intensified[70] itself[312]. His[433] firm[415] lips[585] met[130] like[410] the[19] lips[585] of[89] a[10] vice[443]; the[19] Delta[26] of[89] his[433] forehead[380]'s[483] veins[395] swelled[213] like[410] overladen[295] brooks[452]; in[107] his[433] very[515] sleep[233], his[433] ringing[461] cry[561] ran[391] through[295] the[19] vaulted[309] hull[323], "Stern[442] all[145]! the[19] White[82] Whale[422] spouts[75] thick[502] blood[208]!"

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The[19] Blacksmith[149]

Availing[29] himself[282] of[89] the[19] mild[117], summer[408]-cool[102] weather[405] that[14] now[20] reigned[208] in[107] these[527] latitudes[267], and[236] in[107] preparation[40] for[190] the[19] peculiarly[182] active[54] pursuits[412] shortly[425] to[261] be[341] anticipated[402], Perth[163], the[19] begrimed[359], blistered[284] old[447] blacksmith[149], had[364] not[518] removed[447] his[433] portable[120] forge[218] to[261] the[19] hold[204] again[52], after[358] concluding[84] his[433] contributory[425] work[385] for[190] Ahab[232]'s[483] leg[331], but[330] still[278] retained[155] it[162] on[392] deck[505], fast[208] lashed[97] to[261] ringbolts[282] by[406] the[19] foremast[331]; being[264] now[20] almost[518] incessantly[194] invoked[398] by[406] the[19] headsmen[51], and[236] harpooneers, and[236] bowsmen to[261] do[353] some[265] little[554] job[269] for[190] them[146]; altering[436], or[519] repairing[51], or[519] new[36] shaping[160] their[219] various[183] weapons[489] and[236] boat[439] furniture[11]. Often[227] he[362] would[282] be[341] surrounded[75] by[406] an[138] eager[516] circle[282], all[145] waiting[201] to[261] be[341] served[460]; holding[311] boat[439]-spades[135], pikeheads, harpoons[6], and[236] lances[8], and[236] jealously[9] watching[330] his[433] every[389] sooty[213] movement[128], as[113] he[362] toiled[411]. Nevertheless[104], this[256] old[447] man[17]'s[415] was[454] a[10] patient[516] hammer[364] wielded[208] by[406] a[10] patient[516] arm[25]. No[235] murmur[149], no[235] impatience[153], no[235] petulance[69] did[444] come[420]

from[316] him[248]. Silent[382], slow[96], and[236] solemn[303]; bowing[452] over[82] still[278] further[53] his[433]
chronically[133] broken[255] back[457], he[362] toiled[411] away[443], as[113] if[141] toil[89] were[324] life[71] itself[312],
and[236] the[19] heavy[421] beating[124] of[89] his[433] hammer[364] the[19] heavy[421] beating[124] of[89] his[433] heart[470].
And[236] so[281] it[162] was[454].--Most[216] miserable[364]!

A[10] peculiar[291] walk[405] in[107] this[256] old[447] man[17], a[10] certain[31] slight[259] but[330] painful[355]
appearing[341] yawing[14] in[107] his[433] gait[41], had[364] at[65] an[138] early[92] period[196] of[89] the[19] voyage[137]
excited[283] the[19] curiosity[501] of[89] the[19] mariners[347]. And[236] to[261] the[19] importunity[186]
of[89] their[219] persisted[248] questionings[492] he[362] had[364] finally[69] given[141] in[107];
and[236] so[281] it[162] came[549] to[261] pass[153] that[14] every[389] one[470] now[20] knew[480] the[19] shameful[442]
story[197] of[89] his[433] wretched[294] fate[74].

Belated[354], and[236] not[518] innocently[521], one[470] bitter[236] winter[317]'s[483] midnight[539],
on[392] the[19] road[533] running[296] between[77] two[527] country[362] towns[120], the[19] blacksmith[149]
half[119]-stupidly felt[440] the[19] deadly[49] numbness[14] stealing[342] over[82] him[248],
and[236] sought[82] refuge[154] in[107] a[10] leaning[559], dilapidated[196] barn[66].
The[19] issue[117] was[454], the[19] loss[223] of[89] the[19] extremities[341] of[89] both[558] feet[349].
Out[66] of[89] this[256] revelation[104], part[207] by[406] part[207], at[65] last[436] came[549] out[66] the[19] four[175]
acts[395] of[89] the[19] gladness[354], and[236] the[19] one[470] long[544], and[236] as[113] yet[443] uncatastrophied
fifth[403] act[10] of[89] the[19] grief[318] of[89] his[433] life[71]'s[483] drama[23].

He[362] was[454] an[138] old[447] man[17], who[319], at[65] the[19] age[157] of[89] nearly[575] sixty[332], had[364] postponedly
encountered[102] that[14] thing[309] in[107] sorrow[174]'s[483] technicals called[237] ruin[462].
He[362] had[364] been[185] an[138] artisan[229] of[89] famed[416] excellence[27], and[236] with[449] plenty[406]
to[261] do[353]; owned[196] a[10] house[499] and[236] garden[121]; embraced[393] a[10] youthful[41],
daughter[302]-like[83], loving[309] wife[37], and[236] three[329] blithe[495], ruddy[359] children[374];
every[389] Sunday[151] went[516] to[261] a[10] cheerful[391]-looking[370] church[317], planted[82] in[107] a[10] grove[263].
But[330] one[470] night[108], under[533] cover[172] of[89] darkness[493], and[236] further[53] concealed[97]
in[107] a[10] most[216] cunning[198] disguisement[314], a[10] desperate[316] burglar[189] slid[132]
into[554] his[433] happy[416] home[450], and[236] robbed[320] them[146] all[145] of[89] everything[233].
And[236] darker[20] yet[443] to[261] tell[392], the[19] blacksmith[149] himself[282] did[444]
ignorantly[136] conduct[161] this[256] burglar[189] into[554] his[433] family[347]'s[483] heart[470].
It[162] was[454] the[19] Bottle[42] Conjuror[400]! Upon[419] the[19] opening[306] of[89] that[14] fatal[460] cork[4],
forth[152] flew[424] the[19] fiend[59], and[236] shrivelled[259] up[405] his[433] home[450]. Now[20], for[190] prudent[183],
most[216] wise[16], and[236] economic[339] reasons[186], the[19] blacksmith[149]'s[483] shop[245] was[454] in[107]
the[19] basement[400] of[89] his[433] dwelling[394], but[330] with[449] a[10] separate[495] entrance[237] to[261] it[162];
so[281] that[14] always[367] had[364] the[19] young[389] and[236] loving[309] healthy[456] wife[37] listened[85]
with[449] no[235] unhappy[231] nervousness[167], but[330] with[449] vigorous[113] pleasure[145],
to[261] the[19] stout[29] ringing[461] of[89] her[400] young[389]-armed[299] old[447] husband[207]'s[483] hammer[364];
whose[286] reverberations[232], muffled[58] by[406] passing[147] through[295] the[19] floors[491]
and[236] walls[116], came[549] up[405] to[261] her[400], not[518] unsweetly, in[107] her[400] nursery[163];
and[236] so[281], to[261] stout[29] Labor[209]'s[483] iron[169] lullaby[44], the[19] blacksmith[149]'s[483] infants[413]
were[324] rocked[157] to[261] slumber[428].

Oh[367], woe[295] on[392] woe[295]! Oh[367], Death[543], why[177] canst[502] thou[173] not[518] sometimes[77] be[341] timely[305]?
Hadst[519] thou[173] taken[222] this[256] old[447] blacksmith[149] to[261] thyself[402] ere[83] his[433] full[414] ruin[462]
came[549] upon[419] him[248], then[45] had[364] the[19] young[389] widow[231] had[364] a[10] delicious[142] grief[318],
and[236] her[400] orphans[27] a[10] truly[530] venerable[57], legendary[335] sire[244] to[261] dream[86] of[89] in[107]
their[219] after[358] years[116]; and[236] all[145] of[89] them[146] a[10] care[307]-killing[311] competency[23].
But[330] Death[543] plucked[181] down[133] some[265] virtuous[122] elder[64] brother[46], on[392] whose[286] whistling[28]
daily[201] toil[89] solely[41] hung[479] the[19] responsibilities[260] of[89] some[265] other[282] family[347],
and[236] left[159] the[19] worse[561] than[77] useless[327] old[447] man[17] standing[144], till[181] the[19] hideous[298]
rot[232] of[89] life[71] should[255] make[175] him[248] easier[314] to[261] harvest[38].

Why[177] tell[392] the[19] whole[199]? The[19] blows[361] of[89] the[19] basement[400] hammer[364] every[389] day[112]
grew[5] more[348] and[236] more[348] between[77]; and[236] each[520] blow[230] every[389] day[112] grew[5] fainter[25]
than[77] the[19] last[436]; the[19] wife[37] sat[77] frozen[446] at[65] the[19] window[8], with[449] tearless[468] eyes[125],
glitteringly[167] gazing[117] into[554] the[19] weeping[48] faces[97] of[89] her[400] children[374];
the[19] bellows[25] fell[421]; the[19] forge[218] choked[191] up[405] with[449] cinders[151]; the[19] house[499]
was[454] sold[7]; the[19] mother[276] dived[149] down[133] into[554] the[19] long[544] church[317]-yard[27] grass[418];
her[400] children[374] twice[366] followed[234] her[400] thither[118]; and[236] the[19] houseless[392],
familyless old[447] man[17] staggered[259] off[111] a[10] vagabond[137] in[107] crape[88]; his[433] every[389]
woe[295] unreverenced; his[433] grey[491] head[219] a[10] scorn[8] to[261] flaxen[68] curls[345]!

Death[543] seems[19] the[19] only[517] desirable[277] sequel[124] for[190] a[10] career[165] like[410] this[256];
but[330] Death[543] is[487] only[517] a[10] launching[231] into[554] the[19] region[145] of[89] the[19] strange[440] Untried[246];
it[162] is[487] but[330] the[19] first[13] salutation[102] to[261] the[19] possibilities[136]
of[89] the[19] immense[301] Remote[141], the[19] Wild[230], the[19] Watery[59], the[19] Unshored;
therefore[94], to[261] the[19] death[543]-longing[292] eyes[125] of[89] such[420] men[62], who[319] still[278]
have[254] left[159] in[107] them[146] some[265] interior[163] compunctions[165] against[417] suicide[492],
does[565] the[19] all[145]-contributed and[236] all[145]-receptive ocean[224] alluringly[458] spread[348]
forth[152] his[433] whole[199] plain[28] of[89] unimaginable[192], taking[146] terrors[192], and[236] wonderful[291],
new[36]-life[71] adventures[266]; and[236] from[316] the[19] hearts[431] of[89] infinite[503] Pacifics[399],
the[19] thousand[586] mermaids[51] sing[549] to[261] them[146]--"Come[420] hither[342], broken[255]-hearted[83];
here[135] is[487] another[269] life[71] without[309] the[19] guilt[191] of[89] intermediate[21] death[543];
here[135] are[314] wonders[115] supernatural[367], without[309] dying[69] for[190] them[146].
Come[420] hither[342]! bury[354] thyself[402] in[107] a[10] life[71] which[16], to[261] your[162] now[20] equally[336]
abhorred[324] and[236] abhorring[304], landed[451] world[126], is[487] more[348] oblivious[86] than[77] death[543].
Come[420] hither[342]! put[190] up[405] thy[43] grave[344]-stone[83], too[11], within[503] the[19] churchyard[63],
and[236] come[420] hither[342], till[181] we[465] marry[118] thee[15]!"

Hearkening[113] to[261] these[527] voices[386], East[524] and[236] West[569], by[406] early[92] sunrise[445],
and[236] by[406] fall[90] of[89] eve[245], the[19] blacksmith[149]'s[483] soul[428] responded[337], Aye[86], I[482] come[420]!
And[236] so[281] Perth[163] went[516] a[10]-whaling[155].

CHAPTER[293] 113[517]

The[19] Forge[218]

With[449] matted[2] beard[23], and[236] swathed[250] in[107] a[10] bristling[364] shark[4]-skin[428] apron[115], about[123] mid[84]-day[112], Perth[163] was[454] standing[144] between[77] his[433] forge[218] and[236] anvil[314], the[19] latter[497] placed[556] upon[419] an[138] iron[169]-wood[25] log[127], with[449] one[470] hand[252] holding[311] a[10] pike[412]-head[157] in[107] the[19] coals[163], and[236] with[449] the[19] other[282] at[65] his[433] forge[218]'s[483] lungs[40], when[189] Captain[295] Ahab[232] came[549] along[423], carrying[103] in[107] his[433] hand[252] a[10] small[350] rusty[235]-looking[318] leathern[427] bag[141]. While[55] yet[443] a[10] little[554] distance[264] from[316] the[19] forge[218], moody[447] Ahab[232] paused[390]; till[181] at[65] last[436], Perth[163], withdrawing[152] his[433] iron[169] from[316] the[19] fire[559], began[132] hammering[420] it[162] upon[419] the[19] anvil[314]--the[19] red[293] mass[36] sending[1] off[111] the[19] sparks[183] in[107] thick[502] hovering[520] flights[154], some[265] of[89] which[16] flew[424] close[65] to[261] Ahab[232].

"Are[314] these[527] thy[43] Mother[276] Carey[161]'s[483] chickens[321], Perth[163]? they[382] are[314] always[367] flying[354] in[107] thy[43] wake[205]; birds[332] of[89] good[221] omen[7], too[11], but[330] not[518] to[261] all[145];--look[523] here[135], they[382] burn[118]; but[330] thou[173]--thou[173] liv'st[126] among[483] them[146] without[309] a[10] scorch[339]."

"Because[540] I[482] am[375] scorched[253] all[145] over[82], Captain[295] Ahab[232]," answered[100] Perth[163], resting[455] for[190] a[10] moment[258] on[392] his[433] hammer[364]; "I[482] am[375] past[111] scorching[251]-, not[518] easily[45] can[450]'st[193] thou[173] scorch[339] a[10] scar[101]."

"Well[263], well[263]; no[235] more[348]. Thy[43] shrunk[173] voice[233] sounds[394] too[11] calmly[170], sanely[360] woeful[16] to[261] me[2]. In[107] no[235] Paradise[215] myself[99], I[482] am[375] impatient[160] of[89] all[145] misery[395] in[107] others[317] that[14] is[487] not[518] mad[235]. Thou[173] should[255]'st[274] go[20] mad[235], blacksmith[149]; say[306], why[177] dost[306] thou[173] not[518] go[20] mad[235]? How[19] can[450]'st[193] thou[173] endure[161] without[309] being[264] mad[235]? Do[353] the[19] heavens[494] yet[443] hate[267] thee[15], that[14] thou[173] can[450]'st[193] not[518] go[20] mad[235]?-- What[243] wert[508] thou[173] making[415] there[340]?"

"Welding[195] an[138] old[447] pike[412]-head[157], sir[271]; there[340] were[324] seams[155] and[236] dents[398] in[107] it[162]."

"And[236] can[450]'st[193] thou[173] make[175] it[162] all[145] smooth[388] again[52], blacksmith[149], after[358] such[420] hard[337] usage[454] as[113] it[162] had[364]?"

"I[482] think[424] so[281], sir[271]."

"And[236] I[482] suppose[120] thou[173] can[450]'st[193] smoothe[157] almost[518] any[501] seams[155] and[236] dents[398]; never[206] mind[118] how[19] hard[337] the[19] metal[147], blacksmith[149]?"

"Aye[86], sir[271], I[482] think[424] I[482] can[450]; all[145] seams[155] and[236] dents[398] but[330] one[470]."

"Look[523] ye[483] here[135] then[45]," cried[506] Ahab[232], passionately[280] advancing[444], and[236] leaning[559] with[449] both[558] hands[87] on[392] Perth[163]'s[483] shoulders[476]; "look[523] ye[483] here[135]--here[135]--can[450] ye[483] smoothe[157] out[66] a[10] seam[414] like[410] this[256], blacksmith[149]," sweeping[61] one[470] hand[252] across[129] his[433] ribbed[246] brow[474]; "if[141] thou[173] could[375]'st[193], blacksmith[149], glad[356] enough[217] would[282] I[482] lay[62] my[36] head[219] upon[419] thy[43] anvil[314], and[236] feel[461] thy[43] heaviest[280] hammer[364] between[77] my[36] eyes[125]. Answer[164]! Can[450]'st[193] thou[173] smoothe[157] this[256] seam[414]?"

"Oh[367]! that[14] is[487] the[19] one[470], sir[271]! Said[252] I[482] not[518] all[145] seams[155] and[236] dents[398] but[330] one[470]?"

"Aye[86], blacksmith[149], it[162] is[487] the[19] one[470]; aye[86], man[17], it[162] is[487] unsmoothable; for[190] though[400] thou[173] only[517] see[370]'st[119] it[162] here[135] in[107] my[36] flesh[331], it[162] has[399] worked[245] down[133] into[554] the[19] bone[184] of[89] my[36] skull[9]--that[14] is[487] all[145] wrinkles[318]! But[330], away[443] with[449] child[451]'s[483] play[89]; no[235] more[348] gaffs[98] and[236] pikes[59] to[261]-day[112]. Look[523] ye[483] here[135]!" jingling[182] the[19] leathern[427] bag[141], as[113] if[141] it[162] were[324] full[414] of[89] gold[231] coins[294]. "I[482], too[11], want[350] a[10] harpoon[67] made[563]; one[470] that[14] a[10] thousand[586] yoke[29] of[89] fiends[270] could[375] not[518] part[207], Perth[163]; something[181] that[14] will[584] stick[50] in[107] a[10] whale[422] like[410] his[433] own[248] fin[286]-bone[184]. There[340]'s[483] the[19] stuff[471]," flinging[389] the[19] pouch[380] upon[419] the[19] anvil[314]. "Look[523] ye[483], blacksmith[149], these[527] are[314] the[19] gathered[165] nail[367]-stubbs[133] of[89] the[19] steel[184] shoes[436] of[89] racing[253] horses[189]."

"Horse[409]-shoe[34] stubbs[133], sir[271]? Why[177], Captain[295] Ahab[232], thou[173] hast[174] here[135], then[45], the[19] best[315] and[236] stubbornest[142] stuff[471] we[465] blacksmiths[136] ever[208] work[385]."

"I[482] know[60] it[162], old[447] man[17]; these[527] stubbs[133] will[584] weld[367] together[440] like[410] glue[287] from[316] the[19] melted[145] bones[5] of[89] murderers[205]. Quick[241]! forge[218] me[2] the[19] harpoon[67]. And[236] forge[218] me[2] first[13], twelve[293] rods[242] for[190] its[234] shank[373]; then[45] wind[262], and[236] twist[30], and[236] hammer[364] these[527] twelve[293] together[440] like[410] the[19] yarns[122] and[236] strands[22] of[89] a[10] tow[160]-line[98]. Quick[241]! I[482]'ll[300] blow[230] the[19] fire[559]."

When[189] at[65] last[436] the[19] twelve[293] rods[242] were[324] made[563], Ahab[232] tried[73] them[146], one[470] by[406] one[470], by[406] spiralling them[146], with[449] his[433] own[248] hand[252], round[287] a[10] long[544], heavy[421] iron[169] bolt[156]. "A[10] flaw[204]!" rejecting[388] the[19] last[436] one[470]. "Work[385] that[14] over[82] again[52], Perth[163]."

This[256] done[135], Perth[163] was[454] about[123] to[261] begin[183] welding[195] the[19] twelve[293] into[554] one[470], when[189] Ahab[232] stayed[117] his[433] hand[252], and[236] said[252] he[362] would[282] weld[367] his[433] own[248] iron[169]. As[113], then[45], with[449] regular[400], gasping[363] hems[21], he[362] hammered[193] on[392] the[19] anvil[314], Perth[163] passing[147] to[261] him[248] the[19] glowing[160] rods[242], one[470] after[358] the[19] other[282], and[236] the[19] hard[337] pressed[323] forge[218] shooting[225] up[405] its[234] intense[89] straight[346] flame[113], the[19] Parsee[18] passed[87] silently[533], and[236] bowing[452] over[82] his[433] head[219] towards[417] the[19] fire[559], seemed[132] invoking[447] some[265] curse[48] or[519] some[265] blessing[178] on[392] the[19] toil[89]. But[330], as[113] Ahab[232] looked[232] up[405], he[362] slid[132] aside[408].

"What[243]'s[483] that[14] bunch[100] of[89] lucifers[142] dodging[213] about[123] there[340] for[190]?" muttered[180] Stubb, looking[318] on[392] from[316] the[19] forecastle[367]. "That[14] Parsee[18] smells[422] fire[559] like[410] a[10] fusee[20]; and[236] smells[422] of[89] it[162] himself[282], like[410] a[10] hot[424] musket[19]'s[483] powder[5]-pan[23]."

At[65] last[436] the[19] shank[373], in[107] one[470] complete[191] rod[216], received[12] its[234] final[357] heat[218]; and[236] as[113] Perth[163], to[261] temper[453] it[162], plunged[340] it[162] all[145] hissing[403] into[554] the[19] cask[503] of[89] water[520] near[70] by[406], the[19] scalding[181] steam[106] shot[443] up[405] into[554] Ahab[232]'s[483] bent[406] face[556].

"Would[282]'st[193] thou[173] brand[441] me[2], Perth[163]?" wincing[83] for[190] a[10] moment[258] with[449] the[19] pain[337]; "have[254] I[482] been[185] but[330] forging[246] my[36] own[248] branding-iron[169], then[45]?"

"Pray[311] God[185], not[518] that[14]; yet[443] I[482] fear[103] something[181], Captain[295] Ahab[232]. Is[487] not[518] this[256] harpoon[67] for[190] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]?"

"For[190] the[19] white[82] fiend[59]! But[330] now[20] for[190] the[19] barbs[226]; thou[173] must[226] make[175] them[146] thyself[402], man[17]. Here[135] are[314] my[36] razors[88]--the[19] best[315] of[89] steel[184]; here[135], and[236] make[175] the[19] barbs[226] sharp[427] as[113] the[19] needle[459]-sleet[149] of[89] the[19] Icy[155] Sea[67]."

For[190] a[10] moment[258], the[19] old[447] blacksmith[149] eyed[363] the[19] razors[88] as[113] though[400] he[362] would[282] fain[264] not[518] use[176] them[146].

"Take[279] them[146], man[17], I[482] have[254] no[235] need[32] for[190] them[146]; for[190] I[482] now[20] neither[74] shave[82], sup[2], nor[137] pray[311] till[181]--but[330] here[135]--to[261] work[385]!"

Fashioned[432] at[65] last[436] into[554] an[138] arrowy[105] shape[99], and[236] welded[102] by[406] Perth[163] to[261] the[19] shank[373], the[19] steel[184] soon[18] pointed[413] the[19] end[149] of[89] the[19] iron[169]; and[236] as[113] the[19] blacksmith[149] was[454] about[123] giving[207] the[19] barbs[226] their[219] final[357] heat[218], prior[201] to[261] tempering[102] them[146], he[362] cried[506] to[261] Ahab[232] to[261] place[107] the[19] water[520]-cask[503] near[70].

"No[235], no[235]--no[235] water[520] for[190] that[14]; I[482] want[350] it[162] of[89] the[19] true[483] death[543]-temper[453]. Ahoy[26], there[340]! Tashtego, Queequeg, Daggoo! What[243] say[306] ye[483], pagans[295]! Will[584] ye[483] give[142] me[2] as[113] much[61] blood[208] as[113] will[584] cover[172] this[256] barb[65]?" holding[311] it[162] high[361] up[405]. A[10] cluster[465] of[89] dark[471] nods[407] replied[163], Yes[143]. Three[329] punctures[14] were[324] made[563] in[107] the[19] heathen[336] flesh[331], and[236] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]'s[483] barbs[226] were[324] then[45] tempered[270].

"Ego[125] non[438] baptizo[25] te[122] in[107] nomine[4] patris[165], sed[252] in[107] nomine[4] diaboli[167]!" deliriously[110] howled[333] Ahab[232], as[113] the[19] malignant[23] iron[169] scorchingly devoured[161] the[19] baptismal[147] blood[208].

Now[20], mustering[420] the[19] spare[295] poles[122] from[316] below[397], and[236] selecting[489] one[470] of[89] hickory[187], with[449] the[19] bark[223] still[278] investing[69] it[162], Ahab[232] fitted[200] the[19] end[149] to[261] the[19] socket[43] of[89] the[19] iron[169]. A[10] coil[32] of[89] new[36] tow[160]-line[98] was[454] then[45] unwound[60], and[236] some[265] fathoms[375] of[89] it[162] taken[222] to[261] the[19] windlass[231], and[236] stretched[63] to[261] a[10] great[259] tension[101]. Pressing[416] his[433] foot[467] upon[419] it[162], till[181] the[19] rope[265] hummed[459] like[410] a[10] harp[524]-string[80], then[45] eagerly[100] bending[252] over[82] it[162], and[236] seeing[426] no[235] strandings, Ahab[232] exclaimed[281], "Good[221]! and[236] now[20] for[190] the[19] seizings[98]."

At[65] one[470] extremity[410] the[19] rope[265] was[454] unstranded, and[236] the[19] separate[495] spread[348] yarns[122] were[324] all[145] braided[261] and[236] woven[26] round[287] the[19] socket[43] of[89] the[19] harpoon[67]; the[19] pole[20] was[454] then[45] driven[228] hard[337] up[405] into[554] the[19] socket[43]; from[316] the[19] lower[47] end[149] the[19] rope[265] was[454] traced[507] halfway[260] along[423] the[19] pole[20]'s[483] length[202], and[236] firmly[308] secured[284] so[281], with[449] inter-twistings of[89] twine[104]. This[256] done[135], pole[20], iron[169], and[236] rope[265]--like[410] the[19] Three[329] Fates[553]--remained[72] inseparable[88], and[236] Ahab[232] moodily[174] stalked[279] away[443] with[449] the[19] weapon[223]; the[19] sound[181] of[89] his[433] ivory[76] leg[331], and[236] the[19] sound[181] of[89] the[19] hickory[187] pole[20], both[558] hollowly[462] ringing[461] along[423] every[389] plank[243]. But[330] ere[83] he[362] entered[447] his[433] cabin[192], a[10] light[382], unnatural[111], half[119]-bantering[261], yet[443] most[216] piteous[219] sound[181] was[454] heard[444]. Oh[367]! Pip[238], thy[43] wretched[294] laugh[559], thy[43] idle[519] but[330] unresting[128] eye[220]; all[145] thy[43] strange[440] mummeries[480] not[518] unmeaningly[261] blended[366] with[449] the[19] black[581] tragedy[409] of[89] the[19] melancholy[398] ship[438], and[236] mocked[27] it[162]!

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Penetrating[149] further[53] and[236] further[53] into[554] the[19] heart[470] of[89] the[19] Japanese[364] cruising[298] ground[127] the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] soon[18] all[145] astir[506] in[107] the[19] fishery[136]. Often[227], in[107] mild[117], pleasant[233] weather[405], for[190] twelve[293], fifteen[289], eighteen[387], and[236] twenty[433] hours[127] on[392] the[19] stretch[318], they[382] were[324] engaged[479] in[107] the[19] boats[83], steadily[379] pulling[217], or[519] sailing[232], or[519] paddling[28] after[358] the[19] whales[331], or[519] for[190] an[138] interlude[201] of[89] sixty[332] or[519] seventy[156] minutes[368] calmly[170] awaiting[408] their[219] uprising[375]; though[400] with[449] but[330] small[350] success[197] for[190] their[219] pains[97].

At[65] such[420] times[121], under[533] an[138] abated[122] sun[397]; afloat[2] all[145] day[112] upon[419] smooth[388], slow[96] heaving[174] swells[446]; seated[158] in[107] his[433] boat[439], light[382] as[113] a[10] birch[14] canoe[290]; and[236] so[281] sociably[354] mixing[261] with[449] the[19] soft[226] waves[443] themselves[510], that[14] like[410] hearth[61]-stone[192] cats[22] they[382] purr[355] against[417] the[19] gunwale[198]; these[527] are[314] the[19] times[121] of[89] dreamy[247] quietude[171], when[189] beholding[248] the[19] tranquil[181] beauty[262] and[236] brilliancy[4] of[89] the[19] ocean[224]'s[483] skin[428], one[470] forgets[89] the[19] tiger[293] heart[470] that[14] pants[60] beneath[320] it[162]; and[236] would[282] not[518] willingly[390] remember[499], that[14] this[256] velvet[136] paw[194] but[330] conceals[161] a[10] remorseless[266] fang[102].

These[527] are[314] the[19] times[121], when[189] in[107] his[433] whale[422]-boat[439] the[19] rover[382] softly[461] feels[450]
a[10] certain[31] filial[403], confident[122], land[406]-like[410] feeling[384] towards[417] the[19] sea[67]; that[14] he[362]
regards[5] it[162] as[113] so[281] much[61] flowery[284] earth[513]; and[236] the[19] distant[353] ship[438] revealing[451]
only[517] the[19] tops[40] of[89] her[400] masts[212], seems[19] struggling[107] forward[364], not[518] through[295] high[361]
rolling[253] waves[443], but[330] through[295] the[19] tall[373] grass[418] of[89] a[10] rolling[253] prairie[214]:
as[113] when[189] the[19] western[227] emigrants[498]' horses[189] only[517] show[460] their[219] erected[412] ears[560],
while[55] their[219] hidden[78] bodies[392] widely[171] wade[401] through[295] the[19] amazing[306] verdure[329].

The[19] long[544]-drawn[564] virgin[317] vales[165]; the[19] mild[117] blue[240] hill[219]-sides[331];
as[113] over[82] these[527] there[340] steals[282] the[19] hush[4], the[19] hum[345]; you[227] almost[518] swear[322]
that[14] play[89]-wearied[229] children[374] lie[212] sleeping[341] in[107] these[527] solitudes[210],
in[107] some[265] glad[356] May[236]-time[577], when[189] the[19] flowers[325] of[89] the[19] woods[29] are[314] plucked[181].
And[236] all[145] this[256] mixes[35] with[449] your[162] most[216] mystic[455] mood[547]; so[281] that[14] fact[12] and[236] fancy[396],
half[119]-way[435] meeting[183], interpenetrate[160], and[236] form[238] one[470] seamless[136] whole[199].

Nor[137] did[444] such[420] soothing[60] scenes[339], however[44] temporary[235], fail[126] of[89] at[65] least[453]
as[113] temporary[235] an[138] effect[215] on[392] Ahab[232]. But[330] if[141] these[527] secret[409] golden[508]
keys[470] did[444] seem[404] to[261] open[464] in[107] him[248] his[433] own[248] secret[409] golden[508] treasuries[97],
yet[443] did[444] his[433] breath[150] upon[419] them[146] prove[396] but[330] tarnishing[243].

Oh[367], grassy[25] glades[83]! oh[367] ever[208] vernal[29] endless[489] landscapes[311] in[107] the[19] soul[428];
in[107] ye[483],--though[400] long[544] parched[186] by[406] the[19] dead[568] drought[36] of[89] the[19] earthly[64] life[71],--
in[107] ye[483], men[62] yet[443] may[236] roll[473], like[410] young[389] horses[189] in[107] new[36] morning[417] clover[76];
and[236] for[190] some[265] few[49] fleeting[225] moments[434], feel[461] the[19] cool[102] dew[251] of[89] the[19] life[71]
immortal[15] on[392] them[146]. Would[282] to[261] God[185] these[527] blessed[473] calms[98] would[282] last[436].
But[330] the[19] mingled[203], mingling[75] threads[19] of[89] life[71] are[314] woven[26] by[406] warp[382]
and[236] woof[414]: calms[98] crossed[202] by[406] storms[327], a[10] storm[218] for[190] every[389] calm[39].
There[340] is[487] no[235] steady[21] unretracing progress[538] in[107] this[256] life[71]; we[465] do[353] not[518]
advance[70] through[295] fixed[564] gradations[189], and[236] at[65] the[19] last[436] one[470] pause[391]:--
through[295] infancy[371]'s[483] unconscious[152] spell[416], boyhood[151]'s[483] thoughtless[122]
faith[511], adolescence[521]' doubt[71] (the[19] common[304] doom[73]), then[45] scepticism[83],
then[45] disbelief[303], resting[455] at[65] last[436] in[107] manhood[270]'s[483] pondering[280] repose[463]
of[89] If[141]. But[330] once[248] gone[190] through[295], we[465] trace[327] the[19] round[287] again[52];
and[236] are[314] infants[413], boys[22], and[236] men[62], and[236] Ifs[498] eternally[86].
Where[579] lies[27] the[19] final[357] harbor[289], whence[494] we[465] unmoor[314] no[235] more[348]?
In[107] what[243] rapt[86] ether[177] sails[344] the[19] world[126], of[89] which[16] the[19] weariest[281]
will[584] never[206] weary[306]? Where[579] is[487] the[19] foundling[41]'s[483] father[339] hidden[78]?
Our[234] souls[82] are[314] like[410] those[427] orphans[27] whose[286] unwedded[350] mothers[98] die[229]
in[107] bearing[354] them[146]: the[19] secret[409] of[89] our[234] paternity[336] lies[27] in[107] their[219] grave[344],
and[236] we[465] must[226] there[340] to[261] learn[341] it[162].

And[236] that[14] same[541] day[112], too[11], gazing[117] far[258] down[133] from[316] his[433] boat[439]'s[483] side[246]
into[554] that[14] same[541] golden[508] sea[67], Starbuck lowly[117] murmured[238]:--

"Loveliness[218] unfathomable[420], as[113] ever[208] lover[436] saw[113] in[107] his[433] young[389] bride[115]'s[483] eyes[125]!--
Tell[392] me[2] not[518] of[89] thy[43] teeth[82]-tiered sharks[206], and[236] thy[43] kidnapping[8] cannibal[180] ways[101].
Let[66] faith[511] oust[140] fact[12]; let[66] fancy[396] oust[140] memory[333]; I[482] look[523] deep[483] down[133]
and[236] do[353] believe[191]."

And[236] Stubb, fish[187]-like[410], with[449] sparkling[42] scales[543], leaped[314] up[405] in[107] that[14]
same[541] golden[508] light[382]:--

"I[482] am[375] Stubb, and[236] Stubb has[399] his[433] history[183]; but[330] here[135] Stubb takes[362]
oaths[142] that[14] he[362] has[399] always[367] been[185] jolly[50]!"

CHAPTER[293] 115[359]

The[19] Pequod[288] Meets[518] The[19] Bachelor[371]

And[236] jolly[50] enough[217] were[324] the[19] sights[24] and[236] the[19] sounds[394] that[14] came[549] bearing[354] down[133]
before[344] the[19] wind[262], some[265] few[49] weeks[522] after[358] Ahab[232]'s[483] harpoon[67] had[364] been[185] welded[102].

It[162] was[454] a[10] Nantucket[283] ship[438], the[19] Bachelor[371], which[16] had[364] just[108] wedged[55]
in[107] her[400] last[436] cask[503] of[89] oil[118], and[236] bolted[74] down[133] her[400] bursting[288] hatches[4];
and[236] now[20], in[107] glad[356] holiday[57] apparel[320], was[454] joyously[315], though[400] somewhat[77]
vain[216]-gloriously[324], sailing[232] round[287] among[483] the[19] widely[171]-separated[384] ships[21]
on[392] the[19] ground[127], previous[376] to[261] pointing[295] her[400] prow[451] for[190] home[450].

The[19] three[329] men[62] at[65] her[400] mast[44]-head[116] wore[92] long[544] streamers[497] of[89] narrow[140] red[293]
bunting[176] at[65] their[219] hats[379]; from[316] the[19] stern[442], a[10] whale[422]-boat[439] was[454] suspended[245],
bottom[461] down[133]; and[236] hanging[222] captive[401] from[316] the[19] bowsprit[120] was[454] seen[154] the[19] long[544]
lower[47] jaw[213] of[89] the[19] last[436] whale[422] they[382] had[364] slain[268]. Signals[314], ensigns[141],
and[236] jacks[484] of[89] all[145] colors[24] were[324] flying[354] from[316] her[400] rigging[516], on[392] every[389] side[246].
Sideways[496] lashed[97] in[107] each[520] of[89] her[400] three[329] basketed tops[40] were[324] two[527] barrels[368]
of[89] sperm[26]; above[502] which[16], in[107] her[400] top[70]-mast[44] cross[416]-trees[354], you[227] saw[113] slender[122]
breakers[317] of[89] the[19] same[541] precious[234] fluid[212]; and[236] nailed[419] to[261] her[400] main[501] truck[120]
was[454] a[10] brazen[15] lamp[330].

As[113] was[454] afterwards[418] learned[277], the[19] Bachelor[371] had[364] met[130] with[449]
the[19] most[216] surprising[359] success[197]; all[145] the[19] more[348] wonderful[291],
for[190] that[14] while[55] cruising[298] in[107] the[19] same[541] seas[350] numerous[558] other[282] vessels[150]
had[364] gone[190] entire[230] months[17] without[309] securing[93] a[10] single[77] fish[187].

Not[518] only[517] had[364] barrels[368] of[89] beef[303] and[236] bread[387] been[185] given[141] away[443] to[261] make[175] room[65] for[190] the[19] far[258] more[348] valuable[72] sperm[26], but[330] additional[131] supplemental[154] casks[213] had[364] been[185] bartered[392] for[190], from[316] the[19] ships[21] she[391] had[364] met[130]; and[236] these[527] were[324] stowed[434] along[423] the[19] deck[505], and[236] in[107] the[19] captain[295]'s[483] and[236] officers[439]' state[135]-rooms[231]. Even[198] the[19] cabin[192] table[572] itself[312] had[364] been[185] knocked[49] into[554] kindling[83]-wood[367]; and[236] the[19] cabin[192] mess[253] dined[30] off[111] the[19] broad[267] head[219] of[89] an[138] oil[118]-butt, lashed[97] down[133] to[261] the[19] floor[418] for[190] a[10] centrepiece. In[107] the[19] forecastle[367], the[19] sailors[64] had[364] actually[69] caulked[141] and[236] pitched[101] their[219] chests[340], and[236] filled[232] them[146]; it[162] was[454] humorously[265] added[52], that[14] the[19] cook[41] had[364] clapped[423] a[10] head[219] on[392] his[433] largest[139] boiler[287], and[236] filled[232] it[162]; that[14] the[19] steward[82] had[364] plugged[167] his[433] spare[295] coffee[331]-pot[209] and[236] filled[232] it[162]; that[14] the[19] harpooneers had[364] headed[124] the[19] sockets[35] of[89] their[219] irons[363] and[236] filled[232] them[146]; that[14] indeed[522] everything[233] was[454] filled[232] with[449] sperm[26], except[545] the[19] captain[295]'s[483] pantaloons[4] pockets[240], and[236] those[427] he[362] reserved[234] to[261] thrust[379] his[433] hands[87] into[554], in[107] self[442]-complacent testimony[9] of[89] his[433] entire[230] satisfaction[500].

As[113] this[256] glad[356] ship[438] of[89] good[221] luck[453] bore[27] down[133] upon[419] the[19] moody[447] Pequod[288], the[19] barbarian[25] sound[181] of[89] enormous[327] drums[250] came[549] from[316] her[400] forecastle[367]; and[236] drawing[407] still[278] nearer[303], a[10] crowd[16] of[89] her[400] men[62] were[324] seen[154] standing[144] round[287] her[400] huge[132] try[266]-pots[184], which[16], covered[452] with[449] the[19] parchment[127]-like[410] poke[213] or[519] stomach[274] skin[428] of[89] the[19] black[581] fish[187], gave[572] forth[152] a[10] loud[556] roar[147] to[261] every[389] stroke[436] of[89] the[19] clenched[198] hands[87] of[89] the[19] crew[126]. On[392] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505], the[19] mates[264] and[236] harpooneers were[324] dancing[192] with[449] the[19] olive[75]-hued[402] girls[388] who[319] had[364] eloped[84] with[449] them[146] from[316] the[19] Polynesian[31] Isles[425]; while[55] suspended[245] in[107] an[138] ornamented[423] boat[439], firmly[308] secured[284] aloft[276] between[77] the[19] foremast[331] and[236] mainmast[323], three[329] Long[544] Island[516] negroes[314], with[449] glittering[144] fiddle-bows[460] of[89] whale[422] ivory[76], were[324] presiding[328] over[82] the[19] hilarious[336] jig[30]. Meanwhile[282], others[317] of[89] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] company[280] were[324] tumultuously[127] busy[130] at[65] the[19] masonry[210] of[89] the[19] try[266]-works[64], from[316] which[16] the[19] huge[132] pots[184] had[364] been[185] removed[447]. You[227] would[282] have[254] almost[518] thought[186] they[382] were[324] pulling[217] down[133] the[19] cursed[441] Bastille[25], such[420] wild[230] cries[104] they[382] raised[493], as[113] the[19] now[20] useless[327] brick[335] and[236] mortar[10] were[324] being[264] hurled[46] into[554] the[19] sea[67].

Lord[106] and[236] master[131] over[82] all[145] this[256] scene[228], the[19] captain[295] stood[1] erect[245] on[392] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] elevated[541] quarter[6]-deck[505], so[281] that[14] the[19] whole[199] rejoicing[226] drama[23] was[454] full[414] before[344] him[248], and[236] seemed[132] merely[57] contrived[179] for[190] his[433] own[248] individual[233] diversion[169].

And[236] Ahab[232], he[362] too[11] was[454] standing[144] on[392] his[433] quarter[6]-deck[505], shaggy[200] and[236] black[581], with[449] a[10] stubborn[452] gloom[7]; and[236] as[113] the[19] two[527] ships[21] crossed[202] each[520] other[282]'s[483] wakes[60]--one[470] all[145] jubilations[220] for[190] things[4] passed[87], the[19] other[282] all[145] forebodings[435] as[113] to[261] things[4] to[261] come[420]--their[219] two[527] captains[124] in[107] themselves[510] impersonated[305] the[19] whole[199] striking[22] contrast[205] of[89] the[19] scene[228].

"Come[420] aboard[298], come[420] aboard[298]!" cried[506] the[19] gay[323] Bachelor[371]'s[483] commander[108], lifting[100] a[10] glass[27] and[236] a[10] bottle[42] in[107] the[19] air[209].

"Hast[174] seen[154] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]?" gritted[367] Ahab[232] in[107] reply[271].

"No[235]; only[517] heard[444] of[89] him[248]; but[330] don[280]'t[500] believe[191] in[107] him[248] at[65] all[145]," said[252] the[19] other[282] good[221]-humoredly. "Come[420] aboard[298]!"

"Thou[173] art[462] too[11] damned[572] jolly[50]. Sail[218] on[392]. Hast[174] lost[308] any[501] men[62]?"

"Not[518] enough[217] to[261] speak[337] of[89]--two[527] islanders[279], that[14]'s[76] all[145];--but[330] come[420] aboard[298], old[447] hearty[140], come[420] along[423]. I[482]'ll[300] soon[18] take[279] that[14] black[581] from[316] your[162] brow[474]. Come[420] along[423], will[584] ye[483] (merry[486]'s[483] the[19] play[89]); a[10] full[414] ship[438] and[236] homeward[282]-bound[188]."

"How[19] wondrous[30] familiar[139] is[487] a[10] fool[5]!" muttered[180] Ahab[232]; then[45] aloud[352], "Thou[173] art[462] a[10] full[414] ship[438] and[236] homeward[282] bound[108], thou[173] sayest[56]; well[263], then[45], call[259] me[2] an[138] empty[450] ship[438], and[236] outward[393]-bound[108]. So[281] go[20] thy[43] ways[101], and[236] I[482] will[584] mine[482]. Forward[364] there[340]! Set[422] all[145] sail[218], and[236] keep[381] her[400] to[261] the[19] wind[262]!"

And[236] thus[362], while[55] the[19] one[470] ship[438] went[516] cheerily[282] before[344] the[19] breeze[227], the[19] other[282] stubbornly[12] fought[66] against[417] it[162]; and[236] so[281] the[19] two[527] vessels[150] parted[201]; the[19] crew[126] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288] looking[318] with[449] grave[344], lingering[186] glances[363] towards[417] the[19] receding[266] Bachelor[371]; but[330] the[19] Bachelor[371]'s[483] men[62] never[206] heeding[18] their[219] gaze[568] for[190] the[19] lively[272] revelry[279] they[382] were[324] in[107]. And[236] as[113] Ahab[232], leaning[559] over[82] the[19] taffrail[83], eyed[363] the[19] homewardbound craft[187], he[362] took[68] from[316] his[433] pocket[461] a[10] small[350] vial[82] of[89] sand[380], and[236] then[45] looking[318] from[316] the[19] ship[438] to[261] the[19] vial[82], seemed[132] thereby[190] bringing[9] two[527] remote[141] associations[212] together[440], for[190] that[14] vial[82] was[454] filled[232] with[449] Nantucket[283] soundings[99].

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The[19] Dying[69] Whale[422]

Not[518] seldom[140] in[107] this[256] life[71], when[189], on[392] the[19] right[499] side[246], fortune[256]'s[483] favorites[396] sail[218] close[65] by[406] us[569], we[465], though[400] all[145] adroop[83] before[344], catch[523] somewhat[77] of[89] the[19] rushing[344] breeze[227], and[236] joyfully[498] feel[461] our[234] bagging[303] sails[344] fill[380] out[66]. So[281] seemed[132] it[162] with[449] the[19] Pequod[288]. For[190] next[27] day[112] after[358] encountering[332]

the[19] gay[323] Bachelor[371], whales[331] were[324] seen[154] and[236] four[175] were[324] slain[268];
and[236] one[470] of[89] them[146] by[406] Ahab[232].

It[162] was[454] far[258] down[133] the[19] afternoon[128]; and[236] when[189] all[145] the[19] spearings of[89] the[19] crimson[26]
fight[330] were[324] done[135]; and[236] floating[30] in[107] the[19] lovely[126] sunset[305] sea[67] and[236] sky[331],
sun[397] and[236] whale[422] both[558] stilly[128] died[575] together[440]; then[45], such[420] a[10] sweetness[275] and[236]
such[420] plaintiveness[389], such[420] inwreathing orisons[237] curled[253] up[405] in[107] that[14] rosy[415] air[209],
that[14] it[162] almost[518] seemed[132] as[113] if[141] far[258] over[82] from[316] the[19] deep[483] green[549] convent[409] valleys[289]
of[89] the[19] Manilla[283] isles[425], the[19] Spanish[124] land[406]-breeze[227], wantonly[367] turned[492] sailor[561],
had[364] gone[190] to[261] sea[67], freighted[12] with[449] these[527] vesper[566] hymns[239].

Soothed[436] again[52], but[330] only[517] soothed[436] to[261] deeper[253] gloom[7], Ahab[232], who[319] had[364] sterned
off[111] from[316] the[19] whale[422], sat[77] intently[258] watching[330] his[433] final[357] wanings from[316]
the[19] now[20] tranquil[181] boat[439]. For[190] that[14] strange[440] spectacle[250] observable[345] in[107] all[145]
sperm[26] whales[331] dying[69]--the[19] turning[69] sunwards[350] of[89] the[19] head[219], and[236] so[281] expiring[399]--
that[14] strange[440] spectacle[250], beheld[132] of[89] such[420] a[10] placid[110] evening[581], somehow[425] to[261] Ahab[232]
conveyed[223] a[10] wondrousness unknown[10] before[344].

"He[362] turns[136] and[236] turns[136] him[248] to[261] it[162],--how[19] slowly[149], but[330] how[19] steadfastly[106],
his[433] homage[92]-rendering[155] and[236] invoking[447] brow[474], with[449] his[433] last[436] dying[69] motions[62].
He[362] too[11] worships[332] fire[559]; most[216] faithful[284], broad[267], baronial[215] vassal[119] of[89] the[19] sun[397]!--
Oh[367] that[14] these[527] too[11]-favoring eyes[125] should[255] see[370] these[527] too[11]-favoring sights[24].
Look[523]! here[135], far[258] water[520]-locked[105]; beyond[421] all[145] hum[345] of[89] human[43] weal[58] or[519] woe[295];
in[107] these[527] most[216] candid[335] and[236] impartial[159] seas[350]; where[579] to[261] traditions[489] no[235] rocks[265]
furnish[160] tablets[18]; where[579] for[190] long[544] Chinese[44] ages[146], the[19] billows[295] have[254] still[278]
rolled[226] on[392] speechless[225] and[236] unspoken[250] to[261], as[113] stars[286] that[14] shine[262] upon[419]
the[19] Niger[83]'s[483] unknown[10] source[254]; here[135], too[11], life[71] dies[384] sunwards[350] full[414] of[89] faith[511],
but[330] see[370]! no[235] sooner[338] dead[568], than[77] death[543] whirls[14] round[287] the[19] corpse[133], and[236] it[162]
heads[366] some[265] other[282] way[435].

"Oh[367], thou[173] dark[471] Hindoo[247] half[119] of[89] nature[159], who[319] of[89] drowned[83] bones[5] hast[174] builded[82]
thy[43] separate[495] throne[332] somewhere[201] in[107] the[19] heart[470] of[89] these[527] unverdured seas[350];
thou[173] art[462] an[138] infidel[183], thou[173] queen[443], and[236] too[11] truly[530] speakest[9] to[261] me[2] in[107] the[19]
wide[465]-slaughtering Typhoon[364], and[236] the[19] hushed[305] burial[218] of[89] its[234] after[358] calm[39].
Nor[137] has[399] this[256] thy[43] whale[422] sunwards[350] turned[492] his[433] dying[69] head[219], and[236] then[45] gone[190]
round[287] again[52], without[309] a[10] lesson[147] to[261] me[2].

"Oh[367], trebly[110] hooped[160] and[236] welded[102] hip[461] of[89] power[145]! Oh[367], high[361] aspiring[154],
rainbowed jet[423]!--that[14] one[470] strivest[220], this[256] one[470] jettest all[145] in[107] vain[216]!
In[107] vain[216], oh[367] whale[422], dost[306] thou[173] seek[292] intercedings with[449] yon[252]
all[145]-quickening[60] sun[397], that[14] only[517] calls[15] forth[152] life[71], but[330] gives[529] it[162] not[518] again[52].
Yet[443] dost[306] thou[173] darker[20] half[119], rock[264] me[2] with[449] a[10] prouder[207], if[141] a[10] darker[20] faith[511].
All[145] thy[43] unnamable[332] imminglings float[231] beneath[320] me[2] here[135]; I[482] am[375] buoyed[26]
by[406] breaths[192] of[89] once[248] living[117] things[4], exhaled[49] as[113] air[209], but[330] water[520] now[20].

"Then[45] hail[75], for[190] ever[208] hail[75], O[24] sea[67], in[107] whose[286] eternal[155] tossings[295] the[19] wild[230]
fowl[11] finds[455] his[433] only[517] rest[302]. Born[236] of[89] earth[513], yet[443] suckled[83] by[406] the[19] sea[67];
though[400] hill[219] and[236] valley[18] mothered[115] me[2], ye[483] billows[295] are[314] my[36] foster-brothers[100]!"

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The[19] Whale[422] Watch[89]

The[19] four[175] whales[331] slain[268] that[14] evening[581] had[364] died[575] wide[465] apart[526];
one[470], far[258] to[261] windward[170]; one[470] less[261] distant[353], to[261] leeward[265]; one[470] ahead[5];
one[470] astern[39]. These[527] last[436] three[329] were[324] brought[85] alongside[540] ere[83] nightfall[182];
but[330] the[19] windward[170] one[470] could[375] not[518] be[341] reached[386] till[181] morning[417];
and[236] the[19] boat[439] that[14] had[364] killed[409] it[162] lay[62] by[406] its[234] side[246] all[145] night[108];
and[236] that[14] boat[439] was[454] Ahab[232]'s[483].

The[19] waif[58]-pole[20] was[454] thrust[379] upright[145] into[554] the[19] dead[568] whale[422]'s[483] spout[224]-hole[73];
and[236] the[19] lantern[220] hanging[222] from[316] its[234] top[70], cast[99] a[10] troubled[327] flickering[83] glare[27]
upon[419] the[19] black[581], glossy[318] back[457], and[236] far[258] out[66] upon[419] the[19] midnight[539] waves[443],
which[16] gently[284] chafed[101] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] broad[267] flank[434], like[410] soft[226] surf[283] upon[419] a[10] beach[183].

Ahab[232] and[236] all[145] his[433] boat[439]'s[483] crew[126] seemed[132] asleep[492] but[330] the[19] Parsee[18]; who[319] crouching[451]
in[107] the[19] bow[146], sat[77] watching[330] the[19] sharks[206], that[14] spectrally[68] played[172] round[287]
the[19] whale[422], and[236] tapped[68] the[19] light[382] cedar[330] planks[284] with[449] their[219] tails[490].
A[10] sound[181] like[410] the[19] moaning[225] in[107] squadrons[503] over[82] Asphaltites of[89] unforgiven[110]
ghosts[44] of[89] Gomorrah[102], ran[391] shuddering[143] through[295] the[19] air[209].

Started[492] from[316] his[433] slumbers[18], Ahab[232], face[556] to[261] face[556], saw[113] the[19] Parsee[18];
and[236] hooped[160] round[287] by[406] the[19] gloom[7] of[89] the[19] night[108] they[382] seemed[132] the[19] last[436] men[62]
in[107] a[10] flooded[549] world[126]. "I[482] have[254] dreamed[44] it[162] again[52]," said[252] he[362].

"Of[89] the[19] hearses[124]? Have[254] I[482] not[518] said[252], old[447] man[17], that[14] neither[74] hearse[34]
nor[137] coffin[284] can[450] be[341] thine[72]?"

"And[236] who[319] are[314] hearsed[207] that[14] die[229] on[392] the[19] sea[67]?"

"But[330] I[482] said[252], old[447] man[17], that[14] ere[83] thou[173] couldst[84] die[229] on[392] this[256] voyage[137],
two[527] hearses[124] must[226] verily[113] be[341] seen[154] by[406] thee[15] on[392] the[19] sea[67]; the[19] first[13] not[518]
made[563] by[406] mortal[371] hands[87]; and[236] the[19] visible[94] wood[46] of[89] the[19] last[436] one[470] must[226]

be[341] grown[299] in[107] America[133]."

"Aye[86], aye[86]! a[10] strange[440] sight[365] that[14], Parsee[18]!--a[10] hearse[34] and[236] its[234] plumes[115] floating[30] over[82] the[19] ocean[224] with[449] the[19] waves[443] for[190] the[19] pall[21]-bearers. Ha[387]! Such[420] a[10] sight[365] we[465] shall[66] not[518] soon[18] see[370]."

"Believe[191] it[162] or[519] not[518], thou[173] canst[502] not[518] die[229] till[181] it[162] be[341] seen[154], old[447] man[17]."

"And[236] what[243] was[454] that[14] saying[9] about[123] thyself[402]?"

"Though[400] it[162] come[420] to[261] the[19] last[436], I[482] shall[66] still[278] go[20] before[344] thee[15] thy[43] pilot[559]."

"And[236] when[189] thou[173] art[462] so[281] gone[190] before[344]--if[141] that[14] ever[208] befall[149]--then[45] ere[83] I[482] can[450] follow[408], thou[173] must[226] still[278] appear[443] to[261] me[2], to[261] pilot[559] me[2] still[278]?-- Was[454] it[162] not[518] so[281]? Well[263], then[45], did[444] I[482] believe[191] all[145] ye[483] say[306], oh[367] my[36] pilot[559]! I[482] have[254] here[135] two[527] pledges[320] that[14] I[482] shall[66] yet[443] slay[543] Moby[362] Dick[25] and[236] survive[308] it[162]."

"Take[279] another[269] pledge[322], old[447] man[17]," said[252] the[19] Parsee[18], as[113] his[433] eyes[125] lighted[422] up[405] like[410] fire[559]-flies[404] in[107] the[19] gloom[7]--"Hemp[245] only[517] can[450] kill[219] thee[15]."

"The[19] gallows[486], ye[483] mean[504].--I[482] am[375] immortal[15] then[45], on[392] land[406] and[236] on[392] sea[67]," cried[506] Ahab[232], with[449] a[10] laugh[559] of[89] derision[45];--"Immortal[15] on[392] land[406] and[236] on[392] sea[67]!"

Both[558] were[324] silent[382] again[52], as[113] one[470] man[17]. The[19] grey[491] dawn[72] came[549] on[392], and[236] the[19] slumbering[107] crew[126] arose[105] from[316] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] bottom[461], and[236] ere[83] noon[445] the[19] dead[568] whale[422] was[454] brought[85] to[261] the[19] ship[438].

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The[19] Quadrant[24]

The[19] season[248] for[190] the[19] Line[25] at[65] length[202] drew[175] near[70]; and[236] every[389] day[112] when[189] Ahab[232], coming[140] from[316] his[433] cabin[192] cast[99] his[433] eyes[125] aloft[276], the[19] vigilant[142] helmsman[457] would[282] ostentatiously[173] handle[546] his[433] spokes[447], and[236] the[19] eager[516] mariners[347] quickly[183] run[172] to[261] the[19] braces[403], and[236] would[282] stand[530] there[340] with[449] all[145] their[219] eyes[125] centrally[4] fixed[564] on[392] the[19] nailed[419] doubloon[263]; impatient[160] for[190] the[19] order[343] to[261] point[438] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] prow[451] for[190] the[19] equator[136]. In[107] good[221] time[577] the[19] order[343] came[549]. It[162] was[454] hard[337] upon[419] high[361] noon[445]; and[236] Ahab[232], seated[158] in[107] the[19] bows[460] of[89] his[433] high[361]-hoisted[367] boat[439], was[454] about[123] taking[146] his[433] wonted[292] daily[201] observation[102] of[89] the[19] sun[397] to[261] determine[118] his[433] latitude[258].

Now[20], in[107] that[14] Japanese[364] sea[67], the[19] days[351] in[107] summer[408] are[314] as[113] freshets[445] of[89] effulgences. That[14] unblinkingly[72] vivid[180] Japanese[364] sun[397] seems[19] the[19] blazing[232] focus[256] of[89] the[19] glassy[489] ocean[224]'s[483] immeasurable[434] burning[70]-glass[27]. The[19] sky[331] looks[150] lacquered[445]; clouds[342] there[340] are[314] none[365]; the[19] horizon[516] floats[36]; and[236] this[256] nakedness[475] of[89] unrelieved[22] radiance[29] is[487] as[113] the[19] insufferable[295] splendors[126] of[89] God[185]'s[483] throne[332]. Well[263] that[14] Ahab[232]'s[483] quadrant[24] was[454] furnished[201] with[449] colored[213] glasses[527], through[295] which[16] to[261] take[279] sight[365] of[89] that[14] solar[355] fire[559]. So[281], swinging[379] his[433] seated[158] form[238] to[261] the[19] roll[473] of[89] the[19] ship[438], and[236] with[449] his[433] astrological-looking[318] instrument[464] placed[556] to[261] his[433] eye[220], he[362] remained[72] in[107] that[14] posture[347] for[190] some[265] moments[434] to[261] catch[523] the[19] precise[158] instant[279] when[189] the[19] sun[397] should[255] gain[101] its[234] precise[158] meridian[127]. Meantime[210] while[55] his[433] whole[199] attention[518] was[454] absorbed[116], the[19] Parsee[18] was[454] kneeling[311] beneath[320] him[248] on[392] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] deck[505], and[236] with[449] face[556] thrown[359] up[405] like[410] Ahab[232]'s[483], was[454] eyeing[49] the[19] same[541] sun[397] with[449] him[248]; only[517] the[19] lids[143] of[89] his[433] eyes[125] half[119] hooded[374] their[219] orbs[501], and[236] his[433] wild[230] face[556] was[454] subdued[8] to[261] an[138] earthly[64] passionlessness. At[65] length[202] the[19] desired[480] observation[102] was[454] taken[222]; and[236] with[449] his[433] pencil[122] upon[419] his[433] ivory[76] leg[331], Ahab[232] soon[18] calculated[321] what[243] his[433] latitude[258] must[226] be[341] at[65] that[14] precise[158] instant[279]. Then[45] falling[498] into[554] a[10] moment[258]'s[483] revery[60], he[362] again[52] looked[232] up[405] towards[417] the[19] sun[397] and[236] murmured[238] to[261] himself[282]: "Thou[173] seamark[4]! thou[173] high[361] and[236] mighty[2] Pilot[559]! thou[173] tellest[280] me[2] truly[530] where[579] I[482] am[375]--but[330] canst[502] thou[173] cast[99] the[19] least[453] hint[335] where[579] I[482] shall[66] be[341]? Or[519] canst[502] thou[173] tell[392] where[579] some[265] other[282] thing[309] besides[465] me[2] is[487] this[256] moment[258] living[117]? Where[579] is[487] Moby[362] Dick[25]? This[256] instant[279] thou[173] must[226] be[341] eyeing[49] him[248]. These[527] eyes[125] of[89] mine[482] look[523] into[554] the[19] very[515] eye[220] that[14] is[487] even[198] now[20] beholding[248] him[248]; aye[86], and[236] into[554] the[19] eye[220] that[14] is[487] even[198] now[20] equally[336] beholding[248] the[19] objects[326] on[392] the[19] unknown[10], thither[118] side[246] of[89] thee[15], thou[173] sun[397]!"

Then[45] gazing[117] at[65] his[433] quadrant[24], and[236] handling[135], one[470] after[358] the[19] other[282], its[234] numerous[558] cabalistical[18] contrivances[99], he[362] pondered[182] again[52], and[236] muttered[180]: "Foolish[509] toy[189]! babies[181]' plaything[72] of[89] haughty[459] Admirals[572], and[236] Commodores[129], and[236] Captains[124]; the[19] world[126] brags[142] of[89] thee[15], of[89] thy[43] cunning[198] and[236] might[496]; but[330] what[243] after[358] all[145] canst[502] thou[173] do[353], but[330] tell[392] the[19] poor[533], pitiful[12] point[438], where[579] thou[173] thyself[402] happenest[178] to[261] be[341] on[392] this[256] wide[465] planet[382], and[236] the[19] hand[252] that[14] holds[92] thee[15]: no[235]! not[518] one[470] jot[9] more[348]! Thou[173] canst[502] not[518] tell[392] where[579] one[470] drop[22] of[89] water[520] or[519] one[470] grain[122] of[89] sand[380] will[584] be[341] to[261]-morrow[376] noon[445]; and[236] yet[443] with[449] thy[43] impotence[229] thou[173] insultest the[19] sun[397]! Science[317]! Curse[48] thee[15],

thou[173] vain[216] toy[189]; and[236] cursed[441] be[341] all[145] the[19] things[4] that[14] cast[99] man[17]'s[415] eyes[125]
aloft[276] to[261] that[14] heaven[163], whose[286] live[554] vividness[128] but[330] scorches[476] him[248],
as[113] these[527] old[447] eyes[125] are[314] even[198] now[20] scorched[253] with[449] thy[43] light[382], O[24] sun[397]!
Level[378] by[406] nature[159] to[261] this[256] earth[513]'s[483] horizon[516] are[314] the[19] glances[363] of[89] man[17]'s[415] eyes[125];
not[518] shot[443] from[316] the[19] crown[463] of[89] his[433] head[219], as[113] if[141] God[185] had[364] meant[157]
him[248] to[261] gaze[568] on[392] his[433] firmament[181]. Curse[48] thee[15], thou[173] quadrant[24]!"
dashing[14] it[162] to[261] the[19] deck[505], "no[235] longer[559] will[584] I[482] guide[15] my[36] earthly[64] way[435]
by[406] thee[15]; the[19] level[378] ship[438]'s[483] compass[463], and[236] the[19] level[378] deadreckoning,
by[406] log[127] and[236] by[406] line[25]; these[527] shall[66] conduct[161] me[2], and[236] show[460] me[2] my[36] place[107]
on[392] the[19] sea[67]. Aye[86]," lighting[31] from[316] the[19] boat[439] to[261] the[19] deck[505], "thus[362] I[482]
trample[19] on[392] thee[15], thou[173] paltry[147] thing[309] that[14] feebly[356] pointest on[392] high[361];
thus[362] I[482] split[148] and[236] destroy[387] thee[15]!"

As[113] the[19] frantic[211] old[447] man[17] thus[362] spoke[185] and[236] thus[362] trampled[193] with[449] his[433] live[554]
and[236] dead[568] feet[349], a[10] sneering[193] triumph[191] that[14] seemed[132] meant[157] for[190] Ahab[232],
and[236] a[10] fatalistic[492] despair[187] that[14] seemed[132] meant[157] for[190] himself[282]--
these[527] passed[87] over[82] the[19] mute[122], motionless[498] Parsee[18]'s[483] face[556].
Unobserved[44] he[362] rose[449] and[236] glided[152] away[443]; while[55], awestruck[14] by[406] the[19] aspect[147]
of[89] their[219] commander[108], the[19] seamen[6] clustered[44] together[440] on[392] the[19] forecastle[367],
till[181] Ahab[232], troubledly pacing[253] the[19] deck[505], shouted[300] out[66]--"To[261] the[19] braces[403]!
Up[405] helm[285]!--square[302] in[107]!"

In[107] an[138] instant[279] the[19] yards[386] swung[205] round[287]; and[236] as[113] the[19] ship[438] half[119]-wheeled[542]
upon[419] her[400] heel[105], her[400] three[329] firm[415]-seated[158] graceful[403] masts[212] erectly[359] poised[198]
upon[419] her[400] long[544], ribbed[246] hull[323], seemed[132] as[113] the[19] three[329] Horatii[84] pirouetting[232]
on[392] one[470] sufficient[124] steed[249].

Standing[144] between[77] the[19] knight[176]-heads[366], Starbuck watched[340] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483]
tumultuous[355] way[435], and[236] Ahab[232]'s[483] also[119], as[113] he[362] went[516] lurching[320] along[423] the[19] deck[505].

"I[482] have[254] sat[77] before[344] the[19] dense[481] coal[127] fire[559] and[236] watched[340] it[162] all[145] aglow[521],
full[414] of[89] its[234] tormented[256] flaming[269] life[71]; and[236] I[482] have[254] seen[154] it[162] wane[402]
at[65] last[436], down[133], down[133], to[261] dumbest dust[434]. Old[447] man[17] of[89] oceans[60]!
of[89] all[145] this[256] fiery[42] life[71] of[89] thine[72], what[243] will[584] at[65] length[202] remain[326]
but[330] one[470] little[554] heap[31] of[89] ashes[243]!"

"Aye[86]," cried[506] Stubb, "but[330] sea[67]-coal[127] ashes[243]--mind[118] ye[483] that[14], Mr[219]. Starbuck--
sea[67]-coal[127], not[518] your[162] common[304] charcoal[98]. Well[263], well[263]! I[482] heard[444]
Ahab[232] mutter[125], 'Here[135] some[265] one[470] thrusts[506] these[527] cards[142] into[554] these[527] old[447]
hands[87] of[89] mine[482]; swears[274] that[14] I[482] must[226] play[89] them[146], and[236] no[235] others[317].'
And[236] damn[468] me[2], Ahab[232], but[330] thou[173] actest[460] right[499]; live[554] in[107] the[19] game[233],
and[236] die[229] in[107] it[162]!"

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The[19] Candles[457]

Warmest[282] climes[348] but[330] nurse[210] the[19] cruellest[198] fangs[21]: the[19] tiger[293]
of[89] Bengal[353] crouches[83] in[107] spiced[498] groves[130] of[89] ceaseless[25] verdure[329].
Skies[30] the[19] most[216] effulgent[99] but[330] basket[296] the[19] deadliest[29] thunders[320]:
gorgeous[188] Cuba[281] knows[286] tornadoes[451] that[14] never[206] swept[305] tame[13]
northern[252] lands[436]. So[281], too[11], it[162] is[487], that[14] in[107] these[527] resplendent[111]
Japanese[364] seas[350] the[19] mariner[265] encounters[433] the[19] direst[122] of[89] all[145] storms[327],
the[19] Typhoon[364]. It[162] will[584] sometimes[77] burst[174] from[316] out[66] that[14] cloudless[435] sky[331],
like[410] an[138] exploding[31] bomb[100] upon[419] a[10] dazed[322] and[236] sleepy[452] town[172].

Towards[417] evening[581] of[89] that[14] day[112], the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] torn[237] of[89] her[400] canvas[557],
and[236] bare[245]-poled was[454] left[159] to[261] fight[330] a[10] Typhoon[364] which[16] had[364] struck[441]
her[400] directly[58] ahead[5]. When[189] darkness[493] came[549] on[392], sky[331] and[236] sea[67] roared[315]
and[236] split[148] with[449] the[19] thunder[356], and[236] blazed[321] with[449] the[19] lightning[171],
that[14] showed[507] the[19] disabled[345] mast[44] fluttering[2] here[135] and[236] there[340]
with[449] the[19] rags[302] which[16] the[19] first[13] fury[30] of[89] the[19] tempest[125] had[364] left[159]
for[190] its[234] after[358] sport[171].

Holding[311] by[406] a[10] shroud[260], Starbuck was[454] standing[144] on[392] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505];
at[65] every[389] flash[424] of[89] the[19] lightning[171] glancing[18] aloft[276], to[261] see[370]
what[243] additional[131] disaster[47] might[496] have[254] befallen[16] the[19] intricate[227]
hamper[425] there[340]; while[55] Stubb and[236] Flask[199] were[324] directing[215] the[19] men[62]
in[107] the[19] higher[574] hoisting[50] and[236] firmer[21] lashing[19] of[89] the[19] boats[83].
But[330] all[145] their[219] pains[97] seemed[132] naught[80]. Though[400] lifted[448] to[261] the[19] very[515] top[70]
of[89] the[19] cranes[377], the[19] windward[170] quarter[6] boat[439] (Ahab[232]'s[483]) did[444] not[518] escape[565].
A[10] great[259] rolling[253] sea[67], dashing[14] high[361] up[405] against[417] the[19] reeling[17] ship[438]'s[483]
high[361] teetering side[246], stove[373] in[107] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] bottom[461] at[65] the[19] stern[442],
and[236] left[159] it[162] again[52], all[145] dripping[92] through[295] like[410] a[10] sieve[331].

"Bad[458] work[385], bad[458] work[385]! Mr[219]. Starbuck," said[252] Stubb, regarding[23] the[19] wreck[171],
"but[330] the[19] sea[67] will[584] have[254] its[234] way[435]. Stubb, for[190] one[470], can[450]'t[500] fight[330] it[162].
You[227] see[370], Mr[219]. Starbuck, a[10] wave[556] has[399] such[420] a[10] great[259] long[544] start[117] before[344] it[162] leaps[575],
all[145] round[287] the[19] world[126] it[162] runs[399], and[236] then[45] comes[268] the[19] spring[148]! But[330] as[113] for[190] me[2],
all[145] the[19] start[117] I[482] have[254] to[261] meet[16] it[162], is[487] just[108] across[129] the[19] deck[505] here[135].
But[330] never[206] mind[118]; it[162]'s[483] all[145] in[107] fun[347]: so[281] the[19] old[447] song[12] says[424];"--(sings[197].)

Oh[367]! jolly[50] is[487] the[19] gale[440],
And[236] a[10] joker[127] is[487] the[19] whale[422],
A[10]' flourishin' his[433] tail[102],--
Such[420] a[10] funny[96], sporty[127], gamy[451], jesty, joky, hoky-poky
lad[342], is[487] the[19] Ocean[224], oh[367]!
The[19] scud[124] all[145] a[10] flyin[151]',
That[14]'s[76] his[433] flip[282] only[517] foamin';
When[189] he[362] stirs[161] in[107] the[19] spicin',--
Such[420] a[10] funny[96], sporty[127], gamy[451], jesty, joky, hoky-poky
lad[342], is[487] the[19] Ocean[224], oh[367]!
Thunder[356] splits[369] the[19] ships[21],
But[330] he[362] only[517] smacks[31] his[433] lips[585],
A[10] tastin' of[89] this[256] flip[282],--
Such[420] a[10] funny[96], sporty[127], gamy[451], jesty, joky, hoky-poky
lad[342], is[487] the[19] Ocean[224], oh[367]!

"Avast[279] Stubb," cried[506] Starbuck, "let[66] the[19] Typhoon[364] sing[549], and[236] strike[374] his[433] harp[524] here[135] in[107] our[234] rigging[516]; but[330] if[141] thou[173] art[462] a[10] brave[218] man[17] thou[173] wilt[401] hold[204] thy[43] peace[216]."

"But[330] I[482] am[375] not[518] a[10] brave[218] man[17]; never[206] said[252] I[482] was[454] a[10] brave[218] man[17]; I[482] am[375] a[10] coward[92]; and[236] I[482] sing[549] to[261] keep[381] up[405] my[36] spirits[471]. And[236] I[482] tell[392] you[227] what[243] it[162] is[487], Mr[219]. Starbuck, there[340]'s[483] no[235] way[435] to[261] stop[48] my[36] singing[288] in[107] this[256] world[126] but[330] to[261] cut[310] my[36] throat[461]. And[236] when[189] that[14]'s[76] done[135], ten[198] to[261] one[470] I[482] sing[549] ye[483] the[19] doxology[10] for[190] a[10] wind[262]-up[405]."

"Madman[361]! look[523] through[295] my[36] eyes[125] if[141] thou[173] hast[174] none[365] of[89] thine[72] own[248]."

"What[243]! how[19] can[450] you[227] see[370] better[34] of[89] a[10] dark[471] night[108] than[77] anybody[58] else[212], never[206] mind[118] how[19] foolish[509]?"

"Here[135]!" cried[506] Starbuck, seizing[327] Stubb by[406] the[19] shoulder[168], and[236] pointing[295] his[433] hand[252] towards[417] the[19] weather[405] bow[146], "markest[84] thou[173] not[518] that[14] the[19] gale[440] comes[268] from[316] the[19] eastward[244], the[19] very[515] course[171] Ahab[232] is[487] to[261] run[172] for[190] Moby[362] Dick[25]? the[19] very[515] course[171] he[362] swung[205] to[261] this[256] day[112] noon[445]? now[20] mark[169] his[433] boat[439] there[340]; where[579] is[487] that[14] stove[373]? In[107] the[19] stern[442]-sheets[281], man[17]; where[579] he[362] is[487] wont[268] to[261] stand[530]-- his[433] stand[530]-point[438] is[487] stove[373], man[17]! Now[20] jump[50] overboard[247], and[236] sing[549] away[443], if[141] thou[173] must[226]!

"I[482] don[280]'t[500] half[119] understand[111] ye[483]: what[243]'s[483] in[107] the[19] wind[262]?"

"Yes[143], yes[143], round[287] the[19] Cape[23] of[89] Good[221] Hope[211] is[487] the[19] shortest[386] way[435] to[261] Nantucket[283]," soliloquized[336] Starbuck suddenly[193], heedless[376] of[89] Stubb's[483] question[562]. "The[19] gale[440] that[14] now[20] hammers[44] at[65] us[569] to[261] stave[416] us[569], we[465] can[450] turn[17] it[162] into[554] a[10] fair[320] wind[262] that[14] will[584] drive[548] us[569] towards[417] home[450]. Yonder[41], to[261] windward[170], all[145] is[487] blackness[448] of[89] doom[73]; but[330] to[261] leeward[265], homeward[282]--I[482] see[370] it[162] lightens[242] up[405] there[340]; but[330] not[518] with[449] the[19] lightning[171]."

At[65] that[14] moment[258] in[107] one[470] of[89] the[19] intervals[295] of[89] profound[371] darkness[493], following[181] the[19] flashes[12], a[10] voice[233] was[454] heard[444] at[65] his[433] side[246]; and[236] almost[518] at[65] the[19] same[541] instant[279] a[10] volley[57] of[89] thunder[356] peals[467] rolled[226] overhead[7].

"Who[319]'s[483] there[340]?"

"Old[447] Thunder[356]!" said[252] Ahab[232], groping[127] his[433] way[435] along[423] the[19] bulwarks[411] to[261] his[433] pivot-hole[73]; but[330] suddenly[193] finding[350] his[433] path[234] made[563] plain[28] to[261] him[248] by[406] elbowed[41] lances[8] of[89] fire[559].

Now[20], as[113] the[19] lightning[171] rod[216] to[261] a[10] spire[461] on[392] shore[280] is[487] intended[495] to[261] carry[160] off[111] the[19] perilous[141] fluid[212] into[554] the[19] soil[430]; so[281] the[19] kindred[402] rod[216] which[16] at[65] sea[67] some[265] ships[21] carry[160] to[261] each[520] mast[44], is[487] intended[495] to[261] conduct[161] it[162] into[554] the[19] water[520]. But[330] as[113] this[256] conductor[316] must[226] descend[252] to[261] considerable[75] depth[474], that[14] its[234] end[149] may[236] avoid[444] all[145] contact[263] with[449] the[19] hull[323]; and[236] as[113] moreover[326], if[141] kept[290] constantly[344] towing[78] there[340], it[162] would[282] be[341] liable[520] to[261] many[282] mishaps[280], besides[465] interfering[550] not[518] a[10] little[554] with[449] some[265] of[89] the[19] rigging[516], and[236] more[348] or[519] less[261] impeding[98] the[19] vessel[155]'s[483] way[435] in[107] the[19] water[520]; because[540] of[89] all[145] this[256], the[19] lower[47] parts[470] of[89] a[10] ship[438]'s[483] lightning[171]-rods[242] are[314] not[518] always[367] overboard[247]; but[330] are[314] generally[402] made[563] in[107] long[544] slender[122] links[333], so[281] as[113] to[261] be[341] the[19] more[348] readily[467] hauled[80] up[405] into[554] the[19] chains[446] outside[75], or[519] thrown[359] down[133] into[554] the[19] sea[67], as[113] occasion[211] may[236] require[228].

"The[19] rods[242]! the[19] rods[242]!" cried[506] Starbuck to[261] the[19] crew[126], suddenly[193] admonished[3] to[261] vigilance[124] by[406] the[19] vivid[180] lightning[171] that[14] had[364] just[108] been[185] darting[147] flambeaux[89], to[261] light[382] Ahab[232] to[261] his[433] post[2]. "Are[314] they[382] overboard[247]? drop[22] them[146] over[82], fore[259] and[236] aft[2]. Quick[241]!"

"Avast[279]!" cried[506] Ahab[232]; "let[66]'s[483] have[254] fair[320] play[89] here[135], though[400] we[465] be[341] the[19] weaker[25] side[246]. Yet[443] I[482]'ll[300] contribute[454] to[261] raise[265] rods[242] on[392] the[19] Himmalehs and[236] Andes[341], that[14] all[145] the[19] world[126] may[236] be[341] secured[284]; but[330] out[66] on[392] privileges[150]! Let[66] them[146] be[341], sir[271]."

"Look[523] aloft[276]!" cried[506] Starbuck. "The[19] corpusants! the[19] corpusants!

All[145] the[19] yard[258]-arms[305] were[324] tipped[110] with[449] a[10] pallid[22] fire[559]; and[236] touched[367] at[65]
each[520] tri-pointed[413] lightning[171]-rod[400]-end[149] with[449] three[329] tapering[416] white[82] flames[74],
each[520] of[89] the[19] three[329] tall[373] masts[212] was[454] silently[533] burning[70] in[107] that[14] sulphurous[34] air[209],
like[410] three[329] gigantic[157] wax[245] tapers[362] before[344] an[138] altar[273].

"Blast[13] the[19] boat[439]! let[66] it[162] go[20]!" cried[506] Stubb at[65] this[256] instant[279],
as[113] a[10] swashing[280] sea[67] heaved[52] up[405] under[533] his[433] own[248] little[554] craft[187] so[281] that[14] its[234]
gunwale[198] violently[340] jammed[241] his[433] hand[252], as[113] he[362] was[454] passing[147] a[10] lashing[19].
"Blast[13] it[162]!"--but[330] slipping[522] backward[19] on[392] the[19] deck[505], his[433] uplifted[533] eyes[125]
caught[105] the[19] flames[74]; and[236] immediately[172] shifting[253] his[433] tone[13] he[362] cried[506]--"The[19]
corpusants have[254] mercy[378] on[392] us[569] all[145]!"

To[261] sailors[64], oaths[142] are[314] household[67] words[107]; they[382] will[584] swear[322]
in[107] the[19] trance[202] of[89] the[19] calm[39], and[236] in[107] the[19] teeth[82] of[89] the[19] tempest[125];
they[382] will[584] imprecate[45] curses[497] from[316] the[19] topsail-yard[258]-arms[305], when[189] most[216]
they[382] teeter[4] over[82] to[261] a[10] seething[261] sea[67]; but[330] in[107] all[145] my[36] voyagings[8],
seldom[140] have[254] I[482] heard[444] a[10] common[304] oath[115] when[189] God[185]'s[483] burning[70] finger[190] has[399]
been[185] laid[181] on[392] the[19] ship[438]; when[189] His[433] "Mene[196], Mene[196], Tekel[196] Upharsin[375]"
has[399] been[185] woven[26] into[554] the[19] shrouds[264] and[236] the[19] cordage[218].

While[55] this[256] pallidness[4] was[454] burning[70] aloft[276], few[49] words[107] were[324] heard[444] from[316]
the[19] enchanted[229] crew[126]; who[319] in[107] one[470] thick[502] cluster[465] stood[1] on[392] the[19] forecastle[367],
all[145] their[219] eyes[125] gleaming[27] in[107] that[14] pale[292] phosphorescence[242], like[410] a[10] faraway[301]
constellation[246] of[89] stars[286]. Relieved[158] against[417] the[19] ghostly[236] light[382],
the[19] gigantic[157] jet[423] negro[102], Daggoo, loomed[145] up[405] to[261] thrice[282] his[433] real[305] stature[74],
and[236] seemed[132] the[19] black[581] cloud[218] from[316] which[16] the[19] thunder[356] had[364] come[420].
The[19] parted[201] mouth[414] of[89] Tashtego revealed[530] his[433] shark[4]-white[82] teeth[82],
which[16] strangely[155] gleamed[61] as[113] if[141] they[382] too[11] had[364] been[185] tipped[110] by[406] corpusants;
while[55] lit[26] up[405] by[406] the[19] preternatural[385] light[382], Queequeg's[483] tattooing[42] burned[389]
like[410] Satanic[247] blue[240] flames[74] on[392] his[433] body[348].

The[19] tableau[156] all[145] waned[221] at[65] last[436] with[449] the[19] pallidness[4] aloft[276]; and[236] once[248]
more[348] the[19] Pequod[288] and[236] every[389] soul[428] on[392] her[400] decks[386] were[324] wrapped[99] in[107] a[10] pall[21].
A[10] moment[258] or[519] two[527] passed[87], when[189] Starbuck, going[227] forward[364], pushed[189] against[417]
some[265] one[470]. It[162] was[454] Stubb. "What[243] thinkest[269] thou[173] now[20], man[17]; I[482] heard[444] thy[43] cry[561];
it[162] was[454] not[518] the[19] same[541] in[107] the[19] song[12]."

"No[235], no[235], it[162] wasn't[500]; I[482] said[252] the[19] corpusants have[254] mercy[378] on[392] us[569] all[145];
and[236] I[482] hope[211] they[382] will[584], still[278]. But[330] do[353] they[382] only[517] have[254]
mercy[378] on[392] long[544] faces[97]?--have[254] they[382] no[235] bowels[499] for[190] a[10] laugh[559]?
And[236] look[523] ye[483], Mr[219]. Starbuck--but[330] it[162]'s[483] too[11] dark[471] to[261] look[523].
Hear[386] me[2], then[45]; I[482] take[279] that[14] mast[44]-head[116] flame[113] we[465] saw[113] for[190] a[10] sign[8]
of[89] good[221] luck[453]; for[190] those[427] masts[212] are[314] rooted[232] in[107] a[10] hold[204] that[14] is[487]
going[227] to[261] be[341] chock[415] a[10]' block[275] with[449] sperm[26]-oil[118], d[67]'ye[163] see[370]; and[236] so[281],
all[145] that[14] sperm[26] will[584] work[385] up[405] into[554] the[19] masts[212], like[410] sap[18] in[107] a[10] tree[482].
Yes[143], our[234] three[329] masts[212] will[584] yet[443] be[341] as[113] three[329] spermaceti[283] candles[457]--
that[14]'s[76] the[19] good[221] promise[461] we[465] saw[113]."

At[65] that[14] moment[258] Starbuck caught[105] sight[365] of[89] Stubb's[483] face[556] slowly[149]
beginning[188] to[261] glimmer[110] into[554] sight[365]. Glancing[18] upwards[110], he[362] cried[506]:
"See[370]! see[370]!" and[236] once[248] more[348] the[19] high[361] tapering[416] flames[74] were[324] beheld[132]
with[449] what[243] seemed[132] redoubled[336] supernaturalness in[107] their[219] pallor[230].

"The[19] corpusants have[254] mercy[378] on[392] us[569] all[145]," cried[506] Stubb, again[52].

At[65] the[19] base[258] of[89] the[19] main[501]-mast[44], full[414] beneath[320] the[19] doubloon[263] and[236] the[19] flame[113],
the[19] Parsee[18] was[454] kneeling[311] in[107] Ahab[232]'s[483] front[196], but[330] with[449] his[433] head[219] bowed[26] away[443]
from[316] him[248]; while[55] near[70] by[406], from[316] the[19] arched[4] and[236] overhanging[161] rigging[516],
where[579] they[382] had[364] just[108] been[185] engaged[479] securing[93] a[10] spar[14], a[10] number[196] of[89] the[19] seamen[6],
arrested[266] by[406] the[19] glare[27], now[20] cohered[10] together[440], and[236] hung[479] pendulous[325],
like[410] a[10] knot[403] of[89] numbed[83] wasps[292] from[316] a[10] drooping[279], orchard[365] twig[25].
In[107] various[183] enchanted[229] attitudes[167] like[410] the[19] standing[144], or[519] stepping[299],
or[519] running[296] skeletons[154] in[107] Herculaneum[29], others[317] remained[72] rooted[232] to[261] the[19] deck[505];
but[330] all[145] their[219] eyes[125] upcast[83].

"Aye[86], aye[86], men[62]!" cried[506] Ahab[232]. "Look[523] up[405] at[65] it[162]; mark[169] it[162] well[263];
the[19] white[82] flame[113] but[330] lights[59] the[19] way[435] to[261] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]! Hand[252] me[2]
those[427] mainmast[323] links[333] there[340]; I[482] would[282] fain[264] feel[461] this[256] pulse[217],
and[236] let[66] mine[482] beat[449] against[417] it[162]; blood[208] against[417] fire[559]! So[281]."

Then[45] turning[69]--the[19] last[436] link[389] held[212] fast[208] in[107] his[433] left[159] hand[252], he[362] put[190] his[433] foot[467]
upon[419] the[19] Parsee[18]; and[236] with[449] fixed[564] upward[557] eye[220], and[236] high[361]-flung[255] right[499] arm[25],
he[362] stood[1] erect[245] before[344] the[19] lofty[161] tri-pointed[413] trinity[261] of[89] flames[74].

"Oh[367]! thou[173] clear[408] spirit[227] of[89] clear[408] fire[559], whom[324] on[392] these[527] seas[350] I[482] as[113]
Persian[23] once[248] did[444] worship[48], till[181] in[107] the[19] sacramental[125] act[10] so[281] burned[389]
by[406] thee[15], that[14] to[261] this[256] hour[384] I[482] bear[48] the[19] scar[101]; I[482] now[20] know[60] thee[15],
thou[173] clear[408] spirit[227], and[236] I[482] now[20] know[60] that[14] thy[43] right[499] worship[48]
is[487] defiance[32]. To[261] neither[74] love[391] nor[137] reverence[255] wilt[401] thou[173] be[341] kind[451];
and[236] e[443]'en[541] for[190] hate[267] thou[173] canst[502] but[330] kill[219]; and[236] all[145] are[314] killed[409].
No[235] fearless[132] fool[5] now[20] fronts[22] thee[15]. I[482] own[248] thy[43] speechless[225],
placeless power[145]; but[330] to[261] the[19] last[436] gasp[310] of[89] my[36] earthquake[20] life[71]
will[584] dispute[337] its[234] unconditional[25], unintegral mastery[393] in[107] me[2].
In[107] the[19] midst[533] of[89] the[19] personified[306] impersonal[86], a[10] personality[272] stands[256] here[135].
Though[400] but[330] a[10] point[438] at[65] best[315]; whenceso'er I[482] came[549]; whereso'er[102] I[482] go[20];

yet[443] while[55] I[482] earthly[64] live[554], the[19] queenly[250] personality[272] lives[245] in[107] me[2],
and[236] feels[450] her[400] royal[161] rights[462]. But[330] war[169] is[487] pain[337], and[236] hate[267] is[487] woe[295].
Come[420] in[107] thy[43] lowest[287] form[238] of[89] love[391], and[236] I[482] will[584] kneel[510] and[236] kiss[456] thee[15];
but[330] at[65] thy[43] highest[575], come[420] as[113] mere[393] supernal[82] power[145]; and[236] though[400]
thou[173] launchest navies[27] of[89] full[414]-freighted[12] worlds[388], there[340]'s[483] that[14] in[107]
here[135] that[14] still[278] remains[324] indifferent[255]. Oh[367], thou[173] clear[408] spirit[227],
of[89] thy[43] fire[559] thou[173] madest[487] me[2], and[236] like[410] a[10] true[483] child[451] of[89] fire[559],
I[482] breathe[393] it[162] back[457] to[261] thee[15]."

[Sudden[309], repeated[381] flashes[12] of[89] lightning[171]; the[19] nine[140] flames[74] leap[342] lengthwise[288]
to[261] thrice[282] their[219] previous[376] height[20]; Ahab[232], with[449] the[19] rest[302], closes[23] his[433] eyes[125],
his[433] right[499] hand[252] pressed[323] hard[337] upon[419] them[146].]

"I[482] own[248] thy[43] speechless[225], placeless power[145]; said[252] I[482] not[518] so[281]?
Nor[137] was[454] it[162] wrung[18] from[316] me[2]; nor[137] do[353] I[482] now[20] drop[22] these[527] links[333].
Thou[173] canst[502] blind[375]; but[330] I[482] can[450] then[45] grope[65]. Thou[173] canst[502] consume[403];
but[330] I[482] can[450] then[45] be[341] ashes[243]. Take[279] the[19] homage[92] of[89] these[527] poor[533] eyes[125],
and[236] shutter-hands[87]. I[482] would[282] not[518] take[279] it[162]. The[19] lightning[171]
flashes[12] through[295] my[36] skull[9]; mine[482] eyeballs[269] ache[60] and[236] ache[60];
my[36] whole[199] beaten[442] brain[158] seems[19] as[113] beheaded[62], and[236] rolling[253] on[392] some[265]
stunning[122] ground[127]. Oh[367], oh[367]! Yet[443] blindfold[14], yet[443] will[584] I[482] talk[173] to[261] thee[15].
Light[382] though[400] thou[173] be[341], thou[173] leapest[63] out[66] of[89] darkness[493];
but[330] I[482] am[375] darkness[493] leaping[397] out[66] of[89] light[382], leaping[397] out[66] of[89] thee[15]!
The[19] javelins[245] cease[143]; open[464] eyes[125]; see[370], or[519] not[518]? There[340] burn[118] the[19] flames[74]!
Oh[367], thou[173] magnanimous[128]! now[20] do[353] I[482] do[353] glory[173] in[107] my[36] genealogy[154].
But[330] thou[173] art[462] but[330] my[36] fiery[42] father[339]; my[36] sweet[417] mother[276], I[482] know[60] not[518].
Oh[367], cruel[529]! what[243] hast[174] thou[173] done[135] with[449] her[400]? There[340] lies[27] my[36] puzzle[364];
but[330] thine[72] is[487] greater[505]. Thou[173] knowest[82] not[518] how[19] came[549] ye[483],
hence[503] callest[375] thyself[402] unbegotten[24]; certainly[124] knowest[82] not[518]
thy[43] beginning[188], hence[503] callest[375] thyself[402] unbegun[4]. I[482] know[60] that[14] of[89] me[2],
which[16] thou[173] knowest[82] not[518] of[89] thyself[402], oh[367], thou[173] omnipotent[448].
There[340] is[487] some[265] unsuffusing thing[309] beyond[421] thee[15], thou[173] clear[408] spirit[227],
to[261] whom[324] all[145] thy[43] eternity[380] is[487] but[330] time[577], all[145] thy[43] creativeness[367] mechanical[31].
Through[295] thee[15], thy[43] flaming[269] self[442], my[36] scorched[253] eyes[125] do[353] dimly[298] see[370] it[162].
Oh[367], thou[173] foundling[41] fire[559], thou[173] hermit[44] immemorial[52], thou[173] too[11]
hast[174] thy[43] incommunicable[38] riddle[41], thy[43] unparticipated[110] grief[318].
Here[135] again[52] with[449] haughty[459] agony[242], I[482] read[98] my[36] sire[244]. Leap[342]! leap[342] up[405],
and[236] lick[526] the[19] sky[331]! I[482] leap[342] with[449] thee[15]; I[482] burn[118] with[449] thee[15];
would[282] fain[264] be[341] welded[102] with[449] thee[15]; defyingly[180] I[482] worship[48] thee[15]!"

"The[19] boat[439]! the[19] boat[439]!" cried[506] Starbuck, "look[523] at[65] thy[43] boat[439], old[447] man[17]!"

Ahab[232]'s[483] harpoon[67], the[19] one[470] forged[119] at[65] Perth[163]'s[483] fire[559], remained[72] firmly[308]
lashed[97] in[107] its[234] conspicuous[460] crotch[111], so[281] that[14] it[162] projected[175] beyond[421]
his[433] whale[422]-boat[439]'s[483] bow[146]; but[330] the[19] sea[67] that[14] had[364] stove[373] its[234] bottom[461] had[364]
caused[308] the[19] loose[159] leather[303] sheath[188] to[261] drop[22] off[111]; and[236] from[316] the[19] keen[202]
steel[184] barb[65] there[340] now[20] came[549] a[10] levelled[126] flame[113] of[89] pale[292], forked[386] fire[559].
As[113] the[19] silent[382] harpoon[67] burned[389] there[340] like[410] a[10] serpent[264]'s[483] tongue[375],
Starbuck grasped[101] Ahab[232] by[406] the[19] arm[25]--"God[185], God[185] is[487] against[417] thee[15],
old[447] man[17]; forbear[511]! 't[500] is[487] an[138] ill[236] voyage[137]! ill[236] begun[243], ill[236] continued[44];
let[66] me[2] square[302] the[19] yards[386], while[55] we[465] may[236], old[447] man[17], and[236] make[175] a[10] fair[320]
wind[262] of[89] it[162] homewards[290], to[261] go[20] on[392] a[10] better[34] voyage[137] than[77] this[256]."

Overhearing[84] Starbuck, the[19] panic[285]-stricken[328] crew[126] instantly[186]
ran[391] to[261] the[19] braces[403]--though[400] not[518] a[10] sail[218] was[454] left[159] aloft[276].
For[190] the[19] moment[258] all[145] the[19] aghast[331] mate[508]'s[483] thoughts[26] seemed[132] theirs[137];
they[382] raised[493] a[10] half[119] mutinous[102] cry[561]. But[330] dashing[14] the[19] rattling[282]
lightning[171] links[333] to[261] the[19] deck[505], and[236] snatching[111] the[19] burning[70] harpoon[67],
Ahab[232] waved[366] it[162] like[410] a[10] torch[72] among[483] them[146]; swearing[40] to[261] transfix[91]
with[449] it[162] the[19] first[13] sailor[561] that[14] but[330] cast[99] loose[159] a[10] rope[265]'s[483] end[149].
Petrified[191] by[406] his[433] aspect[147], and[236] still[278] more[348] shrinking[466] from[316]
the[19] fiery[42] dart[293] that[14] he[362] held[212], the[19] men[62] fell[421] back[457] in[107] dismay[366],
and[236] Ahab[232] again[52] spoke[185]:--

"All[145] your[162] oaths[142] to[261] hunt[418] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] are[314] as[113] binding[252] as[113] mine[482];
and[236] heart[470], soul[428], and[236] body[348], lungs[40] and[236] life[71], old[447] Ahab[232] is[487] bound[108].
And[236] that[14] ye[483] may[236] know[60] to[261] what[243] tune[330] this[256] heart[470] beats[241]: look[523] ye[483] here[135];
thus[362] I[482] blow[230] out[66] the[19] last[436] fear[103]!" And[236] with[449] one[470] blast[13] of[89] his[433] breath[150]
he[362] extinguished[140] the[19] flame[113].

As[113] in[107] the[19] hurricane[299] that[14] sweeps[513] the[19] plain[28], men[62] fly[324] the[19] neighborhood[44]
of[89] some[265] lone[19], gigantic[157] elm[17], whose[286] very[515] height[20] and[236] strength[168] but[330] render[509] it[162]
so[281] much[61] the[19] more[348] unsafe[152], because[540] so[281] much[61] the[19] more[348] a[10] mark[169] for[190] thunderbolts[20];
so[281] at[65] those[427] last[436] words[107] of[89] Ahab[232]'s[483] many[282] of[89] the[19] mariners[347] did[444] run[172] from[316] him[248]
in[107] a[10] terror[85] of[89] dismay[366].

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The[19] Deck[505] Toward[273] the[19] End[149] of[89] the[19] First[13] Night[108] Watch[89]

Ahab[232] standing[144] by[406] the[19] helm[285]. Starbuck approaching[271] him[248].

We465 must226 send536 down133 the19 main501-top70-sail218 yard258, sir271. The19 band541 is487 working113 loose159 and236 the19 lee472 lift229 is487 half119-stranded299. Shall66 I482 strike374 it162, sir271?"

"Strike374 nothing324; lash266 it162. If141 I482 had364 sky331-sail135 poles122, I482'd67 sway497 them146 up405 now20."

"Sir271!--in107 God185's483 name477!--sir271?"

"Well263."

"The19 anchors273 are314 working113, sir271. Shall66 I482 get126 them146 inboard331?"

"Strike374 nothing324, and236 stir290 nothing324 but330 lash266 everything233. The19 wind262 rises215, but330 it162 has399 not518 got286 up405 to261 my36 table572-lands436 yet443. Quick241, and236 see370 to261 it162.--By406 masts212 and236 keels394! he362 takes362 me2 for190 the19 hunchbacked296 skipper149 of89 some265 coasting386 smack264. Send536 down133 my36 main501-top70-sail218 yard258! Ho31, gluepots! Loftiest460 trucks364 were324 made563 for190 wildest356 winds399, and236 this256 brain158-truck120 of89 mine482 now20 sails344 amid240 the19 cloud218-scud83. Shall66 I482 strike374 that14? Oh367, none365 but330 cowards394 send536 down133 their219 brain158-trucks364 in107 tempest125 time577. What243 a10 hooroosh aloft276 there340! I482 would282 e443'en541 take279 it162 for190 sublime76, did444 I482 not518 know60 that14 the19 colic366 is487 a10 noisy122 malady12. Oh367, take279 medicine167, take279 medicine167!"

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Stubb and236 Flask199 mounted191 on392 them146, and236 passing147 additional131 lashings166 over82 the19 anchors273 there340 hanging222.

No235, Stubb; you227 may236 pound77 that14 knot403 there340 as113 much61 as113 you227 please153, but330 you227 will584 never206 pound77 into554 me2 what243 you227 were324 just108 now20 saying9. And236 how19 long544 ago141 is487 it162 since374 you227 said252 the19 very515 contrary166? Didn't500 you227 once248 say306 that14 whatever38 ship438 Ahab232 sails344 in107, that14 ship438 should255 pay496 something181 extra201 on392 its234 insurance415 policy422, just108 as113 though400 it162 were324 loaded55 with449 powder5 barrels368 aft2 and236 boxes381 of89 lucifers142 forward364? Stop48, now20; didn't500 you227 say306 so281?"

"Well263, suppose120 I482 did444? What243 then45! I482've149 part207 changed21 my36 flesh331 since374 that14 time577, why177 not518 my36 mind118? Besides465, supposing247 we465 are314 loaded55 with449 powder5 barrels368 aft2 and236 lucifers142 forward364; how19 the19 devil411 could375 the19 lucifers142 get126 afire24 in107 this256 drenching155 spray76 here135? Why177, my36 little554 man17, you227 have254 pretty252 red293 hair237, but330 you227 couldn't500 get126 afire24 now20. Shake180 yourself176; you227're155 Aquarius87, or519 the19 water520-bearer196, Flask199; might496 fill380 pitchers553 at65 your162 coat7 collar102. Don280't500 you227 see370, then45, that14 for190 these527 extra201 risks100 the19 Marine333 Insurance415 companies13 have254 extra201 guarantees83? Here135 are314 hydrants26, Flask199. But330 hark313, again52, and236 I482'll300 answer164 ye483 the19 other282 thing309. First13 take279 your162 leg331 off111 from316 the19 crown463 of89 the19 anchor141 here135, though400, so281 I482 can450 pass153 the19 rope265; now20 listen417. What243's483 the19 mighty2 difference3 between77 holding311 a10 mast44's483 lightning171-rod400 in107 the19 storm218, and236 standing144 close65 by406 a10 mast44 that14 hasn't500 got286 any501 lightning171-rod400 at65 all145 in107 a10 storm218? Don280't500 you227 see370, you227 timber59-head219, that14 no235 harm191 can450 come420 to261 the19 holder156 of89 the19 rod216, unless54 the19 mast44 is487 first13 struck441? What243 are314 you227 talking513 about123, then45? Not518 one470 ship438 in107 a10 hundred93 carries440 rods242, and236 Ahab232,--aye86, man17, and236 all145 of89 us569,--were324 in107 no235 more348 danger383 then45, in107 my36 poor533 opinion316, than77 all145 the19 crews559 in107 ten198 thousand586 ships21 now20 sailing232 the19 seas350. Why177, you227 King324-Post2, you227, I482 suppose120 you227 would282 have254 every389 man17 in107 the19 world126 go20 about123 with449 a10 small350 lightning171-rod400 running296 up405 the19 corner204 of89 his433 hat107, like410 a10 militia216 officer70's483 skewered26 feather127, and236 trailing15 behind80 like410 his433 sash333. Why177 don280't500 ye483 be341 sensible154, Flask199? it162's483 easy281 to261 be341 sensible154; why177 don280't500 ye483, then45? any501 man17 with449 half119 an138 eye220 can450 be341 sensible154."

"I482 don280't500 know60 that14, Stubb. You227 sometimes77 find138 it162 rather178 hard337."

"Yes143, when189 a10 fellow369's483 soaked55 through295, it162's483 hard337 to261 be341 sensible154, that14's76 a10 fact12. And236 I482 am375 about123 drenched116 with449 this256 spray76. Never206 mind118; catch523 the19 turn17 there340, and236 pass153 it162. Seems19 to261 me2 we465 are314 lashing19 down133 these527 anchors273 now20 as113 if141 they382 were324 never206 going227 to261 be341 used102 again52. Tying49 these527 two527 anchors273 here135, Flask199, seems19 like410 tying49 a10 man17's415 hands87 behind80 him248. And236 what243 big245 generous355 hands87 they382 are314, to261 be341 sure41. These527 are314 your162 iron169 fists55, hey382? What243 a10 hold204 they382 have254, too11! I482 wonder76, Flask199, whether454 the19 world126 is487 anchored42 anywhere436; if141 she391 is487, she391 swings31 with449 an138 uncommon88 long544 cable41, though400. There340, hammer364 that14 knot403 down133, and236 we465've477 done135. So281; next27 to261 touching80 land406, lighting31 on392 deck505 is487 the19 most216 satisfactory423. I482 say306, just108 wring314 out66 my36 jacket481 skirts259, will584 ye483? Thank166 ye483. They382 laugh559 at65 long544-togs so281, Flask199; but330 seems19 to261 me2, a10 long544-tailed141 coat7 ought170 always367 to261 be341 worn174 in107 all145 storms327 afloat2.

The[19] tails[490] tapering[416] down[133] that[14] way[435], serve[269] to[261] carry[160] off[111] the[19] water[520], d[67]'ye[163] see[370]. Same[541] with[449] cocked[315] hats[379]; the[19] cocks[42] form[238] gable-end[149] eave-troughs, Flask[199]. No[235] more[348] monkey[335]-jackets[140] and[236] tarpaulins[389] for[190] me[2]; I[482] must[226] mount[34] a[10] swallow[195]-tail[102], and[236] drive[548] down[133] a[10] beaver[418]; so[281]. Halloa[83]! whew[26]! there[340] goes[205] my[36] tarpaulin[2] overboard[247]; Lord[106], Lord[106], that[14] the[19] winds[399] that[14] come[420] from[316] heaven[163] should[255] be[341] so[281] unmannerly[504]! This[256] is[487] a[10] nasty[155] night[108], lad[342]."

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Midnight[539] Aloft[276].--Thunder[356] and[236] Lightning[171]

The[19] Main[501]-top[70]-sail[218] yard[258] - Tashtego passing[147] new[36] lashings[166] around[66] it[162].

"Um[13], um[13], um[13]. Stop[48] that[14] thunder[356]! Plenty[406] too[11] much[61] thunder[356] up[405] here[135]. What[243]'s[483] the[19] use[176] of[89] thunder[356]? Um[13], um[13], um[13]. We[465] don[280]'t[500] want[350] thunder[356]; we[465] want[350] rum[21]; give[142] us[569] a[10] glass[27] of[89] rum[21]. Um[13], um[13], um[13]!"

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The[19] Musket[19]

During[309] the[19] most[216] violent[336] shocks[443] of[89] the[19] Typhoon[364], the[19] man[17] at[65] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] jaw[213]-bone[278] tiller[445] had[364] several[479] times[121] been[185] reelingly hurled[46] to[261] the[19] deck[505] by[406] its[234] spasmodic[303] motions[62] even[198] though[400] preventer[330] tackles[278] had[364] been[185] attached[211] to[261] it[162]--for[190] they[382] were[324] slack[113]--because[540] some[265] play[89] to[261] the[19] tiller[445] was[454] indispensable[470].

In[107] a[10] severe[503] gale[440] like[410] this[256], while[55] the[19] ship[438] is[487] but[330] a[10] tossed[227] shuttlecock[191] to[261] the[19] blast[13], it[162] is[487] by[406] no[235] means[502] uncommon[88] to[261] see[370] the[19] needles[265] in[107] the[19] compasses[344], at[65] intervals[295], go[20] round[287] and[236] round[287]. It[162] was[454] thus[362] with[449] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483]; at[65] almost[518] every[389] shock[44] the[19] helmsman[457] had[364] not[518] failed[564] to[261] notice[76] the[19] whirling[122] velocity[397] with[449] which[16] they[382] revolved[75] upon[419] the[19] cards[142]; it[162] is[487] a[10] sight[365] that[14] hardly[182] anyone[45] can[450] behold[525] without[309] some[265] sort[42] of[89] unwonted[481] emotion[355].

Some[265] hours[127] after[358] midnight[539], the[19] Typhoon[364] abated[122] so[281] much[61], that[14] through[295] the[19] strenuous[143] exertions[287] of[89] Starbuck and[236] Stubb--one[470] engaged[479] forward[364] and[236] the[19] other[282] aft[2]--the[19] shivered[34] remnants[157] of[89] the[19] jib[476] and[236] fore[259] and[236] main[501]-top[70]-sails[344] were[324] cut[310] adrift[350] from[316] the[19] spars[15], and[236] went[516] eddying[282] away[443] to[261] leeward[265], like[410] the[19] feathers[386] of[89] an[138] albatross[298], which[16] sometimes[77] are[314] cast[99] to[261] the[19] winds[399] when[189] that[14] storm[218]-tossed[227] bird[443] is[487] on[392] the[19] wing[101].

The[19] three[329] corresponding[427] new[36] sails[344] were[324] now[20] bent[406] and[236] reefed[402], and[236] a[10] storm[218]-trysail[241] was[454] set[422] further[53] aft[2]; so[281] that[14] the[19] ship[438] soon[18] went[516] through[295] the[19] water[520] with[449] some[265] precision[154] again[52]; and[236] the[19] course[171]--for[190] the[19] present[112], East[524]-south[257]-east[524]--which[16] he[362] was[454] to[261] steer[426], if[141] practicable[292], was[454] once[248] more[348] given[141] to[261] the[19] helmsman[457]. For[190] during[309] the[19] violence[486] of[89] the[19] gale[440], he[362] had[364] only[517] steered[106] according[281] to[261] its[234] vicissitudes[124]. But[330] as[113] he[362] was[454] now[20] bringing[9] the[19] ship[438] as[113] near[70] her[400] course[171] as[113] possible[277], watching[330] the[19] compass[463] meanwhile[282], lo[418]! a[10] good[221] sign[8]! the[19] wind[262] seemed[132] coming[140] round[287] astern[39]; aye[86], the[19] foul[528] breeze[227] became[70] fair[320]!

Instantly[186] the[19] yards[386] were[324] squared[141], to[261] the[19] lively[272] song[12] of[89] "Ho[31]! the[19] fair[320] wind[262]! oh[367]-ye[483]-ho[31] cheerly[192], men[62]!" the[19] crew[126] singing[288] for[190] joy[430], that[14] so[281] promising[310] an[138] event[28] should[255] so[281] soon[18] have[254] falsified[38] the[19] evil[2] portents[306] preceding[44] it[162].

In[107] compliance[338] with[449] the[19] standing[144] order[343] of[89] his[433] commander[108]--to[261] report[238] immediately[172], and[236] at[65] any[501] one[470] of[89] the[19] twenty[433]-four[175] hours[127], any[501] decided[74] change[386] in[107] the[19] affairs[492] of[89] the[19] deck[505],--Starbuck had[364] no[235] sooner[338] trimmed[458] the[19] yards[386] to[261] the[19] breeze[227]--however[44] reluctantly[403] and[236] gloomily[452],--than[77] he[362] mechanically[143] went[516] below[397] to[261] apprise[22] Captain[295] Ahab[232] of[89] the[19] circumstance[407].

Ere[83] knocking[82] at[65] his[433] state[135]-room[122], he[362] involuntarily[124] paused[390] before[344] it[162] a[10] moment[258]. The[19] cabin[192] lamp[330]--taking[146] long[544] swings[31] this[256] way[435] and[236] that[14]--was[454] burning[70] fitfully[367], and[236] casting[19] fitful[311] shadows[480] upon[419] the[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415] bolted[74] door[135],--a[10] thin[445] one[470], with[449] fixed[564] blinds[34] inserted[102], in[107] place[107] of[89] upper[403] panels[234]. The[19] isolated[93] subterraneousness of[89] the[19] cabin[192] made[563] a[10] certain[31] humming[243] silence[309] to[261] reign[145] there[340], though[400] it[162] was[454] hooped[160] round[287] by[406] all[145] the[19] roar[147] of[89] the[19] elements[225]. The[19] loaded[55] muskets[399] in[107] the[19] rack[415] were[324] shiningly[261] revealed[530], as[113] they[382] stood[1] upright[145] against[417] the[19] forward[364] bulkhead[364]. Starbuck was[454] an[138] honest[287], upright[145] man[17]; but[330] out[66] of[89] Starbuck's[483] heart[470], at[65] that[14] instant[279] when[189] he[362] saw[113] the[19] muskets[399], there[340] strangely[155] evolved[8] an[138] evil[2] thought[186]; but[330] so[281] blent[160] with[449] its[234] neutral[434] or[519] good[221] accompaniments[25] that[14] for[190] the[19] instant[279] he[362] hardly[182] knew[480] it[162] for[190] itself[312].

"He[362] would[282] have[254] shot[443] me[2] once[248]," he[362] murmured[238], "yes[143], there[340]'s[483] the[19] very[515] musket[19] that[14] he[362] pointed[413] at[65] me[2];--that[14] one[470] with[449] the[19] studded[223] stock[437]; let[66] me[2] touch[486] it[162]--lift[229] it[162]. Strange[440], that[14] I[482], who[319] have[254] handled[241] so[281] many[282] deadly[49] lances[8], strange[440], that[14] I[482] should[255] shake[180] so[281] now[20]. Loaded[55]? I[482] must[226] see[370]. Aye[86], aye[86]; and[236] powder[5] in[107] the[19] pan[23];-- that[14]'s[76] not[518] good[221]. Best[315] spill[292] it[162]?--wait[315]. I[482]'ll[300] cure[166] myself[99] of[89] this[256]. I[482]'ll[300] hold[204] the[19] musket[19] boldly[445] while[55] I[482] think[424].--I[482] come[420] to[261] report[238] a[10] fair[320] wind[262] to[261] him[248]. But[330] how[19] fair[320]? Fair[320] for[190] death[543] and[236] doom[73],-- that[14]'s[76] fair[320] for[190] Moby[362] Dick[25]. It[162]'s[483] a[10] fair[320] wind[262] that[14]'s[76] only[517] fair[320] for[190] that[14] accursed[203] fish[187].--The[19] very[515] tube[295] he[362] pointed[413] at[65] me[2]!--the[19] very[515] one[470]; this[256] one[470]--I[482] hold[204] it[162] here[135]; he[362] would[282] have[254] killed[409] me[2] with[449] the[19] very[515] thing[309] I[482] handle[546] now[20].--Aye[86] and[236] he[362] would[282] fain[264] kill[219] all[145] his[433] crew[126]. Does[565] he[362] not[518] say[306] he[362] will[584] not[518] strike[374] his[433] spars[15] to[261] any[501] gale[440]? Has[399] he[362] not[518] dashed[304] his[433] heavenly[375] quadrant[24]? and[236] in[107] these[527] same[541] perilous[141] seas[350], gropes[305] he[362] not[518] his[433] way[435] by[406] mere[393] dead[568] reckoning[541] of[89] the[19] error[374]-abounding[143] log[127]? and[236] in[107] this[256] very[515] Typhoon[364], did[444] he[362] not[518] swear[322] that[14] he[362] would[282] have[254] no[235] lightning[171]-rods[242]? But[330] shall[66] this[256] crazed[292] old[447] man[17] be[341] tamely[43] suffered[356] to[261] drag[426] a[10] whole[199] ship[438]'s[483] company[280] down[133] to[261] doom[73] with[449] him[248]?--Yes[143], it[162] would[282] make[175] him[248] the[19] wilful[160] murderer[498] of[89] thirty[521] men[62] and[236] more[348], if[141] this[256] ship[438] come[420] to[261] any[501] deadly[49] harm[191]; and[236] come[420] to[261] deadly[49] harm[191], my[36] soul[428] swears[274] this[256] ship[438] will[584], if[141] Ahab[232] have[254] his[433] way[435]. If[141], then[45], he[362] were[324] this[256] instant[279]-- put[190] aside[408], that[14] crime[455] would[282] not[518] be[341] his[433]. Ha[387]! is[487] he[362] muttering[403] in[107] his[433] sleep[233]? Yes[143], just[108] there[340],--in[107] there[340], he[362]'s[483] sleeping[341]. Sleeping[341]? aye[86], but[330] still[278] alive[298], and[236] soon[18] awake[255] again[52]. I[482] can[450]'t[500] withstand[263] thee[15], then[45], old[447] man[17]. Not[518] reasoning[68]; not[518] remonstrance[191]; not[518] entreaty[481] wilt[401] thou[173] hearken[297] to[261]; all[145] this[256] thou[173] scornest[102]. Flat[445] obedience[74] to[261] thy[43] own[248] flat[445] commands[245], this[256] is[487] all[145] thou[173] breathest[83]. Aye[86], and[236] say[306]'st[501] the[19] men[62] have[254] vow[159]'d[62] thy[43] vow[159]; say[306]'st[501] all[145] of[89] us[569] are[314] Ahabs. Great[259] God[185] forbid[166]!-- But[330] is[487] there[340] no[235] other[282] way[435]? no[235] lawful[320] way[435]?--Make[175] him[248] a[10] prisoner[92] to[261] be[341] taken[222] home[450]? What[243]! hope[211] to[261] wrest[253] this[256] old[447] man[17]'s[415] living[117] power[145] from[316] his[433] own[248] living[117] hands[87]? Only[517] a[10] fool[5] would[282] try[266] it[162]. Say[306] he[362] were[324] pinioned[279] even[198]; knotted[506] all[145] over[82] with[449] ropes[461] and[236] hawsers[8]; chained[492] down[133] to[261] ring[579]-bolts[331] on[392] this[256] cabin[192] floor[418]; he[362] would[282] be[341] more[348] hideous[298] than[77] a[10] caged[423] tiger[293], then[45]. I[482] could[375] not[518] endure[161] the[19] sight[365]; could[375] not[518] possibly[201] fly[324] his[433] howlings[247]; all[145] comfort[364], sleep[233] itself[312], inestimable[441] reason[238] would[282] leave[450] me[2] on[392] the[19] long[544] intolerable[304] voyage[137]. What[243], then[45], remains[324]? The[19] land[406] is[487] hundreds[458] of[89] leagues[116] away[443], and[236] locked[105] Japan[53] the[19] nearest[26]. I[482] stand[530] alone[2] here[135] upon[419] an[138] open[464] sea[67], with[449] two[527] oceans[60] and[236] a[10] whole[199] continent[120] between[77] me[2] and[236] law[231].--Aye[86], aye[86], 'tis so[281].-- Is[487] heaven[163] a[10] murderer[498] when[189] its[234] lightning[171] strikes[323] a[10] would[282]-be[341] murderer[498] in[107] his[433] bed[273], tindering sheets[281] and[236] skin[428] together[440]?-- And[236] would[282] I[482] be[341] a[10] murderer[498], then[45], if[141]"--and[236] slowly[149], stealthily[221], and[236] half[119] sideways[496] looking[318], he[362] placed[556] the[19] loaded[55] musket[19]'s[483] end[149] against[417] the[19] door[135].

"On[392] this[256] level[378], Ahab[232]'s[483] hammock[323] swings[31] within[503]; his[433] head[219] this[256] way[435]. A[10] touch[486], and[236] Starbuck may[236] survive[308] to[261] hug[17] his[433] wife[37] and[236] child[451] again[52].-- Oh[367] Mary[221]! Mary[221]!--boy[110]! boy[110]! boy[110]!--But[330] if[141] I[482] wake[205] thee[15] not[518] to[261] death[543], old[447] man[17], who[319] can[450] tell[392] to[261] what[243] unsounded[253] deeps[192] Starbuck's[483] body[348] this[256] day[112] week[11] may[236] sink[190], with[449] all[145] the[19] crew[126]! Great[259] God[185], where[579] art[462] Thou[173]? Shall[66] I[482]? shall[66] I[482]?--The[19] wind[262] has[399] gone[190] down[133] and[236] shifted[167], sir[271]; the[19] fore[259] and[236] main[501] topsails[76] are[314] reefed[402] and[236] set[422]! she[391] heads[366] her[400] course[171]."

"Stern[442] all[145]! Oh[367] Moby[362] Dick[25], I[482] clutch[14] thy[43] heart[470] at[65] last[436]!"

Such[420] were[324] the[19] sounds[394] that[14] now[20] came[549] hurtling[347] from[316] out[66] the[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415] tormented[256] sleep[233], as[113] if[141] Starbuck's[483] voice[233] had[364] caused[308] the[19] long[544] dumb[371] dream[86] to[261] speak[337].

The[19] yet[443] levelled[126] musket[19] shook[161] like[410] a[10] drunkard[106]'s[483] arm[25] against[417] the[19] panel[347]; Starbuck seemed[132] wrestling[529] with[449] an[138] angel[63], but[330] turning[69] from[316] the[19] door[135], he[362] placed[556] the[19] death[543]-tube[295] in[107] its[234] rack[415], and[236] left[159] the[19] place[107].

"He[362]'s[483] too[11] sound[181] asleep[492], Mr[219]. Stubb; go[20] thou[173] down[133], and[236] wake[205] him[248], and[236] tell[392] him[248]. I[482] must[226] see[370] to[261] the[19] deck[505] here[135]. Thou[173] know[60]'st[193] what[243] to[261] say[306]."

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The[19] Needle[459]

Next[27] morning[417] the[19] not[518]-yet[443]-subsided[445] sea[67] rolled[226] in[107] long[544] slow[96] billows[295] of[89] mighty[2] bulk[181], and[236] striving[388] in[107] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] gurgling[26] track[169], pushed[189] her[400] on[392] like[410] giants[321]' palms[173] outspread[236]. The[19] strong[145] unstaggering breeze[227] abounded[527] so[281], that[14] sky[331] and[236] air[209] seemed[132] vast[43] outbellying sails[344]; the[19] whole[199] world[126] boomed[76] before[344] the[19] wind[262]. Muffled[58] in[107] the[19] full[414] morning[417] light[382], the[19] invisible[186] sun[397] was[454] only[517] known[86] by[406] the[19] spread[348] intensity[285] of[89] his[433] place[107]; where[579] his[433] bayonet[364] rays[43] moved[492] on[392] in[107] stacks[416]. Emblazonings, as[113] of[89]

crowned[527] Babylonian[51] kings[474] and[236] queens[431], reigned[208] over[82] everything[233].
The[19] sea[67] was[454] as[113] a[10] crucible[83] of[89] molten[23] gold[231], that[14] bubblingly leaps[575]
with[449] light[382] and[236] heat[218].

Long[544] maintaining[140] an[138] enchanted[229] silence[309], Ahab[232] stood[1] apart[526]; and[236] every[389]
time[577] the[19] teetering ship[438] loweringly[182] pitched[101] down[133] her[400] bowsprit[120],
he[362] turned[492] to[261] eye[220] the[19] bright[205] sun[397]'s[483] rays[43] produced[258] ahead[5];
and[236] when[189] she[391] profoundly[261] settled[540] by[406] the[19] stern[442], he[362] turned[492] behind[80],
and[236] saw[113] the[19] sun[397]'s[483] rearward[192] place[107], and[236] how[19] the[19] same[541] yellow[95] rays[43]
were[324] blending[350] with[449] his[433] undeviating[138] wake[205].

"Ha[387], ha[387], my[36] ship[438]! thou[173] mightest[475] well[263] be[341] taken[222] now[20] for[190] the[19] sea[67]-chariot of[89]
the[19] sun[397]. Ho[31], ho[31]! all[145] ye[483] nations[274] before[344] my[36] prow[451], I[482] bring[173] the[19] sun[397] to[261] ye[483]!
Yoke[29] on[392] the[19] further[53] billows[295]; hallo[167]! a[10] tandem[406], I[482] drive[548] the[19] sea[67]!"

But[330] suddenly[193] reined[83] back[457] by[406] some[265] counter[225] thought[186], he[362] hurried[335] towards[417]
the[19] helm[285], huskily[210] demanding[4] how[19] the[19] ship[438] was[454] heading[364].

"East[524]-sou-east[524], sir[271]," said[252] the[19] frightened[172] steersman[290].

"Thou[173] liest[105]!" smiting[280] him[248] with[449] his[433] clenched[198] fist[414].
"Heading[364] East[524] at[65] this[256] hour[384] in[107] the[19] morning[417], and[236] the[19] sun[397] astern[39]?"

Upon[419] this[256] every[389] soul[428] was[454] confounded[379]; for[190] the[19] phenomenon[34] just[108]
then[45] observed[340] by[406] Ahab[232] had[364] unaccountably[133] escaped[197] every[389] one[470] else[212];
but[330] its[234] very[515] blinding[298] palpableness[204] must[226] have[254] been[185] the[19] cause[220].

Thrusting[100] his[433] head[219] half[119]-way[435] into[554] the[19] binnacle[98], Ahab[232] caught[105]
one[470] glimpse[12] of[89] the[19] compasses[344]; his[433] uplifted[533] arm[25] slowly[149] fell[421];
for[190] a[10] moment[258] he[362] almost[518] seemed[132] to[261] stagger[106]. Standing[144] behind[80]
him[248] Starbuck looked[232], and[236] lo[418]! the[19] two[527] compasses[344] pointed[413] East[524],
and[236] the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] as[113] infallibly[426] going[227] West[569].

But[330] ere[83] the[19] first[13] wild[230] alarm[178] could[375] get[126] out[66] abroad[504] among[483] the[19] crew[126], the[19] old[447]
man[17] with[449] a[10] rigid[380] laugh[559] exclaimed[281], "I[482] have[254] it[162]! It[162] has[399] happened[156] before[344].
Mr[219]. Starbuck, last[436] night[108]'s[483] thunder[356] turned[492] our[234] compasses[344]--that[14]'s[76] all[145].
Thou[173] hast[174] before[344] now[20] heard[444] of[89] such[420] a[10] thing[309], I[482] take[279] it[162]."

"Aye[86]; but[330] never[206] before[344] has[399] it[162] happened[156] to[261] me[2], sir[271]," said[252] the[19]
pale[292] mate[508], gloomily[452].

Here[135], it[162] must[226] needs[41] be[341] said[252], that[14] accidents[122] like[410] this[256] have[254]
in[107] more[348] than[77] one[470] case[346] occurred[205] to[261] ships[21] in[107] violent[336] storms[327].
The[19] magnetic[181] energy[182], as[113] developed[396] in[107] the[19] mariner[265]'s[483] needle[459], is[487],
as[113] all[145] know[60], essentially[89] one[470] with[449] the[19] electricity[99] beheld[132] in[107] heaven[163];
hence[503] it[162] is[487] not[518] to[261] be[341] much[61] marvelled[34] at[65], that[14] such[420] things[4] should[255] be[341].
In[107] instances[252] where[579] the[19] lightning[171] has[399] actually[69] struck[441] the[19] vessel[155],
so[281] as[113] to[261] smite[37] down[133] some[265] of[89] the[19] spars[15] and[236] rigging[516], the[19] effect[215] upon[419]
the[19] needle[459] has[399] at[65] times[121] been[185] still[278] more[348] fatal[460]; all[145] its[234] loadstone[117]
virtue[16] being[264] annihilated[133], so[281] that[14] the[19] before[344] magnetic[181] steel[184] was[454] of[89] no[235]
more[348] use[176] than[77] an[138] old[447] wife[37]'s[483] knitting[57] needle[459]. But[330] in[107] either[45] case[346],
the[19] needle[459] never[206] again[52], of[89] itself[312], recovers[280] the[19] original[463] virtue[16]
thus[362] marred[275] or[519] lost[308]; and[236] if[141] the[19] binnacle[98] compasses[344] be[341] affected[283],
the[19] same[541] fate[74] reaches[88] all[145] the[19] others[317] that[14] may[236] be[341] in[107] the[19] ship[438];
even[198] were[324] the[19] lowermost[141] one[470] inserted[102] into[554] the[19] kelson[2].

Deliberately[336] standing[144] before[344] the[19] binnacle[98], and[236] eyeing[49]
the[19] transpointed compasses[344], the[19] old[447] man[17], with[449] the[19] sharp[427]
of[89] his[433] extended[531] hand[252], now[20] took[68] the[19] precise[158] bearing[354] of[89] the[19] sun[397],
and[236] satisfied[376] that[14] the[19] needles[265] were[324] exactly[315] inverted[93], shouted[300] out[66]
his[433] orders[199] for[190] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] course[171] to[261] be[341] changed[21] accordingly[249].
The[19] yards[386] were[324] hard[337] up[405]; and[236] once[248] more[348] the[19] Pequod[288] thrust[379] her[400]
undaunted[141] bows[460] into[554] the[19] opposing[402] wind[262], for[190] the[19] supposed[423] fair[320]
one[470] had[364] only[517] been[185] juggling[259] her[400].

Meanwhile[282], whatever[38] were[324] his[433] own[248] secret[409] thoughts[26], Starbuck
said[252] nothing[324], but[330] quietly[380] he[362] issued[146] all[145] requisite[400] orders[199];
while[55] Stubb and[236] Flask[199]--who[319] in[107] some[265] small[350] degree[209] seemed[132] then[45]
to[261] be[341] sharing[198] his[433] feelings[120]--likewise[193] unmurmuringly[127] acquiesced[70].
As[113] for[190] the[19] men[62], though[400] some[265] of[89] them[146] lowly[117] rumbled[122], their[219] fear[103]
of[89] Ahab[232] was[454] greater[505] than[77] their[219] fear[103] of[89] Fate[74]. But[330] as[113] ever[208] before[344],
the[19] pagan[118] harpooneers remained[72] almost[518] wholly[497] unimpressed[364];
or[519] if[141] impressed[4], it[162] was[454] only[517] with[449] a[10] certain[31] magnetism[336] shot[443]
into[554] their[219] congenial[118] hearts[431] from[316] inflexible[264] Ahab[232]'s[483].

For[190] a[10] space[468] the[19] old[447] man[17] walked[92] the[19] deck[505] in[107] rolling[253] reveries[423].
But[330] chancing[40] to[261] slip[64] with[449] his[433] ivory[76] heel[105], he[362] saw[113] the[19] crushed[197]
copper[300] sight[365]-tubes of[89] the[19] quadrant[24] he[362] had[364] the[19] day[112] before[344] dashed[304]
to[261] the[19] deck[505].

"Thou[173] poor[533], proud[108] heaven[163]-gazer[103] and[236] sun[397]'s[483] pilot[559]! yesterday[235] I[482]
wrecked[527] thee[15], and[236] to[261]-day[112] the[19] compasses[344] would[282] fain[264] have[254] wrecked[527] me[2].
So[281], so[281]. But[330] Ahab[232] is[487] lord[106] over[82] the[19] level[378] loadstone[117] yet[443].
Mr[219]. Starbuck--a[10] lance[76] without[309] the[19] pole[20]; a[10] top[70]-maul[191], and[236] the[19] smallest[443]
of[89] the[19] sail[218]-maker[98]'s[483] needles[265]. Quick[241]!"

Accessory[111], perhaps[75], to[261] the[19] impulse[290] dictating[57] the[19] thing[309] he[362] was[454] now[20] about[123] to[261] do[353], were[324] certain[31] prudential[154] motives[5], whose[286] object[100] might[496] have[254] been[185] to[261] revive[117] the[19] spirits[471] of[89] his[433] crew[126] by[406] a[10] stroke[436] of[89] his[433] subtile[186] skill[502], in[107] a[10] matter[176] so[281] wondrous[30] as[113] that[14] of[89] the[19] inverted[93] compasses[344]. Besides[465], the[19] old[447] man[17] well[263] knew[480] that[14] to[261] steer[426] by[406] transpointed needles[265], though[400] clumsily[436] practicable[292], was[454] not[518] a[10] thing[309] to[261] be[341] passed[87] over[82] by[406] superstitious[49] sailors[64], without[309] some[265] shudderings[83] and[236] evil[2] portents[306].

"Men[62]," said[252] he[362], steadily[379] turning[69] upon[419] the[19] crew[126], as[113] the[19] mate[508] handed[189] him[248] the[19] things[4] he[362] had[364] demanded[223], "my[36] men[62], the[19] thunder[356] turned[492] old[447] Ahab[232]'s[483] needles[265]; but[330] out[66] of[89] this[256] bit[72] of[89] steel[184] Ahab[232] can[450] make[175] one[470] of[89] his[433] own[248], that[14] will[584] point[438] as[113] true[483] as[113] any[501]."

Abashed[497] glances[363] of[89] servile[305] wonder[76] were[324] exchanged[205] by[406] the[19] sailors[64], as[113] this[256] was[454] said[252]; and[236] with[449] fascinated[94] eyes[125] they[382] awaited[132] whatever[38] magic[54] might[496] follow[408]. But[330] Starbuck looked[232] away[443].

With[449] a[10] blow[230] from[316] the[19] top[70]-maul[191] Ahab[232] knocked[49] off[111] the[19] steel[184] head[219] of[89] the[19] lance[76], and[236] then[45] handing[353] to[261] the[19] mate[508] the[19] long[544] iron[169] rod[216] remaining[64], bade[411] him[248] hold[204] it[162] upright[145], without[309] its[234] touching[80] the[19] deck[505]. Then[45], with[449] the[19] maul[191], after[358] repeatedly[179] smiting[280] the[19] upper[403] end[149] of[89] this[256] iron[169] rod[216], he[362] placed[556] the[19] blunted[364] needle[459] endwise[10] on[392] the[19] top[70] of[89] it[162], and[236] less[261] strongly[168] hammered[193] that[14], several[479] times[121], the[19] mate[508] still[278] holding[311] the[19] rod[216] as[113] before[344]. Then[45] going[227] through[295] some[265] small[350] strange[440] motions[62] with[449] it[162]--whether[454] indispensable[470] to[261] the[19] magnetizing of[89] the[19] steel[184], or[519] merely[57] intended[495] to[261] augment[41] the[19] awe[305] of[89] the[19] crew[126], is[487] uncertain[396]-- he[362] called[237] for[190] linen[330] thread[44]; and[236] moving[316] to[261] the[19] binnacle[98], slipped[227] out[66] the[19] two[527] reversed[227] needles[265] there[340], and[236] horizontally[389] suspended[245] the[19] sail[218]-needle[459] by[406] its[234] middle[39], over[82] one[470] of[89] the[19] compass[463] cards[142]. At[65] first[13], the[19] steel[184] went[516] round[287] and[236] round[287], quivering[336] and[236] vibrating[436] at[65] either[45] end[149]; but[330] at[65] last[436] it[162] settled[540] to[261] its[234] place[107], when[189] Ahab[232], who[319] had[364] been[185] intently[258] watching[330] for[190] this[256] result[115], stepped[306] frankly[41] back[457] from[316] the[19] binnacle[98], and[236] pointing[295] his[433] stretched[63] arm[25] towards[417] it[162], exclaimed[281],--"Look[523] ye[483], for[190] yourselves[192], if[141] Ahab[232] be[341] not[518] the[19] lord[106] of[89] the[19] level[378] loadstone[117]! The[19] sun[397] is[487] East[524], and[236] that[14] compass[463] swears[274] it[162]!"

One[470] after[358] another[269] they[382] peered[446] in[107], for[190] nothing[324] but[330] their[219] own[248] eyes[125] could[375] persuade[223] such[420] ignorance[211] as[113] theirs[137], and[236] one[470] after[358] another[269] they[382] slunk[21] away[443].

In[107] his[433] fiery[42] eyes[125] of[89] scorn[8] and[236] triumph[191], you[227] then[45] saw[113] Ahab[232] in[107] all[145] his[433] fatal[460] pride[279].

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The[19] Log[127] and[236] Line[25]

While[55] now[20] the[19] fated[217] Pequod[288] had[364] been[185] so[281] long[544] afloat[2] this[256] voyage[137], the[19] log[127] and[236] line[25] had[364] but[330] very[515] seldom[140] been[185] in[107] use[176]. Owing[98] to[261] a[10] confident[122] reliance[9] upon[419] other[282] means[502] of[89] determining[1] the[19] vessel[155]'s[483] place[107], some[265] merchantmen[52], and[236] many[282] whalemen[451], especially[371] when[189] cruising[298], wholly[497] neglect[367] to[261] heave[308] the[19] log[127]; though[400] at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577], and[236] frequently[475] more[348] for[190] form[238]'s[483] sake[523] than[77] anything[480] else[212], regularly[37] putting[243] down[133] upon[419] the[19] customary[79] slate[434] the[19] course[171] steered[106] by[406] the[19] ship[438], as[113] well[263] as[113] the[19] presumed[300] average[147] rate[515] of[89] progression[350] every[389] hour[384]. It[162] had[364] been[185] thus[362] with[449] the[19] Pequod[288]. The[19] wooden[35] reel[315] and[236] angular[120] log[127] attached[211] hung[479], long[544] untouched[151], just[108] beneath[320] the[19] railing[174] of[89] the[19] after[358] bulwarks[411]. Rains[310] and[236] spray[76] had[364] damped[117] it[162]; the[19] sun[397] and[236] wind[262] had[364] warped[355] it[162]; all[145] the[19] elements[225] had[364] combined[265] to[261] rot[232] a[10] thing[309] that[14] hung[479] so[281] idly[188]. But[330] heedless[376] of[89] all[145] this[256], his[433] mood[547] seized[337] Ahab[232], as[113] he[362] happened[156] to[261] glance[362] upon[419] the[19] reel[315], not[518] many[282] hours[127] after[358] the[19] magnet[506] scene[228], and[236] he[362] remembered[66] how[19] his[433] quadrant[24] was[454] no[235] more[348], and[236] recalled[346] his[433] frantic[211] oath[115] about[123] the[19] level[378] log[127] and[236] line[25]. The[19] ship[438] was[454] sailing[232] plungingly[22]; astern[39] the[19] billows[295] rolled[226] in[107] riots[425].

"Forward[364], there[340]! Heave[308] the[19] log[127]!"

Two[527] seamen[6] came[549]. The[19] golden[508]-hued[188] Tahitian[116] and[236] the[19] grizzly[55] Manxman. "Take[279] the[19] reel[315], one[470] of[89] ye[483], I[482]'ll[300] heave[308]."

They[382] went[516] towards[417] the[19] extreme[31] stern[442], on[392] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] lee[472] side[246], where[579] the[19] deck[505], with[449] the[19] oblique[212] energy[182] of[89] the[19] wind[262], was[454] now[20] almost[518] dipping[199] into[554] the[19] creamy[205], sidelong[203]-rushing[344] sea[67].

The[19] Manxman took[68] the[19] reel[315], and[236] holding[311] it[162] high[361] up[405], by[406] the[19] projecting[336] handle[546]-ends[301] of[89] the[19] spindle[284], round[287] which[16] the[19] spool[163] of[89] line[25] revolved[75], so[281] stood[1] with[449] the[19] angular[120] log[127] hanging[222] downwards[468], till[181] Ahab[232] advanced[55] to[261] him[248].

Ahab[232] stood[1] before[344] him[248], and[236] was[454] lightly[284] unwinding[157] some[265] thirty[521] or[519] forty[525] turns[136] to[261] form[238] a[10] preliminary[32] hand[252]-coil[32] to[261] toss[237] overboard[247],

when[189] the[19] old[447] Manxman, who[319] was[454] intently[258] eyeing[49] both[558] him[248] and[236] the[19] line[25], made[563] bold[356] to[261] speak[337].

"Sir[271], I[482] mistrust[74] it[162]; this[256] line[25] looks[150] far[258] gone[190], long[544] heat[218] and[236] wet[299] have[254] spoiled[282] it[162]."

"'Twill hold[204], old[447] gentleman[399]. Long[544] heat[218] and[236] wet[299], have[254] they[382] spoiled[282] thee[15]? Thou[173] seem[404]'st[193] to[261] hold[204]. Or[519], truer[134] perhaps[75], life[71] holds[92] thee[15]; not[518] thou[173] it[162]."

"I[482] hold[204] the[19] spool[163], sir[271]. But[330] just[108] as[113] my[36] captain[295] says[424]. With[449] these[527] grey[491] hairs[47] of[89] mine[482] 'tis not[518] worth[84] while[55] disputing[144], 'specially[87] with[449] a[10] superior[479], who[319]'ll[300] ne'er[190] confess[315]."

"What[243]'s[483] that[14]? There[340] now[20]'s[483] a[10] patched[435] professor[281] in[107] Queen[443] Nature[159]'s[483] granite[192]-founded[113] College[400]; but[330] methinks[462] he[362]'s[483] too[11] subservient[507]. Where[579] wert[508] thou[173] born[236]?"

"In[107] the[19] little[554] rocky[218] Isle[41] of[89] Man[17], sir[271]."

"Excellent[161]! Thou[173]'st[181] hit[322] the[19] world[126] by[406] that[14]."

"I[482] know[60] not[518], sir[271], but[330] I[482] was[454] born[236] there[340]."

"In[107] the[19] Isle[41] of[89] Man[17], hey[382]? Well[263], the[19] other[282] way[435], it[162]'s[483] good[221]. Here[135]'s[483] a[10] man[17] from[316] Man[17]; a[10] man[17] born[236] in[107] once[248] independent[330] Man[17], and[236] now[20] unmanned[351] of[89] Man[17]; which[16] is[487] sucked[355] in[107]--by[406] what[243]? Up[405] with[449] the[19] reel[315]! The[19] dead[568], blind[375] wall[509] butts[83] all[145] inquiring[24] heads[366] at[65] last[436]. Up[405] with[449] it[162]! So[281]."

The[19] log[127] was[454] heaved[52]. The[19] loose[159] coils[259] rapidly[116] straightened[346] out[66] in[107] a[10] long[544] dragging[248] line[25] astern[39], and[236] then[45], instantly[186], the[19] reel[315] began[132] to[261] whirl[111]. In[107] turn[17], jerkingly raised[493] and[236] lowered[279] by[406] the[19] rolling[253] billows[295], the[19] towing[78] resistance[262] of[89] the[19] log[127] caused[308] the[19] old[447] reelman to[261] stagger[106] strangely[155].

"Hold[204] hard[337]!"

Snap[110]! the[19] overstrained[83] line[25] sagged[466] down[133] in[107] one[470] long[544] festoon[28]; the[19] tugging[152] log[127] was[454] gone[190].

"I[482] crush[482] the[19] quadrant[24], the[19] thunder[356] turns[136] the[19] needles[265], and[236] now[20] the[19] mad[235] sea[67] parts[470] the[19] log[127]-line[25]. But[330] Ahab[232] can[450] mend[220] all[145]. Haul[19] in[107] here[135], Tahitian[116]; reel[315] up[405], Manxman. And[236] look[523] ye[483], let[66] the[19] carpenter[262] make[175] another[269] log[127], and[236] mend[220] thou[173] the[19] line[25]. See[370] to[261] it[162]."

"There[340] he[362] goes[205] now[20]; to[261] him[248] nothing[324]'s[483] happened[156]; but[330] to[261] me[2], the[19] skewer[327] seems[19] loosening[24] out[66] of[89] the[19] middle[39] of[89] the[19] world[126]. Haul[19] in[107], haul[19] in[107], Tahitian[116]! These[527] lines[241] run[172] whole[199], and[236] whirling[122] out[66]: come[420] in[107] broken[255], and[236] dragging[248] slow[96]. Ha[387], Pip[238]? come[420] to[261] help[526]; eh[76], Pip[238]?"

"Pip[238]? whom[324] call[259] ye[483] Pip[238]? Pip[238] jumped[499] from[316] the[19] whaleboat[39]. Pip[238]'s[483] missing[210]. Let[66]'s[483] see[370] now[20] if[141] ye[483] haven[432]'t[500] fished[181] him[248] up[405] here[135], fisherman[18]. It[162] drags[295] hard[337]; I[482] guess[304] he[362]'s[483] holding[311] on[392]. Jerk[451] him[248], Tahiti[183]! Jerk[451] him[248] off[111] we[465] haul[19] in[107] no[235] cowards[394] here[135]. Ho[31]! there[340]'s[483] his[433] arm[25] just[108] breaking[6] water[520]. A[10] hatchet[273]! a[10] hatchet[273]! cut[310] it[162] off[111]--we[465] haul[19] in[107] no[235] cowards[394] here[135]. Captain[295] Ahab[232]! sir[271], sir[271]! here[135]'s[483] Pip[238], trying[83] to[261] get[126] on[392] board[540] again[52]."

"Peace[216], thou[173] crazy[418] loon[398]," cried[506] the[19] Manxman, seizing[327] him[248] by[406] the[19] arm[25]. "Away[443] from[316] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505]!"

"The[19] greater[505] idiot[475] ever[208] scolds[41] the[19] lesser[320]," muttered[180] Ahab[232], advancing[444]. "Hands[87] off[111] from[316] that[14] holiness[216]! Where[579] sayest[56] thou[173] Pip[238] was[454], boy[110]?

"Astern[39] there[340], sir[271], astern[39]! Lo[418]! lo[418]!"

"And[236] who[319] art[462] thou[173], boy[110]? I[482] see[370] not[518] my[36] reflection[266] in[107] the[19] vacant[367] pupils[304] of[89] thy[43] eyes[125]. Oh[367] God[185]! that[14] man[17] should[255] be[341] a[10] thing[309] for[190] immortal[15] souls[82] to[261] sieve[331] through[295]! Who[319] art[462] thou[173], boy[110]?"

"Bell[28]-boy[110], sir[271]; ship[438]'s[483]-crier; ding[117], dong[192], ding[117]! Pip[238]! Pip[238]! Pip[238]! One[470] hundred[93] pounds[74] of[89] clay[370] reward[116] for[190] Pip[238]; five[103] feet[349] high[361]--looks[150] cowardly[181]--quickest[49] known[86] by[406] that[14]! Ding[117], dong[192], ding[117]! Who[319]'s[483] seen[154] Pip[238] the[19] coward[92]?"

"There[340] can[450] be[341] no[235] hearts[431] above[502] the[19] snow[498]-line[25]. Oh[367], ye[483] frozen[446] heavens[494]! look[523] down[133] here[135]. Ye[483] did[444] beget[415] this[256] luckless[122] child[451], and[236] have[254] abandoned[493] him[248], ye[483] creative[317] libertines[102]. Here[135], boy[110]; Ahab[232]'s[483] cabin[192] shall[66] be[341] Pip[238]'s[483] home[450] henceforth[515], while[55] Ahab[232] lives[245]. Thou[173] touchest[475] my[36] inmost[279] centre[389], boy[110]; thou[173] art[462] tied[101] to[261] me[2] by[406] cords[388] woven[26] of[89] my[36] heart[470]-strings[12]. Come[420], let[66]'s[483] down[133]."

"What[243]'s[483] this[256]? here[135]'s[483] velvet[136] shark[4]-skin[428]," intently[258] gazing[117] at[65] Ahab[232]'s[483] hand[252], and[236] feeling[384] it[162]. "Ah[132], now[20], had[364] poor[533] Pip[238] but[330] felt[440] so[281] kind[451] a[10] thing[309] as[113] this[256], perhaps[75] he[362] had[364] ne'er[190] been[185] lost[308]! This[256] seems[19] to[261] me[2], sir[271], as[113] a[10] man[17]-rope[98]; something[181] that[14] weak[216] souls[82] may[236] hold[204] by[406]. Oh[367], sir[271], let[66] old[447] Perth[163] now[20] come[420] and[236] rivet[295] these[527] two[527] hands[87] together[440]; the[19] black[581] one[470] with[449] the[19] white[82],

for[190] I[482] will[584] not[518] let[66] this[256] go[20]."

"Oh[367], boy[110], nor[137] will[584] I[482] thee[15], unless[54] I[482] should[255] thereby[190] drag[426] thee[15]
to[261] worse[561] horrors[403] than[77] are[314] here[135]. Come[420], then[45], to[261] my[36] cabin[192].
Lo[418]! ye[483] believers[54] in[107] gods[325] all[145] goodness[64], and[236] in[107] man[17] all[145] ill[236],
lo[418] you[227]! see[370] the[19] omniscient[310] gods[325] oblivious[86] of[89] suffering[543] man[17];
and[236] man[17], though[400] idiotic[283], and[236] knowing[240] not[518] what[243] he[362] does[565], yet[443] full[414]
of[89] the[19] sweet[417] things[4] of[89] love[391] and[236] gratitude[388]. Come[420]! I[482] feel[461] prouder[207]
leading[59] thee[15] by[406] thy[43] black[581] hand[252], than[77] though[400] I[482] grasped[101] an[138] Emperor[262]'s[483]!"

"There[340] go[20] two[527] daft[104] ones[396] now[20]," muttered[180] the[19] old[447] Manxman.
"One[470] daft[104] with[449] strength[168], the[19] other[282] daft[104] with[449] weakness[304].
But[330] here[135]'s[483] the[19] end[149] of[89] the[19] rotten[57] line[25]--all[145] dripping[92], too[11].
Mend[220] it[162], eh[76]? I[482] think[424] we[465] had[364] best[315] have[254] a[10] new[36] line[25] altogether[31].
I[482]'ll[300] see[370] Mr[219]. Stubb about[123] it[162]."

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The[19] Life[71]-Buoy[84]

Steering[252] now[20] south[257]-eastward[244] by[406] Ahab[232]'s[483] levelled[126] steel[184],
and[236] her[400] progress[538] solely[41] determined[339] by[406] Ahab[232]'s[483] level[378] log[127] and[236] line[25];
the[19] Pequod[288] held[212] on[392] her[400] path[234] towards[417] the[19] Equator[136]. Making[415] so[281] long[544]
a[10] passage[285] through[295] such[420] unfrequented[31] waters[556], descrying[141] no[235] ships[21],
and[236] ere[83] long[544], sideways[496] impelled[104] by[406] unvarying[19] trade[335] winds[399],
over[82] waves[443] monotonously[446] mild[117]; all[145] these[527] seemed[132] the[19] strange[440] calm[39]
things[4] preluding[80] some[265] riotous[448] and[236] desperate[316] scene[228].

At[65] last[436], when[189] the[19] ship[438] drew[175] near[70] to[261] the[19] outskirts[435], as[113] it[162] were[324],
of[89] the[19] Equatorial[105] fishing[260]-ground[127], and[236] in[107] the[19] deep[483] darkness[493] that[14]
goes[205] before[344] the[19] dawn[72], was[454] sailing[232] by[406] a[10] cluster[465] of[89] rocky[218] islets[6];
the[19] watch[89]--then[45] headed[124] by[406] Flask[199]--was[454] startled[475] by[406] a[10] cry[561] so[281] plaintively[70]
wild[230] and[236] unearthly[110]--like[410] half[119]-articulated[423] wailings[157] of[89] the[19] ghosts[44]
of[89] all[145] Herod[173]'s[483] murdered[273] Innocents[38]--that[14] one[470] and[236] all[145], they[382] started[492]
from[316] their[219] reveries[423], and[236] for[190] the[19] space[468] of[89] some[265] moments[434] stood[1],
or[519] sat[77], or[519] leaned[265] all[145] transfixed[259] by[406] listening[19], like[410] the[19] carved[455]
Roman[333] slave[126], while[55] that[14] wild[230] cry[561] remained[72] within[503] hearing[325].
The[19] Christian[235] or[519] civilized[441] part[207] of[89] the[19] crew[126] said[252] it[162] was[454] mermaids[51],
and[236] shuddered[147]; but[330] the[19] pagan[118] harpooneers remained[72] unappalled[104].
Yet[443] the[19] grey[491] Manxman--the[19] oldest[248] mariner[265] of[89] all[145]--declared[29] that[14]
the[19] wild[230] thrilling[128] sounds[394] that[14] were[324] heard[444], were[324] the[19] voices[386] of[89] newly[318]
drowned[83] men[62] in[107] the[19] sea[67].

Below[397] in[107] his[433] hammock[323], Ahab[232] did[444] not[518] hear[386] of[89] this[256] till[181] grey[491] dawn[72],
when[189] he[362] came[549] to[261] the[19] deck[505]; it[162] was[454] then[45] recounted[181] to[261] him[248] by[406] Flask[199],
not[518] unaccompanied[19] with[449] hinted[253] dark[471] meanings[186]. He[362] hollowly[462] laughed[166],
and[236] thus[362] explained[492] the[19] wonder[76].

Those[427] rocky[218] islands[59] the[19] ship[438] had[364] passed[87] were[324] the[19] resort[425] of[89] great[259] numbers[285]
of[89] seals[221], and[236] some[265] young[389] seals[221] that[14] had[364] lost[308] their[219] dams[212], or[519] some[265] dams[212]
that[14] had[364] lost[308] their[219] cubs[399], must[226] have[254] risen[280] nigh[254] the[19] ship[438] and[236] kept[290]
company[280] with[449] her[400], crying[321] and[236] sobbing[97] with[449] their[219] human[43] sort[42] of[89] wail[86].
But[330] this[256] only[517] the[19] more[348] affected[283] some[265] of[89] them[146], because[540] most[216] mariners[347]
cherish[181] a[10] very[515] superstitious[49] feeling[384] about[123] seals[221], arising[303] not[518] only[517] from[316]
their[219] peculiar[291] tones[129] when[189] in[107] distress[273], but[330] also[119] from[316] the[19] human[43] look[523]
of[89] their[219] round[287] heads[366] and[236] semi-intelligent[346] faces[97], seen[154] peeringly[83] uprising[375]
from[316] the[19] water[520] alongside[540]. In[107] the[19] sea[67], under[533] certain[31] circumstances[267],
seals[221] have[254] more[348] than[77] once[248] been[185] mistaken[49] for[190] men[62].

But[330] the[19] bodings[66] of[89] the[19] crew[126] were[324] destined[197] to[261] receive[327] a[10] most[216] plausible[444]
confirmation[86] in[107] the[19] fate[74] of[89] one[470] of[89] their[219] number[196] that[14] morning[417].
At[65] sun[397]-rise[251] this[256] man[17] went[516] from[316] his[433] hammock[323] to[261] his[433] mast[44]-head[116] at[65] the[19] fore[259];
and[236] whether[454] it[162] was[454] that[14] he[362] was[454] not[518] yet[443] half[119] waked[364] from[316] his[433] sleep[233]
(for[190] sailors[64] sometimes[77] go[20] aloft[276] in[107] a[10] transition[59] state[135]), whether[454] it[162]
was[454] thus[362] with[449] the[19] man[17], there[340] is[487] now[20] no[235] telling[196]; but[330], be[341] that[14] as[113] it[162] may[236],
he[362] had[364] not[518] been[185] long[544] at[65] his[433] perch[295], when[189] a[10] cry[561] was[454] heard[444]--a[10] cry[561]
and[236] a[10] rushing[344]--and[236] looking[318] up[405], they[382] saw[113] a[10] falling[498] phantom[101] in[107] the[19] air[209];
and[236] looking[318] down[133], a[10] little[554] tossed[227] heap[31] of[89] white[82] bubbles[552] in[107] the[19] blue[240]
of[89] the[19] sea[67].

The[19] life[71]-buoy[84]--a[10] long[544] slender[122] cask[503]--was[454] dropped[2] from[316] the[19] stern[442], where[579] it[162]
always[367] hung[479] obedient[170] to[261] a[10] cunning[198] spring[148]; but[330] no[235] hand[252] rose[449] to[261] seize[445] it[162],
and[236] the[19] sun[397] having[69] long[544] beat[449] upon[419] this[256] cask[503] it[162] had[364] shrunken[246], so[281] that[14] it[162]
slowly[149] filled[232], and[236] the[19] parched[186] wood[46] also[119] filled[232] at[65] its[234] every[389] pore[396];
and[236] the[19] studded[223] iron[169]-bound[108] cask[503] followed[234] the[19] sailor[561] to[261] the[19] bottom[461],
as[113] if[141] to[261] yield[39] him[248] his[433] pillow[376], though[400] in[107] sooth[142] but[330] a[10] hard[337] one[470].

And[236] thus[362] the[19] first[13] man[17] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288] that[14] mounted[191] the[19] mast[44]
to[261] look[523] out[66] for[190] the[19] White[82] Whale[422], on[392] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]'s[483] own[248]
peculiar[291] ground[127]; that[14] man[17] was[454] swallowed[104] up[405] in[107] the[19] deep[483].
But[330] few[49], perhaps[75], thought[186] of[89] that[14] at[65] the[19] time[577]. Indeed[522], in[107] some[265] sort[42],
they[382] were[324] not[518] grieved[17] at[65] this[256] event[28], at[65] least[453] as[113] a[10] portent[83];

for[190] they[382] regarded[393] it[162], not[518] as[113] a[10] fore[259]-shadowing of[89] evil[2] in[107] the[19] future[44], but[330] as[113] the[19] fulfilment[371] of[89] an[138] evil[2] already[93] presaged[191]. They[382] declared[29] that[14] now[20] they[382] knew[480] the[19] reason[238] of[89] those[427] wild[230] shrieks[400] they[382] had[364] heard[444] the[19] night[108] before[344]. But[330] again[52] the[19] old[447] Manxman said[252] nay[358].

The[19] lost[308] life[71]-buoy[84] was[454] now[20] to[261] be[341] replaced[161]; Starbuck was[454] directed[498] to[261] see[370] to[261] it[162]; but[330] as[113] no[235] cask[503] of[89] sufficient[124] lightness[102] could[375] be[341] found[260], and[236] as[113] in[107] the[19] feverish[221] eagerness[275] of[89] what[243] seemed[132] the[19] approaching[271] crisis[350] of[89] the[19] voyage[137], all[145] hands[87] were[324] impatient[160] of[89] any[501] toil[89] but[330] what[243] was[454] directly[58] connected[202] with[449] its[234] final[357] end[149], whatever[38] that[14] might[496] prove[396] to[261] be[341]; therefore[94], they[382] were[324] going[227] to[261] leave[450] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] stern[442] unprovided[116] with[449] a[10] buoy[84], when[189] by[406] certain[31] strange[440] signs[211] and[236] inuendoes[256] Queequeg hinted[253] a[10] hint[335] concerning[368] his[433] coffin[284].

"A[10] life[71]-buoy[84] of[89] a[10] coffin[284]!" cried[506] Starbuck, starting[423].

"Rather[178] queer[156], that[14], I[482] should[255] say[306]," said[252] Stubb.

"It[162] will[584] make[175] a[10] good[221] enough[217] one[470]," said[252] Flask[199], "the[19] carpenter[262] here[135] can[450] arrange[110] it[162] easily[45]."

"Bring[173] it[162] up[405]; there[340]'s[483] nothing[324] else[212] for[190] it[162]," said[252] Starbuck, after[358] a[10] melancholy[398] pause[391]. "Rig[415] it[162], carpenter[262]; do[353] not[518] look[523] at[65] me[2] so[281]--the[19] coffin[284], I[482] mean[504]. Dost[306] thou[173] hear[386] me[2]? Rig[415] it[162]."

"And[236] shall[66] I[482] nail[367] down[133] the[19] lid[157], sir[271]?" moving[316] his[433] hand[252] as[113] with[449] a[10] hammer[364].

"Aye[86]."

"And[236] shall[66] I[482] caulk[65] the[19] seams[155], sir[271]?" moving[316] his[433] hand[252] as[113] with[449] a[10] caulking[98]-iron[169].

"Aye[86]."

"And[236] shall[66] I[482] then[45] pay[496] over[82] the[19] same[541] with[449] pitch[115], sir[271]?" moving[316] his[433] hand[252] as[113] with[449] a[10] pitch[115]-pot[209].

Away[443]! What[243] possesses[87] thee[15] to[261] this[256]? Make[175] a[10] life[71]-buoy[84] of[89] the[19] coffin[284], and[236] no[235] more[348].--Mr[219]. Stubb, Mr[219]. Flask[199], come[420] forward[364] with[449] me[2]."

"He[362] goes[205] off[111] in[107] a[10] huff[409]. The[19] whole[199] he[362] can[450] endure[161]; at[65] the[19] parts[470] he[362] baulks[183]. Now[20] I[482] don[280]'t[500] like[410] this[256]. I[482] make[175] a[10] leg[331] for[190] Captain[295] Ahab[232], and[236] he[362] wears[270] it[162] like[410] a[10] gentleman[399]; but[330] I[482] make[175] a[10] bandbox[88] for[190] Queequeg, and[236] he[362] won't[500] put[190] his[433] head[219] into[554] it[162]. Are[314] all[145] my[36] pains[97] to[261] go[20] for[190] nothing[324] with[449] that[14] coffin[284]? And[236] now[20] I[482]'m[250] ordered[143] to[261] make[175] a[10] life[71]-buoy[84] of[89] it[162]. It[162]'s[483] like[410] turning[69] an[138] old[447] coat[7]; going[227] to[261] bring[173] the[19] flesh[331] on[392] the[19] other[282] side[246] now[20]. I[482] don[280]'t[500] like[410] this[256] cobbling[199] sort[42] of[89] business[168]--I[482] don[280]'t[500] like[410] it[162] at[65] all[145]; it[162]'s[483] undignified[116]; it[162]'s[483] not[518] my[36] place[107]. Let[66] tinkers[461]' brats[407] do[353] tinkerings; we[465] are[314] their[219] betters[77]. I[482] like[410] to[261] take[279] in[107] hand[252] none[365] but[330] clean[26], virgin[317], fair[320]-and[236]-square[302] mathematical[368] jobs[425], something[181] that[14] regularly[37] begins[374] at[65] the[19] beginning[188], and[236] is[487] at[65] the[19] middle[39] when[189] midway[418], and[236] comes[268] to[261] an[138] end[149] at[65] the[19] conclusion[330]; not[518] a[10] cobbler[73]'s[483] job[269], that[14]'s[76] at[65] an[138] end[149] in[107] the[19] middle[39], and[236] at[65] the[19] beginning[188] at[65] the[19] end[149]. It[162]'s[483] the[19] old[447] woman[448]'s[483] tricks[110] to[261] be[341] giving[207] cobbling[199] jobs[425]. Lord[106]! what[243] an[138] affection[35] all[145] old[447] women[275] have[254] for[190] tinkers[461]. I[482] know[60] an[138] old[447] woman[448] of[89] sixty[332]-five[402] who[319] ran[391] away[443] with[449] a[10] bald[117]-headed[24] young[389] tinker[44] once[248]. And[236] that[14]'s[76] the[19] reason[238] I[482] never[206] would[282] work[385] for[190] lonely[137] widow[231] old[447] women[275] ashore[122] when[189] I[482] kept[290] my[36] job[269]-shop[245] in[107] the[19] Vineyard[92]; they[382] might[496] have[254] taken[222] it[162] into[554] their[219] lonely[137] old[447] heads[366] to[261] run[172] off[111] with[449] me[2]. But[330] heigh-ho[31]! there[340] are[314] no[235] caps[214] at[65] sea[67] but[330] snow[498]-caps[214]. Let[66] me[2] see[370]. Nail[367] down[133] the[19] lid[157]; caulk[65] the[19] seams[155]; pay[496] over[82] the[19] same[541] with[449] pitch[115]; batten[422] them[146] down[133] tight[369], and[236] hang[253] it[162] with[449] the[19] snap[110]-spring[148] over[82] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] stern[442]. Were[324] ever[208] such[420] things[4] done[135] before[344] with[449] a[10] coffin[284]? Some[265] superstitious[49] old[447] carpenters[185], now[20], would[282] be[341] tied[101] up[405] in[107] the[19] rigging[516], ere[83] they[382] would[282] do[353] the[19] job[269]. But[330] I[482]'m[250] made[563] of[89] knotty[468] Aroostook[25] hemlock[501]; I[482] don[280]'t[500] budge[278]. Cruppered with[449] a[10] coffin[284]! Sailing[232] about[123] with[449] a[10] grave[344]-yard[258] tray[163]! But[330] never[206] mind[118]. We[465] workers[6] in[107] woods[29] make[175] bridal[23] bedsteads[181] and[236] card[351]-tables[13], as[113] well[263] as[113] coffins[259] and[236] hearses[124]. We[465] work[385] by[406] the[19] month[438], or[519] by[406] the[19] job[269], or[519] by[406] the[19] profit[498]; not[518] for[190] us[569] to[261] ask[238] the[19] why[177] and[236] wherefore[220] of[89] our[234] work[385], unless[54] it[162] be[341] too[11] confounded[379] cobbling[199], and[236] then[45] we[465] stash it[162] if[141] we[465] can[450]. Hem[322]! I[482]'ll[300] do[353] the[19] job[269], now[20], tenderly[452]. I[482]'ll[300] have[254] me[2]--let[66]'s[483] see[370]--how[19] many[282] in[107] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] company[280], all[145] told[82]? But[330] I[482]'ve[149] forgotten[170]. Any[501] way[435], I[482]'ll[300] have[254] me[2] thirty[521] separate[495], Turk[291]'s[483]-headed[124] life[71]-lines[241], each[520] three[329] feet[349] long[544] hanging[222] all[145] round[287] to[261] the[19] coffin[284]. Then[45], if[141] the[19] hull[323] go[20] down[133], there[340]'ll[300] be[341] thirty[521] lively[272] fellows[131] all[145] fighting[292] for[190] one[470] coffin[284], a[10] sight[365] not[518] seen[154] very[515] often[227] beneath[320] the[19] sun[397]! Come[420] hammer[364], caulking[98]-iron[169], pitch[115]-pot[209], and[236] marling-spike[445]! Let[66]'s[483] to[261] it[162]."

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The[19] Deck[505]

The[19] coffin[284] laid[181] upon[419] two[527] line[25]-tubs[410], between[77] the[19] vice[443]-bench[80]
and[236] the[19] open[464] hatchway[64]; the[19] Carpenter[262] caulking[98] its[234] seams[155];
the[19] string[446] of[89] twisted[279] oakum[4] slowly[149] unwinding[157] from[316] a[10] large[385] roll[473]
of[89] it[162] placed[556] in[107] the[19] bosom[82] of[89] his[433] frock[200].--Ahab[232] comes[268] slowly[149]
from[316] the[19] cabin[192]-gangway[240], and[236] hears[561] Pip[238] following[181] him[248].

Back[457] lad[342]; I[482] will[584] be[341] with[449] ye[483] again[52] presently[166]. He[362] goes[205]!
Not[518] this[256] hand[252] complies[86] with[449] my[36] humor[368] more[348] genially[83] than[77] that[14] boy[110].--
Middle[39] aisle[461] of[89] a[10] church[317]! What[243]'s[483] here[135]?"

"Life[71]-buoy[84], sir[271]. Mr[219]. Starbuck's[483] orders[199]. Oh[367], look[523], sir[271]!
Beware[255] the[19] hatchway[64]!"

"Thank[166] ye[483], man[17]. Thy[43] coffin[284] lies[27] handy[270] to[261] the[19] vault[84]."

"Sir[271]? The[19] hatchway[64]? oh[367]! So[281] it[162] does[565], sir[271], so[281] it[162] does[565]."

"Art[462] not[518] thou[173] the[19] leg[331]-maker? Look[523], did[444] not[518] this[256] stump[277] come[420]
from[316] thy[43] shop[245]?"

"I[482] believe[191] it[162] did[444], sir[271]; does[565] the[19] ferrule[57] stand[530], sir[271]?"

"Well[263] enough[217]. But[330] art[462] thou[173] not[518] also[119] the[19] undertaker[4]?"

"Aye[86], sir[271]; I[482] patched[435] up[405] this[256] thing[309] here[135] as[113] a[10] coffin[284] for[190] Queequeg;
but[330] they[382]'ve[477] set[422] me[2] now[20] to[261] turning[69] it[162] into[554] something[181] else[212]."

"Then[45] tell[392] me[2]; art[462] thou[173] not[518] an[138] arrant[377], all[145]-grasping[102], intermeddling[24],
monopolizing[136], heathenish[320] old[447] scamp[296], to[261] be[341] one[470] day[112] making[415] legs[108],
and[236] the[19] next[27] day[112] coffins[259] to[261] clap[225] them[146] in[107], and[236] yet[443] again[52] life[71]-buoys[39]
out[66] of[89] those[427] same[541] coffins[259]? Thou[173] art[462] as[113] unprincipled[355] as[113] the[19] gods[325],
and[236] as[113] much[61] of[89] a[10] jack[299]-of[89]-all[145]-trades[111]."

"But[330] I[482] do[353] not[518] mean[504] anything[480], sir[271]. I[482] do[353] as[113] I[482] do[353]."

"The[19] gods[325] again[52]. Hark[313] ye[483], dost[306] thou[173] not[518] ever[208] sing[549] working[113] about[123]
a[10] coffin[284]? The[19] Titans[132], they[382] say[306], hummed[459] snatches[366] when[189] chipping[86] out[66]
the[19] craters[26] for[190] volcanoes[102]; and[236] the[19] grave[344]-digger[78] in[107] the[19] play[89] sings[197],
spade[19] in[107] hand[252]. Dost[306] thou[173] never[206]?"

"Sing[549], sir[271]? Do[353] I[482] sing[549]? Oh[367], I[482]'m[250] indifferent[255] enough[217], sir[271], for[190] that[14];
but[330] the[19] reason[238] why[177] the[19] grave[344]-digger[78] made[563] music[91] must[226] have[254] been[185] because[540]
there[340] was[454] none[365] in[107] his[433] spade[19], sir[271]. But[330] the[19] caulking[98] mallet[409] is[487] full[414] of[89] it[162].
Hark[313] to[261] it[162]."

"Aye[86], and[236] that[14]'s[76] because[540] the[19] lid[157] there[340]'s[483] a[10] sounding[331]-board[540];
and[236] what[243] in[107] all[145] things[4] makes[32] the[19] sounding[331]-board[540] is[487] this[256]--
there[340]'s[483] naught[80] beneath[320]. And[236] yet[443], a[10] coffin[284] with[449] a[10] body[348] in[107] it[162] rings[25]
pretty[252] much[61] the[19] same[541], Carpenter[262]. Hast[174] thou[173] ever[208] helped[204] carry[160] a[10] bier[4],
and[236] heard[444] the[19] coffin[284] knock[142] against[417] the[19] churchyard[63] gate[481], going[227] in[107]?

"Faith[511], sir[271], I[482]'ve[149]-"

"Faith[511]? What[243]'s[483] that[14]?"

"Why[177], faith[511], sir[271], it[162]'s[483] only[517] a[10] sort[42] of[89] exclamation[156]-like[410]--
that[14]'s[76] all[145], sir[271]."

"Um[13], um[13]; go[20] on[392]."

"I[482] was[454] about[123] to[261] say[306], sir[271], that[14]-"

"Art[462] thou[173] a[10] silk[55]-worm[128]? Dost[306] thou[173] spin[218] thy[43] own[248] shroud[260] out[66] of[89] thyself[402]?
Look[523] at[65] thy[43] bosom[82]! Despatch[214]! and[236] get[126] these[527] traps[336] out[66] of[89] sight[365]."

"He[362] goes[205] aft[2]. That[14] was[454] sudden[309], now[20]; but[330] squalls[104] come[420] sudden[309]
in[107] hot[424] latitudes[267]. I[482]'ve[149] heard[444] that[14] the[19] Isle[41] of[89] Albermarle[92],
one[470] of[89] the[19] Gallipagos[283], is[487] cut[310] by[406] the[19] Equator[136] right[499] in[107] the[19] middle[39].
Seems[19] to[261] me[2] some[265] sort[42] of[89] Equator[136] cuts[26] yon[252] old[447] man[17], too[11], right[499] in[107]
his[433] middle[39]. He[362]'s[483] always[367] under[533] the[19] Line[25]--fiery[42] hot[424], I[482] tell[392] ye[483]!
He[362]'s[483] looking[318] this[256] way[435]--come[420], oakum[4]; quick[241]. Here[135] we[465] go[20] again[52].
This[256] wooden[35] mallet[409] is[487] the[19] cork[4], and[236] I[482]'m[250] the[19] professor[281] of[89]
musical[557] glasses[527]--tap[367], tap[367]!"

(Ahab[232] to[261] himself[282])

"There[340]'s[483] a[10] sight[365]! There[340]'s[483] a[10] sound[181]! The[19] greyheaded[24] wood[46]-pecker
tapping[202] the[19] hollow[511] tree[482]! Blind[375] and[236] dumb[371] might[496] well[263] be[341] envied[493] now[20].
See[370]! that[14] thing[309] rests[154] on[392] two[527] line[25]-tubs[410], full[414] of[89] tow[160]-lines[340].
A[10] most[216] malicious[361] wag[26], that[14] fellow[369]. Rat[170]-tat! So[281] man[17]'s[415]
seconds[92] tick[17]! Oh[367]! how[19] immaterial[477] are[314] all[145] materials[363]!
What[243] things[4] real[305] are[314] there[340], but[330] imponderable[167] thoughts[26]?
Here[135] now[20]'s[483] the[19] very[515] dreaded[15] symbol[426] of[89] grim[19] death[543], by[406] a[10] mere[393] hap[224],
made[563] the[19] expressive[234] sign[8] of[89] the[19] help[526] and[236] hope[211] of[89] most[216]
endangered[350] life[71]. A[10] life[71]-buoy[84] of[89] a[10] coffin[284]! Does[565] it[162] go[20] further[53]?
Can[450] it[162] be[341] that[14] in[107] some[265] spiritual[467] sense[85] the[19] coffin[284] is[487], after[358] all[145],

but[330] an[138] immortality[181]-preserver! I[482]'ll[300] think[424] of[89] that[14]. But[330] no[235].
So[281] far[258] gone[190] am[375] I[482] in[107] the[19] dark[471] side[246] of[89] earth[513], that[14] its[234] other[282] side[246],
the[19] theoretic[25] bright[205] one[470], seems[19] but[330] uncertain[396] twilight[158] to[261] me[2].
Will[584] ye[483] never[206] have[254] done[135], Carpenter[262], with[449] that[14] accursed[203] sound[181]?
I[482] go[20] below[397]; let[66] me[2] not[518] see[370] that[14] thing[309] here[135] when[189] I[482] return[407] again[52].
Now[20], then[45], Pip[238], we[465]'ll[300] talk[173] this[256] over[82]; I[482] do[353] suck[516] most[216] wondrous[30]
philosophies[102] from[316] thee[15]! Some[265] unknown[10] conduits[5] from[316] the[19] unknown[10]
worlds[388] must[226] empty[450] into[554] thee[15]!"

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The[19] Pequod[288] Meets[518] The[19] Rachel[3]

Next[27] day[112], a[10] large[385] ship[438], the[19] Rachel[3], was[454] descried[313], bearing[354] directly[58]
down[133] upon[419] the[19] Pequod[288], all[145] her[400] spars[15] thickly[363] clustering[323] with[449] men[62].
At[65] the[19] time[577] the[19] Pequod[288] was[454] making[415] good[221] speed[468] through[295] the[19] water[520];
but[330] as[113] the[19] broad[267]-winged[225] windward[170] stranger[233] shot[443] nigh[254] to[261] her[400],
the[19] boastful[444] sails[344] all[145] fell[421] together[440] as[113] blank[156] bladders[290] that[14] are[314] burst[174],
and[236] all[145] life[71] fled[434] from[316] the[19] smitten[83] hull[323].

"Bad[458] news[314]; she[391] brings[44] bad[458] news[314]," muttered[180] the[19] old[447] Manxman. But[330] ere[83]
her[400] commander[108], who[319], with[449] trumpet[104] to[261] mouth[414], stood[1] up[405] in[107] his[433] boat[439];
ere[83] he[362] could[375] hopefully[277] hail[75], Ahab[232]'s[483] voice[233] was[454] heard[444].

"Hast[174] seen[154] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]?"

"Aye[86], yesterday[235]. Have[254] ye[483] seen[154] a[10] whale[422]-boat[439] adrift[350]?"

Throttling[362] his[433] joy[430], Ahab[232] negatively[265] answered[100] this[256] unexpected[78] question[562];
and[236] would[282] then[45] have[254] fain[264] boarded[52] the[19] stranger[233], when[189] the[19] stranger[233]
captain[295] himself[282], having[69] stopped[564] his[433] vessel[155]'s[483] way[435], was[454] seen[154]
descending[181] her[400] side[246]. A[10] few[49] keen[202] pulls[434], and[236] his[433] boat[439]-hook[213] soon[18]
clinched[353] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] main[501]-chains[283], and[236] he[362] sprang[253] to[261] the[19] deck[505].
Immediately[172] he[362] was[454] recognized[410] by[406] Ahab[232] for[190] a[10] Nantucketer he[362] knew[480].
But[330] no[235] formal[107] salutation[102] was[454] exchanged[205].

"Where[579] was[454] he[362]?--not[518] killed[409]!--not[518] killed[409]!" cried[506] Ahab[232], closely[218] advancing[444].
"How[19] was[454] it[162]?"

It[162] seemed[132] that[14] somewhat[77] late[351] on[392] the[19] afternoon[128] of[89] the[19] day[112] previous[376],
while[55] three[329] of[89] the[19] stranger[233]'s[483] boats[83] were[324] engaged[479] with[449] a[10] shoal[520]
of[89] whales[331], which[16] had[364] led[46] them[146] some[265] four[175] or[519] five[103] miles[278] from[316] the[19] ship[438];
and[236] while[55] they[382] were[324] yet[443] in[107] swift[376] chase[89] to[261] windward[170], the[19] white[82] hump[20]
and[236] head[219] of[89] Moby[362] Dick[25] had[364] suddenly[193] loomed[145] up[405] out[66] of[89] the[19] blue[240] water[520],
not[518] very[515] far[258] to[261] leeward[265]; whereupon[44], the[19] fourth[399] rigged[340] boat[439]--
a[10] reserved[234] one[470]--had[364] been[185] instantly[186] lowered[279] in[107] chase[89].
After[358] a[10] keen[202] sail[218] before[344] the[19] wind[262], this[256] fourth[399] boat[439]--the[19] swiftest[72]
keeled[299] of[89] all[145]--seemed[132] to[261] have[254] succeeded[76] in[107] fastening[180]--at[65] least[453],
as[113] well[263] as[113] the[19] man[17] at[65] the[19] mast[44]-head[116] could[375] tell[392] anything[480] about[123] it[162].
In[107] the[19] distance[264] he[362] saw[113] the[19] diminished[163] dotted[399] boat[439]; and[236] then[45] a[10] swift[376]
gleam[17] of[89] bubbling[261] white[82] water[520]; and[236] after[358] that[14] nothing[324] more[348];
whence[494] it[162] was[454] concluded[157] that[14] the[19] stricken[328] whale[422] must[226] have[254]
indefinitely[25] run[172] away[443] with[449] his[433] pursuers[196], as[113] often[227] happens[143].
There[340] was[454] some[265] apprehension[26], but[330] no[235] positive[31] alarm[178], as[113] yet[443].
The[19] recall[288] signals[314] were[324] placed[556] in[107] the[19] rigging[516]; darkness[493] came[549] on[392];
and[236] forced[28] to[261] pick[447] up[405] her[400] three[329] far[258] to[261] windward[170] boats[83]--ere[83] going[227]
in[107] quest[36] of[89] the[19] fourth[399] one[470] in[107] the[19] precisely[217] opposite[107] direction[67]--
the[19] ship[438] had[364] not[518] only[517] been[185] necessitated[541] to[261] leave[450] that[14] boat[439]
to[261] its[234] fate[74] till[181] near[70] midnight[539], but[330], for[190] the[19] time[577], to[261] increase[400]
her[400] distance[264] from[316] it[162]. But[330] the[19] rest[302] of[89] her[400] crew[126] being[264] at[65] last[436]
safe[520] aboard[298], she[391] crowded[95] all[145] sail[218]--stunsail on[392] stunsail--
after[358] the[19] missing[210] boat[439]; kindling[83] a[10] fire[559] in[107] her[400] try[266]-pots[184] for[190] a[10] beacon[314];
and[236] every[389] other[282] man[17] aloft[276] on[392] the[19] look[523]-out[66]. But[330] though[400] when[189] she[391]
had[364] thus[362] sailed[248] a[10] sufficient[124] distance[264] to[261] gain[101] the[19] presumed[300] place[107]
of[89] the[19] absent[122] ones[396] when[189] last[436] seen[154]; though[400] she[391] then[45] paused[390] to[261] lower[47]
her[400] spare[295] boats[83] to[261] pull[35] all[145] around[66] her[400]; and[236] not[518] finding[350] anything[480],
had[364] again[52] dashed[304] on[392]; again[52] paused[390], and[236] lowered[279] her[400] boats[83];
and[236] though[400] she[391] had[364] thus[362] continued[44] doing[227] till[181] daylight[155];
yet[443] not[518] the[19] least[453] glimpse[12] of[89] the[19] missing[210] keel[39] had[364] been[185] seen[154].

The[19] story[197] told[82], the[19] stranger[233] Captain[295] immediately[172] went[516] on[392] to[261] reveal[25]
his[433] object[100] in[107] boarding[155] the[19] Pequod[288]. He[362] desired[480] that[14] ship[438] to[261] unite[475]
with[449] his[433] own[248] in[107] the[19] search[352]; by[406] sailing[232] over[82] the[19] sea[67] some[265] four[175] or[519] five[103]
miles[278] apart[526], on[392] parallel[78] lines[241], and[236] so[281] sweeping[61] a[10] double[20] horizon[516],
as[113] it[162] were[324].

"I[482] will[584] wager[560] something[181] now[20]," whispered[89] Stubb to[261] Flask[199], "that[14] some[265] one[470]
in[107] that[14] missing[210] boat[439] wore[92] off[111] that[14] Captain[295]'s[483] best[315] coat[7]; mayhap[421], his[433] watch[89]--
he[362]'s[483] so[281] cursed[441] anxious[256] to[261] get[126] it[162] back[457]. Who[319] ever[208] heard[444] of[89] two[527] pious[237]
whale[422]-ships[21] cruising[298] after[358] one[470] missing[210] whale[422]-boat[439] in[107] the[19] height[20]
of[89] the[19] whaling[155] season[248]? See[370], Flask[199], only[517] see[370] how[19] pale[292] he[362] looks[150]--

pale[292] in[107] the[19] very[515] buttons[458] of[89] his[433] eyes[125]--look[523]--it[162] wasn't[500] the[19] coat[7]--
it[162] must[226] have[254] been[185] the[19]-"

"My[36] boy[110], my[36] own[248] boy[110] is[487] among[483] them[146]. For[190] God[185]'s[483] sake[523]--I[482] beg[399], I[482] conjure[136]"--
here[135] exclaimed[281] the[19] stranger[233] Captain[295] to[261] Ahab[232], who[319] thus[362] far[258] had[364] but[330]
icily[115] received[12] his[433] petition[556]. "For[190] eight[316]-and[236]-forty[525] hours[127] let[66] me[2]
charter[39] your[162] ship[438]--I[482] will[584] gladly[27] pay[496] for[190] it[162], and[236] roundly[253] pay[496] for[190] it[162]--
if[141] there[340] be[341] no[235] other[282] way[435]--for[190] eight[316]-and[236]-forty[525] hours[127] only[517]--only[517] that[14]--
you[227] must[226], oh[367], you[227] must[226], and[236] you[227] shall[66] do[353] this[256] thing[309]."

"His[433] son[26]!" cried[506] Stubb, "oh[367], it[162]'s[483] his[433] son[26] he[362]'s[483] lost[308]!
I[482] take[279] back[457] the[19] coat[7] and[236] watch[89]--what[243] says[424] Ahab[232]? We[465] must[226]
save[556] that[14] boy[110]."

"He[362]'s[483] drowned[83] with[449] the[19] rest[302] on[392] 'em, last[436] night[108]," said[252] the[19] old[447] Manx[26]
sailor[561] standing[144] behind[80] them[146]; "I[482] heard[444]; all[145] of[89] ye[483] heard[444] their[219] spirits[471]."

Now[20], as[113] it[162] shortly[425] turned[492] out[66], what[243] made[563] this[256] incident[339] of[89] the[19] Rachel[3]'s[483]
the[19] more[348] melancholy[398], was[454] the[19] circumstance[407], that[14] not[518] only[517] was[454] one[470]
of[89] the[19] Captain[295]'s[483] sons[250] among[483] the[19] number[196] of[89] the[19] missing[210] boat[439]'s[483] crew[126];
but[330] among[483] the[19] number[196] of[89] the[19] other[282] boats[83]' crews[559], at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577],
but[330] on[392] the[19] other[282] hand[252], separated[384] from[316] the[19] ship[438] during[309] the[19] dark[471]
vicissitudes[124] of[89] the[19] chase[89], there[340] had[364] been[185] still[278] another[269] son[26];
as[113] that[14] for[190] a[10] time[577], the[19] wretched[294] father[339] was[454] plunged[340] to[261] the[19] bottom[461]
of[89] the[19] cruellest[198] perplexity[107]; which[16] was[454] only[517] solved[133] for[190] him[248]
by[406] his[433] chief[156] mate[508]'s[483] instinctively[210] adopting[181] the[19] ordinary[225] procedure[276]
of[89] a[10] whaleship[31] in[107] such[420] emergencies[183], that[14] is[487], when[189] placed[556] between[77]
jeopardized[209] but[330] divided[469] boats[83], always[367] to[261] pick[447] up[405] the[19] majority[45] first[13].
But[330] the[19] captain[295], for[190] some[265] unknown[10] constitutional[330] reason[238],
had[364] refrained[16] from[316] mentioning[124] all[145] this[256], and[236] not[518] till[181] forced[28] to[261] it[162]
by[406] Ahab[232]'s[483] iciness[203] did[444] he[362] allude[116] to[261] his[433] one[470] yet[443] missing[210] boy[110];
a[10] little[554] lad[342], but[330] twelve[293] years[116] old[447], whose[286] father[339] with[449] the[19] earnest[495]
but[330] unmisgiving hardihood[282] of[89] a[10] Nantucketer's[483] paternal[183] love[391],
had[364] thus[362] early[92] sought[82] to[261] initiate[380] him[248] in[107] the[19] perils[140] and[236] wonders[115]
of[89] a[10] vocation[408] almost[518] immemorially[210] the[19] destiny[255] of[89] all[145] his[433] race[392].
Nor[137] does[565] it[162] unfrequently[198] occur[512], that[14] Nantucket[283] captains[124] will[584]
send[536] a[10] son[26] of[89] such[420] tender[454] age[157] away[443] from[316] them[146], for[190] a[10] protracted[122]
three[329] or[519] four[175] years[116]' voyage[137] in[107] some[265] other[282] ship[438] than[77] their[219] own[248];
so[281] that[14] their[219] first[13] knowledge[270] of[89] a[10] whaleman[98]'s[483] career[165] shall[66]
be[341] unenervated by[406] any[501] chance[292] display[246] of[89] a[10] father[339]'s[483] natural[298]
but[330] untimely[189] partiality[57], or[519] undue[521] apprehensiveness[4] and[236] concern[180].

Meantime[210], now[20] the[19] stranger[233] was[454] still[278] beseeching[233] his[433] poor[533] boon[366] of[89] Ahab[232];
and[236] Ahab[232] still[278] stood[1] like[410] an[138] anvil[314], receiving[124] every[389] shock[44], but[330] without[309]
the[19] least[453] quivering[336] of[89] his[433] own[248].

"I[482] will[584] not[518] go[20]," said[252] the[19] stranger[233], "till[181] you[227] say[306] aye[86] to[261] me[2].
Do[353] to[261] me[2] as[113] you[227] would[282] have[254] me[2] do[353] to[261] you[227] in[107] the[19] like[410] case[346].
For[190] you[227] too[11] have[254] a[10] boy[110], Captain[295] Ahab[232]--though[400] but[330] a[10] child[451],
and[236] nestling[104] safely[206] at[65] home[450] now[20]--a[10] child[451] of[89] your[162] old[447] age[157] too[11]--
Yes[143], yes[143], you[227] relent[147]; I[482] see[370] it[162]--run[172], run[172], men[62], now[20], and[236] stand[530]
by[406] to[261] square[302] in[107] the[19] yards[386]."

"Avast[279]," cried[506] Ahab[232]--"touch[486] not[518] a[10] rope[265]-yarn[98]"; then[45] in[107] a[10] voice[233] that[14]
prolongingly moulded[239] every[389] word[486]--"Captain[295] Gardiner[222], I[482] will[584] not[518] do[353] it[162].
Even[198] now[20] I[482] lose[247] time[577], Good[221]-bye[356], good[221]-bye[356]. God[185] bless[128] ye[483], man[17], and[236] may[236] I[482]
forgive[492] myself[99], but[330] I[482] must[226] go[20]. Mr[219]. Starbuck, look[523] at[65] the[19] binnacle[98] watch[89],
and[236] in[107] three[329] minutes[368] from[316] this[256] present[112] instant[279] warn[453] off[111] all[145] strangers[226];
then[45] brace[403] forward[364] again[52], and[236] let[66] the[19] ship[438] sail[218] as[113] before[344]."

Hurriedly[12] turning[69], with[449] averted[101] face[556], he[362] descended[99] into[554]
his[433] cabin[192], leaving[231] the[19] strange[440] captain[295] transfixed[259] at[65] this[256]
unconditional[25] and[236] utter[270] rejection[235] of[89] his[433] so[281] earnest[495] suit[373].
But[330] starting[423] from[316] his[433] enchantment[26], Gardiner[222] silently[533] hurried[335]
to[261] the[19] side[246]; more[348] fell[421] than[77] stepped[306] into[554] his[433] boat[439], and[236] returned[214]
to[261] his[433] ship[438].

Soon[18] the[19] two[527] ships[21] diverged[10] their[219] wakes[60]; and[236] long[544] as[113] the[19] strange[440]
vessel[155] was[454] in[107] view[370], she[391] was[454] seen[154] to[261] yaw[471] hither[342] and[236] thither[118] at[65] every[389]
dark[471] spot[46], however[44] small[350], on[392] the[19] sea[67]. This[256] way[435] and[236] that[14] her[400] yards[386]
were[324] swung[205] around[66]; starboard[309] and[236] larboard[203], she[391] continued[44] to[261] tack[22];
now[20] she[391] beat[449] against[417] a[10] head[219] sea[67]; and[236] again[52] it[162] pushed[189] her[400] before[344] it[162];
while[55] all[145] the[19] while[55], her[400] masts[212] and[236] yards[386] were[324] thickly[363] clustered[44]
with[449] men[62], as[113] three[329] tall[373] cherry[31] trees[354], when[189] the[19] boys[22] are[314] cherrying
among[483] the[19] boughs[157].

But[330] by[406] her[400] still[278] halting[82] course[171] and[236] winding[486], woeful[16] way[435], you[227] plainly[450] saw[113]
that[14] this[256] ship[438] that[14] so[281] wept[69] with[449] spray[76], still[278] remained[72] without[309] comfort[364].
She[391] was[454] Rachel[3], weeping[48] for[190] her[400] children[374], because[540] they[382] were[324] not[518].

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The[19] Cabin[192]

(Ahab[232] moving[316] to[261] go[20] on[392] deck[505]; Pip[238] catches[124] him[248] by[406] the[19] hand[252] to[261] follow[408].)

Lad[342], lad[342], I[482] tell[392] thee[15] thou[173] must[226] not[518] follow[408] Ahab[232] now[20].
The[19] hour[384] is[487] coming[140] when[189] Ahab[232] would[282] not[518] scare[75] thee[15] from[316] him[248],
yet[443] would[282] not[518] have[254] thee[15] by[406] him[248]. There[340] is[487] that[14] in[107] thee[15], poor[533] lad[342],
which[16] I[482] feel[461] too[11] curing[104] to[261] my[36] malady[12]. Like[410] cures[49] like[410];
and[236] for[190] this[256] hunt[418], my[36] malady[12] becomes[314] my[36] most[216] desired[480] health[231].
Do[353] thou[173] abide[237] below[397] here[135], where[579] they[382] shall[66] serve[269] thee[15],
as[113] if[141] thou[173] wert[508] the[19] captain[295]. Aye[86], lad[342], thou[173] shalt[510] sit[215] here[135]
in[107] my[36] own[248] screwed[453] chair[253]; another[269] screw[243] to[261] it[162], thou[173] must[226] be[341]."

"No[235], no[235], no[235]! ye[483] have[254] not[518] a[10] whole[199] body[348], sir[271]; do[353] ye[483] but[330] use[176] poor[533] me[2]
for[190] your[162] one[470] lost[308] leg[331]; only[517] tread[252] upon[419] me[2], sir[271]; I[482] ask[238] no[235] more[348],
so[281] I[482] remain[326] a[10] part[207] of[89] ye[483]."

"Oh[367]! spite[431] of[89] million[437] villains[2], this[256] makes[32] me[2] a[10] bigot[110] in[107] the[19] fadeless[110]
fidelity[93] of[89] man[17]!--and[236] a[10] black[581]! and[236] crazy[418]!--but[330] methinks[462] like[410]-cures[49]-like[410]
applies[195] to[261] him[248] too[11]; he[362] grows[520] so[281] sane[38] again[52]."

"They[382] tell[392] me[2], sir[271], that[14] Stubb did[444] once[248] desert[255] poor[533] little[554] Pip[238],
whose[286] drowned[83] bones[5] now[20] show[460] white[82], for[190] all[145] the[19] blackness[448] of[89] his[433]
living[117] skin[428]. But[330] I[482] will[584] never[206] desert[255] ye[483], sir[271], as[113] Stubb did[444] him[248].
Sir[271], I[482] must[226] go[20] with[449] ye[483]."

"If[141] thou[173] speakest[9] thus[362] to[261] me[2] much[61] more[348], Ahab[232]'s[483] purpose[514] keels[394] up[405] in[107] him[248].
I[482] tell[392] thee[15] no[235]; it[162] cannot be[341]."

"Oh[367] good[221] master[131], master[131], master[131]!

"Weep[543] so[281], and[236] I[482] will[584] murder[448] thee[15]! have[254] a[10] care[307], for[190] Ahab[232] too[11] is[487] mad[235].
Listen[417], and[236] thou[173] wilt[401] often[227] hear[386] my[36] ivory[76] foot[467] upon[419] the[19] deck[505],
and[236] still[278] know[60] that[14] I[482] am[375] there[340]. And[236] now[20] I[482] quit[295] thee[15].
Thy[43] hand[252]!--Met[130]! True[483] art[462] thou[173], lad[342], as[113] the[19] circumference[417] to[261]
its[234] centre[389]. So[281]: God[185] for[190] ever[208] bless[128] thee[15]; and[236] if[141] it[162] come[420] to[261] that[14],--
God[185] for[190] ever[208] save[556] thee[15], let[66] what[243] will[584] befall[149]."

(Ahab[232] goes[205]; Pip[238] steps[392] one[470] step[204] forward[364].)

"Here[135] he[362] this[256] instant[279] stood[1], I[482] stand[530] in[107] his[433] air[209],--but[330] I[482]'m[250] alone[2].
Now[20] were[324] even[198] poor[533] Pip[238] here[135] I[482] could[375] endure[161] it[162], but[330] he[362]'s[483] missing[210].
Pip[238]! Pip[238]! Ding[117], dong[192], ding[117]! Who[319]'s[483] seen[154] Pip[238]? He[362] must[226] be[341] up[405] here[135];
let[66]'s[483] try[266] the[19] door[135]. What[243]? neither[74] lock[297], nor[137] bolt[156], nor[137] bar[144];
and[236] yet[443] there[340]'s[483] no[235] opening[306] it[162]. It[162] must[226] be[341] the[19] spell[416]; he[362] told[82] me[2]
to[261] stay[238] here[135]: Aye[86], and[236] told[82] me[2] this[256] screwed[453] chair[253] was[454] mine[482].
Here[135], then[45], I[482]'ll[300] seat[88] me[2], against[417] the[19] transom[379], in[107] the[19] ship[438]'s[483]
full[414] middle[39], all[145] her[400] keel[39] and[236] her[400] three[329] masts[212] before[344] me[2]. Here[135], our[234] old[447]
sailors[64] say[306], in[107] their[219] black[581] seventy[156]-fours great[259] admirals[572] sometimes[77]
sit[215] at[65] table[572], and[236] lord[106] it[162] over[82] rows[375] of[89] captains[124] and[236] lieutenants[88].
Ha[387]! what[243]'s[483] this[256]? epaulets[328]! epaulets[328]! the[19] epaulets[328] all[145] come[420] crowding[283].
Pass[153] round[287] the[19] decanters[40]; glad[356] to[261] see[370] ye[483]; fill[380] up[405], monsieurs[347]!
What[243] an[138] odd[19] feeling[384], now[20], when[189] a[10] black[581] boy[110]'s[483] host[5] to[261] white[82] men[62]
with[449] gold[231] lace[375] upon[419] their[219] coats[172]!--Monsieurs[347], have[254] ye[483] seen[154] one[470] Pip[238]?--
a[10] little[554] negro[102] lad[342], five[103] feet[349] high[361], hang[253]-dog[167] look[523], and[236] cowardly[181]!
Jumped[499] from[316] a[10] whale[422]-boat[439] once[248];--seen[154] him[248]? No[235]! Well[263] then[45],
fill[380] up[405] again[52], captains[124], and[236] let[66]'s[483] drink[117] shame[240] upon[419] all[145] cowards[394]!
I[482] name[477] no[235] names[360]. Shame[240] upon[419] them[146]! Put[190] one[470] foot[467] upon[419] the[19] table[572].
Shame[240] upon[419] all[145] cowards[394].--Hist[117]! above[502] there[340], I[482] hear[386] ivory[76]--
Oh[367], master[131]! master[131]! I[482] am[375] indeed[522] down[133]-hearted[83] when[189] you[227] walk[405] over[82] me[2].
But[330] here[135] I[482]'ll[300] stay[238], though[400] this[256] stern[442] strikes[323] rocks[265]; and[236] they[382]
bulge[356] through[295]; and[236] oysters[453] come[420] to[261] join[61] me[2]."

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The[19] Hat[107]

And[236] now[20] that[14] at[65] the[19] proper[249] time[577] and[236] place[107], after[358] so[281] long[544] and[236] wide[465]
a[10] preliminary[32] cruise[117], Ahab[232],--all[145] other[282] whaling[155] waters[556] swept[305]--
seemed[132] to[261] have[254] chased[389] his[433] foe[479] into[554] an[138] oceanfold, to[261] slay[543] him[248]
the[19] more[348] securely[342] there[340]; now[20], that[14] he[362] found[260] himself[282] hard[337]
by[406] the[19] very[515] latitude[258] and[236] longitude[239] where[579] his[433] tormenting[362] wound[342]
had[364] been[185] inflicted[7]; now[20] that[14] a[10] vessel[155] had[364] been[185] spoken[507] which[16] on[392]
the[19] very[515] day[112] preceding[44] had[364] actually[69] encountered[102] Moby[362] Dick[25];--
and[236] now[20] that[14] all[145] his[433] successive[423] meetings[279] with[449] various[183] ships[21]
contrastingly[26] concurred[368] to[261] show[460] the[19] demoniac[279] indifference[111] with[449] which[16]
the[19] white[82] whale[422] tore[493] his[433] hunters[423], whether[454] sinning[73] or[519] sinned[261] against[417];
now[20] it[162] was[454] that[14] there[340] lurked[453] a[10] something[181] in[107] the[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415] eyes[125],
which[16] it[162] was[454] hardly[182] sufferable[343] for[190] feeble[266] souls[82] to[261] see[370].
As[113] the[19] unsetting[35] polar[25] star[274], which[16] through[295] the[19] livelong[167], arctic[364],
six[415] months[17]' night[108] sustains[475] its[234] piercing[305], steady[21], central[229] gaze[568];
so[281] Ahab[232]'s[483] purpose[514] now[20] fixedly[434] gleamed[61] down[133] upon[419] the[19] constant[149]

midnight[539] of[89] the[19] gloomy[340] crew[126]. It[162] domineered[124] above[502] them[146] so[281],
that[14] all[145] their[219] bodings[66], doubts[289], misgivings[217], fears[259], were[324] fain[264]
to[261] hide[266] beneath[320] their[219] souls[82], and[236] not[518] sprout[127] forth[152] a[10] single[77]
spear[188] or[519] leaf[434].

In[107] this[256] foreshadowing[252] interval[114], too[11], all[145] humor[368], forced[28]
or[519] natural[298], vanished[564]. Stubb no[235] more[348] strove[180] to[261] raise[265] a[10] smile[265];
Starbuck no[235] more[348] strove[180] to[261] check[88] one[470]. Alike[122], joy[430] and[236] sorrow[174],
hope[211] and[236] fear[103], seemed[132] ground[127] to[261] finest[66] dust[434], and[236] powdered[60],
for[190] the[19] time[577], in[107] the[19] clamped[116] mortar[10] of[89] Ahab[232]'s[483] iron[169] soul[428].
Like[410] machines[565], they[382] dumbly[104] moved[492] about[123] the[19] deck[505], ever[208] conscious[443]
that[14] the[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415] despot[127] eye[220] was[454] on[392] them[146].

But[330] did[444] you[227] deeply[225] scan[347] him[248] in[107] his[433] more[348] secret[409] confidential[147]
hours[127] when[189] he[362] thought[186] no[235] glance[362] but[330] one[470] was[454] on[392] him[248];
then[45] you[227] would[282] have[254] seen[154] that[14] even[198] as[113] Ahab[232]'s[483] eyes[125] so[281] awed[250]
the[19] crew[126]'s[483], the[19] inscrutable[29] Parsee[18]'s[483] glance[362] awed[250] his[433];
or[519] somehow[425], at[65] least[453], in[107] some[265] wild[230] way[435], at[65] times[121] affected[283] it[162].
Such[420] an[138] added[52], gliding[248] strangeness[58] began[132] to[261] invest[308] the[19] thin[445]
Fedallah now[20]; such[420] ceaseless[25] shudderings[83] shook[161] him[248];
that[14] the[19] men[62] looked[232] dubious[170] at[65] him[248]; half[119] uncertain[396],
as[113] it[162] seemed[132], whether[454] indeed[522] he[362] were[324] a[10] mortal[371] substance[316],
or[519] else[212] a[10] tremulous[264] shadow[438] cast[99] upon[419] the[19] deck[505] by[406] some[265] unseen[173]
being[264]'s[483] body[348]. And[236] that[14] shadow[438] was[454] always[367] hovering[520] there[340].
For[190] not[518] by[406] night[108], even[198], had[364] Fedallah ever[208] certainly[124] been[185] known[86]
to[261] slumber[428], or[519] go[20] below[397]. He[362] would[282] stand[530] still[278] for[190] hours[127]:
but[330] never[206] sat[77] or[519] leaned[265]; his[433] wan[307] but[330] wondrous[30] eyes[125] did[444] plainly[450] say[306]--
We[465] two[527] watchmen[448] never[206] rest[302].

Nor[137], at[65] any[501] time[577], by[406] night[108] or[519] day[112] could[375] the[19] mariners[347]
now[20] step[204] upon[419] the[19] deck[505], unless[54] Ahab[232] was[454] before[344] them[146];
either[45] standing[144] in[107] his[433] pivot-hole[73], or[519] exactly[315] pacing[253] the[19] planks[284]
between[77] two[527] undeviating[138] limits[305],--the[19] main[501]-mast[44] and[236] the[19] mizen[117];
or[519] else[212] they[382] saw[113] him[248] standing[144] in[107] the[19] cabin[192]-scuttle[27],--his[433] living[117]
foot[467] advanced[55] upon[419] the[19] deck[505], as[113] if[141] to[261] step[204]; his[433] hat[107] slouched[364]
heavily[227] over[82] his[433] eyes[125]; so[281] that[14] however[44] motionless[498] he[362] stood[1],
however[44] the[19] days[351] and[236] nights[224] were[324] added[52] on[392], that[14] he[362] had[364] not[518]
swung[205] in[107] his[433] hammock[323]; yet[443] hidden[78] beneath[320] that[14] slouching[282] hat[107],
they[382] could[375] never[206] tell[392] unerringly[240] whether[454], for[190] all[145] this[256], his[433] eyes[125]
were[324] really[406] closed[523] at[65] times[121]; or[519] whether[454] he[362] was[454] still[278] intently[258]
scanning[505] them[146]; no[235] matter[176], though[400] he[362] stood[1] so[281] in[107] the[19] scuttle[27]
for[190] a[10] whole[199] hour[384] on[392] the[19] stretch[318], and[236] the[19] unheeded[208] night[108]-damp[264]
gathered[165] in[107] beads[286] of[89] dew[251] upon[419] that[14] stone[398]-carved[455] coat[7] and[236] hat[107].
The[19] clothes[98] that[14] the[19] night[108] had[364] wet[299], the[19] next[27] day[112]'s[483] sunshine[3]
dried[331] upon[419] him[248]; and[236] so[281], day[112] after[358] day[112], and[236] night[108] after[358] night[108];
he[362] went[516] no[235] more[348] beneath[320] the[19] planks[284]; whatever[38] he[362] wanted[85] from[316]
the[19] cabin[192] that[14] thing[309] he[362] sent[411] for[190].

He[362] ate[367] in[107] the[19] same[541] open[464] air[209]; that[14] is[487], his[433] two[527] only[517] meals[419],--
breakfast[408] and[236] dinner[322]: supper[4] he[362] never[206] touched[367]; nor[137] reaped[19]
his[433] beard[23]; which[16] darkly[371] grew[5] all[145] gnarled[127], as[113] unearthed[2] roots[263]
of[89] trees[354] blown[147] over[82], which[16] still[278] grow[163] idly[188] on[392] at[65] naked[70] base[258],
though[400] perished[264] in[107] the[19] upper[403] verdure[329]. But[330] though[400] his[433] whole[199]
life[71] was[454] now[20] become[548] one[470] watch[89] on[392] deck[505]; and[236] though[400] the[19] Parsee[18]'s[483]
mystic[455] watch[89] was[454] without[309] intermission[92] as[113] his[433] own[248]; yet[443] these[527] two[527]
never[206] seemed[132] to[261] speak[337]--one[470] man[17] to[261] the[19] other[282]--unless[54] at[65] long[544]
intervals[295] some[265] passing[147] unmomentous matter[176] made[563] it[162] necessary[145].
Though[400] such[420] a[10] potent[422] spell[416] seemed[132] secretly[208] to[261] join[61] the[19] twain[313];
openly[196], and[236] to[261] the[19] awe[305]-struck[240] crew[126], they[382] seemed[132] pole[20]-like[410] asunder[18].
If[141] by[406] day[112] they[382] chanced[424] to[261] speak[337] one[470] word[486]; by[406] night[108], dumb[371] men[62]
were[324] both[558], so[281] far[258] as[113] concerned[583] the[19] slightest[44] verbal[52] interchange[382].
At[65] times[121], for[190] longest[14] hours[127], without[309] a[10] single[77] hail[75], they[382] stood[1]
far[258] parted[201] in[107] the[19] starlight[325]; Ahab[232] in[107] his[433] scuttle[27], the[19] Parsee[18]
by[406] the[19] main[501]-mast[44]; but[330] still[278] fixedly[434] gazing[117] upon[419] each[520] other[282];
as[113] if[141] in[107] the[19] Parsee[18] Ahab[232] saw[113] his[433] forethrown shadow[438], in[107] Ahab[232]
the[19] Parsee[18] his[433] abandoned[493] substance[316].

And[236] yet[443], somehow[425], did[444] Ahab[232]--in[107] his[433] own[248] proper[249] self[442], as[113] daily[201], hourly[224],
and[236] every[389] instant[279], commandingly[458] revealed[530] to[261] his[433] subordinates[389],--
Ahab[232] seemed[132] an[138] independent[330] lord[106]; the[19] Parsee[18] but[330] his[433] slave[126].
Still[278] again[52] both[558] seemed[132] yoked[417] together[440], and[236] an[138] unseen[173]
tyrant[130] driving[280] them[146]; the[19] lean[279] shade[116] siding[24] the[19] solid[494] rib[84].
For[190] be[341] this[256] Parsee[18] what[243] he[362] may[236], all[145] rib[84] and[236] keel[39] was[454] solid[494] Ahab[232].

At[65] the[19] first[13] faintest[302] glimmering[244] of[89] the[19] dawn[72], his[433] iron[169] voice[233] was[454]
heard[444] from[316] aft[2],--"Man[17] the[19] mast[44]-heads[279]!"--and[236] all[145] through[295] the[19] day[112],
till[181] after[358] sunset[305] and[236] after[358] twilight[158], the[19] same[541] voice[233] every[389] hour[384],
at[65] the[19] striking[22] of[89] the[19] helmsman[457]'s[483] bell[28], was[454] heard[444]--"What[243] d[67]'ye[163] see[370]?--
sharp[427]! sharp[427]! sharp[427]!"

But[330] when[189] three[329] or[519] four[175] days[351] had[364] slided[355] by[406], after[358] meeting[183]
the[19] children[374]-seeking[427] Rachel[3]; and[236] no[235] spout[224] had[364] yet[443] been[185] seen[154];
the[19] monomaniac[336] old[447] man[17] seemed[132] distrustful[46] of[89] his[433] crew[126]'s[483] fidelity[93];
at[65] least[453], of[89] nearly[575] all[145] except[545] the[19] Pagan[118] harpooneers; he[362] seemed[132]

to[261] doubt[71], even[198], whether[454] Stubb and[236] Flask[199] might[496] not[518] willingly[390] overlook[117]
the[19] sight[365] he[362] sought[82]. But[330] if[141] these[527] suspicions[220] were[324] really[406] his[433],
he[362] sagaciously[213] refrained[16] from[316] verbally[4] expressing[469] them[146],
however[44] his[433] actions[201] might[496] seem[404] to[261] hint[335] them[146].

"I[482] will[584] have[254] the[19] first[13] sight[365] of[89] the[19] whale[422] myself[99],"--
he[362] said[252]. "Aye[86]! Ahab[232] must[226] have[254] the[19] doubloon[263]! and[236] with[449]
his[433] own[248] hands[87] he[362] rigged[340] a[10] nest[454] of[89] basketed bowlines[141];
and[236] sending[1] a[10] hand[252] aloft[276], with[449] a[10] single[77] sheaved block[275],
to[261] secure[92] to[261] the[19] mainmast[323] head[219], he[362] received[12] the[19] two[527] ends[301] of[89]
the[19] downwardreeved rope[265]; and[236] attaching[242] one[470] to[261] his[433] basket[296] prepared[59]
a[10] pin[486] for[190] the[19] other[282] end[149], in[107] order[343] to[261] fasten[476] it[162] at[65] the[19] rail[51].
This[256] done[135], with[449] that[14] end[149] yet[443] in[107] his[433] hand[252] and[236] standing[144] beside[276] the[19] pin[486],
he[362] looked[232] round[287] upon[419] his[433] crew[126], sweeping[61] from[316] one[470] to[261] the[19] other[282];
pausing[19] his[433] glance[362] long[544] upon[419] Daggoo, Queequeg, Tashtego;
but[330] shunning[180] Fedallah; and[236] then[45] settling[98] his[433] firm[415] relying[332] eye[220]
upon[419] the[19] chief[156] mate[508], said[252],--"Take[279] the[19] rope[265], sir[271]--I[482] give[142] it[162] into[554]
thy[43] hands[87], Starbuck." Then[45] arranging[407] his[433] person[550] in[107] the[19] basket[296],
he[362] gave[572] the[19] word[486] for[190] them[146] to[261] hoist[9] him[248] to[261] his[433] perch[295], Starbuck being[264]
the[19] one[470] who[319] secured[284] the[19] rope[265] at[65] last[436]; and[236] afterwards[418] stood[1] near[70] it[162].
And[236] thus[362], with[449] one[470] hand[252] clinging[232] round[287] the[19] royal[161] mast[44],
Ahab[232] gazed[13] abroad[504] upon[419] the[19] sea[67] for[190] miles[278] and[236] miles[278],--ahead[5] astern[39],
this[256] side[246], and[236] that[14],--within[503] the[19] wide[465] expanded[507] circle[282] commanded[571]
at[65] so[281] great[259] a[10] height[20].

When[189] in[107] working[113] with[449] his[433] hands[87] at[65] some[265] lofty[161] almost[518] isolated[93] place[107]
in[107] the[19] rigging[516], which[16] chances[400] to[261] afford[282] no[235] foothold[249], the[19] sailor[561]
at[65] sea[67] is[487] hoisted[367] up[405] to[261] that[14] spot[46], and[236] sustained[283] there[340] by[406] the[19] rope[265];
under[533] these[527] circumstances[267], its[234] fastened[426] end[149] on[392] deck[505] is[487] always[367] given[141]
in[107] strict[284] charge[308] to[261] some[265] one[470] man[17] who[319] has[399] the[19] special[326] watch[89] of[89] it[162].
Because[540] in[107] such[420] a[10] wilderness[396] of[89] running[296] rigging[516], whose[286] various[183]
different[276] relations[150] aloft[276] cannot always[367] be[341] infallibly[426] discerned[23]
by[406] what[243] is[487] seen[154] of[89] them[146] at[65] the[19] deck[505]; and[236] when[189] the[19] deck[505]-ends[301] of[89] these[527]
ropes[461] are[314] being[264] every[389] few[49] minutes[368] cast[99] down[133] from[316] the[19] fastenings[127],
it[162] would[282] be[341] but[330] a[10] natural[298] fatality[223], if[141], unprovided[116] with[449] a[10]
constant[149] watchman[92], the[19] hoisted[367] sailor[561] should[255] by[406] some[265] carelessness[155]
of[89] the[19] crew[126] be[341] cast[99] adrift[350] and[236] fall[90] all[145] swooping[446] to[261] the[19] sea[67].
So[281] Ahab[232]'s[483] proceedings[121] in[107] this[256] matter[176] were[324] not[518] unusual[322];
the[19] only[517] strange[440] thing[309] about[123] them[146] seemed[132] to[261] be[341], that[14] Starbuck,
almost[518] the[19] one[470] only[517] man[17] who[319] had[364] ever[208] ventured[152] to[261] oppose[307] him[248]
with[449] anything[480] in[107] the[19] slightest[44] degree[209] approaching[271] to[261] decision[249]--
one[470] of[89] those[427] too[11], whose[286] faithfulness[249] on[392] the[19] look[523]-out[66] he[362] had[364] seemed[132]
to[261] doubt[71] somewhat[77]; it[162] was[454] strange[440], that[14] this[256] was[454] the[19] very[515] man[17]
he[362] should[255] select[55] for[190] his[433] watchman[92]; freely[386] giving[207] his[433] whole[199] life[71]
into[554] such[420] an[138] otherwise[542] distrusted[136] person[550]'s[483] hands[87].

Now[20], the[19] first[13] time[577] Ahab[232] was[454] perched[151] aloft[276]; ere[83] he[362] had[364] been[185] there[340]
ten[198] minutes[368]; one[470] of[89] those[427] red[293]-billed savage[398] sea[67]-hawks[53] which[16] so[281] often[227]
fly[324] incommodiously[295] close[65] round[287] the[19] manned[282] mast[44]-heads[279] of[89] whalemen[451]
in[107] these[527] latitudes[267]; one[470] of[89] these[527] birds[332] came[549] wheeling[434] and[236] screaming[64]
round[287] his[433] head[219] in[107] a[10] maze[508] of[89] untrackably swift[376] circlings[132].
Then[45] it[162] darted[362] a[10] thousand[586] feet[349] straight[346] up[405] into[554] the[19] air[209];
then[45] spiralized downwards[468], and[236] went[516] eddying[282] again[52] round[287] his[433] head[219].

But[330] with[449] his[433] gaze[568] fixed[564] upon[419] the[19] dim[14] and[236] distant[353] horizon[516],
Ahab[232] seemed[132] not[518] to[261] mark[169] this[256] wild[230] bird[443]; nor[137], indeed[522], would[282] any[501]
one[470] else[212] have[254] marked[67] it[162] much[61], it[162] being[264] no[235] uncommon[88] circumstance[407];
only[517] now[20] almost[518] the[19] least[453] heedful[133] eye[220] seemed[132] to[261] see[370] some[265] sort[42]
of[89] cunning[198] meaning[62] in[107] almost[518] every[389] sight[365].

"Your[162] hat[107], your[162] hat[107], sir[271]!" suddenly[193] cried[506] the[19] Sicilian[125] seaman[166],
who[319] being[264] posted[478] at[65] the[19] mizen[117]-mast[44]-head[116], stood[1] directly[58] behind[80] Ahab[232],
though[400] somewhat[77] lower[47] than[77] his[433] level[378], and[236] with[449] a[10] deep[483] gulf[375]
of[89] air[209] dividing[306] them[146].

But[330] already[93] the[19] sable[275] wing[101] was[454] before[344] the[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415] eyes[125];
the[19] long[544] hooked[91] bill[338] at[65] his[433] head[219]: with[449] a[10] scream[455], the[19] black[581]
hawk[328] darted[362] away[443] with[449] his[433] prize[74].

An[138] eagle[319] flew[424] thrice[282] round[287] Tarquin[305]'s[483] head[219], removing[46] his[433] cap[328] to[261]
replace[98] it[162], and[236] thereupon[25] Tanaquil, his[433] wife[37], declared[29] that[14] Tarquin[305]
would[282] be[341] king[324] of[89] Rome[401]. But[330] only[517] by[406] the[19] replacing[78] of[89] the[19] cap[328]
was[454] that[14] omen[7] accounted[480] good[221]. Ahab[232]'s[483] hat[107] was[454] never[206] restored[384];
the[19] wild[230] hawk[328] flew[424] on[392] and[236] on[392] with[449] it[162]; far[258] in[107] advance[70] of[89] the[19] prow[451]:
and[236] at[65] last[436] disappeared[5]; while[55] from[316] the[19] point[438] of[89] that[14] disappearance[97],
a[10] minute[236] black[581] spot[46] was[454] dimly[298] discerned[23], falling[498] from[316] that[14] vast[43]
height[20] into[554] the[19] sea[67].

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The[19] Pequod[288] Meets[518] The[19] Delight[25]

The[19] intense[89] Pequod[288] sailed[248] on[392]; the[19] rolling[253] waves[443] and[236] days[351] went[516] by[406]; the[19] life[71]-buoy[84]-coffin[284] still[278] lightly[284] swung[205]; and[236] another[269] ship[438], most[216] miserably[233] misnamed[4] the[19] Delight[25], was[454] descried[313].
As[113] she[391] drew[175] nigh[254], all[145] eyes[125] were[324] fixed[564] upon[419] her[400] broad[267] beams[523], called[237] shears[32], which[16], in[107] some[265] whaling[155]-ships[21], cross[416] the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505] at[65] the[19] height[20] of[89] eight[316] or[519] nine[140] feet[349]; serving[480] to[261] carry[160] the[19] spare[295], unrigged[400], or[519] disabled[345] boats[83].

Upon[419] the[19] stranger[233]'s[483] shears[32] were[324] beheld[132] the[19] shattered[205], white[82] ribs[92], and[236] some[265] few[49] splintered[330] planks[284], of[89] what[243] had[364] once[248] been[185] a[10] whale[422]-boat[439]; but[330] you[227] now[20] saw[113] through[295] this[256] wreck[171], as[113] plainly[450] as[113] you[227] see[370] through[295] the[19] peeled[160], half[119]-unhinged[70], and[236] bleaching[21] skeleton[231] of[89] a[10] horse[409].

"Hast[174] seen[154] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]?"

"Look[523]!" replied[163] the[19] hollow[511]-cheeked captain[295] from[316] his[433] taffrail[83]; and[236] with[449] his[433] trumpet[104] he[362] pointed[413] to[261] the[19] wreck[171].

"Hast[174] killed[409] him[248]?"

"The[19] harpoon[67] is[487] not[518] yet[443] forged[119] that[14] will[584] ever[208] will[584] do[353] that[14]," answered[100] the[19] other[282], sadly[75] glancing[18] upon[419] a[10] rounded[23] hammock[323] on[392] the[19] deck[505], whose[286] gathered[165] sides[331] some[265] noiseless[21] sailors[64] were[324] busy[130] in[107] sewing[42] together[440].

"Not[518] forged[119]!" and[236] snatching[111] Perth[163]'s[483] levelled[126] iron[169] from[316] the[19] crotch[111], Ahab[232] held[212] it[162] out[66], exclaiming[117]--"Look[523] ye[483], Nantucketer; here[135] in[107] this[256] hand[252] I[482] hold[204] his[433] death[543]! Tempered[270] in[107] blood[208], and[236] tempered[270] by[406] lightning[171] are[314] these[527] barbs[226]; and[236] I[482] swear[322] to[261] temper[453] them[146] triply[196] in[107] that[14] hot[424] place[107] behind[80] the[19] fin[286], where[579] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] most[216] feels[450] his[433] accursed[203] life[71]!"

"Then[45] God[185] keep[381] thee[15], old[447] man[17]--see[370]'st[119] thou[173] that[14]"--pointing[295] to[261] the[19] hammock[323]--"I[482] bury[354] but[330] one[470] of[89] five[103] stout[29] men[62], who[319] were[324] alive[298] only[517] yesterday[235]; but[330] were[324] dead[568] ere[83] night[108]. Only[517] that[14] one[470] I[482] bury[354]; the[19] rest[302] were[324] buried[205] before[344] they[382] died[575]; you[227] sail[218] upon[419] their[219] tomb[122]." Then[45] turning[69] to[261] his[433] crew[126]--"Are[314] ye[483] ready[464] there[340]? place[107] the[19] plank[243] then[45] on[392] the[19] rail[51], and[236] lift[229] the[19] body[348]; so[281], then[45]--Oh[367]! God[185]"--advancing[444] towards[417] the[19] hammock[323] with[449] uplifted[533] hands[87]--"may[236] the[19] resurrection[281] and[236] the[19] life[71]-"

"Brace[403] forward[364]! Up[405] helm[285]!" cried[506] Ahab[232] like[410] lightning[171] to[261] his[433] men[62].

But[330] the[19] suddenly[193] started[492] Pequod[288] was[454] not[518] quick[241] enough[217] to[261] escape[565] the[19] sound[181] of[89] the[19] splash[310] that[14] the[19] corpse[133] soon[18] made[563] as[113] it[162] struck[441] the[19] sea[67]; not[518] so[281] quick[241], indeed[522], but[330] that[14] some[265] of[89] the[19] flying[354] bubbles[552] might[496] have[254] sprinkled[18] her[400] hull[323] with[449] their[219] ghostly[236] baptism[427].

As[113] Ahab[232] now[20] glided[152] from[316] the[19] dejected[400] Delight[25], the[19] strange[440] life[71]-buoy[84] hanging[222] at[65] the[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] stern[442] came[549] into[554] conspicuous[460] relief[60].

"Ha[387]! yonder[41]! look[523] yonder[41], men[62]!" cried[506] a[10] foreboding[243] voice[233] in[107] her[400] wake[205]. "In[107] vain[216], oh[367], ye[483] strangers[226], ye[483] fly[324] our[234] sad[341] burial[218]; ye[483] but[330] turn[17] us[569] your[162] taffrail[83] to[261] show[460] us[569] your[162] coffin[284]!"

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The[19] Symphony[16]

It[162] was[454] a[10] clear[408] steel[184]-blue[240] day[112]. The[19] firmaments[575] of[89] air[209] and[236] sea[67] were[324] hardly[182] separable[165] in[107] that[14] all[145]-pervading[398] azure[154]; only[517], the[19] pensive[13] air[209] was[454] transparently[83] pure[61] and[236] soft[226], with[449] a[10] woman[448]'s[483] look[523], and[236] the[19] robust[127] and[236] man[17]-like[389] sea[67] heaved[52] with[449] long[544], strong[145], lingering[186] swells[446], as[113] Samson[110]'s[483] chest[98] in[107] his[433] sleep[233].

Hither[342], and[236] thither[118], on[392] high[361], glided[152] the[19] snow[498]-white[362] wings[175] of[89] small[350], unspeckled birds[332]; these[527] were[324] the[19] gentle[439] thoughts[26] of[89] the[19] feminine[259] air[209]; but[330] to[261] and[236] fro[183] in[107] the[19] deeps[192], far[258] down[133] in[107] the[19] bottomless[376] blue[240], rushed[199] mighty[2] leviathans[336], sword[273]-fish[187], and[236] sharks[206]; and[236] these[527] were[324] the[19] strong[145], troubled[327], murderous[86] thinkings[142] of[89] the[19] masculine[107] sea[67].

But[330] though[400] thus[362] contrasting[286] within[503], the[19] contrast[205] was[454] only[517] in[107] shades[508] and[236] shadows[480] without[309]; those[427] two[527] seemed[132] one[470]; it[162] was[454] only[517] the[19] sex[158], as[113] it[162] were[324], that[14] distinguished[365] them[146].

Aloft[276], like[410] a[10] royal[161] czar[427] and[236] king[324], the[19] sun[397] seemed[132] giving[207] this[256] gentle[439] air[209] to[261] this[256] bold[356] and[236] rolling[253] sea[67]; even[198] as[113] bride[115] to[261] groom[5]. And[236] at[65] the[19] girdling[132] line[25] of[89] the[19] horizon[516], a[10] soft[226] and[236] tremulous[264] motion[544]--most[216] seen[154] here[135] at[65] the[19] Equator[136]--denoted[86] the[19] fond[174], throbbing[335] trust[495], the[19] loving[309] alarms[22], with[449] which[16] the[19] poor[533] bride[115] gave[572] her[400] bosom[82] away[443].

Tied[101] up[405] and[236] twisted[279]; gnarled[127] and[236] knotted[506] with[449] wrinkles[318]; haggardly[86] firm[415] and[236] unyielding[25]; his[433] eyes[125] glowing[160] like[410] coals[163], that[14] still[278] glow[227] in[107] the[19] ashes[243] of[89] ruin[462]; untottering Ahab[232] stood[1]

forth[152] in[107] the[19] clearness[91] of[89] the[19] morn[309]; lifting[100] his[433] splintered[330]
helmet[159] of[89] a[10] brow[474] to[261] the[19] fair[320] girl[30]'s[483] forehead[380] of[89] heaven[163].

Oh[367], immortal[15] infancy[371], and[236] innocency[27] of[89] the[19] azure[154]!
Invisible[186] winged[144] creatures[5] that[14] frolic[130] all[145] round[287] us[569]!
Sweet[417] childhood[379] of[89] air[209] and[236] sky[331]! how[19] oblivious[86] were[324] ye[483] of[89] old[447] Ahab[232]'s[483]
close[65]-coiled[4] woe[295]! But[330] so[281] have[254] I[482] seen[154] little[554] Miriam[251] and[236] Martha[253],
laughing[83]-eyed[363] elves[370], heedlessly[49] gambol[403] around[66] their[219] old[447] sire[244];
sporting[320] with[449] the[19] circle[282] of[89] singed[379] locks[445] which[16] grew[5] on[392] the[19] marge[330]
of[89] that[14] burnt[37]-out[66] crater[369] of[89] his[433] brain[158].

Slowly[149] crossing[402] the[19] deck[505] from[316] the[19] scuttle[27], Ahab[232] leaned[265] over[82] the[19] side[246]
and[236] watched[340] how[19] his[433] shadow[438] in[107] the[19] water[520] sank[310] and[236] sank[310] to[261] his[433] gaze[568],
the[19] more[348] and[236] the[19] more[348] that[14] he[362] strove[180] to[261] pierce[259] the[19] profundity[19].
But[330] the[19] lovely[126] aromas[229] in[107] that[14] enchanted[229] air[209] did[444] at[65] last[436] seem[404] to[261] dispel[102],
for[190] a[10] moment[258], the[19] cankerous[141] thing[309] in[107] his[433] soul[428]. That[14] glad[356],
happy[416] air[209], that[14] winsome[237] sky[331], did[444] at[65] last[436] stroke[436] and[236] caress[143] him[248];
the[19] step[204]-mother[276] world[126], so[281] long[544] cruel[529]--forbidding[147]--now[20] threw[459]
affectionate[57] arms[536] round[287] his[433] stubborn[452] neck[239], and[236] did[444] seem[404] to[261] joyously[315]
sob[225] over[82] him[248], as[113] if[141] over[82] one[470], that[14] however[44] wilful[160] and[236] erring[389],
she[391] could[375] yet[443] find[138] it[162] in[107] her[400] heart[470] to[261] save[556] and[236] to[261] bless[128].
From[316] beneath[320] his[433] slouched[364] hat[107] Ahab[232] dropped[2] a[10] tear[146] into[554] the[19] sea[67];
nor[137] did[444] all[145] the[19] Pacific[294] contain[112] such[420] wealth[438] as[113] that[14] one[470] wee[294] drop[22].

Starbuck saw[113] the[19] old[447] man[17]; saw[113] him[248], how[19] he[362] heavily[227] leaned[265] over[82] the[19] side[246];
and[236] he[362] seemed[132] to[261] hear[386] in[107] his[433] own[248] true[483] heart[470] the[19] measureless[102]
sobbing[97] that[14] stole[135] out[66] of[89] the[19] centre[389] of[89] the[19] serenity[27] around[66].
Careful[252] not[518] to[261] touch[486] him[248], or[519] be[341] noticed[157] by[406] him[248], he[362] yet[443] drew[175] near[70]
to[261] him[248], and[236] stood[1] there[340].

Ahab[232] turned[492].

"Starbuck!"

"Sir[271]."

"Oh[367], Starbuck! it[162] is[487] a[10] mild[117], mild[117] wind[262], and[236] a[10] mild[117] looking[318] sky[331].
On[392] such[420] a[10] day[112]--very[515] much[61] such[420] a[10] sweetness[275] as[113] this[256]--I[482] struck[441]
my[36] first[13] whale[422]--a[10] boy[110]-harpooneer of[89] eighteen[387]! Forty[525]--forty[525]--
forty[525] years[116] ago[141]!--ago[141]! Forty[525] years[116] of[89] continual[222] whaling[155]! forty[525]
years[116] of[89] privation[234], and[236] peril[565], and[236] storm[218]-time[577]! forty[525] years[116] on[392]
the[19] pitiless[76] sea[67]! for[190] forty[525] years[116] has[399] Ahab[232] forsaken[233] the[19] peaceful[319] land[406],
for[190] forty[525] years[116] to[261] make[175] war[169] on[392] the[19] horrors[403] of[89] the[19] deep[483]!
Aye[86] and[236] yes[143], Starbuck, out[66] of[89] those[427] forty[525] years[116] I[482] have[254] not[518]
spent[329] three[329] ashore[122]. When[189] I[482] think[424] of[89] this[256] life[71] I[482] have[254] led[46];
the[19] desolation[143] of[89] solitude[15] it[162] has[399] been[185]; the[19] masoned, walled[8]-town[172] of[89]
a[10] Captain[295]'s[483] exclusiveness[95], which[16] admits[309] but[330] small[350] entrance[237] to[261] any[501]
sympathy[242] from[316] the[19] green[549] country[362] without[309]--oh[367], weariness[429]! heaviness[252]!
Guinea[310]-coast[287] slavery[137] of[89] solitary[407] command[190]!--when[189] I[482] think[424] of[89] all[145] this[256];
only[517] half[119]-suspected[189], not[518] so[281] keenly[270] known[86] to[261] me[2] before[344]--
and[236] how[19] for[190] forty[525] years[116] I[482] have[254] fed[491] upon[419] dry[430] salted[212] fare[19]--
fit[12] emblem[296] of[89] the[19] dry[430] nourishment[521] of[89] my[36] soul[428]!--when[189] the[19] poorest[157]
landsman[331] has[399] had[364] fresh[540] fruit[9] to[261] his[433] daily[201] hand[252], and[236] broken[255]
the[19] world[126]'s[483] fresh[540] bread[387] to[261] my[36] mouldy[508] crusts[127]--away[443], whole[199] oceans[60] away[443],
from[316] that[14] young[389] girl[30]-wife[37] I[482] wedded[489] past[111] fifty[406], and[236] sailed[248] for[190]
Cape[23] Horn[139] the[19] next[27] day[112], leaving[231] but[330] one[470] dent[321] in[107] my[36] marriage[361] pillow[376]--
wife[37]? wife[37]?--rather[178] a[10] widow[231] with[449] her[400] husband[207] alive[298]? Aye[86], I[482] widowed[301]
that[14] poor[533] girl[30] when[189] I[482] married[306] her[400], Starbuck; and[236] then[45],
the[19] madness[282], the[19] frenzy[446], the[19] boiling[99] blood[208] and[236] the[19] smoking[470] brow[474],
with[449] which[16], for[190] a[10] thousand[586] lowerings old[447] Ahab[232] has[399] furiously[252],
foamingly chased[389] his[433] prey[347]--more[348] a[10] demon[22] than[77] a[10] man[17]!--aye[86], aye[86]! what[243]
a[10] forty[525] years[116]' fool[5]--fool[5]--old[447] fool[5], has[399] old[447] Ahab[232] been[185]!
Why[177] this[256] strife[557] of[89] the[19] chase[89]? why[177] weary[306], and[236] palsy[392] the[19] arm[25]
at[65] the[19] oar[61], and[236] the[19] iron[169], and[236] the[19] lance[76]? how[19] the[19] richer[284]
or[519] better[34] is[487] Ahab[232] now[20]? Behold[525]. Oh[367], Starbuck! is[487] it[162] not[518] hard[337],
that[14] with[449] this[256] weary[306] load[310] I[482] bear[48], one[470] poor[533] leg[331] should[255] have[254] been[185]
snatched[513] from[316] under[533] me[2]? Here[135], brush[369] this[256] old[447] hair[237] aside[408];
it[162] blinds[34] me[2], that[14] I[482] seem[404] to[261] weep[543]. Locks[445] so[281] grey[491] did[444] never[206] grow[163]
but[330] from[316] out[66] some[265] ashes[243]! But[330] do[353] I[482] look[523] very[515] old[447], so[281] very[515],
very[515] old[447], Starbuck? I[482] feel[461] deadly[49] faint[316], bowed[26], and[236] humped[25],
as[113] though[400] I[482] were[324] Adam[482], staggering[235] beneath[320] the[19] piled[126] centuries[168]
since[374] Paradise[215]. God[185]! God[185]! God[185]!--crack[83] my[36] heart[470]!--stave[416] my[36] brain[158]!--
mockery[32]! mockery[32]! bitter[236], biting[29] mockery[32] of[89] grey[491] hairs[47], have[254] I[482] lived[415]
enough[217] joy[430] to[261] wear[250] ye[483]; and[236] seem[404] and[236] feel[461] thus[362] intolerably[181] old[447]?
Close[65]! stand[530] close[65] to[261] me[2], Starbuck; let[66] me[2] look[523] into[554] a[10] human[43] eye[220];
it[162] is[487] better[34] than[77] to[261] gaze[568] into[554] sea[67] or[519] sky[331]; better[34] than[77] to[261] gaze[568]
upon[419] God[185]. By[406] the[19] green[549] land[406]; by[406] the[19] bright[205] hearthstone[157]! this[256]
is[487] the[19] magic[54] glass[27], man[17]; I[482] see[370] my[36] wife[37] and[236] my[36] child[451] in[107] thine[72] eye[220].
No[235], no[235]; stay[238] on[392] board[540], on[392] board[540]!--lower[47] not[518] when[189] I[482] do[353]; when[189] branded[474]
Ahab[232] gives[529] chase[89] to[261] Moby[362] Dick[25]. That[14] hazard[202] shall[66] not[518] be[341] thine[72].
No[235], no[235]! not[518] with[449] the[19] far[258] away[443] home[450] I[482] see[370] in[107] that[14] eye[220]!"

"Oh[367], my[36] Captain[295]! my[36] Captain[295]! noble[226] soul[428]! grand[229] old[447] heart[470],
after[358] all[145]! why[177] should[255] any[501] one[470] give[142] chase[89] to[261] that[14] hated[499] fish[187]!

Away[443] with[449] me[2]! let[66] us[569] fly[324] these[527] deadly[49] waters[556]! let[66] us[569] home[450]!
Wife[37] and[236] child[451], too[11], are[314] Starbuck's[483]--wife[37] and[236] child[451] of[89]
his[433] brotherly[301], sisterly[23], play[89]-fellow[369] youth[327]; even[198] as[113] thine[72], sir[271],
are[314] the[19] wife[37] and[236] child[451] of[89] thy[43] loving[309], longing[292], paternal[183] old[447] age[157]!
Away[443]! let[66] us[569] away[443]!--this[256] instant[279] let[66] me[2] alter[50] the[19] course[171]!
How[19] cheerily[282], how[19] hilariously[86], O[24] my[36] Captain[295], would[282] we[465] bowl[418]
on[392] our[234] way[435] to[261] see[370] old[447] Nantucket[283] again[52]! I[482] think[424], sir[271], they[382] have[254]
some[265] such[420] mild[117] blue[240] days[351], even[198] as[113] this[256], in[107] Nantucket[283]."

"They[382] have[254], they[382] have[254]. I[482] have[254] seen[154] them[146]--some[265] summer[408] days[351]
in[107] the[19] morning[417]. About[123] this[256] time[577]--yes[143], it[162] is[487] his[433] noon[445] nap[484] now[20]--
the[19] boy[110] vivaciously[213] wakes[60]; sits[105] up[405] in[107] bed[273]; and[236] his[433] mother[276] tells[449]
him[248] of[89] me[2], of[89] cannibal[180] old[447] me[2]; how[19] I[482] am[375] abroad[504] upon[419] the[19] deep[483],
but[330] will[584] yet[443] come[420] back[457] to[261] dance[174] him[248] again[52]."

"'Tis my[36] Mary[221], my[36] Mary[221] herself[263]! She[391] promised[466] that[14] my[36] boy[110],
every[389] morning[417], should[255] be[341] carried[232] to[261] the[19] hill[219] to[261] catch[523] the[19] first[13]
glimpse[12] of[89] his[433] father[339]'s[483] sail[218]! Yes[143], yes[143]! no[235] more[348]! it[162] is[487] done[135]!
we[465] head[219] for[190] Nantucket[283]! Come[420], my[36] Captain[295], study[252] out[66] the[19] course[171],
and[236] let[66] us[569] away[443]! See[370], see[370]! the[19] boy[110]'s[483] face[556] from[316] the[19] window[8]!
the[19] boy[110]'s[483] hand[252] on[392] the[19] hill[219]!"

But[330] Ahab[232]'s[483] glance[362] was[454] averted[101]; like[410] a[10] blighted[354] fruit[9] tree[482] he[362] shook[161],
and[236] cast[99] his[433] last[436], cindered apple[501] to[261] the[19] soil[430].

"What[243] is[487] it[162], what[243] nameless[427], inscrutable[29], unearthly[110] thing[309] is[487] it[162];
what[243] cozening[105], hidden[78] lord[106] and[236] master[131], and[236] cruel[529], remorseless[266] emperor[262]
commands[245] me[2]; that[14] against[417] all[145] natural[298] lovings[226] and[236] longings[177],
I[482] so[281] keep[381] pushing[39], and[236] crowding[283], and[236] jamming[310] myself[99] on[392] all[145] the[19] time[577];
recklessly[72] making[415] me[2] ready[464] to[261] do[353] what[243] in[107] my[36] own[248] proper[249], natural[298] heart[470],
I[482] durst[441] not[518] so[281] much[61] as[113] dare[11]? Is[487] Ahab[232], Ahab[232]? Is[487] it[162] I[482], God[185], or[519] who[319],
that[14] lifts[414] this[256] arm[25]? But[330] if[141] the[19] great[259] sun[397] move[361] not[518] of[89] himself[282];
but[330] is[487] as[113] an[138] errand[264]-boy[41] in[107] heaven[163]; nor[137] one[470] single[77] star[274] can[450] revolve[125],
but[330] by[406] some[265] invisible[186] power[145]; how[19] then[45] can[450] this[256] one[470] small[350] heart[470] beat[449];
this[256] one[470] small[350] brain[158] think[424] thoughts[26]; unless[54] God[185] does[565] that[14] beating[124],
does[565] that[14] thinking[385], does[565] that[14] living[117], and[236] not[518] I[482]. By[406] heaven[163], man[17],
we[465] are[314] turned[492] round[287] and[236] round[287] in[107] this[256] world[126], like[410] yonder[41] windlass[231],
and[236] Fate[74] is[487] the[19] handspike[301]. And[236] all[145] the[19] time[577], lo[418]! that[14] smiling[232] sky[331],
and[236] this[256] unsounded[253] sea[67]! Look[523]! see[370] yon[252] Albicore! who[319] put[190] it[162] into[554] him[248]
to[261] chase[89] and[236] fang[102] that[14] flying[354]-fish[187]? Where[579] do[353] murderers[205] go[20], man[17]!
Who[319]'s[483] to[261] doom[73], when[189] the[19] judge[337] himself[282] is[487] dragged[460] to[261] the[19] bar[144]?
But[330] it[162] is[487] a[10] mild[117], mild[117] wind[262], and[236] a[10] mild[117] looking[318] sky[331]; and[236] the[19] airs[345]
smells[422] now[20], as[113] if[141] it[162] blew[234] from[316] a[10] far[258]-away[443] meadow[310]; they[382] have[254] been[185] making[415]
hay[515] somewhere[201] under[533] the[19] slopes[84] of[89] the[19] Andes[341], Starbuck, and[236] the[19] mowers[99]
are[314] sleeping[341] among[483] the[19] new[36]-mown hay[515]. Sleeping[341]? Aye[86], toil[89] we[465] how[19]
we[465] may[236], we[465] all[145] sleep[233] at[65] last[436] on[392] the[19] field[275]. Sleep[233]? Aye[86], and[236] rust[19]
amid[240] greenness[149]; as[113] last[436] year[347]'s[483] scythes[259] flung[255] down[133], and[236] left[159]
in[107] the[19] half[119]-cut[310] swarths[403]--Starbuck!"

But[330] blanched[92] to[261] a[10] corpse[133]'s[483] hue[296] with[449] despair[187], the[19] Mate[508] had[364] stolen[254] away[443].

Ahab[232] crossed[202] the[19] deck[505] to[261] gaze[568] over[82] on[392] the[19] other[282] side[246];
but[330] started[492] at[65] two[527] reflected[479], fixed[564] eyes[125] in[107] the[19] water[520] there[340],
Fedallah was[454] motionlessly[402] leaning[559] over[82] the[19] same[541] rail[51].

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The[19] Chase[89] - First[13] Day[112]

That[14] night[108], in[107] the[19] mid[84]-watch[89] when[189] the[19] old[447] man[17]--as[113] his[433] wont[268]
at[65] intervals[295]--stepped[306] forth[152] from[316] the[19] scuttle[27] in[107] which[16] he[362] leaned[265],
and[236] went[516] to[261] his[433] pivot-hole[73], he[362] suddenly[193] thrust[379] out[66] his[433] face[556] fiercely[111],
snuffing[107] up[405] the[19] sea[67] air[209] as[113] a[10] sagacious[10] ship[438]'s[483] dog[322] will[584], in[107] drawing[407]
nigh[254] to[261] some[265] barbarous[38] isle[41]. He[362] declared[29] that[14] a[10] whale[422] must[226] be[341] near[70].
Soon[18] that[14] peculiar[291] odor[482], sometimes[77] to[261] a[10] great[259] distance[264] given[141]
forth[152] by[406] the[19] living[117] sperm[26] whale[422], was[454] palpable[255] to[261] all[145] the[19] watch[89];
nor[137] was[454] any[501] mariner[265] surprised[55] when[189], after[358] inspecting[335] the[19] compass[463],
and[236] then[45] the[19] dog[322]-vane[254], and[236] then[45] ascertaining[351] the[19] precise[158] bearing[354]
of[89] the[19] odor[482] as[113] nearly[575] as[113] possible[277], Ahab[232] rapidly[116] ordered[143] the[19] ship[438]'s[483]
course[171] to[261] be[341] slightly[238] altered[124], and[236] the[19] sail[218] to[261] be[341] shortened[111].

The[19] acute[453] policy[422] dictating[57] these[527] movements[299] was[454] sufficiently[12]
vindicated[181] at[65] daybreak[18], by[406] the[19] sight[365] of[89] a[10] long[544] sleek[296]
on[392] the[19] sea[67] directly[58] and[236] lengthwise[288] ahead[5], smooth[388] as[113] oil[118],
and[236] resembling[445] in[107] the[19] pleated[479] watery[59] wrinkles[318] bordering[127] it[162],
the[19] polished[370] metallic-like[410] marks[226] of[89] some[265] swift[376] tide[523]-rip[364], at[65]
the[19] mouth[414] of[89] a[10] deep[483], rapid[321] stream[184].

"Man[17] the[19] mast[44]-heads[279]! Call[259] all[145] hands[87]!"

Thundering[136] with[449] the[19] butts[83] of[89] three[329] clubbed[322] handspikes[209] on[392]
the[19] forecastle[367] deck[505], Daggoo roused[336] the[19] sleepers[367] with[449] such[420]

judgment[83] claps[468] that[14] they[382] seemed[132] to[261] exhale[69] from[316] the[19] scuttle[27],
so[281] instantaneously[494] did[444] they[382] appear[443] with[449] their[219] clothes[98]
in[107] their[219] hands[87].

"What[243] d[67]'ye[163] see[370]?" cried[506] Ahab[232], flattening[26] his[433] face[556] to[261] the[19] sky[331].

"Nothing[324], nothing[324] sir[271]!" was[454] the[19] sound[181] hailing[400] down[133] in[107] reply[271].

"T[500]'gallant[323] sails[344]!--stunsails! alow[61] and[236] aloft[276], and[236] on[392] both[558] sides[331]!"

All[145] sail[218] being[264] set[422], he[362] now[20] cast[99] loose[159] the[19] life[71]-line[25], reserved[234]
for[190] swaying[315] him[248] to[261] the[19] main[501] royal[161]-mast[44] head[219]; and[236] in[107] a[10] few[49] moments[434]
they[382] were[324] hoisting[50] him[248] thither[118], when[189], while[55] but[330] two[527] thirds[141]
of[89] the[19] way[435] aloft[276], and[236] while[55] peering[446] ahead[5] through[295] the[19] horizontal[252]
vacancy[11] between[77] the[19] main[501]-top[70]-sail[218] and[236] top[70]-gallant[323]-sail[218], he[362] raised[493]
a[10] gull[8]-like[410] cry[561] in[107] the[19] air[209]. "There[340] she[391] blows[361]!--there[340] she[391] blows[361]!
A[10] hump[20] like[410] a[10] snow[498]-hill[219]! It[162] is[487] Moby[362] Dick[25]!"

Fired[31] by[406] the[19] cry[561] which[16] seemed[132] simultaneously[558] taken[222] up[405] by[406] the[19] three[329]
look[523]-outs[52], the[19] men[62] on[392] deck[505] rushed[199] to[261] the[19] rigging[516] to[261] behold[525] the[19] famous[254]
whale[422] they[382] had[364] so[281] long[544] been[185] pursuing[392]. Ahab[232] had[364] now[20] gained[290]
his[433] final[357] perch[295], some[265] feet[349] above[502] the[19] other[282] look[523]-outs[52], Tashtego
standing[144] just[108] beneath[320] him[248] on[392] the[19] cap[328] of[89] the[19] top[70]-gallant[323]-mast[44],
so[281] that[14] the[19] Indian[303]'s[483] head[219] was[454] almost[518] on[392] a[10] level[378] with[449] Ahab[232]'s[483] heel[105].
From[316] this[256] height[20] the[19] whale[422] was[454] now[20] seen[154] some[265] mile[295] or[519] so[281] ahead[5],
at[65] every[389] roll[473] of[89] the[19] sea[67] revealing[451] his[433] high[361] sparkling[42] hump[20],
and[236] regularly[37] jetting[97] his[433] silent[382] spout[224] into[554] the[19] air[209].
To[261] the[19] credulous[74] mariners[347] it[162] seemed[132] the[19] same[541] silent[382] spout[224] they[382]
had[364] so[281] long[544] ago[141] beheld[132] in[107] the[19] moonlit[42] Atlantic[198] and[236] Indian[303] Oceans[60].

"And[236] did[444] none[365] of[89] ye[483] see[370] it[162] before[344]?" cried[506] Ahab[232], hailing[400] the[19] perched[151]
men[62] all[145] around[66] him[248].

"I[482] saw[113] him[248] almost[518] that[14] same[541] instant[279], sir[271], that[14] Captain[295] Ahab[232] did[444],
and[236] I[482] cried[506] out[66]," said[252] Tashtego.

"Not[518] the[19] same[541] instant[279]; not[518] the[19] same[541]--no[235], the[19] doubloon[263] is[487] mine[482],
Fate[74] reserved[234] the[19] doubloon[263] for[190] me[2]. I[482] only[517]; none[365] of[89] ye[483] could[375] have[254]
raised[493] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] first[13]. There[340] she[391] blows[361]! there[340] she[391] blows[361]!--
there[340] she[391] blows[361]!--there[340] she[391] blows[361]! There[340] again[52]!--there[340] again[52]!"
he[362] cried[506], in[107] long[544]-drawn[564], lingering[186], methodic[129] tones[129], attuned[102] to[261] the[19] gradual[425]
prolongings of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] visible[94] jets[6]. "He[362]'s[483] going[227] to[261] sound[181]!
In[107] stunsails! Down[133] top[70]-gallant[323]-sails[344]! Stand[530] by[406] three[329] boats[83].
Mr[219]. Starbuck, remember[499], stay[238] on[392] board[540], and[236] keep[381] the[19] ship[438]. Helm[285] there[340]!
Luff[2], luff[2] a[10] point[438]! So[281]; steady[21], man[17], steady[21]! There[340] go[20] flukes[155]! No[235], no[235];
only[517] black[581] water[520]! All[145] ready[464] the[19] boats[83] there[340]? Stand[530] by[406], stand[530] by[406]!
Lower[47] me[2], Mr[219]. Starbuck; lower[47], lower[47],--quick[241], quicker[420]!" and[236] he[362] slid[132]
through[295] the[19] air[209] to[261] the[19] deck[505].

"He[362] is[487] heading[364] straight[346] to[261] leeward[265], sir[271]," cried[506] Stubb, "right[499] away[443]
from[316] us[569]; cannot have[254] seen[154] the[19] ship[438] yet[443]."

"Be[341] dumb[371], man[17]! Stand[530] by[406] the[19] braces[403]! Hard[337] down[133] the[19] helm[285]!--brace[403] up[405]!
Shiver[452] her[400]!--shiver[452] her[400]!--So[281]; well[263] that[14]! Boats[83], boats[83]!"

Soon[18] all[145] the[19] boats[83] but[330] Starbuck's[483] were[324] dropped[2]; all[145] the[19] boat[439]-sails[344] set[422]--
all[145] the[19] paddles[78] plying[78]; with[449] rippling[206] swiftness[395], shooting[225] to[261] leeward[265];
and[236] Ahab[232] heading[364] the[19] onset[292]. A[10] pale[292], death[543]-glimmer[110] lit[26] up[405] Fedallah's[483]
sunken[83] eyes[125]; a[10] hideous[298] motion[544] gnawed[26] his[433] mouth[414].

Like[410] noiseless[21] nautilus[557] shells[203], their[219] light[382] prows[24] sped[227] through[295] the[19] sea[67];
but[330] only[517] slowly[149] they[382] neared[61] the[19] foe[479]. As[113] they[382] neared[61] him[248], the[19] ocean[224] grew[5]
still[278] more[348] smooth[388]; seemed[132] drawing[407] a[10] carpet[446] over[82] its[234] waves[443]; seemed[132] a[10]
noon[445]-meadow[310], so[281] serenely[136] it[162] spread[348]. At[65] length[202] the[19] breathless[34] hunter[287] came[549]
so[281] nigh[254] his[433] seemingly[261] unsuspecting[218] prey[347], that[14] his[433] entire[230] dazzling[49] hump[20]
was[454] distinctly[26] visible[94], sliding[540] along[423] the[19] sea[67] as[113] if[141] an[138] isolated[93] thing[309],
and[236] continually[303] set[422] in[107] a[10] revolving[21] ring[579] of[89] finest[66], fleecy[78], greenish[390] foam[160].
He[362] saw[113] the[19] vast[43], involved[149] wrinkles[318] of[89] the[19] slightly[238] projecting[336]
head[219] beyond[421]. Before[344] it[162], far[258] out[66] on[392] the[19] soft[226] Turkish[124]-rugged waters[556],
went[516] the[19] glistening[24] white[82] shadow[438] from[316] his[433] broad[267], milky[23] forehead[380], a[10] musical[557]
rippling[206] playfully[110] accompanying[371] the[19] shade[116]; and[236] behind[80], the[19] blue[240] waters[556]
interchangeably[23] flowed[261] over[82] into[554] the[19] moving[316] valley[18] of[89] his[433] steady[21] wake[205];
and[236] on[392] either[45] hand[252] bright[205] bubbles[552] arose[105] and[236] danced[316] by[406] his[433] side[246].
But[330] these[527] were[324] broken[255] again[52] by[406] the[19] light[382] toes[557] of[89] hundreds[458] of[89] gay[323]
fowls[206] softly[461] feathering[83] the[19] sea[67], alternate[398] with[449] their[219] fitful[311] flight[306];
and[236] like[410] to[261] some[265] flag[270]-staff[328] rising[464] from[316] the[19] painted[340] hull[323] of[89] an[138] argosy[27],
the[19] tall[373] but[330] shattered[205] pole[20] of[89] a[10] recent[99] lance[76] projected[175] from[316] the[19] white[82]
whale[422]'s[483] back[457]; and[236] at[65] intervals[295] one[470] of[89] the[19] cloud[218] of[89] soft[226]-toed
fowls[206] hovering[520], and[236] to[261] and[236] fro[183] skimming[302] like[410] a[10] canopy[410] over[82] the[19] fish[187],
silently[533] perched[151] and[236] rocked[157] on[392] this[256] pole[20], the[19] long[544] tail[102] feathers[386]
streaming[118] like[410] pennons[292].

A[10] gentle[439] joyousness[15]--a[10] mighty[2] mildness[354] of[89] repose[463] in[107] swiftness[395],
invested[60] the[19] gliding[248] whale[422]. Not[518] the[19] white[82] bull[76] Jupiter[430] swimming[367]
away[443] with[449] ravished[269] Europa[103] clinging[232] to[261] his[433] graceful[403] horns[450];

his[433] lovely[126], leering[439] eyes[125] sideways[496] intent[359] upon[419] the[19] maid[128];
with[449] smooth[388] bewitching[295] fleetness[125], rippling[206] straight[346] for[190] the[19] nuptial[4]
bower[438] in[107] Crete[312]; not[518] Jove[274], not[518] that[14] great[259] majesty[268] Supreme[160]! did[444]
surpass[439] the[19] glorified[51] White[82] Whale[422] as[113] he[362] so[281] divinely[395] swam[111].

On[392] each[520] soft[226] side[246]--coincident[295] with[449] the[19] parted[201] swell[280],
that[14] but[330] once[248] leaving[231] him[248] then[45] flowed[261] so[281] wide[465] away[443]--on[392] each[520]
bright[205] side[246], the[19] whale[422] shed[155] off[111] enticings[448]. No[235] wonder[76] there[340]
had[364] been[185] some[265] among[483] the[19] hunters[423] who[319] namelessly[492] transported[546]
and[236] allured[15] by[406] all[145] this[256] serenity[27], had[364] ventured[152] to[261] assail[97] it[162];
but[330] had[364] fatally[394] found[260] that[14] quietude[171] but[330] the[19] vesture[20] of[89] tornadoes[451].
Yet[443] calm[39], enticing[141] calm[39], oh[367], whale[422]! thou[173] glidest[169] on[392], to[261] all[145]
who[319] for[190] the[19] first[13] time[577] eye[220] thee[15], no[235] matter[176] how[19] many[282] in[107] that[14] same[541]
way[435] thou[173] mayst[269] have[254] bejuggled and[236] destroyed[197] before[344].

And[236] thus[362], through[295] the[19] serene[18] tranquillities[41] of[89] the[19] tropical[92] sea[67],
among[483] waves[443] whose[286] hand[252]-clappings were[324] suspended[245] by[406] exceeding[320] rapture[86],
Moby[362] Dick[25] moved[492] on[392], still[278] withholding[240] from[316] sight[365] the[19] full[414] terrors[192] of[89] his[433]
submerged[402] trunk[389], entirely[148] hiding[455] the[19] wrenched[302] hideousness[41] of[89] his[433] jaw[213].
But[330] soon[18] the[19] fore[259] part[207] of[89] him[248] slowly[149] rose[449] from[316] the[19] water[520];
for[190] an[138] instant[279] his[433] whole[199] marbleized body[348] formed[294] a[10] high[361] arch[198],
like[410] Virginia[354]'s[483] Natural[298] Bridge[7], and[236] warningly[55] waving[364] his[433] bannered[224]
flukes[155] in[107] the[19] air[209], the[19] grand[229] god[185] revealed[530] himself[282], sounded[163] and[236] went[516]
out[66] of[89] sight[365]. Hoveringly[167] halting[82], and[236] dipping[199] on[392] the[19] wing[101],
the[19] white[82] sea[67]-fowls[206] longingly[204] lingered[127] over[82] the[19] agitated[140] pool[298]
that[14] he[362] left[159].

With[449] oars[398] apeak[283], and[236] paddles[78] down[133], the[19] sheets[281] of[89] their[219] sails[344] adrift[350],
the[19] three[329] boats[83] now[20] stilly[128] floated[6], awaiting[408] Moby[362] Dick[25]'s[483] reappearance[379].

"An[138] hour[384]," said[252] Ahab[232], standing[144] rooted[232] in[107] his[433] boat[439]'s[483] stern[442]; and[236] he[362] gazed[13]
beyond[421] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] place[107], towards[417] the[19] dim[14] blue[240] spaces[137] and[236] wide[465] wooing[330]
vacancies[156] to[261] leeward[265]. It[162] was[454] only[517] an[138] instant[279]; for[190] again[52] his[433] eyes[125]
seemed[132] whirling[122] round[287] in[107] his[433] head[219] as[113] he[362] swept[305] the[19] watery[59] circle[282].
The[19] breeze[227] now[20] freshened[136]; the[19] sea[67] began[132] to[261] swell[280].

"The[19] birds[332]!--the[19] birds[332]!" cried[506] Tashtego.

In[107] long[544] Indian[303] file[322], as[113] when[189] herons[20] take[279] wing[101], the[19] white[82] birds[332]
were[324] now[20] all[145] flying[354] towards[417] Ahab[232]'s[483] boat[439]; and[236] when[189] within[503] a[10] few[49]
yards[386] began[132] fluttering[2] over[82] the[19] water[520] there[340], wheeling[434] round[287]
and[236] round[287], with[449] joyous[396], expectant[379] cries[104]. Their[219] vision[304] was[454]
keener[70] than[77] man[17]'s[415]; Ahab[232] could[375] discover[291] no[235] sign[8] in[107] the[19] sea[67].
But[330] suddenly[193] as[113] he[362] peered[446] down[133] and[236] down[133] into[554] its[234] depths[416], he[362] profoundly[261]
saw[113] a[10] white[82] living[117] spot[46] no[235] bigger[17] than[77] a[10] white[82] weasel[127], with[449] wonderful[291]
celerity[69] uprising[375], and[236] magnifying[4] as[113] it[162] rose[449], till[181] it[162] turned[492],
and[236] then[45] there[340] were[324] plainly[450] revealed[530] two[527] long[544] crooked[236] rows[375] of[89] white[82],
glistening[24] teeth[82], floating[30] up[405] from[316] the[19] undiscoverable[4] bottom[461].
It[162] was[454] Moby[362] Dick[25]'s[483] open[464] mouth[414] and[236] scrolled jaw[213]; his[433] vast[43],
shadowed[18] bulk[181] still[278] half[119] blending[350] with[449] the[19] blue[240] of[89] the[19] sea[67].
The[19] glittering[144] mouth[414] yawned[402] beneath[320] the[19] boat[439] like[410] an[138] open[464]-doored
marble[364] tomb[122]; and[236] giving[207] one[470] sidelong[203] sweep[471] with[449] his[433] steering[252] oar[61],
Ahab[232] whirled[174] the[19] craft[187] aside[408] from[316] this[256] tremendous[376] apparition[143].
Then[45], calling[56] upon[419] Fedallah to[261] change[386] places[423] with[449] him[248], went[516] forward[364]
to[261] the[19] bows[460], and[236] seizing[327] Perth[163]'s[483] harpoon[67], commanded[571] his[433] crew[126]
to[261] grasp[332] their[219] oars[398] and[236] stand[530] by[406] to[261] stern[442].

Now[20], by[406] reason[238] of[89] this[256] timely[305] spinning[170] round[287] the[19] boat[439] upon[419] its[234] axis[20],
its[234] bow[146], by[406] anticipation[315], was[454] made[563] to[261] face[556] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] head[219]
while[55] yet[443] under[533] water[520]. But[330] as[113] if[141] perceiving[88] this[256] stratagem[158],
Moby[362] Dick[25], with[449] that[14] malicious[361] intelligence[30] ascribed[344] to[261] him[248],
sidelingly transplanted[82] himself[282], as[113] it[162] were[324], in[107] an[138] instant[279],
shooting[225] his[433] pleated[479] head[219] lengthwise[288] beneath[320] the[19] boat[439].

Through[295] and[236] through[295]; through[295] every[389] plank[243] and[236] each[520] rib[84],
it[162] thrilled[182] for[190] an[138] instant[279], the[19] whale[422] obliquely[122] lying[204] on[392] his[433] back[457],
in[107] the[19] manner[153] of[89] a[10] biting[29] shark[4] slowly[149] and[236] feelingly[562] taking[146]
its[234] bows[460] full[414] within[503] his[433] mouth[414], so[281] that[14] the[19] long[544], narrow[140],
scrolled lower[47] jaw[213] curled[253] high[361] up[405] into[554] the[19] open[464] air[209], and[236] one[470]
of[89] the[19] teeth[82] caught[105] in[107] a[10] row[328]-lock[297]. The[19] bluish[523] pearl[357]-white[82]
of[89] the[19] inside[438] of[89] the[19] jaw[213] was[454] within[503] six[415] inches[301] of[89] Ahab[232]'s[483] head[219],
and[236] reached[386] higher[574] than[77] that[14]. In[107] this[256] attitude[100] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]
now[20] shook[161] the[19] slight[259] cedar[330] as[113] a[10] mildly[115] cruel[529] cat[10] her[400] mouse[86].
With[449] unastonished eyes[125] Fedallah gazed[13], and[236] crossed[202] his[433] arms[536];
but[330] the[19] tiger[293]-yellow[95] crew[126] were[324] tumbling[10] over[82] each[520] other[282]'s[483] heads[366]
to[261] gain[101] the[19] uttermost[129] stern[442].

And[236] now[20], while[55] both[558] elastic[370] gunwales[42] were[324] springing[481] in[107] and[236] out[66],
as[113] the[19] whale[422] dallied[25] with[449] the[19] doomed[54] craft[187] in[107] this[256] devilish[181] way[435];
and[236] from[316] his[433] body[348] being[264] submerged[402] beneath[320] the[19] boat[439], he[362] could[375] not[518] be[341]
darted[362] at[65] from[316] the[19] bows[460], for[190] the[19] bows[460] were[324] almost[518] inside[438] of[89] him[248],
as[113] it[162] were[324]; and[236] while[55] the[19] other[282] boats[83] involuntarily[124] paused[390],
as[113] before[344] a[10] quick[241] crisis[350] impossible[305] to[261] withstand[263], then[45] it[162] was[454] that[14]
monomaniac[336] Ahab[232], furious[89] with[449] this[256] tantalizing[261] vicinity[208] of[89] his[433] foe[479],

which[16] placed[556] him[248] all[145] alive[298] and[236] helpless[26] in[107] the[19] very[515] jaws[341] he[362] hated[499];
frenzied[120] with[449] all[145] this[256], he[362] seized[337] the[19] long[544] bone[184] with[449] his[433]
naked[70] hands[87], and[236] wildly[356] strove[180] to[261] wrench[160] it[162] from[316] its[234] gripe[223].
As[113] now[20] he[362] thus[362] vainly[116] strove[180], the[19] jaw[213] slipped[227] from[316] him[248];
the[19] frail[434] gunwales[42] bent[406] in[107], collapsed[230], and[236] snapped[459],
as[113] both[558] jaws[341], like[410] an[138] enormous[327] shears[32], sliding[540] further[53] aft[2],
bit[72] the[19] craft[187] completely[385] in[107] twain[313], and[236] locked[105] themselves[510] fast[208]
again[52] in[107] the[19] sea[67], midway[418] between[77] the[19] two[527] floating[30] wrecks[480].
These[527] floated[6] aside[408], the[19] broken[255] ends[301] drooping[279], the[19] crew[126] at[65]
the[19] stern[442]-wreck[171] clinging[232] to[261] the[19] gunwales[42], and[236] striving[388] to[261] hold[204]
fast[208] to[261] the[19] oars[398] to[261] lash[266] them[146] across[129].

At[65] that[14] preluding[80] moment[258], ere[83] the[19] boat[439] was[454] yet[443] snapped[459], Ahab[232], the[19] first[13]
to[261] perceive[131] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] intent[359], by[406] the[19] crafty[264] upraising[280] of[89] his[433] head[219],
a[10] movement[128] that[14] loosed[51] his[433] hold[204] for[190] the[19] time[577]; at[65] that[14] moment[258] his[433]
hand[252] had[364] made[563] one[470] final[357] effort[314] to[261] push[278] the[19] boat[439] out[66] of[89] the[19] bite[517].
But[330] only[517] slipping[522] further[53] into[554] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] mouth[414], and[236] tilting[295] over[82]
sideways[496] as[113] it[162] slipped[227], the[19] boat[439] had[364] shaken[23] off[111] his[433] hold[204] on[392] the[19] jaw[213];
spilled[434] him[248] out[66] of[89] it[162], as[113] he[362] leaned[265] to[261] the[19] push[278]; and[236] so[281] he[362] fell[421]
flat[445]-faced[115] upon[419] the[19] sea[67].

Ripplingly[83] withdrawing[152] from[316] his[433] prey[347], Moby[362] Dick[25] now[20] lay[62] at[65] a[10]
little[554] distance[264], vertically[39] thrusting[100] his[433] oblong[111] white[82] head[219] up[405]
and[236] down[133] in[107] the[19] billows[295]; and[236] at[65] the[19] same[541] time[577] slowly[149] revolving[21] his[433]
whole[199] spindled body[348]; so[281] that[14] when[189] his[433] vast[43] wrinkled[259] forehead[380] rose[449]--
some[265] twenty[433] or[519] more[348] feet[349] out[66] of[89] the[19] water[520]--the[19] now[20] rising[464] swells[446],
with[449] all[145] their[219] confluent[25] waves[443], dazzlingly[261] broke[356] against[417] it[162];
vindictively[83] tossing[213] their[219] shivered[34] spray[76] still[278] higher[574] into[554]
the[19] air[209].* So[281], in[107] a[10] gale[440], the[19] but[330] half[119] baffled[181] Channel[88] billows[295] only[517]
recoil[516] from[316] the[19] base[258] of[89] the[19] Eddystone[463], triumphantly[388] to[261] overleap[4]
its[234] summit[347] with[449] their[219] scud[124].

*This[256] motion[544] is[487] peculiar[291] to[261] the[19] sperm[26] whale[422]. It[162] receives[80] its[234] designation[44]
(pitchpoling) from[316] its[234] being[264] likened[356] to[261] that[14] preliminary[32] up[405]-and[236]-down[71]
poise[108] of[89] the[19] whale[422]-lance[76], in[107] the[19] exercise[240] called[237] pitchpoling,
previously[250] described[483]. By[406] this[256] motion[544] the[19] whale[422] must[226] best[315] and[236] most[216]
comprehensively[367] view[370] whatever[38] objects[326] may[236] be[341] encircling[460] him[248].

But[330] soon[18] resuming[283] his[433] horizontal[252] attitude[100], Moby[362] Dick[25] swam[111] swiftly[441]
round[287] and[236] round[287] the[19] wrecked[527] crew[126]; sideways[496] churning[367] the[19] water[520] in[107] his[433]
vengeful[504] wake[205], as[113] if[141] lashing[19] himself[282] up[405] to[261] still[278] another[269] and[236] more[348]
deadly[49] assault[223]. The[19] sight[365] of[89] the[19] splintered[330] boat[439] seemed[132] to[261] madden[396] him[248],
as[113] the[19] blood[208] of[89] grapes[69] and[236] mulberries[8] cast[99] before[344] Antiochus's[483]
elephants[452] in[107] the[19] book[230] of[89] Maccabees[45]. Meanwhile[282] Ahab[232] half[119] smothered[307]
in[107] the[19] foam[160] of[89] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] insolent[172] tail[102], and[236] too[11] much[61] of[89] a[10] cripple[12]
to[261] swim[226],--though[400] he[362] could[375] still[278] keep[381] afloat[2], even[198] in[107] the[19] heart[470]
of[89] such[420] a[10] whirlpool[23] as[113] that[14]; helpless[26] Ahab[232]'s[483] head[219] was[454] seen[154],
like[410] a[10] tossed[227] bubble[81] which[16] the[19] least[453] chance[292] shock[44] might[496] burst[174].
From[316] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] fragmentary[248] stern[442], Fedallah incuriously[83] and[236] mildly[115]
eyed[363] him[248]; the[19] clinging[232] crew[126], at[65] the[19] other[282] drifting[445] end[149], could[375] not[518]
succor[243] him[248]; more[348] than[77] enough[217] was[454] it[162] for[190] them[146] to[261] look[523] to[261] themselves[510].
For[190] so[281] revolvingly appalling[282] was[454] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]'s[483] aspect[147],
and[236] so[281] planetarily swift[376] the[19] ever[208]-contracting[521] circles[3]
he[362] made[563], that[14] he[362] seemed[132] horizontally[389] swooping[446] upon[419] them[146].
And[236] though[400] the[19] other[282] boats[83], unharmed[92], still[278] hovered[400] hard[337] by[406];
still[278] they[382] dared[294] not[518] pull[35] into[554] the[19] eddy[446] to[261] strike[374], lest[499] that[14] should[255] be[341]
the[19] signal[264] for[190] the[19] instant[279] destruction[423] of[89] the[19] jeopardized[209] castaways[6],
Ahab[232] and[236] all[145]; nor[137] in[107] that[14] case[346] could[375] they[382] themselves[510] hope[211] to[261] escape[565].
With[449] straining[107] eyes[125], then[45], they[382] remained[72] on[392] the[19] outer[359] edge[323] of[89]
the[19] direful[137] zone[173], whose[286] centre[389] had[364] now[20] become[548] the[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415] head[219].

Meantime[210], from[316] the[19] beginning[188] all[145] this[256] had[364] been[185] descried[313] from[316] the[19] ship[438]'s[483]
mast[44] heads[366]; and[236] squaring[419] her[400] yards[386], she[391] had[364] borne[493] down[133] upon[419] the[19] scene[228];
and[236] was[454] now[20] so[281] nigh[254], that[14] Ahab[232] in[107] the[19] water[520] hailed[411] her[400]!--"Sail[218] on[392] the[19]"--
but[330] that[14] moment[258] a[10] breaking[6] sea[67] dashed[304] on[392] him[248] from[316] Moby[362] Dick[25], and[236] whelmed[89]
him[248] for[190] the[19] time[577]. But[330] struggling[107] out[66] of[89] it[162] again[52], and[236] chancing[40] to[261] rise[251]
on[392] a[10] towering[210] crest[445], he[362] shouted[300],--"Sail[218] on[392] the[19] whale[422]!--Drive[548] him[248] off[111]!"

The[19] Pequod[288]'s[483] prows[24] were[324] pointed[413]-, and[236] breaking[6] up[405] the[19] charmed[542] circle[282],
she[391] effectually[7] parted[201] the[19] white[82] whale[422] from[316] his[433] victim[300].
As[113] he[362] sullenly[361] swam[111] off[111], the[19] boats[83] flew[424] to[261] the[19] rescue[59].

Dragged[460] into[554] Stubb's[483] boat[439] with[449] blood[208]-shot[443], blinded[337] eyes[125],
the[19] white[82] brine[488] caking[250] in[107] his[433] wrinkles[318]; the[19] long[544] tension[101]
of[89] Ahab[232]'s[483] bodily[172] strength[168] did[444] crack[83], and[236] helplessly[100] he[362] yielded[90]
to[261] his[433] body[348]'s[483] doom[73] for[190] a[10] time[577], lying[204] all[145] crushed[197] in[107] the[19] bottom[461]
of[89] Stubb's[483] boat[439], like[410] one[470] trodden[366] under[533] foot[467] of[89] herds[341] of[89] elephants[452].
Far[258] inland[146], nameless[427] wails[364] came[549] from[316] him[248], as[113] desolate[126] sounds[394]
from[316] out[66] ravines[8].

But[330] this[256] intensity[285] of[89] his[433] physical[43] prostration[350] did[444] but[330] so[281] much[61]
the[19] more[348] abbreviate[225] it[162]. In[107] an[138] instant[279]'s[483] compass[463], great[259] hearts[431]

sometimes[77] condense[273] to[261] one[470] deep[483] pang[302], the[19] sum[213] total[478] of[89] those[427]
shallow[397] pains[97] kindly[459] diffused[321] through[295] feebler[143] men[62]'s[483] whole[199] lives[245].
And[236] so[281], such[420] hearts[431], though[400] summary[420] in[107] each[520] one[470] suffering[543];
still[278], if[141] the[19] gods[325] decree[23] it[162], in[107] their[219] life[71]-time[54] aggregate[136]
a[10] whole[199] age[157] of[89] woe[295], wholly[497] made[563] up[405] of[89] instantaneous[322] intensities[247];
for[190] even[198] in[107] their[219] pointless[380] centres[127], those[427] noble[226] natures[531] contain[112]
the[19] entire[230] circumferences[20] of[89] inferior[84] souls[82].

"The[19] harpoon[67]," said[252] Ahab[232], half[119] way[435] rising[464], and[236] draggingly[83] leaning[559]
on[392] one[470] bended[422] arm[25]--"is[487] it[162] safe[520]?"

"Aye[86], sir[271], for[190] it[162] was[454] not[518] darted[362]; this[256] is[487] it[162]," said[252] Stubb, showing[445] it[162].

"Lay[62] it[162] before[344] me[2];--any[501] missing[210] men[62]?"

"One[470], two[527], three[329], four[175], five[103];--there[340] were[324] five[103] oars[398], sir[271], and[236] here[135]
are[314] five[103] men[62]."

"That[14]'s[76] good[221].--Help[526] me[2], man[17]; I[482] wish[95] to[261] stand[530]. So[281], so[281], I[482] see[370] him[248]!
there[340]! there[340]! going[227] to[261] leeward[265] still[278]; what[243] a[10] leaping[397] spout[224]!--
Hands[87] off[111] from[316] me[2]! The[19] eternal[155] sap[18] runs[399] up[405] in[107] Ahab[232]'s[483] bones[5] again[52]!
Set[422] the[19] sail[218]; out[66] oars[398]; the[19] helm[285]!"

It[162] is[487] often[227] the[19] case[346] that[14] when[189] a[10] boat[439] is[487] stove[373], its[234] crew[126],
being[264] picked[129] up[405] by[406] another[269] boat[439], help[526] to[261] work[385] that[14] second[386] boat[439];
and[236] the[19] chase[89] is[487] thus[362] continued[44] with[449] what[243] is[487] called[237] double[20]-banked oars[398].
It[162] was[454] thus[362] now[20]. But[330] the[19] added[52] power[145] of[89] the[19] boat[439] did[444] not[518] equal[261]
the[19] added[52] power[145] of[89] the[19] whale[422], for[190] he[362] seemed[132] to[261] have[254] treble-banked
his[433] every[389] fin[286]; swimming[367] with[449] a[10] velocity[397] which[16] plainly[450] showed[507],
that[14] if[141] now[20], under[533] these[527] circumstances[267], pushed[189] on[392], the[19] chase[89]
would[282] prove[396] an[138] indefinitely[25] prolonged[246], if[141] not[518] a[10] hopeless[189] one[470];
nor[137] could[375] any[501] crew[126] endure[161] for[190] so[281] long[544] a[10] period[196], such[420] an[138] unintermitted[396],
intense[89] straining[107] at[65] the[19] oar[61]; a[10] thing[309] barely[221] tolerable[198] only[517] in[107] some[265] one[470]
brief[59] vicissitude[69]. The[19] ship[438] itself[312], then[45], as[113] it[162] sometimes[77] happens[143],
offered[336] the[19] most[216] promising[310] intermediate[21] means[502] of[89] overtaking[147] the[19] chase[89].
Accordingly[249], the[19] boats[83] now[20] made[563] for[190] her[400], and[236] were[324] soon[18] swayed[136] up[405]
to[261] their[219] cranes[377]--the[19] two[527] parts[470] of[89] the[19] wrecked[527] boat[439] having[69] been[185]
previously[250] secured[284] by[406] her[400]--and[236] then[45] hoisting[50] everything[233] to[261] her[400] side[246],
and[236] stacking[458] her[400] canvas[557] high[361] up[405], and[236] sideways[496] outstretching[28] it[162]
with[449] stunsails, like[410] the[19] double[20]-jointed[449] wings[175] of[89] an[138] albatross[298];
the[19] Pequod[288] bore[27] down[133] in[107] the[19] leeward[265] wake[205] of[89] Moby[362] Dick[25]. At[65] the[19] well[263] known[86],
methodic[129] intervals[295], the[19] whale[422]'s[483] glittering[144] spout[224] was[454] regularly[37]
announced[451] from[316] the[19] manned[282] mast[44]-heads[279]; and[236] when[189] he[362] would[282] be[341] reported[123]
as[113] just[108] gone[190] down[133], Ahab[232] would[282] take[279] the[19] time[577], and[236] then[45] pacing[253] the[19] deck[505],
binnacle[98]-watch[89] in[107] hand[252], so[281] soon[18] as[113] the[19] last[436] second[386] of[89] the[19] allotted[15]
hour[384] expired[328], his[433] voice[233] was[454] heard[444].--"Whose[286] is[487] the[19] doubloon[263] now[20]?
D[67]'ye[163] see[370] him[248]?" and[236] if[141] the[19] reply[271] was[454] No[235], sir[271]! straightway[210] he[362] commanded[571]
them[146] to[261] lift[229] him[248] to[261] his[433] perch[295]. In[107] this[256] way[435] the[19] day[112] wore[92] on[392];
Ahab[232], now[20] aloft[276] and[236] motionless[498]; anon[88], unrestingly[136] pacing[253] the[19] planks[284].

As[113] he[362] was[454] thus[362] walking[523], uttering[341] no[235] sound[181], except[545] to[261] hail[75] the[19] men[62] aloft[276],
or[519] to[261] bid[171] them[146] hoist[9] a[10] sail[218] still[278] higher[574], or[519] to[261] spread[348] one[470] to[261] a[10] still[278]
greater[505] breadth[252]--thus[362] to[261] and[236] fro[183] pacing[253], beneath[320] his[433] slouched[364] hat[107],
at[65] every[389] turn[17] he[362] passed[87] his[433] own[248] wrecked[527] boat[439], which[16] had[364] been[185] dropped[2] upon[419]
the[19] quarter[6]-deck[505], and[236] lay[62] there[340] reversed[227]; broken[255] bow[146] to[261] shattered[205] stern[442].
At[65] last[436] he[362] paused[390] before[344] it[162]; and[236] as[113] in[107] an[138] already[93] over[82]-clouded[31] sky[331] fresh[540]
troops[55] of[89] clouds[342] will[584] sometimes[77] sail[218] across[129], so[281] over[82] the[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415] face[556]
there[340] now[20] stole[135] some[265] such[420] added[52] gloom[7] as[113] this[256].

Stubb saw[113] him[248] pause[391]; and[236] perhaps[75] intending[102], not[518] vainly[116], though[400],
to[261] evince[433] his[433] own[248] unabated[371] fortitude[14], and[236] thus[362] keep[381] up[405] a[10] valiant[359] place[107]
in[107] his[433] Captain[295]'s[483] mind[118], he[362] advanced[55], and[236] eyeing[49] the[19] wreck[171] exclaimed[281]--
"The[19] thistle[151] the[19] ass[448] refused[412]; it[162] pricked[366] his[433] mouth[414] too[11] keenly[270], sir[271];
ha[387]! ha[387]! ha[387]!"

"What[243] soulless[340] thing[309] is[487] this[256] that[14] laughs[259] before[344] a[10] wreck[171]?
Man[17], man[17]! did[444] I[482] not[518] know[60] thee[15] brave[218] as[113] fearless[132] fire[559]
(and[236] as[113] mechanical[31]) I[482] could[375] swear[322] thou[173] wert[508] a[10] poltroon[191].
Groan[45] nor[137] laugh[559] should[255] be[341] heard[444] before[344] a[10] wreck[171]."

"Aye[86], sir[271]," said[252] Starbuck drawing[407] near[70], "'tis a[10] solemn[303] sight[365];
an[138] omen[7], and[236] an[138] ill[236] one[470]."

"Omen[7]? omen[7]?--the[19] dictionary[249]! If[141] the[19] gods[325] think[424] to[261] speak[337] outright[472]
to[261] man[17], they[382] will[584] honorably[196] speak[337] outright[472]; not[518] shake[180] their[219] heads[366],
and[236] give[142] an[138] old[447] wives[473]' darkling[394] hint[335].--Begone[52]! Ye[483] two[527] are[314]
the[19] opposite[107] poles[122] of[89] one[470] thing[309]; Starbuck is[487] Stubb reversed[227],
and[236] Stubb is[487] Starbuck; and[236] ye[483] two[527] are[314] all[145] mankind[40]; and[236] Ahab[232] stands[256]
alone[2] among[483] the[19] millions[208] of[89] the[19] peopled[23] earth[513], nor[137] gods[325] nor[137] men[62]
his[433] neighbors[466]! Cold[330], cold[330]--I[482] shiver[452]!--How[19] now[20]? Aloft[276] there[340]!
D[67]'ye[163] see[370] him[248]? Sing[549] out[66] for[190] every[389] spout[224], though[400] he[362] spout[224] ten[198]
times[121] a[10] second[386]!"

The[19] day[112] was[454] nearly[575] done[135]; only[517] the[19] hem[322] of[89] his[433] golden[508] robe[147] was[454] rustling[264].
Soon[18] it[162] was[454] almost[518] dark[471], but[330] the[19] look[523]-out[66] men[62] still[278] remained[72] unset[160].

"Can[450]'t[500] see[370] the[19] spout[224] now[20], sir[271];--too[11] dark[471]"--cried[506] a[10] voice[233] from[316] the[19] air[209].

"How[19] heading[364] when[189] last[436] seen[154]?"

"As[113] before[344], sir[271],--straight[346] to[261] leeward[265]."

"Good[221]! he[362] will[584] travel[362] slower[43] now[20] 'tis night[108]. Down[133] royals[223] and[236] top[70]-gallant[323] stunsails, Mr[219]. Starbuck. We[465] must[226] not[518] run[172] over[82] him[248] before[344] morning[417]; he[362]'s[483] making[415] a[10] passage[285] now[20], and[236] may[236] heave[308]-to[261] a[10] while[55]. Helm[285] there[340]! keep[381] her[400] full[414] before[344] the[19] wind[262]!--Aloft[276]! come[420] down[133]!--Mr[219]. Stubb, send[536] a[10] fresh[540] hand[252] to[261] the[19] fore[259]-mast[98] head[219], and[236] see[370] it[162] manned[282] till[181] morning[417]."--Then[45] advancing[444] towards[417] the[19] doubloon[263] in[107] the[19] main[501]-mast[44]--"Men[62], this[256] gold[231] is[487] mine[482], for[190] I[482] earned[523] it[162]; but[330] I[482] shall[66] let[66] it[162] abide[237] here[135] till[181] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] is[487] dead[568]; and[236] then[45], whosoever[54] of[89] ye[483] first[13] raises[148] him[248], upon[419] the[19] day[112] he[362] shall[66] be[341] killed[409], this[256] gold[231] is[487] that[14] man[17]'s[415]; and[236] if[141] on[392] that[14] day[112] I[482] shall[66] again[52] raise[265] him[248], then[45], ten[198] times[121] its[234] sum[213] shall[66] be[341] divided[469] among[483] all[145] of[89] ye[483]! Away[443] now[20]! the[19] deck[505] is[487] thine[72], sir[271]!"

And[236] so[281] saying[9], he[362] placed[556] himself[282] half[119] way[435] within[503] the[19] scuttle[27], and[236] slouching[282] his[433] hat[107], stood[1] there[340] till[181] dawn[72], except[545] when[189] at[65] intervals[295] rousing[49] himself[282] to[261] see[370] how[19] the[19] night[108] wore[92] on[392].

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The[19] Chase[89] - Second[386] Day[112]

At[65] day[112]-break[327], the[19] three[329] mast[44]-heads[279] were[324] punctually[431] manned[282] afresh[59].

"D[67]'ye[163] see[370] him[248]?" cried[506] Ahab[232] after[358] allowing[282] a[10] little[554] space[468] for[190] the[19] light[382] to[261] spread[348].

"See[370] nothing[324], sir[271]."

"Turn[17] up[405] all[145] hands[87] and[236] make[175] sail[218]! he[362] travels[134] faster[371] than[77] I[482] thought[186] for[190];--the[19] top[70]-gallant[323] sails[344]!--aye[86], they[382] should[255] have[254] been[185] kept[290] on[392] her[400] all[145] night[108]. But[330] no[235] matter[176]--'tis but[330] resting[455] for[190] the[19] rush[6]."

Here[135] be[341] it[162] said[252], that[14] this[256] pertinacious[403] pursuit[305] of[89] one[470] particular[336] whale[422], continued[44] through[295] day[112] into[554] night[108], and[236] through[295] night[108] into[554] day[112], is[487] a[10] thing[309] by[406] no[235] means[502] unprecedented[54] in[107] the[19] South[257] sea[67] fishery[136]. For[190] such[420] is[487] the[19] wonderful[291] skill[502], prescience[43] of[89] experience[127], and[236] invincible[59] confidence[46] acquired[436] by[406] some[265] great[259] natural[298] geniuses[93] among[483] the[19] Nantucket[283] commanders[117]; that[14] from[316] the[19] simple[271] observation[102] of[89] a[10] whale[422] when[189] last[436] descried[313], they[382] will[584], under[533] certain[31] given[141] circumstances[267], pretty[252] accurately[173] foretell[201] both[558] the[19] direction[67] in[107] which[16] he[362] will[584] continue[225] to[261] swim[226] for[190] a[10] time[577], while[55] out[66] of[89] sight[365], as[113] well[263] as[113] his[433] probable[213] rate[515] of[89] progression[350] during[309] that[14] period[196]. And[236], in[107] these[527] cases[108], somewhat[77] as[113] a[10] pilot[559], when[189] about[123] losing[205] sight[365] of[89] a[10] coast[287], whose[286] general[37] trending[252] he[362] well[263] knows[286], and[236] which[16] he[362] desires[401] shortly[425] to[261] return[407] to[261] again[52], but[330] at[65] some[265] further[53] point[438]; like[410] as[113] this[256] pilot[559] stands[256] by[406] his[433] compass[463], and[236] takes[362] the[19] precise[158] bearing[354] of[89] the[19] cape[23] at[65] present[112] visible[94], in[107] order[343] the[19] more[348] certainly[124] to[261] hit[322] aright[366] the[19] remote[141], unseen[173] headland[98], eventually[163] to[261] be[341] visited[16]: so[281] does[565] the[19] fisherman[18], at[65] his[433] compass[463], with[449] the[19] whale[422]; for[190] after[358] being[264] chased[389], and[236] diligently[344] marked[67], through[295] several[479] hours[127] of[89] daylight[155], then[45], when[189] night[108] obscures[392] the[19] fish[187], the[19] creature[82]'s[96] future[44] wake[205] through[295] the[19] darkness[493] is[487] almost[518] as[113] established[214] to[261] the[19] sagacious[10] mind[118] of[89] the[19] hunter[287], as[113] the[19] pilot[559]'s[483] coast[287] is[487] to[261] him[248]. So[281] that[14] to[261] this[256] hunter[287]'s[483] wondrous[30] skill[502], the[19] proverbial[247] evanescence[310] of[89] a[10] thing[309] writ[57] in[107] water[520], a[10] wake[205], is[487] to[261] all[145] desired[480] purposes[415] well[263] nigh[254] as[113] reliable[111] as[113] the[19] steadfast[246] land[406]. And[236] as[113] the[19] mighty[2] iron[169] Leviathan[384] of[89] the[19] modern[446] railway[67] is[487] so[281] familiarly[31] known[86] in[107] its[234] every[389] pace[384], that[14], with[449] watches[458] in[107] their[219] hands[87], men[62] time[577] his[433] rate[515] as[113] doctors[407] that[14] of[89] a[10] baby[236]'s[483] pulse[217]; and[236] lightly[284] say[306] of[89] it[162], the[19] up[405] train[127] or[519] the[19] down[133] train[127] will[584] reach[43] such[420] or[519] such[420] a[10] spot[46], at[65] such[420] or[519] such[420] an[138] hour[384]; even[198] so[281], almost[518], there[340] are[314] occasions[115] when[189] these[527] Nantucketers time[577] that[14] other[282] Leviathan[384] of[89] the[19] deep[483], according[281] to[261] the[19] observed[340] humor[368] of[89] his[433] speed[468]; and[236] say[306] to[261] themselves[510], so[281] many[282] hours[127] hence[503] this[256] whale[422] will[584] have[254] gone[190] two[527] hundred[93] miles[278], will[584] have[254] about[123] reached[386] this[256] or[519] that[14] degree[209] of[89] latitude[258] or[519] longitude[239]. But[330] to[261] render[509] this[256] acuteness[13] at[65] all[145] successful[1] in[107] the[19] end[149], the[19] wind[262] and[236] the[19] sea[67] must[226] be[341] the[19] whaleman[98]'s[483] allies[31]; for[190] of[89] what[243] present[112] avail[337] to[261] the[19] becalmed[443] or[519] wind[262]-bound[108] mariner[265] is[487] the[19] skill[502] that[14] assures[111] him[248] he[362] is[487] exactly[315] ninety[2]-three[329] leagues[116] and[236] a[10] quarter[6] from[316] his[433] port[409]? Inferable[53] from[316] these[527] statements[42], are[314] many[282] collateral[203] subtile[186] matters[515] touching[80] the[19] chase[89] of[89] whales[331].

The[19] ship[438] tore[493] on[392]; leaving[231] such[420] a[10] furrow[24] in[107] the[19] sea[67] as[113] when[189] a[10] cannonball[27], missent[222], becomes[314] a[10] plough-share[246] and[236] turns[136] up[405] the[19] level[378] field[275].

"By[406] salt[183] and[236] hemp[245]!" cried[506] Stubb, "but[330] this[256] swift[376] motion[544] of[89] the[19] deck[505]

creeps[442] up[405] one[470]'s[483] legs[108] and[236] tingles[117] at[65] the[19] heart[470]. This[256] ship[438] and[236] I[482]
are[314] two[527] brave[218] fellows[131]!--Ha[387], ha[387]! Some[265] one[470] take[279] me[2] up[405], and[236] launch[26] me[2],
spine[236]-wise[16], on[392] the[19] sea[67],--for[190] by[406] live[554]-oaks[481]! my[36] spine[236]'s[483] a[10] keel[39].
Ha[387], ha[387]! we[465] go[20] the[19] gait[41] that[14] leaves[441] no[235] dust[434] behind[80]!"

"There[340] she[391] blows[361]--she[391] blows[361]!--she[391] blows[361]!--right[499] ahead[5]!"
was[454] now[20] the[19] mast[44]-head[116] cry[561].

"Aye[86], aye[86]!" cried[506] Stubb, "I[482] knew[480] it[162]--ye[483] can[450]'t[500] escape[565]--blow[230] on[392] and[236] split[148]
your[162] spout[224], O[24] whale[422]! the[19] mad[235] fiend[59] himself[282] is[487] after[358] ye[483]! blow[230] your[162] trump[25]--
blister[26] your[162] lungs[40]!--Ahab[232] will[584] dam[434] off[111] your[162] blood[208], as[113] a[10] miller[180] shuts[413]
his[433] watergate[27] upon[419] the[19] stream[184]!"

And[236] Stubb did[444] but[330] speak[337] out[66] for[190] well[263] nigh[254] all[145] that[14] crew[126].
The[19] frenzies[287] of[89] the[19] chase[89] had[364] by[406] this[256] time[577] worked[245] them[146]
bubblingly up[405], like[410] old[447] wine[102] worked[245] anew[262]. Whatever[38] pale[292]
fears[259] and[236] forebodings[435] some[265] of[89] them[146] might[496] have[254] felt[440] before[344];
these[527] were[324] not[518] only[517] now[20] kept[290] out[66] of[89] sight[365] through[295] the[19] growing[66]
awe[305] of[89] Ahab[232], but[330] they[382] were[324] broken[255] up[405], and[236] on[392] all[145] sides[331] routed[337],
as[113] timid[197] prairie[214] hares[377] that[14] scatter[246] before[344] the[19] bounding[36] bison[25].
The[19] hand[252] of[89] Fate[74] had[364] snatched[513] all[145] their[219] souls[82]; and[236] by[406] the[19] stirring[130]
perils[140] of[89] the[19] previous[376] day[112]; the[19] rack[415] of[89] the[19] past[111] night[108]'s[483] suspense[547];
the[19] fixed[564], unfearing[454], blind[375], reckless[240] way[435] in[107] which[16] their[219] wild[230]
craft[187] went[516] plunging[93] towards[417] its[234] flying[354] mark[169]; by[406] all[145] these[527] things[4],
their[219] hearts[431] were[324] bowled[202] along[423]. The[19] wind[262] that[14] made[563] great[259] bellies[192]
of[89] their[219] sails[344], and[236] rushed[199] the[19] vessel[155] on[392] by[406] arms[536] invisible[186]
as[113] irresistible[214]; this[256] seemed[132] the[19] symbol[426] of[89] that[14] unseen[173] agency[189]
which[16] so[281] enslaved[251] them[146] to[261] the[19] race[392].

They[382] were[324] one[470] man[17], not[518] thirty[521]. For[190] as[113] the[19] one[470] ship[438] that[14] held[212] them[146] all[145];
though[400] it[162] was[454] put[190] together[440] of[89] all[145] contrasting[286] things[4]--oak[170], and[236] maple[203],
and[236] pine[54] wood[46]; iron[169], and[236] pitch[115], and[236] hemp[245]--yet[443] all[145] these[527] ran[391]
into[554] each[520] other[282] in[107] the[19] one[470] concrete[53] hull[323], which[16] shot[443] on[392] its[234] way[435],
both[558] balanced[21] and[236] directed[498] by[406] the[19] long[544] central[229] keel[39]; even[198] so[281],
all[145] the[19] individualities[15] of[89] the[19] crew[126], this[256] man[17]'s[415] valor[138], that[14] man[17]'s[415] fear[103];
guilt[191] and[236] guiltiness[22], all[145] varieties[23] were[324] welded[102] into[554] oneness[389],
and[236] were[324] all[145] directed[498] to[261] that[14] fatal[460] goal[127] which[16] Ahab[232] their[219] one[470] lord[106]
and[236] keel[39] did[444] point[438] to[261].

The[19] rigging[516] lived[415]. The[19] mast[44]-heads[279], like[410] the[19] tops[40] of[89]
tall[373] palms[173], were[324] outspreadingly tufted[272] with[449] arms[536] and[236] legs[108].
Clinging[232] to[261] a[10] spar[14] with[449] one[470] hand[252], some[265] reached[386] forth[152] the[19] other[282]
with[449] impatient[160] wavings[362]; others[317], shading[481] their[219] eyes[125] from[316] the[19]
vivid[180] sunlight[333], sat[77] far[258] out[66] on[392] the[19] rocking[6] yards[386]; all[145] the[19] spars[15]
in[107] full[414] bearing[354] of[89] mortals[72], ready[464] and[236] ripe[238] for[190] their[219] fate[74].
Ah[132]! how[19] they[382] still[278] strove[180] through[295] that[14] infinite[503] blueness[4] to[261] seek[292]
out[66] the[19] thing[309] that[14] might[496] destroy[387] them[146]!

"Why[177] sing[549] ye[483] not[518] out[66] for[190] him[248], if[141] ye[483] see[370] him[248]?" cried[506] Ahab[232], when[189], after[358] the[19]
lapse[125] of[89] some[265] minutes[368] since[374] the[19] first[13] cry[561], no[235] more[348] had[364] been[185] heard[444].
"Sway[497] me[2] up[405], men[62]; ye[483] have[254] been[185] deceived[241]; not[518] Moby[362] Dick[25] casts[468] one[470] odd[19]
jet[423] that[14] way[435], and[236] then[45] disappears[293]."

It[162] was[454] even[198] so[281]; in[107] their[219] headlong[4] eagerness[275], the[19] men[62] had[364] mistaken[49]
some[265] other[282] thing[309] for[190] the[19] whale[422]-spout[224], as[113] the[19] event[28] itself[312] soon[18] proved[312];
for[190] hardly[182] had[364] Ahab[232] reached[386] his[433] perch[295]; hardly[182] was[454] the[19] rope[265] belayed[98]
to[261] its[234] pin[486] on[392] deck[505], when[189] he[362] struck[441] the[19] key[140]-note[59] to[261] an[138] orchestra[369],
that[14] made[563] the[19] air[209] vibrate[393] as[113] with[449] the[19] combined[265] discharge[320] of[89] rifles[135].
The[19] triumphant[436] halloo[4] of[89] thirty[521] buckskin[197] lungs[40] was[454] heard[444], as[113]--
much[61] nearer[303] to[261] the[19] ship[438] than[77] the[19] place[107] of[89] the[19] imaginary[189] jet[423],
less[261] than[77] a[10] mile[295] ahead[5]--Moby[362] Dick[25] bodily[172] burst[174] into[554] view[370]!
For[190] not[518] by[406] any[501] calm[39] and[236] indolent[53] spoutings[27]; not[518] by[406] the[19] peaceable[31] gush[203]
of[89] that[14] mystic[455] fountain[524] in[107] his[433] head[219], did[444] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] now[20] reveal[25]
his[433] vicinity[208]; but[330] by[406] the[19] far[258] more[348] wondrous[30] phenomenon[34] of[89] breaching[306].
Rising[464] with[449] his[433] utmost[43] velocity[397] from[316] the[19] furthest[361] depths[416],
the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422] thus[362] booms[102] his[433] entire[230] bulk[181] into[554] the[19] pure[61]
element[38] of[89] air[209], and[236] piling[284] up[405] a[10] mountain[231] of[89] dazzling[49] foam[160],
shows[364] his[433] place[107] to[261] the[19] distance[264] of[89] seven[188] miles[278] and[236] more[348].
In[107] those[427] moments[434], the[19] torn[237], enraged[19] waves[443] he[362] shakes[560] off[111], seem[404] his[433] mane[261];
in[107] some[265] cases[108], this[256] breaching[306] is[487] his[433] act[10] of[89] defiance[32].

"There[340] she[391] breaches[24]! there[340] she[391] breaches[24]!" was[454] the[19] cry[561], as[113] in[107] his[433]
immeasurable[434] bravadoes[324] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] tossed[227] himself[282] salmon-like[410]
to[261] Heaven[163]. So[281] suddenly[193] seen[154] in[107] the[19] blue[240] plain[28] of[89] the[19] sea[67], and[236] relieved[158]
against[417] the[19] still[278] bluer[70] margin[173] of[89] the[19] sky[331], the[19] spray[76] that[14] he[362] raised[493],
for[190] the[19] moment[258], intolerably[181] glittered[23] and[236] glared[327] like[410] a[10] glacier[204];
and[236] stood[1] there[340] gradually[355] fading[336] and[236] fading[336] away[443] from[316] its[234] first[13]
sparkling[42] intensity[285], to[261] the[19] dim[14] mistiness[160] of[89] an[138] advancing[444] shower[143]
in[107] a[10] vale[52].

"Aye[86], breach[361] your[162] last[436] to[261] the[19] sun[397], Moby[362] Dick[25]!" cried[506] Ahab[232], "thy[43] hour[384] and[236]
thy[43] harpoon[67] are[314] at[65] hand[252]!--Down[133]! down[133] all[145] of[89] ye[483], but[330] one[470] man[17] at[65] the[19] fore[259].
The[19] boats[83]!--stand[530] by[406]!"

Unmindful[225] of[89] the[19] tedious[235] rope[265]-ladders of[89] the[19] shrouds[264], the[19] men[62],
like[410] shooting[225] stars[286], slid[132] to[261] the[19] deck[505], by[406] the[19] isolated[93] backstays[98]
and[236] halyards[145]; while[55] Ahab[232], less[261] dartingly, but[330] still[278] rapidly[116]
was[454] dropped[2] from[316] his[433] perch[295].

"Lower[47] away[443]," he[362] cried[506], so[281] soon[18] as[113] he[362] had[364] reached[386] his[433] boat[439]--a[10] spare[295] one[470],
rigged[340] the[19] afternoon[128] previous[376]. "Mr[219]. Starbuck, the[19] ship[438] is[487] thine[72]--
keep[381] away[443] from[316] the[19] boats[83], but[330] keep[381] near[70] them[146]. Lower[47], all[145]!"

As[113] if[141] to[261] strike[374] a[10] quick[241] terror[85] into[554] them[146], by[406] this[256] time[577] being[264]
the[19] first[13] assailant[252] himself[282], Moby[362] Dick[25] had[364] turned[492], and[236] was[454] now[20]
coming[140] for[190] the[19] three[329] crews[559]. Ahab[232]'s[483] boat[439] was[454] central[229]; and[236] cheering[371]
his[433] men[62], he[362] told[82] them[146] he[362] would[282] take[279] the[19] whale[422] head[219]-and[236]-head[219],--
that[14] is[487], pull[35] straight[346] up[405] to[261] his[433] forehead[380],--a[10] not[518] uncommon[88] thing[309];
for[190] when[189] within[503] a[10] certain[31] limit[272], such[420] a[10] course[171] excludes[295]
the[19] coming[140] onset[292] from[316] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] sidelong[203] vision[304].
But[330] ere[83] that[14] close[65] limit[272] was[454] gained[290], and[236] while[55] yet[443] all[145]
three[329] boats[83] were[324] plain[28] as[113] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] three[329] masts[212] to[261] his[433] eye[220];
the[19] White[82] Whale[422] churning[367] himself[282] into[554] furious[89] speed[468], almost[518] in[107]
an[138] instant[279] as[113] it[162] were[324], rushing[344] among[483] the[19] boats[83] with[449] open[464] jaws[341],
and[236] a[10] lashing[19] tail[102], offered[336] appalling[282] battle[105] on[392] every[389] side[246];
and[236] heedless[376] of[89] the[19] irons[363] darted[362] at[65] him[248] from[316] every[389] boat[439],
seemed[132] only[517] intent[359] on[392] annihilating[261] each[520] separate[495] plank[243]
of[89] which[16] those[427] boats[83] were[324] made[563]. But[330] skilfully[165] manoeuvred[83],
incessantly[194] wheeling[434] like[410] trained[38] chargers[212] in[107] the[19] field[275];
the[19] boats[83] for[190] a[10] while[55] eluded[40] him[248]; though[400], at[65] times[121], but[330] by[406] a[10]
plank[243]'s[483] breadth[252]; while[55] all[145] the[19] time[577], Ahab[232]'s[483] unearthly[110] slogan[244]
tore[493] every[389] other[282] cry[561] but[330] his[433] to[261] shreds[249].

But[330] at[65] last[436] in[107] his[433] untraceable[479] evolutions[271], the[19] White[82] Whale[422] so[281]
crossed[202] and[236] recrossed[129], and[236] in[107] a[10] thousand[586] ways[101] entangled[280] the[19] slack[113]
of[89] the[19] three[329] lines[241] now[20] fast[208] to[261] him[248], that[14] they[382] foreshortened[78],
and[236], of[89] themselves[510], warped[355] the[19] devoted[15] boats[83] towards[417] the[19] planted[82]
irons[363] in[107] him[248]; though[400] now[20] for[190] a[10] moment[258] the[19] whale[422] drew[175] aside[408]
a[10] little[554], as[113] if[141] to[261] rally[264] for[190] a[10] more[348] tremendous[376] charge[308].
Seizing[327] that[14] opportunity[256], Ahab[232] first[13] paid[490] out[66] more[348] line[25];
and[236] then[45] was[454] rapidly[116] hauling[149] and[236] jerking[2] in[107] upon[419] it[162] again[52]--
hoping[191] that[14] way[435] to[261] disencumber[19] it[162] of[89] some[265] snarls[452]--when[189] lo[418]!--
a[10] sight[365] more[348] savage[398] than[77] the[19] embattled[300] teeth[82] of[89] sharks[206]!

Caught[105] and[236] twisted[279]--corkscrewed[282] in[107] the[19] mazes[485] of[89] the[19] line[25],
loose[159] harpoons[6] and[236] lances[8], with[449] all[145] their[219] bristling[364] barbs[226] and[236] points[245],
came[549] flashing[181] and[236] dripping[92] up[405] to[261] the[19] chocks[39] in[107] the[19] bows[460] of[89] Ahab[232]'s[483] boat[439].
Only[517] one[470] thing[309] could[375] be[341] done[135]. Seizing[327] the[19] boat[439]-knife[503], he[362] critically[355]
reached[386] within[503]--through[295]--and[236] then[45], without[309]--the[19] rays[43] of[89] steel[184];
dragged[460] in[107] the[19] line[25] beyond[421], passed[87] it[162], inboard[331], to[261] the[19] bowsman[290],
and[236] then[45], twice[366] sundering[26] the[19] rope[265] near[70] the[19] chocks[39]--dropped[2] the[19]
intercepted[179] fagot[340] of[89] steel[184] into[554] the[19] sea[67]; and[236] was[454] all[145] fast[208] again[52].
That[14] instant[279], the[19] White[82] Whale[422] made[563] a[10] sudden[309] rush[6] among[483] the[19] remaining[64]
tangles[151] of[89] the[19] other[282] lines[241]; by[406] so[281] doing[227], irresistibly[41] dragged[460]
the[19] more[348] involved[149] boats[83] of[89] Stubb and[236] Flask[199] towards[417] his[433] flukes[155];
dashed[304] them[146] together[440] like[410] two[527] rolling[253] husks[350] on[392] a[10] surf[283]-beaten[442] beach[183],
and[236] then[45], diving[279] down[133] into[554] the[19] sea[67], disappeared[5] in[107] a[10] boiling[99] maelstrom[367],
in[107] which[16], for[190] a[10] space[468], the[19] odorous[485] cedar[330] chips[333] of[89] the[19] wrecks[480] danced[316]
round[287] and[236] round[287], like[410] the[19] grated[410] nutmeg[270] in[107] a[10] swiftly[441] stirred[101]
bowl[418] of[89] punch[117].

While[55] the[19] two[527] crews[559] were[324] yet[443] circling[504] in[107] the[19] waters[556], reaching[141] out[66]
after[358] the[19] revolving[21] line[25]-tubs[410], oars[398], and[236] other[282] floating[30] furniture[11],
while[55] aslope[83] little[554] Flask[199] bobbed[49] up[405] and[236] down[133] like[410] an[138] empty[450] vial[82],
twitching[151] his[433] legs[108] upwards[110] to[261] escape[565] the[19] dreaded[15] jaws[341] of[89] sharks[206];
and[236] Stubb was[454] lustily[368] singing[288] out[66] for[190] some[265] one[470] to[261] ladle[377] him[248] up[405];
and[236] while[55] the[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415] line[25]--now[20] parting[285]--admitted[434] of[89] his[433]
pulling[217] into[554] the[19] creamy[205] pool[298] to[261] rescue[59] whom[324] he[362] could[375];--
in[107] that[14] wild[230] simultaneousness[380] of[89] a[10] thousand[586] concreted[320] perils[140],--
Ahab[232]'s[483] yet[443] unstricken boat[439] seemed[132] drawn[564] up[405] towards[417] Heaven[163] by[406]
invisible[186] wires[26],--as[113], arrow[44]-like[410], shooting[225] perpendicularly[41] from[316] the[19] sea[67],
the[19] White[82] Whale[422] dashed[304] his[433] broad[267] forehead[380] against[417] its[234] bottom[461],
and[236] sent[411] it[162] turning[69] over[82] and[236] over[82], into[554] the[19] air[209]; till[181] it[162] fell[421] again[52]--
gunwale[198] downwards[468]--and[236] Ahab[232] and[236] his[433] men[62] struggled[258] out[66] from[316] under[533] it[162],
like[410] seals[221] from[316] a[10] sea[67]-side[246] cave[84].

The[19] first[13] uprising[375] momentum[66] of[89] the[19] whale[422]--modifying[350] its[234] direction[67]
as[113] he[362] struck[441] the[19] surface[328]--involuntarily[124] launched[336] him[248] along[423] it[162],
to[261] a[10] little[554] distance[264] from[316] the[19] centre[389] of[89] the[19] destruction[423] he[362] had[364] made[563];
and[236] with[449] his[433] back[457] to[261] it[162], he[362] now[20] lay[62] for[190] a[10] moment[258] slowly[149] feeling[384]
with[449] his[433] flukes[155] from[316] side[246] to[261] side[246]; and[236] whenever[15] a[10] stray[133] oar[61],
bit[72] of[89] plank[243], the[19] least[453] chip[157] or[519] crumb[101] of[89] the[19] boats[83] touched[367] his[433] skin[428],
his[433] tail[102] swiftly[441] drew[175] back[457], and[236] came[549] sideways[496] smiting[280] the[19] sea[67].
But[330] soon[18], as[113] if[141] satisfied[376] that[14] his[433] work[385] for[190] that[14] time[577] was[454] done[135],
he[362] pushed[189] his[433] pleated[479] forehead[380] through[295] the[19] ocean[224], and[236] trailing[15]
after[358] him[248] the[19] intertangled[203] lines[241], continued[44] his[433] leeward[265] way[435]
at[65] a[10] traveller[258]'s[483] methodic[129] pace[384].

As[113] before[344], the[19] attentive[484] ship[438] having[69] descried[313] the[19] whole[199] fight[330],
again[52] came[549] bearing[354] down[133] to[261] the[19] rescue[59], and[236] dropping[279] a[10] boat[439],
picked[129] up[405] the[19] floating[30] mariners[347], tubs[410], oars[398], and[236] whatever[38] else[212]
could[375] be[341] caught[105] at[65], and[236] safely[206] landed[451] them[146] on[392] her[400] decks[386].
Some[265] sprained[415] shoulders[476], wrists[260], and[236] ankles[446]; livid[283] contusions[443];
wrenched[302] harpoons[6] and[236] lances[8]; inextricable[140] intricacies[223] of[89] rope[265];
shattered[205] oars[398] and[236] planks[284]; all[145] these[527] were[324] there[340]; but[330] no[235]
fatal[460] or[519] even[198] serious[97] ill[236] seemed[132] to[261] have[254] befallen[16] any[501] one[470].
As[113] with[449] Fedallah the[19] day[112] before[344], so[281] Ahab[232] was[454] now[20] found[260] grimly[226] clinging[232]
to[261] his[433] boat[439]'s[483] broken[255] half[119], which[16] afforded[37] a[10] comparatively[203] easy[281] float[231];
nor[137] did[444] it[162] so[281] exhaust[202] him[248] as[113] the[19] previous[376] day[112]'s[483] mishap[116].

But[330] when[189] he[362] was[454] helped[204] to[261] the[19] deck[505], all[145] eyes[125] were[324] fastened[426] upon[419] him[248];
as[113] instead[398] of[89] standing[144] by[406] himself[282] he[362] still[278] half[119]-hung[479] upon[419] the[19] shoulder[168]
of[89] Starbuck, who[319] had[364] thus[362] far[258] been[185] the[19] foremost[61] to[261] assist[7] him[248].
His[433] ivory[76] leg[331] had[364] been[185] snapped[459] off[111], leaving[231] but[330] one[470] short[522] sharp[427] splinter[415].

"Aye[86], aye[86], Starbuck, 'tis sweet[417] to[261] lean[279] sometimes[77], be[341] the[19] leaner[445]
who[319] he[362] will[584]; and[236] would[282] old[447] Ahab[232] had[364] leaned[265] oftener[222] than[77] he[362] has[399]."

"The[19] ferrule[57] has[399] not[518] stood[1], sir[271]," said[252] the[19] carpenter[262], now[20] coming[140] up[405];
I[482] put[190] good[221] work[385] into[554] that[14] leg[331]."

"But[330] no[235] bones[5] broken[255], sir[271], I[482] hope[211]," said[252] Stubb with[449] true[483] concern[180].

"Aye[86]! and[236] all[145] splintered[330] to[261] pieces[283], Stubb!--d[67]'ye[163] see[370] it[162].--
But[330] even[198] with[449] a[10] broken[255] bone[184], old[447] Ahab[232] is[487] untouched[151]; and[236] I[482] account[102]
no[235] living[117] bone[184] of[89] mine[482] one[470] jot[9] more[348] me[2], than[77] this[256] dead[568] one[470]
that[14]'s[76] lost[308]. Nor[137] white[82] whale[422], nor[137] man[17], nor[137] fiend[59], can[450] so[281] much[61]
as[113] graze[154] old[447] Ahab[232] in[107] his[433] own[248] proper[249] and[236] inaccessible[341] being[264].
Can[450] any[501] lead[362] touch[486] yonder[41] floor[418], any[501] mast[44] scrape[455] yonder[41] roof[259]?--
Aloft[276] there[340]! which[16] way[435]?"

"Dead[568] to[261] leeward[265], sir[271]."

"Up[405] helm[285], then[45]; pile[312] on[392] the[19] sail[218] again[52], ship[438] keepers[271]! down[133]
the[19] rest[302] of[89] the[19] spare[295] boats[83] and[236] rig[415] them[146]--Mr[219]. Starbuck away[443],
and[236] muster[209] the[19] boat[439]'s[483] crews[559]."

"Let[66] me[2] first[13] help[526] thee[15] towards[417] the[19] bulwarks[411], sir[271]."

"Oh[367], oh[367], oh[367]! how[19] this[256] splinter[415] gores[314] me[2] now[20]! Accursed[203] fate[74]!
that[14] the[19] unconquerable[398] captain[295] in[107] the[19] soul[428] should[255] have[254] such[420]
a[10] craven[429] mate[508]!"

"Sir[271]?"

"My[36] body[348], man[17], not[518] thee[15]. Give[142] me[2] something[181] for[190] a[10] cane[69]--there[340], that[14]
shivered[34] lance[76] will[584] do[353]. Muster[209] the[19] men[62]. Surely[388] I[482] have[254] not[518] seen[154] him[248] yet[443].
By[406] heaven[163] it[162] cannot be[341]!--missing[210]?--quick[241]! call[259] them[146] all[145]."

The[19] old[447] man[17]'s[415] hinted[253] thought[186] was[454] true[483]. Upon[419] mustering[420] the[19] company[280],
the[19] Parsee[18] was[454] not[518] there[340].

"The[19] Parsee[18]!" cried[506] Stubb--"he[362] must[226] have[254] been[185] caught[105] in[107]-"

"The[19] black[581] vomit[434] wrench[160] thee[15]!--run[172] all[145] of[89] ye[483] above[502],
alow[61], cabin[192], forecastle[367]--find[138] him[248]--not[518] gone[190]--not[518] gone[190]!"

But[330] quickly[183] they[382] returned[214] to[261] him[248] with[449] the[19] tidings[395] that[14] the[19] Parsee[18]
was[454] nowhere[209] to[261] be[341] found[260].

"Aye[86], sir[271]," said[252] Stubb--"caught[105] among[483] the[19] tangles[151] of[89] your[162] line[25]--
I[482] thought[186] I[482] saw[113] him[248] dragging[248] under[533]."

"My[36] line[25]! my[36] line[25]? Gone[190]?--gone[190]? What[243] means[502] that[14] little[554] word[486]?--
What[243] death[543]-knell[92] rings[25] in[107] it[162], that[14] old[447] Ahab[232] shakes[560] as[113] if[141] he[362] were[324]
the[19] belfry[64]. The[19] harpoon[67], too[11]!--toss[237] over[82] the[19] litter[212] there[340],--
d[67]'ye[163] see[370] it[162]?--the[19] forged[119] iron[169], men[62], the[19] white[82] whale[422]'s[483]--no[235], no[235], no[235],--
blistered[284] fool[5]; this[256] hand[252] did[444] dart[293] it[162]!--'tis in[107] the[19] fish[187]!--Aloft[276] there[340]!
Keep[381] him[248] nailed[419]-Quick[241]!--all[145] hands[87] to[261] the[19] rigging[516] of[89] the[19] boats[83]--
collect[378] the[19] oars[398]--harpooneers! the[19] irons[363], the[19] irons[363]!--hoist[9] the[19]
royals[223] higher[574]--a[10] pull[35] on[392] all[145] the[19] sheets[281]!--helm[285] there[340]! steady[21],
steady[21] for[190] your[162] life[71]! I[482]'ll[300] ten[198] times[121] girdle[9] the[19] unmeasured[439] globe[23];
yea[204] and[236] dive[316] straight[346] through[295] it[162], but[330] I[482]'ll[300] slay[543] him[248] yet[443]!

"Great[259] God[185]! but[330] for[190] one[470] single[77] instant[279] show[460] thyself[402],"
cried[506] Starbuck; "never[206], never[206] wilt[401] thou[173] capture[361] him[248], old[447] man[17]--
In[107] Jesus[305]' name[477] no[235] more[348] of[89] this[256], that[14]'s[76] worse[561] than[77] devil[411]'s[483] madness[282].
Two[527] days[351] chased[389]; twice[366] stove[373] to[261] splinters[30]; thy[43] very[515] leg[331] once[248]
more[348] snatched[513] from[316] under[533] thee[15]; thy[43] evil[2] shadow[438] gone[190]--all[145] good[221]
angels[29] mobbing[16] thee[15] with[449] warnings[133]:--what[243] more[348] wouldst[30] thou[173] have[254]?--
Shall[66] we[465] keep[381] chasing[227] this[256] murderous[86] fish[187] till[181] he[362] swamps[201] the[19] last[436] man[17]?
Shall[66] we[465] be[341] dragged[460] by[406] him[248] to[261] the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] sea[67]?
Shall[66] we[465] be[341] towed[376] by[406] him[248] to[261] the[19] infernal[84] world[126]? Oh[367], oh[367],--
Impiety[282] and[236] blasphemy[161] to[261] hunt[418] him[248] more[348]!"

"Starbuck, of[89] late[351] I[482]'ve[149] felt[440] strangely[155] moved[492] to[261] thee[15]; ever[208] since[374]
that[14] hour[384] we[465] both[558] saw[113]--thou[173] know[60]'st[193] what[243], in[107] one[470] another[269]'s[483] eyes[125].
But[330] in[107] this[256] matter[176] of[89] the[19] whale[422], be[341] the[19] front[196] of[89] thy[43] face[556]
to[261] me[2] as[113] the[19] palm[114] of[89] this[256] hand[252]--a[10] lipless[68], unfeatured[83] blank[156].
Ahab[232] is[487] for[190] ever[208] Ahab[232], man[17]. This[256] whole[199] act[10]'s[483] immutably[272] decreed[292].
'Twas rehearsed[484] by[406] thee[15] and[236] me[2] a[10] billion[213] years[116] before[344] this[256]
ocean[224] rolled[226]. Fool[5]! I[482] am[375] the[19] Fates[553]' lieutenant[47]; I[482] act[10] under[533] orders[199].
Look[523] thou[173], underling[310]! that[14] thou[173] obeyest[110] mine[482].--Stand[530] round[287] men[62], men[62].
Ye[483] see[370] an[138] old[447] man[17] cut[310] down[133] to[261] the[19] stump[277]; leaning[559] on[392] a[10] shivered[34] lance[76];
propped[26] up[405] on[392] a[10] lonely[137] foot[467]. 'Tis Ahab[232]--his[433] body[348]'s[483] part[207];
but[330] Ahab[232]'s[483] soul[428]'s[483] a[10] centipede[364], that[14] moves[115] upon[419] a[10] hundred[93] legs[108].
I[482] feel[461] strained[516], half[119]-stranded[299], as[113] ropes[461] that[14] tow[160] dismasted[331] frigates[263]
in[107] a[10] gale[440]; and[236] I[482] may[236] look[523] so[281]. But[330] ere[83] I[482] break[483], yell[316] hear[386] me[2] crack[83];
and[236] till[181] ye[483] hear[386] that[14], know[60] that[14] Ahab[232]'s[483] hawser[379] tows[117] his[433] purpose[514] yet[443].
Believe[191] ye[483], men[62], in[107] the[19] things[4] called[237] omens[156]? Then[45] laugh[559] aloud[352],
and[236] cry[561] encore[458]! For[190] ere[83] they[382] drown[522], drowning[35] things[4] will[584] twice[366]
rise[251] to[261] the[19] surface[328]; then[45] rise[251] again[52], to[261] sink[190] for[190] evermore[274].
So[281] with[449] Moby[362] Dick[25]--two[527] days[351] he[362]'s[483] floated[6]--to[261]-morrow[376] will[584] be[341] the[19] third[301].
Aye[86], men[62], he[362]'ll[300] rise[251] once[248] more[348],--but[330] only[517] to[261] spout[224] his[433] last[436]!
D[67]'ye[163] feel[461] brave[218] men[62], brave[218]?"

"As[113] fearless[132] fire[559]," cried[506] Stubb.

"And[236] as[113] mechanical[31]," muttered[180] Ahab[232]. Then[45] as[113] the[19] men[62] went[516] forward[364],
he[362] muttered[180] on[392]: "The[19] things[4] called[237] omens[156]! And[236] yesterday[235] I[482] talked[7]
the[19] same[541] to[261] Starbuck there[340], concerning[368] my[36] broken[255] boat[439]. Oh[367]! how[19] valiantly[138]
I[482] seek[292] to[261] drive[548] out[66] of[89] others[317]' hearts[431] what[243]'s[483] clinched[353] so[281] fast[208] in[107] mine[482]!--
The[19] Parsee[18]--the[19] Parsee[18]!--gone[190], gone[190]? and[236] he[362] was[454] to[261] go[20] before[344]:--
but[330] still[278] was[454] to[261] be[341] seen[154] again[52] ere[83] I[482] could[375] perish[441]--How[19]'s[483] that[14]?--
There[340]'s[483] a[10] riddle[41] now[20] might[496] baffle[67] all[145] the[19] lawyers[259] backed[270] by[406] the[19] ghosts[44]
of[89] the[19] whole[199] line[25] of[89] judges[305]:--like[410] a[10] hawk[328]'s[483] beak[560] it[162] pecks[154] my[36] brain[158].
I[482]'ll[300], I[482]'ll[300] solve[262] it[162], though[400]!"

When[189] dusk[180] descended[99], the[19] whale[422] was[454] still[278] in[107] sight[365] to[261] leeward[265].

So[281] once[248] more[348] the[19] sail[218] was[454] shortened[111], and[236] everything[233] passed[87]
nearly[575] as[113] on[392] the[19] previous[376] night[108]; only[517], the[19] sound[181] of[89] hammers[44],
and[236] the[19] hum[345] of[89] the[19] grindstone[83] was[454] heard[444] till[181] nearly[575] daylight[155],
as[113] the[19] men[62] toiled[411] by[406] lanterns[362] in[107] the[19] complete[191] and[236] careful[252]
rigging[516] of[89] the[19] spare[295] boats[83] and[236] sharpening[46] their[219] fresh[540] weapons[489]
for[190] the[19] morrow[376]. Meantime[210], of[89] the[19] broken[255] keel[39] of[89] Ahab[232]'s[483] wrecked[527]
craft[187] the[19] carpenter[262] made[563] him[248] another[269] leg[331]; while[55] still[278] as[113] on[392]
the[19] night[108] before[344], slouched[364] Ahab[232] stood[1] fixed[564] within[503] his[433] scuttle[27];
his[433] hid[316], heliotrope[363] glance[362] anticipatingly gone[190] backward[19] on[392] its[234] dial[100];
sat[77] due[266] eastward[244] for[190] the[19] earliest[69] sun[397].

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The[19] Chase[89] - Third[301] Day[112]

The[19] morning[417] of[89] the[19] third[301] day[112] dawned[55] fair[320] and[236] fresh[540], and[236] once[248]
more[348] the[19] solitary[407] night[108]-man[17] at[65] the[19] fore[259]-mast[98]-head[219] was[454] relieved[158]
by[406] crowds[451] of[89] the[19] daylight[155] look[523]-outs[52], who[319] dotted[399] every[389] mast[44]
and[236] almost[518] every[389] spar[14].

"D[67]'ye[163] see[370] him[248]?" cried[506] Ahab[232]; but[330] the[19] whale[422] was[454] not[518] yet[443] in[107] sight[365].

"In[107] his[433] infallible[59] wake[205], though[400]; but[330] follow[408] that[14] wake[205], that[14]'s[76] all[145].
Helm[285] there[340]; steady[21], as[113] thou[173] goest[376], and[236] hast[174] been[185] going[227].
What[243] a[10] lovely[126] day[112] again[52]! were[324] it[162] a[10] new[36]-made[63] world[126], and[236] made[563] for[190]
a[10] summer[408]-house[306] to[261] the[19] angels[29], and[236] this[256] morning[417] the[19] first[13] of[89] its[234]
throwing[120] open[464] to[261] them[146], a[10] fairer[378] day[112] could[375] not[518] dawn[72] upon[419] that[14] world[126].
Here[135]'s[483] food[248] for[190] thought[186], had[364] Ahab[232] time[577] to[261] think[424]; but[330] Ahab[232] never[206] thinks[344];
he[362] only[517] feels[450], feels[450], feels[450]; that[14]'s[76] tingling[14] enough[217] for[190] mortal[371]
man[17]! to[261] think[424]'s[483] audacity[337]. God[185] only[517] has[399] that[14] right[499] and[236] privilege[414].
Thinking[385] is[487], or[519] ought[170] to[261] be[341], a[10] coolness[38] and[236] a[10] calmness[232]; and[236] our[234]
poor[533] hearts[431] throb[504], and[236] our[234] poor[533] brains[279] beat[449] too[11] much[61] for[190] that[14].
And[236] yet[443], I[482]'ve[149] sometimes[77] thought[186] my[36] brain[158] was[454] very[515] calm[39]--
frozen[446] calm[39], this[256] old[447] skull[9] cracks[292] so[281], like[410] a[10] glass[27] in[107] which[16]
the[19] contents[347] turned[492] to[261] ice[443], and[236] shiver[452] it[162]. And[236] still[278] this[256] hair[237]
is[487] growing[66] now[20]; this[256] moment[258] growing[66], and[236] heat[218] must[226] breed[450] it[162];
but[330] no[235], it[162]'s[483] like[410] that[14] sort[42] of[89] common[304] grass[418] that[14] will[584] grow[163] anywhere[436],
between[77] the[19] earthy[21] clefts[296] of[89] Greenland[110] ice[443] or[519] in[107] Vesuvius[581] lava[198].
How[19] the[19] wild[230] winds[399] blow[230] it[162]; they[382] whip[190] it[162] about[123] me[2] as[113] the[19] torn[237]
shreds[249] of[89] split[148] sails[344] lash[266] the[19] tossed[227] ship[438] they[382] cling[126] to[261].
A[10] vile[221] wind[262] that[14] has[399] no[235] doubt[71] blown[147] ere[83] this[256] through[295] prison[26] corridors[372]
and[236] cells[102], and[236] wards[65] of[89] hospitals[270], and[236] ventilated[41] them[146], and[236] now[20] comes[268]
blowing[248] hither[342] as[113] innocent[156] as[113] fleeces[125]. Out[66] upon[419] it[162]!--it[162]'s[483] tainted[283].
Were[324] I[482] the[19] wind[262], I[482]'d[67] blow[230] no[235] more[348] on[392] such[420] a[10] wicked[5], miserable[364] world[126].
I[482]'d[67] crawl[445] somewhere[201] to[261] a[10] cave[84], and[236] slink[73] there[340]. And[236] yet[443],
'tis a[10] noble[226] and[236] heroic[402] thing[309], the[19] wind[262]! who[319] ever[208] conquered[140] it[162]?

In[107] every[389] fight[330] it[162] has[399] the[19] last[436] and[236] bitterest[197] blow[230]. Run[172] tilting[295]
at[65] it[162], and[236] you[227] but[330] run[172] through[295] it[162]. Ha[387]! a[10] coward[92] wind[262] that[14] strikes[323]
stark[376] naked[70] men[62], but[330] will[584] not[518] stand[530] to[261] receive[327] a[10] single[77] blow[230].
Even[198] Ahab[232] is[487] a[10] braver[522] thing[309]--a[10] nobler[354] thing[309] than[77] that[14].
Would[282] now[20] the[19] wind[262] but[330] had[364] a[10] body[348]; but[330] all[145] the[19] things[4] that[14] most[216]
exasperate[451] and[236] outrage[16] mortal[371] man[17], all[145] these[527] things[4] are[314] bodiless[23],
but[330] only[517] bodiless[23] as[113] objects[326], not[518] as[113] agents[242]. There[340]'s[483] a[10]
most[216] special[326], a[10] most[216] cunning[198], oh[367], a[10] most[216] malicious[361] difference[3]!
And[236] yet[443], I[482] say[306] again[52], and[236] swear[322] it[162] now[20], that[14] there[340]'s[483] something[181]
all[145] glorious[466] and[236] gracious[375] in[107] the[19] wind[262]. These[527] warm[178] Trade[335] Winds[399],
at[65] least[453], that[14] in[107] the[19] clear[408] heavens[494] blow[230] straight[346] on[392], in[107] strong[145]
and[236] steadfast[246], vigorous[113] mildness[354]; and[236] veer[192] not[518] from[316] their[219] mark[169],
however[44] the[19] baser[332] currents[218] of[89] the[19] sea[67] may[236] turn[17] and[236] tack[22],
and[236] mightiest[395] Mississippies of[89] the[19] land[406] swift[376] and[236] swerve[110] about[123],
uncertain[396] where[579] to[261] go[20] at[65] last[436]. And[236] by[406] the[19] eternal[155] Poles[122]!
these[527] same[541] Trades[111] that[14] so[281] directly[58] blow[230] my[36] good[221] ship[438] on[392];
these[527] Trades[111], or[519] something[181] like[410] them[146]--something[181] so[281] unchangeable[13],
and[236] full[414] as[113] strong[145], blow[230] my[36] keeled[299] soul[428] along[423]! To[261] it[162]! Aloft[276] there[340]!
What[243] d[67]'ye[163] see[370]?"

"Nothing[324], sir[271]."

"Nothing[324]! and[236] noon[445] at[65] hand[252]! The[19] doubloon[263] goes[205] a[10]-begging[104]! See[370]
the[19] sun[397]! Aye[86], aye[86], it[162] must[226] be[341] so[281]. I[482]'ve[149] over[82]-sailed[248] him[248].
How[19], got[286] the[19] start[117]? Aye[86], he[362]'s[483] chasing[227] me[2] now[20]; not[518] I[482], him[248]--
that[14]'s[76] bad[458]; I[482] might[496] have[254] known[86] it[162], too[11]. Fool[5]! the[19] lines[241]--
the[19] harpoons[6] he[362]'s[483] towing[78]. Aye[86], aye[86], I[482] have[254] run[172] him[248] by[406] last[436] night[108].
About[123]! about[123]! Come[420] down[133], all[145] of[89] ye[483], but[330] the[19] regular[400] look[523] outs[52]!
Man[17] the[19] braces[403]!"

Steering[252] as[113] she[391] had[364] done[135], the[19] wind[262] had[364] been[185] somewhat[77] on[392] the[19]
Pequod[288]'s[483] quarter[6], so[281] that[14] now[20] being[264] pointed[413] in[107] the[19] reverse[303] direction[67],
the[19] braced[84] ship[438] sailed[248] hard[337] upon[419] the[19] breeze[227] as[113] she[391] rechurned[250]
the[19] cream[227] in[107] her[400] own[248] white[82] wake[205].

"Against[417] the[19] wind[262] he[362] now[20] steers[232] for[190] the[19] open[464] jaw[213]," murmured[238] Starbuck
to[261] himself[282], as[113] he[362] coiled[4] the[19] new[36]-hauled[80] main[501]-brace[403] upon[419] the[19] rail[51].
"God[185] keep[381] us[569], but[330] already[93] my[36] bones[5] feel[461] damp[264] within[503] me[2], and[236] from[316]
the[19] inside[438] wet[299] my[36] flesh[331]. I[482] misdoubt[83] me[2] that[14] I[482] disobey[180] my[36] God[185]
in[107] obeying[163] him[248]!"

"Stand[530] by[406] to[261] sway[497] me[2] up[405]!" cried[506] Ahab[232], advancing[444] to[261] the[19] hempen[451] basket[296].
"We[465] should[255] meet[16] him[248] soon[18]."

"Aye[86], aye[86], sir[271]," and[236] straightway[210] Starbuck did[444] Ahab[232]'s[483] bidding[340],
and[236] once[248] more[348] Ahab[232] swung[205] on[392] high[361].

A[10] whole[199] hour[384] now[20] passed[87]; gold[231]-beaten[442] out[66] to[261] ages[146].
Time[577] itself[312] now[20] held[212] long[544] breaths[192] with[449] keen[202] suspense[547].
But[330] at[65] last[436], some[265] three[329] points[245] off[111] the[19] weather[405] bow[146], Ahab[232] descried[313]
the[19] spout[224] again[52], and[236] instantly[186] from[316] the[19] three[329] mast[44]-heads[279]
three[329] shrieks[400] went[516] up[405] as[113] if[141] the[19] tongues[202] of[89] fire[559] had[364] voiced[72] it[162].

"Forehead[380] to[261] forehead[380] I[482] meet[16] thee[15], this[256] third[301] time[577], Moby[362] Dick[25]!
On[392] deck[505] there[340]!--brace[403] sharper[339] up[405]; crowd[16] her[400] into[554] the[19] wind[262]'s[483] eye[220].
He[362]'s[483] too[11] far[258] off[111] to[261] lower[47] yet[443], Mr[219]. Starbuck. The[19] sails[344] shake[180]!
Stand[530] over[82] that[14] helmsman[457] with[449] a[10] top[70]-maul[191]! So[281], so[281]; he[362] travels[134] fast[208],
and[236] I[482] must[226] down[133]. But[330] let[66] me[2] have[254] one[470] more[348] good[221] round[287] look[523] aloft[276]
here[135] at[65] the[19] sea[67]; there[340]'s[483] time[577] for[190] that[14]. An[138] old[447], old[447] sight[365], and[236] yet[443]
somehow[425] so[281] young[389]; aye[86], and[236] not[518] changed[21] a[10] wink[250] since[374] I[482] first[13] saw[113] it[162],
a[10] boy[110], from[316] the[19] sand[380]-hills[352] of[89] Nantucket[283]! The[19] same[541]--the[19] same[541]!--
the[19] same[541] to[261] Noah[69] as[113] to[261] me[2]. There[340]'s[483] a[10] soft[226] shower[143] to[261] leeward[265].
Such[420] lovely[126] leewardings! They[382] must[226] lead[362] somewhere[201]--
to[261] something[181] else[212] than[77] common[304] land[406], more[348] palmy[4] than[77] the[19] palms[173].
Leeward[265]! the[19] white[82] whale[422] goes[205] that[14] way[435]; look[523] to[261] windward[170], then[45];
the[19] better[34] if[141] the[19] bitterer[197] quarter[6]. But[330] good[221] bye[96], good[221] bye[96],
old[447] mast[44]-head[116]! What[243]'s[483] this[256]?--green[549]? aye[86], tiny[266] mosses[28] in[107] these[527]
warped[355] cracks[292]. No[235] such[420] green[549] weather[405] stains[221] on[392] Ahab[232]'s[483] head[219]!
There[340]'s[483] the[19] difference[3] now[20] between[77] man[17]'s[415] old[447] age[157] and[236] matter[176]'s[483].
But[330] aye[86], old[447] mast[44], we[465] both[558] grow[163] old[447] together[440]; sound[181] in[107] our[234] hulls[133],
though[400] are[314] we[465] not[518], my[36] ship[438]? Aye[86], minus[153] a[10] leg[331], that[14]'s[76] all[145].
By[406] heaven[163] this[256] dead[568] wood[46] has[399] the[19] better[34] of[89] my[36] live[554] flesh[331] every[389] way[435].
I[482] can[450]'t[500] compare[184] with[449] it[162]; and[236] I[482]'ve[149] known[86] some[265] ships[21] made[563] of[89] dead[568] trees[354]
outlast[426] the[19] lives[245] of[89] men[62] made[563] of[89] the[19] most[216] vital[204] stuff[471] of[89] vital[204] fathers[305].
What[243]'s[483] that[14] he[362] said[252]? he[362] should[255] still[278] go[20] before[344] me[2], my[36] pilot[559];
and[236] yet[443] to[261] be[341] seen[154] again[52]? But[330] where[579]? Will[584] I[482] have[254] eyes[125] at[65]
the[19] bottom[461] of[89] the[19] sea[67], supposing[247] I[482] descend[252] those[427] endless[489] stairs[330]?
and[236] all[145] night[108] I[482]'ve[149] been[185] sailing[232] from[316] him[248], wherever[408] he[362] did[444] sink[190] to[261].
Aye[86], aye[86], like[410] many[282] more[348] thou[173] told[82]'st[485] direful[137] truth[350] as[113]
touching[80] thyself[402], O[24] Parsee[18]; but[330], Ahab[232], there[340] thy[43] shot[443] fell[421] short[522].
Good[221] bye[96], mast[44]-head[116]--keep[381] a[10] good[221] eye[220] upon[419] the[19] whale[422], the[19] while[55] I[482]'m[250] gone[190].
We[465]'ll[300] talk[173] to[261]-morrow[376], nay[358], to[261]-night[108], when[189] the[19] white[82] whale[422] lies[27]
down[133] there[340], tied[101] by[406] head[219] and[236] tail[102]."

He[362] gave[572] the[19] word[486]; and[236] still[278] gazing[117] round[287] him[248], was[454] steadily[379] lowered[279] through[295] the[19] cloven[26] blue[240] air[209] to[261] the[19] deck[505].

In[107] due[266] time[577] the[19] boats[83] were[324] lowered[279]; but[330] as[113] standing[144] in[107] his[433] shallop[244]'s[483] stern[442], Ahab[232] just[108] hovered[400] upon[419] the[19] point[438] of[89] the[19] descent[181], he[362] waved[366] to[261] the[19] mate[508],--who[319] held[212] one[470] of[89] the[19] tackle[346]--ropes[461] on[392] deck[505]-- and[236] bade[411] him[248] pause[391].

"Starbuck!"

"Sir[271]?"

"For[190] the[19] third[301] time[577] my[36] soul[428]'s[483] ship[438] starts[248] upon[419] this[256] voyage[137], Starbuck."

"Aye[86], sir[271], thou[173] wilt[401] have[254] it[162] so[281]."

"Some[265] ships[21] sail[218] from[316] their[219] ports[92], and[236] ever[208] afterwards[418] are[314] missing[210], Starbuck!"

"Truth[350], sir[271]: saddest[235] truth[350]."

"Some[265] men[62] die[229] at[65] ebb[443] tide[523]; some[265] at[65] low[407] water[520]; some[265] at[65] the[19] full[414] of[89] the[19] flood[167];--and[236] I[482] feel[461] now[20] like[410] a[10] billow[510] that[14]'s[76] all[145] one[470] crested[296] comb[522], Starbuck. I[482] am[375] old[447];--shake[180] hands[87] with[449] me[2], man[17]."

Their[219] hands[87] met[130]; their[219] eyes[125] fastened[426]; Starbuck's[483] tears[470] the[19] glue[287].

"Oh[367], my[36] captain[295], my[36] captain[295]!--noble[226] heart[470]--go[20] not[518]--go[20] not[518]!--see[370], it[162]'s[483] a[10] brave[218] man[17] that[14] weeps[18]; how[19] great[259] the[19] agony[242] of[89] the[19] persuasion[55] then[45]!"

"Lower[47] away[443]!"-cried[506] Ahab[232], tossing[213] the[19] mate[508]'s[483] arm[25] from[316] him[248]. "Stand[530] by[406] for[190] the[19] crew[126]!"

In[107] an[138] instant[279] the[19] boat[439] was[454] pulling[217] round[287] close[65] under[533] the[19] stern[442].

"The[19] sharks[206]! the[19] sharks[206]!" cried[506] a[10] voice[233] from[316] the[19] low[407] cabin[192]-window[192] there[340]; "O[24] master[131], my[36] master[131], come[420] back[457]!"

But[330] Ahab[232] heard[444] nothing[324]; for[190] his[433] own[248] voice[233] was[454] high[361]-lifted[403] then[45]; and[236] the[19] boat[439] leaped[314] on[392].

Yet[443] the[19] voice[233] spake[511] true[483]; for[190] scarce[462] had[364] he[362] pushed[189] from[316] the[19] ship[438], when[189] numbers[285] of[89] sharks[206], seemingly[261] rising[464] from[316] out[66] the[19] dark[471] waters[556] beneath[320] the[19] hull[323], maliciously[141] snapped[459] at[65] the[19] blades[141] of[89] the[19] oars[398], every[389] time[577] they[382] dipped[377] in[107] the[19] water[520]; and[236] in[107] this[256] way[435] accompanied[26] the[19] boat[439] with[449] their[219] bites[221]. It[162] is[487] a[10] thing[309] not[518] uncommonly[194] happening[106] to[261] the[19] whale[422]-boats[83] in[107] those[427] swarming[41] seas[350]; the[19] sharks[206] at[65] times[121] apparently[261] following[181] them[146] in[107] the[19] same[541] prescient[468] way[435] that[14] vultures[107] hover[244] over[82] the[19] banners[371] of[89] marching[57] regiments[64] in[107] the[19] east[524]. But[330] these[527] were[324] the[19] first[13] sharks[206] that[14] had[364] been[185] observed[340] by[406] the[19] Pequod[288] since[374] the[19] White[82] Whale[422] had[364] been[185] first[13] descried[313]; and[236] whether[454] it[162] was[454] that[14] Ahab[232]'s[483] crew[126] were[324] all[145] such[420] tiger[293]-yellow[95] barbarians[15], and[236] therefore[94] their[219] flesh[331] more[348] musky[280] to[261] the[19] senses[161] of[89] the[19] sharks[206]-- a[10] matter[176] sometimes[77] well[263] known[86] to[261] affect[298] them[146],--however[44] it[162] was[454], they[382] seemed[132] to[261] follow[408] that[14] one[470] boat[439] without[309] molesting[35] the[19] others[317].

"Heart[470] of[89] wrought[22] steel[184]!" murmured[238] Starbuck gazing[117] over[82] the[19] side[246], and[236] following[181] with[449] his[433] eyes[125] the[19] receding[266] boat[439]--"canst[502] thou[173] yet[443] ring[579] boldly[445] to[261] that[14] sight[365]?--lowering[240] thy[43] keel[39] among[483] ravening[439] sharks[206], and[236] followed[234] by[406] them[146], open[464]-mouthed to[261] the[19] chase[89]; and[236] this[256] the[19] critical[38] third[301] day[112]?--For[190] when[189] three[329] days[351] flow[44] together[440] in[107] one[470] continuous[447] intense[89] pursuit[305]; be[341] sure[41] the[19] first[13] is[487] the[19] morning[417], the[19] second[386] the[19] noon[445], and[236] the[19] third[301] the[19] evening[581] and[236] the[19] end[149] of[89] that[14] thing[309]--be[341] that[14] end[149] what[243] it[162] may[236]. Oh[367]! my[36] God[185]! what[243] is[487] this[256] that[14] shoots[536] through[295] me[2], and[236] leaves[441] me[2] so[281] deadly[49] calm[39], yet[443] expectant[379],--fixed[564] at[65] the[19] top[70] of[89] a[10] shudder[17]! Future[44] things[4] swim[226] before[344] me[2], as[113] in[107] empty[450] outlines[303] and[236] skeletons[154]; all[145] the[19] past[111] is[487] somehow[425] grown[299] dim[14]. Mary[221], girl[30]; thou[173] fadest in[107] pale[292] glories[29] behind[80] me[2]; boy[110]! I[482] seem[404] to[261] see[370] but[330] thy[43] eyes[125] grown[299] wondrous[30] blue[240]. Strangest[86] problems[112] of[89] life[71] seem[404] clearing[84]; but[330] clouds[342] sweep[471] between[77]--Is[487] my[36] journey[301]'s[483] end[149] coming[140]? My[36] legs[108] feel[461] faint[316]; like[410] his[433] who[319] has[399] footed[83] it[162] all[145] day[112]. Feel[461] thy[43] heart[470],--beats[241] it[162] yet[443]? Stir[290] thyself[402], Starbuck!-- stave[416] it[162] off[111]--move[361], move[361]! speak[337] aloud[352]!--Mast[44]-head[116] there[340]! See[370] ye[483] my[36] boy[110]'s[483] hand[252] on[392] the[19] hill[219]?--Crazed[292]; aloft[276] there[340]!-- keep[381] thy[43] keenest[347] eye[220] upon[419] the[19] boats[83]:--mark[169] well[263] the[19] whale[422]!-- Ho[31]! again[52]!--drive[548] off[111] that[14] hawk[328]! see[370]! he[362] pecks[154]--he[362] tears[470] the[19] vane[254]"-- pointing[295] to[261] the[19] red[293] flag[270] flying[354] at[65] the[19] main[501]-truck[120]--"Ha[387], he[362] soars[444] away[443] with[449] it[162]!--Where[579]'s[483] the[19] old[447] man[17] now[20]? see[370]'st[119] thou[173] that[14] sight[365], oh[367] Ahab[232]!--shudder[17], shudder[17]!"

The[19] boats[83] had[364] not[518] gone[190] very[515] far[258], when[189] by[406] a[10] signal[264] from[316] the[19] mast[44]-heads[279]-- a[10] downward[157] pointed[413] arm[25], Ahab[232] knew[480] that[14] the[19] whale[422] had[364] sounded[163]; but[330] intending[102] to[261] be[341] near[70] him[248] at[65] the[19] next[27] rising[464], he[362] held[212] on[392] his[433] way[435] a[10] little[554] sideways[496] from[316] the[19] vessel[155]; the[19] becharmed[89] crew[126] maintaining[140] the[19] profoundest[320] silence[309], as[113] the[19] head[219]-bent[406] waves[443] hammered[193] and[236] hammered[193]

against[417] the[19] opposing[402] bow[146].

"Drive[548], drive[548] in[107] your[162] nails[174], oh[367] ye[483] waves[443]! to[261] their[219] uttermost[129]
heads[366] drive[548] them[146] in[107]! ye[483] but[330] strike[374] a[10] thing[309] without[309] a[10] lid[157];
and[236] no[235] coffin[284] and[236] no[235] hearse[34] can[450] be[341] mine[482]:--and[236] hemp[245] only[517] can[450]
kill[219] me[2]! Ha[387]! ha[387]!"

Suddenly[193] the[19] waters[556] around[66] them[146] slowly[149] swelled[213] in[107] broad[267] circles[3];
then[45] quickly[183] upheaved[366], as[113] if[141] sideways[496] sliding[540] from[316] a[10] submerged[402]
berg[173] of[89] ice[443], swiftly[441] rising[464] to[261] the[19] surface[328]. A[10] low[407] rumbling[41] sound[181]
was[454] heard[444]; a[10] subterraneous[6] hum[345]; and[236] then[45] all[145] held[212] their[219] breaths[192];
as[113] bedraggled[340] with[449] trailing[15] ropes[461], and[236] harpoons[6], and[236] lances[8],
a[10] vast[43] form[238] shot[443] lengthwise[288], but[330] obliquely[122] from[316] the[19] sea[67].
Shrouded[465] in[107] a[10] thin[445] drooping[279] veil[69] of[89] mist[322], it[162] hovered[400] for[190] a[10] moment[258]
in[107] the[19] rainbowed air[209]; and[236] then[45] fell[421] swamping[42] back[457] into[554] the[19] deep[483].
Crushed[197] thirty[521] feet[349] upwards[110], the[19] waters[556] flashed[479] for[190] an[138] instant[279]
like[410] heaps[86] of[89] fountains[170], then[45] brokenly[271] sank[310] in[107] a[10] shower[143] of[89] flakes[120],
leaving[231] the[19] circling[504] surface[328] creamed[3] like[410] new[36] milk[362] round[287] the[19] marble[364]
trunk[389] of[89] the[19] whale[422].

"Give[142] way[435]!" cried[506] Ahab[232] to[261] the[19] oarsmen[59], and[236] the[19] boats[83] darted[362] forward[364] to[261]
the[19] attack[74]; but[330] maddened[273] by[406] yesterday[235]'s[483] fresh[540] irons[363] that[14] corroded[348] in[107] him[248],
Moby[362] Dick[25] seemed[132] combinedly possessed[95] by[406] all[145] the[19] angels[29] that[14] fell[421]
from[316] heaven[163]. The[19] wide[465] tiers[76] of[89] welded[102] tendons[454] overspreading[222] his[433] broad[267]
white[82] forehead[380], beneath[320] the[19] transparent[129] skin[428], looked[232] knitted[481] together[440];
as[113] head[219] on[392], he[362] came[549] churning[367] his[433] tail[102] among[483] the[19] boats[83]; and[236] once[248] more[348]
flailed[279] them[146] apart[526]; spilling[25] out[66] the[19] irons[363] and[236] lances[8] from[316] the[19] two[527] mates[264]'
boats[83], and[236] dashing[14] in[107] one[470] side[246] of[89] the[19] upper[403] part[207] of[89] their[219] bows[460],
but[330] leaving[231] Ahab[232]'s[483] almost[518] without[309] a[10] scar[101].

While[55] Daggoo and[236] Queequeg were[324] stopping[406] the[19] strained[516] planks[284];
and[236] as[113] the[19] whale[422] swimming[367] out[66] from[316] them[146], turned[492], and[236] showed[507]
one[470] entire[230] flank[434] as[113] he[362] shot[443] by[406] them[146] again[52]; at[65] that[14] moment[258]
a[10] quick[241] cry[561] went[516] up[405]. Lashed[97] round[287] and[236] round[287] to[261] the[19] fish[187]'s[483] back[457];
pinioned[279] in[107] the[19] turns[136] upon[419] turns[136] in[107] which[16], during[309] the[19] past[111] night[108],
the[19] whale[422] had[364] reeled[429] the[19] involutions[27] of[89] the[19] lines[241] around[66] him[248],
the[19] half[119] torn[237] body[348] of[89] the[19] Parsee[18] was[454] seen[154]; his[433] sable[275] raiment[114]
frayed[127] to[261] shreds[249]; his[433] distended[106] eyes[125] turned[492] full[414] upon[419] old[447] Ahab[232].

The[19] harpoon[67] dropped[2] from[316] his[433] hand[252].

"Befooled[30], befooled[30]!"--drawing[407] in[107] a[10] long[544] lean[279] breath[150]--"Aye[86], Parsee[18]! I[482] see[370]
thee[15] again[52].--Aye[86], and[236] thou[173] goest[376] before[344]; and[236] this[256], this[256] then[45] is[487] the[19] hearse[34]
that[14] thou[173] didst[317] promise[461]. But[330] I[482] hold[204] thee[15] to[261] the[19] last[436] letter[539] of[89] thy[43] word[486].
Where[579] is[487] the[19] second[386] hearse[34]? Away[443], mates[264], to[261] the[19] ship[438]! those[427] boats[83]
are[314] useless[327] now[20]; repair[373] them[146] if[141] ye[483] can[450] in[107] time[577], and[236] return[407] to[261] me[2];
if[141] not[518], Ahab[232] is[487] enough[217] to[261] die[229]--Down[133], men[62]! the[19] first[13] thing[309] that[14] but[330]
offers[287] to[261] jump[50] from[316] this[256] boat[439] I[482] stand[530] in[107], that[14] thing[309] I[482] harpoon[67].
Ye[483] are[314] not[518] other[282] men[62], but[330] my[36] arms[536] and[236] my[36] legs[108]; and[236] so[281] obey[67] me[2].--
Where[579]'s[483] the[19] whale[422]? gone[190] down[133] again[52]?"

But[330] he[362] looked[232] too[11] nigh[254] the[19] boat[439]; for[190] as[113] if[141] bent[406] upon[419] escaping[173]
with[449] the[19] corpse[133] he[362] bore[27], and[236] as[113] if[141] the[19] particular[336] place[107] of[89] the[19] last[436]
encounter[250] had[364] been[185] but[330] a[10] stage[22] in[107] his[433] leeward[265] voyage[137], Moby[362] Dick[25]
was[454] now[20] again[52] steadily[379] swimming[367] forward[364]; and[236] had[364] almost[518] passed[87]
the[19] ship[438],--which[16] thus[362] far[258] had[364] been[185] sailing[232] in[107] the[19] contrary[166] direction[67]
to[261] him[248], though[400] for[190] the[19] present[112] her[400] headway[492] had[364] been[185] stopped[564].
He[362] seemed[132] swimming[367] with[449] his[433] utmost[43] velocity[397], and[236] now[20] only[517] intent[359]
upon[419] pursuing[392] his[433] own[248] straight[346] path[234] in[107] the[19] sea[67].

"Oh[367]! Ahab[232]," cried[506] Starbuck, "not[518] too[11] late[351] is[487] it[162], even[198] now[20],
the[19] third[301] day[112], to[261] desist[472]. See[370]! Moby[362] Dick[25] seeks[168] thee[15] not[518].
It[162] is[487] thou[173], thou[173], that[14] madly[218] seekest[461] him[248]!"

Setting[151] sail[218] to[261] the[19] rising[464] wind[262], the[19] lonely[137] boat[439] was[454]
swiftly[441] impelled[104] to[261] leeward[265], by[406] both[558] oars[398] and[236] canvas[557].
And[236] at[65] last[436] when[189] Ahab[232] was[454] sliding[540] by[406] the[19] vessel[155], so[281] near[70]
as[113] plainly[450] to[261] distinguish[76] Starbuck's[483] face[556] as[113] he[362] leaned[265]
over[82] the[19] rail[51], he[362] hailed[411] him[248] to[261] turn[17] the[19] vessel[155] about[123],
and[236] follow[408] him[248], not[518] too[11] swiftly[441], at[65] a[10] judicious[384] interval[114].
Glancing[18] upwards[110] he[362] saw[113] Tashtego, Queequeg, and[236] Daggoo,
eagerly[100] mounting[473] to[261] the[19] three[329] mast[44]-heads[279]; while[55] the[19] oarsmen[59]
were[324] rocking[6] in[107] the[19] two[527] staved[26] boats[83] which[16] had[364] but[330] just[108] been[185]
hoisted[367] to[261] the[19] side[246], and[236] were[324] busily[181] at[65] work[385] in[107] repairing[51] them[146].
One[470] after[358] the[19] other[282], through[295] the[19] port[409]-holes[41], as[113] he[362] sped[227],
he[362] also[119] caught[105] flying[354] glimpses[446] of[89] Stubb and[236] Flask[199],
busying[73] themselves[510] on[392] deck[505] among[483] bundles[492] of[89] new[36] irons[363] and[236] lances[8].
As[113] he[362] saw[113] all[145] this[256]; as[113] he[362] heard[444] the[19] hammers[44] in[107] the[19] broken[255] boats[83];
far[258] other[282] hammers[44] seemed[132] driving[280] a[10] nail[367] into[554] his[433] heart[470].
But[330] he[362] rallied[71]. And[236] now[20] marking[279] that[14] the[19] vane[254] or[519] flag[270]
was[454] gone[190] from[316] the[19] main[501]-mast[44]-head[116], he[362] shouted[300] to[261] Tashtego,
who[319] had[364] just[108] gained[290] that[14] perch[295], to[261] descend[252] again[52] for[190] another[269] flag[270],
and[236] a[10] hammer[364] and[236] nails[174], and[236] so[281] nail[367] it[162] to[261] the[19] mast[44].

Whether[454] fagged[17] by[406] the[19] three[329] days[351]' running[296] chase[89], and[236] the[19]
resistance[262] to[261] his[433] swimming[367] in[107] the[19] knotted[506] hamper[425] he[362] bore[27];
or[519] whether[454] it[162] was[454] some[265] latent[70] deceitfulness[444] and[236] malice[157] in[107] him[248]:
whichever[364] was[454] true[483], the[19] White[82] Whale[422]'s[483] way[435] now[20] began[132] to[261] abate[30],
as[113] it[162] seemed[132], from[316] the[19] boat[439] so[281] rapidly[116] nearing[98] him[248] once[248] more[348];
though[400] indeed[522] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] last[436] start[117] had[364] not[518] been[185] so[281] long[544] a[10] one[470]
as[113] before[344]. And[236] still[278] as[113] Ahab[232] glided[152] over[82] the[19] waves[443] the[19] unpitying[132]
sharks[206] accompanied[26] him[248]; and[236] so[281] pertinaciously[31] stuck[120] to[261] the[19] boat[439];
and[236] so[281] continually[303] bit[72] at[65] the[19] plying[78] oars[398], that[14] the[19] blades[141]
became[70] jagged[263] and[236] crunched[315], and[236] left[159] small[350] splinters[30] in[107] the[19] sea[67],
at[65] almost[518] every[389] dip[19].

"Heed[163] them[146] not[518]! those[427] teeth[82] but[330] give[142] new[36] rowlocks[83] to[261] your[162] oars[398].
Pull[35] on[392]! 'tis the[19] better[34] rest[302], the[19] sharks[206]' jaw[213] than[77] the[19] yielding[345] water[520]."

"But[330] at[65] every[389] bite[517], sir[271], the[19] thin[445] blades[141] grow[163] smaller[236] and[236] smaller[236]!"

"They[382] will[584] last[436] long[544] enough[217]! pull[35] on[392]!--But[330] who[319] can[450] tell[392]"--
he[362] muttered[180]--"whether[454] these[527] sharks[206] swim[226] to[261] feast[330] on[392] the[19] whale[422]
or[519] on[392] Ahab[232]?--But[330] pull[35] on[392]! Aye[86], all[145] alive[298], now[20]--we[465] near[70] him[248].
The[19] helm[285]! take[279] the[19] helm[285]! let[66] me[2] pass[153],"--and[236] so[281] saying[9] two[527] of[89] the[19]
oarsmen[59] helped[204] him[248] forward[364] to[261] the[19] bows[460] of[89] the[19] still[278] flying[354] boat[439].

At[65] length[202] as[113] the[19] craft[187] was[454] cast[99] to[261] one[470] side[246], and[236] ran[391] ranging[261]
along[423] with[449] the[19] White[82] Whale[422]'s[483] flank[434], he[362] seemed[132] strangely[155]
oblivious[86] of[89] its[234] advance[70]--as[113] the[19] whale[422] sometimes[77] will[584]--and[236] Ahab[232]
was[454] fairly[211] within[503] the[19] smoky[178] mountain[231] mist[322], which[16], thrown[359] off[111]
from[316] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] spout[224], curled[253] round[287] his[433] great[259] Monadnock[31] hump[20];
he[362] was[454] even[198] thus[362] close[65] to[261] him[248]; when[189], with[449] body[348] arched[4] back[457],
and[236] both[558] arms[536] lengthwise[288] high[361]-lifted[403] to[261] the[19] poise[108], he[362] darted[362]
his[433] fierce[394] iron[169], and[236] his[433] far[258] fiercer[273] curse[48] into[554] the[19] hated[499] whale[422].
As[113] both[558] steel[184] and[236] curse[48] sank[310] to[261] the[19] socket[43], as[113] if[141] sucked[355] into[554]
a[10] morass[27], Moby[362] Dick[25] sideways[496] writhed[310]; spasmodically[203] rolled[226]
his[433] nigh[254] flank[434] against[417] the[19] bow[146], and[236], without[309] staving[279] a[10] hole[73]
in[107] it[162], so[281] suddenly[193] canted[438] the[19] boat[439] over[82], that[14] had[364] it[162] not[518] been[185]
for[190] the[19] elevated[541] part[207] of[89] the[19] gunwale[198] to[261] which[16] he[362] then[45] clung[336],
Ahab[232] would[282] once[248] more[348] have[254] been[185] tossed[227] into[554] the[19] sea[67].
As[113] it[162] was[454], three[329] of[89] the[19] oarsmen[59]--who[319] foreknew[267] not[518] the[19] precise[158]
instant[279] of[89] the[19] dart[293], and[236] were[324] therefore[94] unprepared[22] for[190] its[234] effects[531]--
these[527] were[324] flung[255] out[66]; but[330] so[281] fell[421], that[14], in[107] an[138] instant[279] two[527]
of[89] them[146] clutched[169] the[19] gunwale[198] again[52], and[236] rising[464] to[261] its[234] level[378] on[392]
a[10] combing[99] wave[556], hurled[46] themselves[510] bodily[172] inboard[331] again[52]; the[19] third[301]
man[17] helplessly[100] dropping[279] astern[39], but[330] still[278] afloat[2] and[236] swimming[367].

Almost[518] simultaneously[558], with[449] a[10] mighty[2] volition[431] of[89] ungraduated,
instantaneous[322] swiftness[395], the[19] White[82] Whale[422] darted[362] through[295] the[19]
weltering[213] sea[67]. But[330] when[189] Ahab[232] cried[506] out[66] to[261] the[19] steersman[290] to[261] take[279]
new[36] turns[136] with[449] the[19] line[25], and[236] hold[204] it[162] so[281]; and[236] commanded[571] the[19] crew[126]
to[261] turn[17] round[287] on[392] their[219] seats[261], and[236] tow[160] the[19] boat[439] up[405] to[261] the[19] mark[169];
the[19] moment[258] the[19] treacherous[166] line[25] felt[440] that[14] double[20] strain[468] and[236] tug[88],
it[162] snapped[459] in[107] the[19] empty[450] air[209]!

"What[243] breaks[522] in[107] me[2]? Some[265] sinew[54] cracks[292]!--'tis whole[199] again[52]; oars[398]! oars[398]!
Burst[174] in[107] upon[419] him[248]!"

Hearing[325] the[19] tremendous[376] rush[6] of[89] the[19] sea[67]-crashing boat[439], the[19] whale[422]
wheeled[542] round[287] to[261] present[112] his[433] blank[156] forehead[380] at[65] bay[279]; but[330] in[107]
that[14] evolution[38], catching[263] sight[365] of[89] the[19] nearing[98] black[581] hull[323] of[89] the[19] ship[438];
seemingly[261] seeing[426] in[107] it[162] the[19] source[254] of[89] all[145] his[433] persecutions[410];
bethinking[40] it[162]--it[162] may[236] be[341]--a[10] larger[50] and[236] nobler[354] foe[479]; of[89] a[10] sudden[309],
he[362] bore[27] down[133] upon[419] its[234] advancing[444] prow[451], smiting[280] his[433] jaws[341] amid[240] fiery[42]
showers[128] of[89] foam[160].

Ahab[232] staggered[259]; his[433] hand[252] smote[261] his[433] forehead[380]. "I[482] grow[163] blind[375];
hands[87]! stretch[318] out[66] before[344] me[2] that[14] I[482] may[236] yet[443] grope[65] my[36] way[435].
Is[487]'t[500] night[108]?"

"The[19] whale[422]! The[19] ship[438]!" cried[506] the[19] cringing[103] oarsmen[59].

"Oars[398]! oars[398]! Slope[98] downwards[468] to[261] thy[43] depths[416], O[24] sea[67] that[14] ere[83]
it[162] be[341] for[190] ever[208] too[11] late[351], Ahab[232] may[236] slide[118] this[256] last[436], last[436] time[577]
upon[419] his[433] mark[169]! I[482] see[370]: the[19] ship[438]! the[19] ship[438]! Dash[355] on[392], my[36] men[62]!
Will[584] ye[483] not[518] save[556] my[36] ship[438]?"

But[330] as[113] the[19] oarsmen[59] violently[340] forced[28] their[219] boat[439] through[295]
the[19] sledge[398]-hammering[86] seas[350], the[19] before[344] whale[422]-smitten[83] bow[146]-ends[301]
of[89] two[527] planks[284] burst[174] through[295], and[236] in[107] an[138] instant[279] almost[518],
the[19] temporarily[22] disabled[345] boat[439] lay[62] nearly[575] level[378] with[449] the[19] waves[443];
its[234] half[119]-wading[27], splashing[40] crew[126], trying[83] hard[337] to[261] stop[48] the[19] gap[31]
and[236] bale[65] out[66] the[19] pouring[22] water[520].

Meantime[210], for[190] that[14] one[470] beholding[248] instant[279], Tashtego's[483] mast[44]-head[116]
hammer[364] remained[72] suspended[245] in[107] his[433] hand[252]; and[236] the[19] red[293] flag[270],
half[119]-wrapping[439] him[248] as[113] with[449] a[10] plaid[127], then[45] streamed[122] itself[312]
straight[346] out[66] from[316] him[248], as[113] his[433] own[248] forward[364]-flowing[298] heart[470];

while[55] Starbuck and[236] Stubb, standing[144] upon[419] the[19] bowsprit[120] beneath[320],
caught[105] sight[365] of[89] the[19] down[133]-coming[140] monster[480] just[108] as[113] soon[18] as[113] he[362].

"The[19] whale[422], the[19] whale[422]! Up[405] helm[285], up[405] helm[285]! Oh[367], all[145] ye[483] sweet[417] powers[140]
of[89] air[209], now[20] hug[17] me[2] close[65]! Let[66] not[518] Starbuck die[229], if[141] die[229] he[362] must[226],
in[107] a[10] woman[448]'s[483] fainting[69] fit[12]. Up[405] helm[285], I[482] say[306]--ye[483] fools[379], the[19] jaw[213]! the[19] jaw[213]!
Is[487] this[256] the[19] end[149] of[89] all[145] my[36] bursting[288] prayers[173]? all[145] my[36] life[71]-long[544] fidelities[354]?
Oh[367], Ahab[232], Ahab[232], lo[418], thy[43] work[385]. Steady[21]! helmsman[457], steady[21]. Nay[358], nay[358]!
Up[405] helm[285] again[52]! He[362] turns[136] to[261] meet[16] us[569]! Oh[367], his[433] unappeasable[31] brow[474]
drives[269] on[392] towards[417] one[470], whose[286] duty[468] tells[449] him[248] he[362] cannot depart[297].
My[36] God[185], stand[530] by[406] me[2] now[20]!"

"Stand[530] not[518] by[406] me[2], but[330] stand[530] under[533] me[2], whoever[23] you[227] are[314] that[14] will[584]
now[20] help[526] Stubb; for[190] Stubb, too[11], sticks[335] here[135]. I[482] grin[401] at[65] thee[15],
thou[173] grinning[424] whale[422]! Who[319] ever[208] helped[204] Stubb, or[519] kept[290] Stubb awake[255],
but[330] Stubb's[483] own[248] unwinking[282] eye[220]? And[236] now[20] poor[533] Stubb goes[205] to[261] bed[273] upon[419]
a[10] mattrass[16] that[14] is[487] all[145] too[11] soft[226]; would[282] it[162] were[324] stuffed[502] with[449] brushwood[129]!
I[482] grin[401] at[65] thee[15], thou[173] grinning[424] whale[422]! Look[523] ye[483], sun[397], moon[45], and[236] stars[286]!
I[482] call[259] ye[483] assassins[146] of[89] as[113] good[221] a[10] fellow[369] as[113] ever[208] spouted[395] up[405] his[433] ghost[246].
For[190] all[145] that[14], I[482] would[282] yet[443] ring[579] glasses[527] with[449] ye[483], would[282] ye[483] but[330] hand[252]
the[19] cup[13]! Oh[367], oh[367]! oh[367], oh[367]! thou[173] grinning[424] whale[422], but[330] there[340]'ll[300] be[341]
plenty[406] of[89] gulping[78] soon[18]! Why[177] fly[324] ye[483] not[518], O[24] Ahab[232]! For[190] me[2], off[111] shoes[436]
and[236] jacket[481] to[261] it[162]; let[66] Stubb die[229] in[107] his[433] drawers[350]! A[10] most[216] mouldy[508]
and[236] over[82] salted[212] death[543], though[400];--cherries[183]! cherries[183]! cherries[183]!
Oh[367], Flask[199], for[190] one[470] red[293] cherry[31] ere[83] we[465] die[229]!"

"Cherries[183]? I[482] only[517] wish[95] that[14] we[465] were[324] where[579] they[382] grow[163].
Oh[367], Stubb, I[482] hope[211] my[36] poor[533] mother[276]'s[483] drawn[564] my[36] part[207]-pay[496] ere[83] this[256];
if[141] not[518], few[49] coppers[276] will[584] now[20] come[420] to[261] her[400], for[190] the[19] voyage[137] is[487] up[405]."

From[316] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] bows[460], nearly[575] all[145] the[19] seamen[6] now[20] hung[479] inactive[373];
hammers[44], bits[256] of[89] plank[243], lances[8], and[236] harpoons[6], mechanically[143] retained[155]
in[107] their[219] hands[87], just[108] as[113] they[382] had[364] darted[362] from[316] their[219] various[183] employments[216];
all[145] their[219] enchanted[229] eyes[125] intent[359] upon[419] the[19] whale[422], which[16] from[316] side[246]
to[261] side[246] strangely[155] vibrating[436] his[433] predestinating head[219], sent[411] a[10] broad[267]
band[541] of[89] overspreading[222] semicircular[261] foam[160] before[344] him[248] as[113] he[362] rushed[199].
Retribution[25], swift[376] vengeance[72], eternal[155] malice[157] were[324] in[107] his[433] whole[199] aspect[147],
and[236] spite[431] of[89] all[145] that[14] mortal[371] man[17] could[375] do[353], the[19] solid[494] white[82] buttress[25] of[89] his[433]
forehead[380] smote[261] the[19] ship[438]'s[483] starboard[309] bow[146], till[181] men[62] and[236] timbers[125] reeled[429].
Some[265] fell[421] flat[445] upon[419] their[219] faces[97]. Like[410] dislodged[506] trucks[364],
the[19] heads[366] of[89] the[19] harpooneers aloft[276] shook[161] on[392] their[219] bull[76]-like[213] necks[279].
Through[295] the[19] breach[361], they[382] heard[444] the[19] waters[556] pour[415], as[113] mountain[231] torrents[231]
down[133] a[10] flume[4].

"The[19] ship[438]! The[19] hearse[34]!--the[19] second[386] hearse[34]!" cried[506] Ahab[232] from[316] the[19] boat[439];
"its[234] wood[46] could[375] only[517] be[341] American[272]!"

Diving[279] beneath[320] the[19] settling[98] ship[438], the[19] whale[422] ran[391] quivering[336] along[423] its[234] keel[39];
but[330] turning[69] under[533] water[520], swiftly[441] shot[443] to[261] the[19] surface[328] again[52], far[258] off[111]
the[19] other[282] bow[146], but[330] within[503] a[10] few[49] yards[386] of[89] Ahab[232]'s[483] boat[439], where[579], for[190] a[10] time[577],
he[362] lay[62] quiescent[460].

"I[482] turn[17] my[36] body[348] from[316] the[19] sun[397]. What[243] ho[31], Tashtego! Let[66] me[2]
hear[386] thy[43] hammer[364]. Oh[367]! ye[483] three[329] unsurrendered[197] spires[115] of[89] mine[482];
thou[173] uncracked[364] keel[39]; and[236] only[517] god[185]-bullied hull[323]; thou[173] firm[415] deck[505],
and[236] haughty[459] helm[285], and[236] Pole[20]-pointed[413] prow[451],--death[543]--glorious[466] ship[438]! must[226]
ye[483] then[45] perish[441], and[236] without[309] me[2]? Am[375] I[482] cut[310] off[111] from[316] the[19] last[436] fond[174] pride[279]
of[89] meanest[486] shipwrecked[25] captains[124]? Oh[367], lonely[137] death[543] on[392] lonely[137] life[71]!
Oh[367], now[20] I[482] feel[461] my[36] topmost[346] greatness[309] lies[27] in[107] my[36] topmost[346] grief[318].
Ho[31], ho[31]! from[316] all[145] your[162] furthest[361] bounds[169], pour[415] ye[483] now[20] in[107], ye[483] bold[356] billows[295]
of[89] my[36] whole[199] foregone[9] life[71], and[236] top[70] this[256] one[470] piled[126] comber[318] of[89] my[36] death[543]!
Towards[417] thee[15] I[482] roll[473], thou[173] all[145]-destroying[403] but[330] unconquering whale[422];
to[261] the[19] last[436] I[482] grapple[208] with[449] thee[15]; from[316] hell[169]'s[483] heart[470] I[482] stab[21] at[65] thee[15];
for[190] hate[267]'s[483] sake[523] I[482] spit[265] my[36] last[436] breath[150] at[65] thee[15]. Sink[190] all[145] coffins[259]
and[236] all[145] hearses[124] to[261] one[470] common[304] pool[298]! and[236] since[374] neither[74] can[450] be[341] mine[482],
let[66] me[2] then[45] tow[160] to[261] pieces[283], while[55] still[278] chasing[227] thee[15], though[400] tied[101]
to[261] thee[15], thou[173] damned[572] whale[422]! Thus[362], I[482] give[142] up[405] the[19] spear[188]!"

The[19] harpoon[67] was[454] darted[362]; the[19] stricken[328] whale[422] flew[424] forward[364];
with[449] igniting[423] velocity[397] the[19] line[25] ran[391] through[295] the[19] grooves[189];--ran[391] foul[528].
Ahab[232] stooped[14] to[261] clear[408] it[162]; he[362] did[444] clear[408] it[162]; but[330] the[19] flying[354] turn[17] caught[105] him[248]
round[287] the[19] neck[239], and[236] voicelessly[26] as[113] Turkish[124] mutes[127] bowstring[203] their[219] victim[300],
he[362] was[454] shot[443] out[66] of[89] the[19] boat[439], ere[83] the[19] crew[126] knew[480] he[362] was[454] gone[190].
Next[27] instant[279], the[19] heavy[421] eye[220]-splice[4] in[107] the[19] rope[265]'s[483] final[357] end[149] flew[424] out[66]
of[89] the[19] stark[376]-empty[450] tub[339], knocked[49] down[133] an[138] oarsman[60], and[236] smiting[280] the[19] sea[67],
disappeared[5] in[107] its[234] depths[416].

For[190] an[138] instant[279], the[19] tranced[110] boat[439]'s[483] crew[126] stood[1] still[278]; then[45] turned[492].
"The[19] ship[438]? Great[259] God[185], where[579] is[487] the[19] ship[438]?" Soon[18] they[382] through[295] dim[14],
bewildering[120] mediums[185] saw[113] her[400] sidelong[203] fading[336] phantom[101], as[113] in[107] the[19] gaseous[189]
Fata[154] Morgana[314]; only[517] the[19] uppermost[226] masts[212] out[66] of[89] water[520]; while[55] fixed[564]
by[406] infatuation[133], or[519] fidelity[93], or[519] fate[74], to[261] their[219] once[248] lofty[161] perches[390],
the[19] pagan[118] harpooneers still[278] maintained[345] their[219] sinking[60] look[523]-outs[52] on[392]
the[19] sea[67]. And[236] now[20], concentric[129] circles[3] seized[337] the[19] lone[19] boat[439] itself[312],

and[236] all[145] its[234] crew[126], and[236] each[520] floating[30] oar[61], and[236] every[389] lancepole, and[236] spinning[170], animate[339] and[236] inanimate[305], all[145] round[287] and[236] round[287] in[107] one[470] vortex[265], carried[232] the[19] smallest[443] chip[157] of[89] the[19] Pequod[288] out[66] of[89] sight[365].

But[330] as[113] the[19] last[436] whelmings intermixingly poured[476] themselves[510] over[82] the[19] sunken[83] head[219] of[89] the[19] Indian[303] at[65] the[19] mainmast[323], leaving[231] a[10] few[49] inches[301] of[89] the[19] erect[245] spar[14] yet[443] visible[94], together[440] with[449] long[544] streaming[118] yards[386] of[89] the[19] flag[270], which[16] calmly[170] undulated[265], with[449] ironical[188] coincidings, over[82] the[19] destroying[46] billows[295] they[382] almost[518] touched[367];--at[65] that[14] instant[279], a[10] red[293] arm[25] and[236] a[10] hammer[364] hovered[400] backwardly[142] uplifted[533] in[107] the[19] open[464] air[209], in[107] the[19] act[10] of[89] nailing[83] the[19] flag[270] faster[371] and[236] yet[443] faster[371] to[261] the[19] subsiding[83] spar[14]. A[10] sky[331]-hawk[328] that[14] tauntingly[337] had[364] followed[234] the[19] main[501]-truck[120] downwards[468] from[316] its[234] natural[298] home[450] among[483] the[19] stars[286], pecking[64] at[65] the[19] flag[270], and[236] incommoding[35] Tashtego there[340]; this[256] bird[443] now[20] chanced[424] to[261] intercept[23] its[234] broad[267] fluttering[2] wing[101] between[77] the[19] hammer[364] and[236] the[19] wood[46]; and[236] simultaneously[558] feeling[384] that[14] etherial[84] thrill[165], the[19] submerged[402] savage[398] beneath[320], in[107] his[433] death[543]-gasp[310], kept[290] his[433] hammer[364] frozen[446] there[340]; and[236] so[281] the[19] bird[443] of[89] heaven[163], with[449] archangelic[22] shrieks[400], and[236] his[433] imperial[249] beak[560] thrust[379] upwards[110], and[236] his[433] whole[199] captive[401] form[238] folded[305] in[107] the[19] flag[270] of[89] Ahab[232], went[516] down[133] with[449] his[433] ship[438], which[16], like[410] Satan[229], would[282] not[518] sink[190] to[261] hell[169] till[181] she[391] had[364] dragged[460] a[10] living[117] part[207] of[89] heaven[163] along[423] with[449] her[400], and[236] helmeted[85] herself[263] with[449] it[162].

Now[20] small[350] fowls[206] flew[424] screaming[64] over[82] the[19] yet[443] yawning[480] gulf[375]; a[10] sullen[335] white[82] surf[283] beat[449] against[417] its[234] steep[108] sides[331]; then[45] all[145] collapsed[230], and[236] the[19] great[259] shroud[260] of[89] the[19] sea[67] rolled[226] on[392] as[113] it[162] rolled[226] five[103] thousand[586] years[116] ago[141].

Epilogue[436]

"AND[236] I[482] ONLY[517] AM[375] ESCAPED[197] ALONE[2] TO[261] TELL[392] THEE[15]"
Job[269].

The[19] drama[23]'s[483] done[135]. Why[177] then[45] here[135] does[565] any[501] one[470] step[204] forth[152]?--Because[540] one[470] did[444] survive[308] the[19] wreck[171].

It[162] so[281] chanced[424], that[14] after[358] the[19] Parsee[18]'s[483] disappearance[97], I[482] was[454] he[362] whom[324] the[19] Fates[553] ordained[246] to[261] take[279] the[19] place[107] of[89] Ahab[232]'s[483] bowsman[290], when[189] that[14] bowsman[290] assumed[460] the[19] vacant[367] post[2]; the[19] same[541], who[319], when[189] on[392] the[19] last[436] day[112] the[19] three[329] men[62] were[324] tossed[227] from[316] out[66] of[89] the[19] rocking[6] boat[439], was[454] dropped[2] astern[39]. So[281], floating[30] on[392] the[19] margin[173] of[89] the[19] ensuing[74] scene[228], and[236] in[107] full[414] sight[365] of[89] it[162], when[189] the[19] halfspent suction[26] of[89] the[19] sunk[336] ship[438] reached[386] me[2], I[482] was[454] then[45], but[330] slowly[149], drawn[564] towards[417] the[19] closing[533] vortex[265]. When[189] I[482] reached[386] it[162], it[162] had[364] subsided[445] to[261] a[10] creamy[205] pool[298]. Round[287] and[236] round[287], then[45], and[236] ever[208] contracting[521] towards[417] the[19] button[282]-like[410] black[581] bubble[81] at[65] the[19] axis[20] of[89] that[14] slowly[149] wheeling[434] circle[282], like[410] another[269] Ixion[86] I[482] did[444] revolve[125]. Till[181], gaining[225] that[14] vital[204] centre[389], the[19] black[581] bubble[81] upward[557] burst[174]; and[236] now[20], liberated[257] by[406] reason[238] of[89] its[234] cunning[198] spring[148], and[236], owing[98] to[261] its[234] great[259] buoyancy[15], rising[464] with[449] great[259] force[406], the[19] coffin[284] life[71]-buoy[84] shot[443] lengthwise[288] from[316] the[19] sea[67], fell[421] over[82], and[236] floated[6] by[406] my[36] side[246]. Buoyed[26] up[405] by[406] that[14] coffin[284], for[190] almost[518] one[470] whole[199] day[112] and[236] night[108], I[482] floated[6] on[392] a[10] soft[226] and[236] dirgelike main[501]. The[19] unharming[122] sharks[206], they[382] glided[152] by[406] as[113] if[141] with[449] padlocks[264] on[392] their[219] mouths[26]; the[19] savage[398] sea[67]-hawks[53] sailed[248] with[449] sheathed[146] beaks[509]. On[392] the[19] second[386] day[112], a[10] sail[218] drew[175] near[70], nearer[303], and[236] picked[129] me[2] up[405] at[65] last[436]. It[162] was[454] the[19] devious[350]-cruising[298] Rachel[3], that[14] in[107] her[400] retracing[265] search[352] after[358] her[400] missing[210] children[374], only[517] found[260] another[269] orphan[121].

ETYMOLOGY[439]

(Supplied[338] by[406] a[10] Late[351] Consumptive[295] Usher[139] to[261] a[10] Grammar[367] School[315])

The[19] pale[292] Usher[139]--threadbare[353] in[107] coat[7], heart[470], body[348], and[236] brain[158]; I[482] see[370] him[248] now[20]. He[362] was[454] ever[208] dusting[423] his[433] old[447] lexicons[97] and[236] grammars[161], with[449] a[10] queer[156] handkerchief[286], mockingly[476] embellished[27] with[449] all[145] the[19] gay[323] flags[486] of[89] all[145] the[19] known[86] nations[274] of[89] the[19] world[126]. He[362] loved[13] to[261] dust[434] his[433] old[447] grammars[161]; it[162] somehow[425] mildly[115] reminded[25] him[248] of[89] his[433] mortality[226].

"While[55] you[227] take[279] in[107] hand[252] to[261] school[315] others[317], and[236] to[261] teach[250] them[146] by[406] what[243] name[477] a[10] whale[422]-fish[187] is[487] to[261] be[341] called[237] in[107] our[234] tongue[375] leaving[231] out[66], through[295] ignorance[211], the[19] letter[539] H[349], which[16] almost[518] alone[2] maketh[29] the[19] signification[189] of[89] the[19] word[486], you[227] deliver[492] that[14] which[16] is[487] not[518] true[483]."
--HACKLUYT[125]

"WHALE[422]. ... Sw[290]. and[236] Dan[363]. hval. This[256] animal[22] is[487] named[312] from[316] roundness[402] or[519] rolling[253]; for[190] in[107] Dan[363]. hvalt is[487] arched[4] or[519] vaulted[309]."
--WEBSTER[281]'S[483] DICTIONARY[249]

"WHALE[422]. ... It[162] is[487] more[348] immediately[172] from[316] the[19] Dut[500]. and[236] Ger[223]. Wallen[92]; A[10].S[483]. Walw-ian, to[261] roll[473], to[261] wallow[252]."

--RICHARDSON[451]'S[483] DICTIONARY[249]

KETOS,	Greek[261].
CETUS[225],	Latin[420].
WHOEL,	Anglo-Saxon[479].
HVALT,	Danish[208].
WAL[325],	Dutch[325].
HWAL,	Swedish[231].
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WHALE[422],	English[69].
BALEINE[383],	French[491].
BALLENA[33],	Spanish[124].
PEKEE-NUEE-NUEE,	Fegee.
PEKEE-NUEE-NUEE,	Erromangoan.

EXTRACTS[173]
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It[162] will[584] be[341] seen[154] that[14] this[256] mere[393] painstaking[360] burrower[287] and[236] grub[364]-worm[128] of[89] a[10] poor[533] devil[411] of[89] a[10] Sub-Sub appears[268] to[261] have[254] gone[190] through[295] the[19] long[544] Vaticans and[236] street[100]-stalls of[89] the[19] earth[513], picking[331] up[405] whatever[38] random[439] allusions[117] to[261] whales[331] he[362] could[375] anyways[213] find[138] in[107] any[501] book[230] whatsoever[268], sacred[32] or[519] profane[535]. therefore[94] you[227] must[226] not[518], in[107] every[389] case[346] at[65] least[453], take[279] the[19] higgledy-piggledy[141] whale[422] statements[42], however[44] authentic[384], in[107] these[527] extracts[173], for[190] veritable[282] gospel[77] cetology. Far[258] from[316] it[162]. As[113] touching[80] the[19] ancient[463] authors[244] generally[402], as[113] well[263] as[113] the[19] poets[5] here[135] appearing[341], these[527] extracts[173] are[314] solely[41] valuable[72] or[519] entertaining[41], as[113] affording[206] a[10] glancing[18] bird[443]'s[483] eye[220] view[370] of[89] what[243] has[399] been[185] promiscuously[283] said[252], thought[186], fancied[100], and[236] sung[57] of[89] Leviathan[384], by[406] many[282] nations[274] and[236] generations[124], including[123] our[234] own[248].

So[281] fare[19] thee[15] well[263], poor[533] devil[411] of[89] a[10] Sub-Sub, whose[286] commentator[170] I[482] am[375]. Thou[173] belongest[475] to[261] that[14] hopeless[189], sallow[115] tribe[273] which[16] no[235] wine[102] of[89] this[256] world[126] will[584] ever[208] warm[178]; and[236] for[190] whom[324] even[198] Pale[292] Sherry[388] would[282] be[341] too[11] rosy[415]-strong[145]; but[330] with[449] whom[324] one[470] sometimes[77] loves[205] to[261] sit[215], and[236] feel[461] poor[533]-devilish[181], too[11]; and[236] grow[163] convivial[355] upon[419] tears[470]; and[236] say[306] to[261] them[146] bluntly[402], with[449] full[414] eyes[125] and[236] empty[450] glasses[527], and[236] in[107] not[518] altogether[31] unpleasant[421] sadness[23]-- Give[142] it[162] up[405], Sub-Subs! For[190] by[406] how[19] much[61] more[348] pains[97] ye[483] take[279] to[261] please[153] the[19] world[126], by[406] so[281] much[61] the[19] more[348] shall[66] ye[483] for[190] ever[208] go[20] thankless[362]! Would[282] that[14] I[482] could[375] clear[408] out[66] Hampton[320] Court[243] and[236] the[19] Tuileries[264] for[190] ye[483]! But[330] gulp[364] down[133] your[162] tears[470] and[236] hie[560] aloft[276] to[261] the[19] royal[161]-mast[44] with[449] your[162] hearts[431]; for[190] your[162] friends[169] who[319] have[254] gone[190] before[344] are[314] clearing[84] out[66] the[19] seven[188]-storied[388] heavens[494], and[236] making[415] refugees[393] of[89] long[544] pampered[140] Gabriel[152], Michael[232], and[236] Raphael[183], against[417] your[162] coming[140]. Here[135] ye[483] strike[374] but[330] splintered[330] hearts[431] together[440]--there[340], ye[483] shall[66] strike[374] unsplinterable glasses[527]!

"And[236] God[185] created[37] great[259] whales[331]."
--GENESIS[162].

"Leviathan[384] maketh[29] a[10] path[234] to[261] shine[262] after[358] him[248];
One[470] would[282] think[424] the[19] deep[483] to[261] be[341] hoary[29]."
--JOB[269].

"Now[20] the[19] Lord[106] had[364] prepared[59] a[10] great[259] fish[187] to[261] swallow[195] up[405] Jonah[41]."
--JONAH[41].

"There[340] go[20] the[19] ships[21]; there[340] is[487] that[14] Leviathan[384] whom[324] thou[173] hast[174] made[563] to[261] play[89] therein[68]."
--PSALMS[156].

"In[107] that[14] day[112], the[19] Lord[106] with[449] his[433] sore[446], and[236] great[259], and[236] strong[145] sword[273], shall[66] punish[365] Leviathan[384] the[19] piercing[305] serpent[264], even[198] Leviathan[384] that[14] crooked[236] serpent[264]; and[236] he[362] shall[66] slay[543] the[19] dragon[225] that[14] is[487] in[107] the[19] sea[67]."
--ISAIAH[393]

"And[236] what[243] thing[309] soever[324] besides[465] cometh[138] within[503] the[19] chaos[133] of[89] this[256] monster[480]'s[483] mouth[414], be[341] it[162] beast[136], boat[439], or[519] stone[398], down[133] it[162] goes[205] all[145] incontinently[420] that[14] foul[528] great[259] swallow[195] of[89] his[433], and[236] perisheth[144] in[107] the[19] bottomless[376] gulf[375] of[89] his[433] paunch[89]."
--HOLLAND[173]'S[483] PLUTARCH[305]'S[483] MORALS[29].

"The[19] Indian[303] Sea[67] breedeth[51] the[19] most[216] and[236] the[19] biggest[224] fishes[13] that[14] are[314]: among[483] which[16] the[19] Whales[331] and[236] Whirlpooles called[237] Balaene, take[279] up[405] as[113] much[61] in[107] length[202] as[113] four[175] acres[506] or[519] arpens of[89] land[406]."
--HOLLAND[173]'S[483] PLINY[159].

"Scarcely[71] had[364] we[465] proceeded[121] two[527] days[351] on[392] the[19] sea[67], when[189] about[123] sunrise[445] a[10] great[259] many[282] Whales[331] and[236] other[282] monsters[129] of[89] the[19] sea[67], appeared[88]. Among[483] the[19] former[157], one[470] was[454] of[89] a[10] most[216] monstrous[395] size[503]. ... This[256] came[549] towards[417] us[569], open[464]-mouthed, raising[99] the[19] waves[443] on[392] all[145] sides[331], and[236] beating[124] the[19] sea[67] before[344] him[248] into[554] a[10] foam[160]."
--TOOKE[111]'S[483] LUCIAN[99]. "THE[19] TRUE[483] HISTORY[183]."

"He[362] visited[16] this[256] country[362] also[119] with[449] a[10] view[370] of[89] catching[263] horse[409]-whales[331], which[16] had[364] bones[5] of[89] very[515] great[259] value[567] for[190] their[219] teeth[82], of[89] which[16] he[362] brought[85] some[265] to[261] the[19] king[324]. ... The[19] best[315] whales[331] were[324] catched[419] in[107] his[433] own[248] country[362], of[89] which[16] some[265] were[324] forty[525]-eight[316], some[265] fifty[406] yards[386] long[544]. He[362] said[252] that[14] he[362] was[454] one[470] of[89] six[415] who[319] had[364] killed[409] sixty[332] in[107] two[527] days[351]."
--OTHER[282] OR[519] OCTHER'S[483] VERBAL[52] NARRATIVE[81] TAKEN[222] DOWN[133] FROM[316] HIS[433] MOUTH[414] BY[406] KING[324] ALFRED[41], A[10].D[236]. 890[4].

"And[236] whereas[18] all[145] the[19] other[282] things[4], whether[454] beast[136] or[519] vessel[155], that[14] enter[204] into[554] the[19] dreadful[405] gulf[375] of[89] this[256] monster[480]'s[483] (whale[422]'s[483]) mouth[414], are[314] immediately[172] lost[308] and[236] swallowed[104] up[405], the[19] sea[67]-gudgeon retires[78] into[554] it[162] in[107] great[259] security[105], and[236] there[340] sleeps[136]."
--MONTAIGNE[198]. - APOLOGY[256] FOR[190] RAIMOND[102] SEBOND[255].

"Let[66] us[569] fly[324], let[66] us[569] fly[324]! Old[447] Nick[250] take[279] me[2] if[141] is[487] not[518] Leviathan[384] described[483] by[406] the[19] noble[226] prophet[25] Moses[417] in[107] the[19] life[71] of[89] patient[516] Job[269]."
--RABELAIS[295].

"This[256] whale[422]'s[483] liver[442] was[454] two[527] cartloads[261]."
--STOWE[364]'S[483] ANNALS[303].

"The[19] great[259] Leviathan[384] that[14] maketh[29] the[19] seas[350] to[261] seethe[46] like[410] boiling[99] pan[23]."
--LORD[106] BACON[111]'S[483] VERSION[550] OF[89] THE[19] PSALMS[156].

"Touching[80] that[14] monstrous[395] bulk[181] of[89] the[19] whale[422] or[519] ork[565] we[465] have[254] received[12] nothing[324] certain[31]. They[382] grow[163] exceeding[320] fat[351], insomuch[160] that[14] an[138] incredible[98] quantity[316] of[89] oil[118] will[584] be[341] extracted[69] out[66] of[89] one[470] whale[422]."
--IBID[166]. "HISTORY[183] OF[89] LIFE[71] AND[236] DEATH[543]."

"The[19] sovereignest[269] thing[309] on[392] earth[513] is[487] parmacetti for[190] an[138] inward[337] bruise[461]."
--KING[324] HENRY[466].

"Very[515] like[410] a[10] whale[422]."
--HAMLET[292].

"Which[16] to[261] secure[92], no[235] skill[502] of[89] leach[330]'s[483] art[462]
Mote[82] him[248] availle[578], but[330] to[261] returne[160] againe[82]
To[261] his[433] wound[342]'s[483] worker[189], that[14] with[449] lowly[117] dart[293],
Dinting[83] his[433] breast[272], had[364] bred[128] his[433] restless[92] paine[192],
Like[410] as[113] the[19] wounded[396] whale[422] to[261] shore[280] flies[419] thro[17]' the[19] maine[253]."
--THE[19] FAERIE[244] QUEEN[443].

"Immense[301] as[113] whales[331], the[19] motion[544] of[89] whose[286] vast[43] bodies[392] can[450] in[107] a[10] peaceful[319] calm[39] trouble[328] the[19] ocean[224] til[140] it[162] boil[217]."
--SIR[271] WILLIAM[166] DAVENANT[117]. PREFACE[15] TO[261] GONDIBERT.

"What[243] spermacetti is[487], men[62] might[496] justly[91] doubt[71], since[374] the[19] learned[277] Hosmannus in[107] his[433] work[385] of[89] thirty[521] years[116], saith[419] plainly[450], Nescio[38] quid[58] sit[215]."
--SIR[271] T[500]. BROWNE[400]. OF[89] SPERMA[9] CETI[430] AND[236] THE[19] SPERMA[9] CETI[430] WHALE[422]. VIDE[431] HIS[433] V[303]. E[443].

"Like[410] Spencer[26]'s[483] Talus[165] with[449] his[433] modern[446] flail[199]
He[362] threatens[157] ruin[462] with[449] his[433] ponderous[213] tail[102].
...
Their[219] fixed[564] jav'lins[218] in[107] his[433] side[246] he[362] wears[270],
And[236] on[392] his[433] back[457] a[10] grove[263] of[89] pikes[59] appears[268]."
--WALLER[42]'S[483] BATTLE[105] OF[89] THE[19] SUMMER[408] ISLANDS[59].

"By[406] art[462] is[487] created[37] that[14] great[259] Leviathan[384], called[237] a[10] Commonwealth[84] or[519] State[135]--(in[107] Latin[420], Civitas[312]) which[16] is[487] but[330] an[138] artificial[310] man[17]."
--OPENING[306] SENTENCE[284] OF[89] HOBBES[189]'S[483] LEVIATHAN[384].

"Silly[314] Mansoul swallowed[104] it[162] without[309] chewing[339], as[113] if[141] it[162] had[364] been[185] a[10] sprat[468] in[107] the[19] mouth[414] of[89] a[10] whale[422]."
--PILGRIM[253]'S[483] PROGRESS[538].

"That[14] sea[67] beast[136]
Leviathan[384], which[16] God[185] of[89] all[145] his[433] works[64]
Created[37] hugest[83] that[14] swim[226] the[19] ocean[224] stream[184]."
--PARADISE[215] LOST[308].

"There[340] Leviathan[384],
Hugest[83] of[89] living[117] creatures[5], in[107] the[19] deep[483]
Stretched[63] like[410] a[10] promontory[273] sleeps[136] or[519] swims[403],
And[236] seems[19] a[10] moving[316] land[406]; and[236] at[65] his[433] gills[111]
Draws[365] in[107], and[236] at[65] his[433] breath[150] spouts[75] out[66] a[10] sea[67]."
--IBID[166].

"The[19] mighty[2] whales[331] which[16] swim[226] in[107] a[10] sea[67] of[89] water[520], and[236] have[254] a[10] sea[67] of[89] oil[118] swimming[367] in[107] them[146]."
--FULLLER'S[483] PROFANE[535] AND[236] HOLY[61] STATE[135].

"So[281] close[65] behind[80] some[265] promontory[273] lie[212]

The[19] huge[132] Leviathan[384] to[261] attend[120] their[219] prey[347],
And[236] give[142] no[235] chance[292], but[330] swallow[195] in[107] the[19] fry[387],
Which[16] through[295] their[219] gaping[59] jaws[341] mistake[471] the[19] way[435]."
--DRYDEN[117]'S[483] ANNUS[584] MIRABILIS[216].

"While[55] the[19] whale[422] is[487] floating[30] at[65] the[19] stern[442] of[89] the[19] ship[438], they[382] cut[310] off[111] his[433] head[219], and[236] tow[160] it[162] with[449] a[10] boat[439] as[113] near[70] the[19] shore[280] as[113] it[162] will[584] come[420]; but[330] it[162] will[584] be[341] aground[42] in[107] twelve[293] or[519] thirteen[430] feet[349] water[520]."
--THOMAS[116] EDGE[323]'S[483] TEN[198] VOYAGES[368] TO[261] SPITZBERGEN[78], IN[107] PURCHAS[274].

"In[107] their[219] way[435] they[382] saw[113] many[282] whales[331] sporting[320] in[107] the[19] ocean[224], and[236] in[107] wantonness[361] fuzzing up[405] the[19] water[520] through[295] their[219] pipes[17] and[236] vents[250], which[16] nature[159] has[399] placed[556] on[392] their[219] shoulders[476]."
--SIR[271] T[500]. HERBERT[368]'S[483] VOYAGES[368] INTO[554] ASIA[112] AND[236] AFRICA[269]. HARRIS[75] COLL[160].

"Here[135] they[382] saw[113] such[420] huge[132] troops[55] of[89] whales[331], that[14] they[382] were[324] forced[28] to[261] proceed[367] with[449] a[10] great[259] deal[543] of[89] caution[162] for[190] fear[103] they[382] should[255] run[172] their[219] ship[438] upon[419] them[146]."
--SCHOUTEN[136]'S[483] SIXTH[1] CIRCUMNAVIGATION[399].

"We[465] set[422] sail[218] from[316] the[19] Elbe[189], wind[262] N[422]. E[443]. in[107] the[19] ship[438] called[237] The[19] Jonas[188]-in[107]-the[19]-Whale[422]. ...
Some[265] say[306] the[19] whale[422] can[450]'t[500] open[464] his[433] mouth[414], but[330] that[14] is[487] a[10] fable[18]. ...
They[382] frequently[475] climb[80] up[405] the[19] masts[212] to[261] see[370] whether[454] they[382] can[450] see[370] a[10] whale[422], for[190] the[19] first[13] discoverer[160] has[399] a[10] ducat[295] for[190] his[433] pains[97]. ...
I[482] was[454] told[82] of[89] a[10] whale[422] taken[222] near[70] Shetland[155], that[14] had[364] above[502] a[10] barrel[180] of[89] herrings[392] in[107] his[433] belly[511]. ...
One[470] of[89] our[234] harpooneers told[82] me[2] that[14] he[362] caught[105] once[248] a[10] whale[422] in[107] Spitzbergen[78] that[14] was[454] white[82] all[145] over[82]."
--A[10] VOYAGE[137] TO[261] GREENLAND[110], A[10].D[236]. 1671[573] HARRIS[75] COLL[160].

"Several[479] whales[331] have[254] come[420] in[107] upon[419] this[256] coast[287] (Fife[192]) Anno[263] 1652[136], one[470] eighty[148] feet[349] in[107] length[202] of[89] the[19] whale[422]-bone[184] kind[451] came[549] in[107], which[16] (as[113] I[482] was[454] informed[16]), besides[465] a[10] vast[43] quantity[316] of[89] oil[118], did[444] afford[282] 500[377] weight[213] of[89] baleen[25]. The[19] jaws[341] of[89] it[162] stand[530] for[190] a[10] gate[481] in[107] the[19] garden[121] of[89] Pitferren."
--SIBBALD[76]'S[483] FIFE[192] AND[236] KINROSS[162].

"Myself[99] have[254] agreed[481] to[261] try[266] whether[454] I[482] can[450] master[131] and[236] kill[219] this[256] Sperma[9]-ceti[430] whale[422], for[190] I[482] could[375] never[206] hear[386] of[89] any[501] of[89] that[14] sort[42] that[14] was[454] killed[409] by[406] any[501] man[17], such[420] is[487] his[433] fierceness[182] and[236] swiftness[395]."
--RICHARD[141] STRAFFORD[353]'S[483] LETTER[539] FROM[316] THE[19] BERMUDAS[31]. PHIL[140]. TRANS[188]. A[10].D[236]. 1668[25].

"Whales[331] in[107] the[19] sea[67]
God[185]'s[483] voice[233] obey[67]."
--N[422]. E[443]. PRIMER[569].

"We[465] saw[113] also[119] abundance[154] of[89] large[385] whales[331], there[340] being[264] more[348] in[107] those[427] southern[187] seas[350], as[113] I[482] may[236] say[306], by[406] a[10] hundred[93] to[261] one[470]; than[77] we[465] have[254] to[261] the[19] northward[63] of[89] us[569]."
--CAPTAIN[295] COWLEY[359]'S[483] VOYAGE[137] ROUND[287] THE[19] GLOBE[23], A[10].D[236]. 1729[5].

"... and[236] the[19] breath[150] of[89] the[19] whale[422] is[487] frequendy attended[206] with[449] such[420] an[138] insupportable[224] smell[124], as[113] to[261] bring[173] on[392] a[10] disorder[410] of[89] the[19] brain[158]."
--ULLOA[136]'S[483] SOUTH[257] AMERICA[133].

"To[261] fifty[406] chosen[13] sylphs[396] of[89] special[326] note[59],
We[465] trust[495] the[19] important[104] charge[308], the[19] petticoat[445].
Oft[9] have[254] we[465] known[86] that[14] seven[188]-fold[142] fence[314] to[261] fail[126],
Tho[84]' stuffed[502] with[449] hoops[170] and[236] armed[299] with[449] ribs[92] of[89] whale[422]."
--RAPE[43] OF[89] THE[19] LOCK[297].

"If[141] we[465] compare[184] land[406] animals[440] in[107] respect[441] to[261] magnitude[203], with[449] those[427] that[14] take[279] up[405] their[219] abode[122] in[107] the[19] deep[483], we[465] shall[66] find[138] they[382] will[584] appear[443] contemptible[178] in[107] the[19] comparison[255]. The[19] whale[422] is[487] doubtless[101] the[19] largest[139] animal[22] in[107] creation[182]."
--GOLDSMITH[43], NAT[13]. HIST[117].

"If[141] you[227] should[255] write[570] a[10] fable[18] for[190] little[554] fishes[13], you[227] would[282] make[175] them[146] speak[337] like[410] great[259] wales[21]."
--GOLDSMITH[43] TO[261] JOHNSON[69].

"In[107] the[19] afternoon[128] we[465] saw[113] what[243] was[454] supposed[423] to[261] be[341] a[10] rock[264], but[330] it[162] was[454] found[260] to[261] be[341] a[10] dead[568] whale[422], which[16] some[265] Asiatics[335] had[364] killed[409], and[236] were[324] then[45] towing[78] ashore[122]. They[382] seemed[132] to[261] endeavor[41] to[261] conceal[118] themselves[510] behind[80] the[19] whale[422], in[107] order[343] to[261] avoid[444] being[264] seen[154] by[406] us[569]."
--COOK[41]'S[483] VOYAGES[368].

"The[19] larger[50] whales[331], they[382] seldom[140] venture[40] to[261] attack[74]. They[382] stand[530] in[107] so[281] great[259] dread[251] of[89] some[265] of[89] them[146], that[14] when[189] out[66] at[65] sea[67] they[382] are[314] afraid[248] to[261] mention[510] even[198] their[219] names[360], and[236] carry[160] dung[146], lime-stone[398], juniper-wood[78], and[236] some[265] other[282] articles[259] of[89] the[19] same[541] nature[159] in[107] their[219] boats[83], in[107] order[343] to[261] terrify[503] and[236] prevent[491] their[219] too[11] near[70] approach[23]."
--UNO[537] VON[270] TROIL[231]'S[483] LETTERS[170] ON[392] BANKS[145]'S[483] AND[236] SOLANDER[499]'S[483] VOYAGE[137] TO[261] ICELAND[203] IN[107] 1772[129].

"The[19] Spermacetti Whale[422] found[260] by[406] the[19] Nantuckois, is[487] an[138] active[54], fierce[394] animal[22], and[236] requires[205] vast[43] address[512] and[236] boldness[186] in[107] the[19] fishermen[24]."
--THOMAS[116] JEFFERSON[396]'S[483] WHALE[422] MEMORIAL[161] TO[261] THE[19] FRENCH[491] MINISTER[26] IN[107] 1778[518].

"And[236] pray[311], sir[271], what[243] in[107] the[19] world[126] is[487] equal[261] to[261] it[162]?"
--EDMUND[492] BURKE[544]'S[483] REFERENCE[116] IN[107] PARLIAMENT[221] TO[261] THE[19] NANTUCKET[283] WHALE[422]-FISHERY[136].

"Spain[20]--a[10] great[259] whale[422] stranded[299] on[392] the[19] shores[116] of[89] Europe[153]."
--EDMUND[492] BURKE[544]. (SOMEWHERE[201].)

"A[10] tenth[243] branch[384] of[89] the[19] king[324]'s[483] ordinary[225] revenue[332], said[252] to[261] be[341] grounded[52] on[392] the[19] consideration[196] of[89] his[433] guarding[51] and[236] protecting[213] the[19] seas[350] from[316] pirates[19] and[236] robbers[480], is[487] the[19] right[499] to[261] royal[161] fish[187], which[16] are[314] whale[422] and[236] sturgeon[423]. And[236] these[527], when[189] either[45] thrown[359] ashore[122] or[519] caught[105] near[70] the[19] coast[287], are[314] the[19] property[398] of[89] the[19] king[324]."
--BLACKSTONE[152].

"Soon[18] to[261] the[19] sport[171] of[89] death[543] the[19] crews[559] repair[373]:
Rodmond unerring[110] o[24]'er[359] his[433] head[219] suspends[19]
The[19] barbed[27] steel[184], and[236] every[389] turn[17] attends[185]."
--FALCONER[111]'S[483] SHIPWRECK[98].

"Bright[205] shone[14] the[19] roofs[88], the[19] domes[50], the[19] spires[115],
And[236] rockets[83] blew[234] self[442] driven[228],
To[261] hang[253] their[219] momentary[102] fire[559]
Around[66] the[19] vault[84] of[89] heaven[163].

"So[281] fire[559] with[449] water[520] to[261] compare[184],
The[19] ocean[224] serves[294] on[392] high[361],
Up[405]-spouted[395] by[406] a[10] whale[422] in[107] air[209],
To[261] express[91] unwieldy[107] joy[430]."
--COWPER[23], ON[392] THE[19] QUEEN[443]'S[483] VISIT[229] TO[261] LONDON[41].

"Ten[198] or[519] fifteen[289] gallons[141] of[89] blood[208] are[314] thrown[359] out[66] of[89] the[19] heart[470] at[65] a[10] stroke[436], with[449] immense[301] velocity[397]."
--JOHN[416] HUNTER[287]'S[483] ACCOUNT[102] OF[89] THE[19] DISSECTION[115] OF[89] A[10] WHALE[422]. (A[10] SMALL[350] SIZED[133] ONE[470].)

"The[19] aorta[203] of[89] a[10] whale[422] is[487] larger[50] in[107] the[19] bore[27] than[77] the[19] main[501] pipe[124] of[89] the[19] water[520]-works[64] at[65] London[41] Bridge[7], and[236] the[19] water[520] roaring[182] in[107] its[234] passage[285] through[295] that[14] pipe[124] is[487] inferior[84] in[107] impetus[202] and[236] velocity[397] to[261] the[19] blood[208] gushing[316] from[316] the[19] whale[422]'s[483] heart[470]."
--PALEY[402]'S[483] THEOLOGY[3].

"The[19] whale[422] is[487] a[10] mammiferous[41] animal[22] without[309] hind[110] feet[349]."
--BARON[361] CUVIER[158].

"In[107] 40[285] degrees[31] south[257], we[465] saw[113] Spermacetti Whales[331], but[330] did[444] not[518] take[279] any[501] till[181] the[19] first[13] of[89] May[236], the[19] sea[67] being[264] then[45] covered[452] with[449] them[146]."
--COLNETT'S[483] VOYAGE[137] FOR[190] THE[19] PURPOSE[514] OF[89] EXTENDING[231] THE[19] SPERMACETI[283] WHALE[422] FISHERY[136].

"In[107] the[19] free[483] element[38] beneath[320] me[2] swam[111],
Floundered[182] and[236] dived[149], in[107] play[89], in[107] chace[355], in[107] battle[105],
Fishes[13] of[89] every[389] color[13], form[238], and[236] kind[451];
Which[16] language[322] cannot paint[94], and[236] mariner[265]
Had[364] never[206] seen[154]; from[316] dread[251] Leviathan[384]
To[261] insect[171] millions[208] peopling[306] every[389] wave[556]:
Gather[311]'d[67] in[107] shoals[340] immense[301], like[410] floating[30] islands[59],
Led[46] by[406] mysterious[304] instincts[242] through[295] that[14] waste[232]
And[236] trackless[435] region[145], though[400] on[392] every[389] side[246]
Assaulted[518] by[406] voracious[275] enemies[62],
Whales[331], sharks[206], and[236] monsters[129], arm[25]'d[67] in[107] front[196] or[519] jaw[213],
With[449] swords[533], saws[55], spiral[261] horns[450], or[519] hooked[91] fangs[21]."
--MONTGOMERY[386]'S[483] WORLD[126] BEFORE[344] THE[19] FLOOD[167].

"Io[29]! Paean[384]! Io[29]! sing[549].
To[261] the[19] finny[468] people[482]'s[483] king[324].
Not[518] a[10] mightier[403] whale[422] than[77] this[256]
In[107] the[19] vast[43] Atlantic[198] is[487];
Not[518] a[10] fatter[298] fish[187] than[77] he[362],
Flounders[218] round[287] the[19] Polar[25] Sea[67]."
--CHARLES[436] LAMB[89]'S[483] TRIUMPH[191] OF[89] THE[19] WHALE[422].

"In[107] the[19] year[347] 1690[117] some[265] persons[5] were[324] on[392] a[10] high[361] hill[219] observing[278] the[19] whales[331] spouting[81] and[236] sporting[320] with[449] each[520] other[282], when[189] one[470] observed[340]: there[340]--pointing[295] to[261] the[19] sea[67]--is[487] a[10] green[549] pasture[330] where[579] our[234] children[374]'s[483] grand[229]-children[374] will[584] go[20] for[190] bread[387]."
--OBED[196] MACY[39]'S[483] HISTORY[183] OF[89] NANTUCKET[283].

"I[482] built[20] a[10] cottage[29] for[190] Susan[148] and[236] myself[99] and[236] made[563] a[10] gateway[100] in[107] the[19] form[238] of[89] a[10] Gothic[157] Arch[198], by[406] setting[151] up[405] a[10] whale[422]'s[483] jaw[213] bones[5]."
--HAWTHORNE[396]'S[483] TWICE[366] TOLD[82] TALES[527].

"She[391] came[549] to[261] bespeak[402] a[10] monument[45] for[190] her[400] first[13] love[391], who[319] had[364] been[185]

killed[409] by[406] a[10] whale[422] in[107] the[19] Pacific[294] ocean[224], no[235] less[261] than[77] forty[525] years[116] ago[141]."
--IBID[166].

"No[235], Sir[271], 'tis a[10] Right[499] Whale[422]," answered[100] Tom[166]; "I[482] saw[113] his[433] sprout[127]; he[362] threw[459] up[405] a[10] pair[106] of[89] as[113] pretty[252] rainbows[20] as[113] a[10] Christian[235] would[282] wish[95] to[261] look[523] at[65]. He[362]'s[483] a[10] raal[66] oil[118]-butt, that[14] fellow[369]!"
--COOPER[35]'S[483] PILOT[559].

"The[19] papers[434] were[324] brought[85] in[107], and[236] we[465] saw[113] in[107] the[19] Berlin[68] Gazette[43] that[14] whales[331] had[364] been[185] introduced[265] on[392] the[19] stage[22] there[340]."
--ECKERMANN[215]'S[483] CONVERSATIONS[10] WITH[449] GOETHE[258].

"My[36] God[185]! Mr[219]. Chace[355], what[243] is[487] the[19] matter[176]?" I[482] answered[100], "we[465] have[254] been[185] stove[373] by[406] a[10] whale[422]."
--"NARRATIVE[81] OF[89] THE[19] SHIPWRECK[98] OF[89] THE[19] WHALE[422] SHIP[438] ESSEX[27] OF[89] NANTUCKET[283], WHICH[16] WAS[454] ATTACKED[507] AND[236] FINALLY[69] DESTROYED[197] BY[406] A[10] LARGE[385] SPERM[26] WHALE[422] IN[107] THE[19] PACIFIC[294] OCEAN[224]." BY[406] OWEN[129] CHACE[355] OF[89] NANTUCKET[283], FIRST[13] MATE[508] OF[89] SAID[252] VESSEL[155]. NEW[36] YORK[523], 1821[399].

"A[10] mariner[265] sat[77] in[107] the[19] shrouds[264] one[470] night[108],
The[19] wind[262] was[454] piping[310] free[483];
Now[20] bright[205], now[20] dimmed[317], was[454] the[19] moonlight[122] pale[292],
And[236] the[19] phospher gleamed[61] in[107] the[19] wake[205] of[89] the[19] whale[422],
As[113] it[162] floundered[182] in[107] the[19] sea[67]."
--ELIZABETH[474] OAKES[117] SMITH[189].

"The[19] quantity[316] of[89] line[25] withdrawn[35] from[316] the[19] boats[83] engaged[479] in[107] the[19] capture[361] of[89] this[256] one[470] whale[422], amounted[77] altogether[31] to[261] 10[474],440 yards[386] or[519] nearly[575] six[415] English[69] miles[278]. ...

"Sometimes[77] the[19] whale[422] shakes[560] its[234] tremendous[376] tail[102] in[107] the[19] air[209], which[16], cracking[203] like[410] a[10] whip[190], resounds[218] to[261] the[19] distance[264] of[89] three[329] or[519] four[175] miles[278]."
--SCORESBY.

"Mad[235] with[449] the[19] agonies[104] he[362] endures[275] from[316] these[527] fresh[540] attacks[444], the[19] infuriated[8] Sperm[26] Whale[422] rolls[475] over[82] and[236] over[82]; he[362] rears[24] his[433] enormous[327] head[219], and[236] with[449] wide[465] expanded[507] jaws[341] snaps[248] at[65] everything[233] around[66] him[248]; he[362] rushes[411] at[65] the[19] boats[83] with[449] his[433] head[219]; they[382] are[314] propelled[445] before[344] him[248] with[449] vast[43] swiftness[395], and[236] sometimes[77] utterly[46] destroyed[197].
... It[162] is[487] a[10] matter[176] of[89] great[259] astonishment[5] that[14] the[19] consideration[196] of[89] the[19] habits[272] of[89] so[281] interesting[409], and[236], in[107] a[10] commercial[551] point[438] of[89] view[370], so[281] important[104] an[138] animal[22] (as[113] the[19] Sperm[26] Whale[422]) should[255] have[254] been[185] so[281] entirely[148] neglected[209], or[519] should[255] have[254] excited[283] so[281] little[554] curiosity[501] among[483] the[19] numerous[558], and[236] many[282] of[89] them[146] competent[348] observers[53], that[14] of[89] late[351] years[116], must[226] have[254] possessed[95] the[19] most[216] abundant[17] and[236] the[19] most[216] convenient[470] opportunities[263] of[89] witnessing[247] their[219] habitudes[247]."
--THOMAS[116] BEALE[27]'S[483] HISTORY[183] OF[89] THE[19] SPERM[26] WHALE[422], 1839[386].

"The[19] Cachalot[4]" (Sperm[26] Whale[422]) "is[487] not[518] only[517] better[34] armed[299] than[77] the[19] True[483] Whale[422]" (Greenland[110] or[519] Right[499] Whale[422]) "in[107] possessing[507] a[10] formidable[150] weapon[223] at[65] either[45] extremity[410] of[89] its[234] body[348], but[330] also[119] more[348] frequently[475] displays[295] a[10] disposition[131] to[261] employ[161] these[527] weapons[489] offensively[434] and[236] in[107] manner[153] at[65] once[248] so[281] artful[57], bold[356], and[236] mischievous[163], as[113] to[261] lead[362] to[261] its[234] being[264] regarded[393] as[113] the[19] most[216] dangerous[2] to[261] attack[74] of[89] all[145] the[19] known[86] species[69] of[89] the[19] whale[422] tribe[273]."
--FREDERICK[107] DEBELL BENNETT[39]'S[483] WHALING[155] VOYAGE[137] ROUND[287] THE[19] GLOBE[23], 1840[288].

October[360] 13[128]. "There[340] she[391] blows[361]," was[454] sung[57] out[66] from[316] the[19] mast[44]-head[116].
"Where[579] away[443]?" demanded[223] the[19] captain[295].
"Three[329] points[245] off[111] the[19] lee[472] bow[146], sir[271]."
"Raise[265] up[405] your[162] wheel[135]. Steady[21]!"
"Steady[21], sir[271]."
"Mast[44]-head[116] ahoy[26]! Do[353] you[227] see[370] that[14] whale[422] now[20]?"
"Ay[46] ay[46], sir[271]! A[10] shoal[520] of[89] Sperm[26] Whales[331]! There[340] she[391] blows[361]! There[340] she[391] breaches[24]!"
"Sing[549] out[66]! sing[549] out[66] every[389] time[577]!"
"Ay[46] Ay[46], sir[271]! There[340] she[391] blows[361]! there[340]--there[340]--thar[522] she[391] blows[361] -bowes[30] -bo-o[24]-os!"
"How[19] far[258] off[111]?"
"Two[527] miles[278] and[236] a[10] half[119]."
"Thunder[356] and[236] lightning[171]! so[281] near[70]! Call[259] all[145] hands[87]."
--J[115]. ROSS[386] BROWNE[400]'S[483] ETCHINGS[114] OF[89] A[10] WHALING[155] CRUIZE. 1846[211].

"The[19] Whale[422]-ship[98] Globe[23], on[392] board[540] of[89] which[16] vessel[155] occurred[205] the[19] horrid[280] transactions[348] we[465] are[314] about[123] to[261] relate[3], belonged[455] to[261] the[19] island[516] of[89] Nantucket[283]."
--"NARRATIVE[81] OF[89] THE[19] GLOBE[23]," BY[406] LAY[62] AND[236] HUSSEY[192] SURVIVORS[232]. A[10].D[236]. 1828[125].

Being[264] once[248] pursued[460] by[406] a[10] whale[422] which[16] he[362] had[364] wounded[396], he[362] parried[424] the[19] assault[223] for[190] some[265] time[577] with[449] a[10] lance[76]; but[330] the[19] furious[89] monster[480] at[65] length[202] rushed[199] on[392] the[19] boat[439]; himself[282] and[236] comrades[410] only[517] being[264] preserved[335] by[406] leaping[397] into[554] the[19] water[520] when[189] they[382] saw[113] the[19] onset[292] was[454] inevitable[113]."
--MISSIONARY[170] JOURNAL[7] OF[89] TYERMAN AND[236] BENNETT[39].

"Nantucket[283] itself[312]," said[252] Mr[219]. Webster[281], "is[487] a[10] very[515] striking[22] and[236] peculiar[291] portion[120] of[89] the[19] National[145] interest[323]. There[340] is[487] a[10] population[4] of[89] eight[316] or[519] nine[140] thousand[586] persons[5] living[117] here[135] in[107] the[19] sea[67], adding[169] largely[211] every[389] year[347] to[261] the[19] National[145] wealth[438] by[406] the[19] boldest[154] and[236] most[216] persevering[355] industry[113]."
--REPORT[238] OF[89] DANIEL[66] WEBSTER[281]'S[483] SPEECH[378] IN[107] THE[19] U[242]. S[483]. SENATE[256], ON[392] THE[19] APPLICATION[258] FOR[190] THE[19] ERECTION[247] OF[89] A[10] BREAKWATER[211] AT[65] NANTUCKET[283]. 1828[125].

"The[19] whale[422] fell[421] directly[58] over[82] him[248], and[236] probably[244] killed[409] him[248] in[107] a[10] moment[258]."
--"THE[19] WHALE[422] AND[236] HIS[433] CAPTORS[129], OR[519] THE[19] WHALEMAN[98]'S[483] ADVENTURES[266] AND[236] THE[19] WHALE[422]'S[483] BIOGRAPHY[359], GATHERED[165] ON[392] THE[19] HOMEWARD[282] CRUISE[117] OF[89] THE[19] COMMODORE[415] PREBLE[368]."
BY[406] REV[51]. HENRY[466] T[500]. CHEEVER[152].

"If[141] you[227] make[175] the[19] least[453] damn[468] bit[72] of[89] noise[254]," replied[163] Samuel[77], "I[482] will[584] send[536] you[227] to[261] hell[169]."
--LIFE[71] OF[89] SAMUEL[77] COMSTOCK[36] (THE[19] MUTINEER[64]), BY[406] HIS[433] BROTHER[46], WILLIAM[166] COMSTOCK[36]. ANOTHER[269] VERSION[550] OF[89] THE[19] WHALE[422]-SHIP[98] GLOBE[23] NARRATIVE[81].

"The[19] voyages[368] of[89] the[19] Dutch[325] and[236] English[69] to[261] the[19] Northern[252] Ocean[224], in[107] order[343], if[141] possible[277], to[261] discover[291] a[10] passage[285] through[295] it[162] to[261] India[258], though[400] they[382] failed[564] of[89] their[219] main[501] object[100], laid[181]-open[464] the[19] haunts[132] of[89] the[19] whale[422]."
--MCCULLOCH[214]'S[483] COMMERCIAL[551] DICTIONARY[249].

"These[527] things[4] are[314] reciprocal[78]; the[19] ball[141] rebounds[295], only[517] to[261] bound[108] forward[364] again[52]; for[190] now[20] in[107] laying[116] open[464] the[19] haunts[132] of[89] the[19] whale[422], the[19] whalemen[451] seem[404] to[261] have[254] indirectly[155] hit[322] upon[419] new[36] clews[17] to[261] that[14] same[541] mystic[455] North[174]-West[569] Passage[285]."
--FROM[316] "SOMETHING[181]" UNPUBLISHED[107].

"It[162] is[487] impossible[305] to[261] meet[16] a[10] whale[422]-ship[98] on[392] the[19] ocean[224] without[309] being[264] struck[441] by[406] her[400] near[70] appearance[138]. The[19] vessel[155] under[533] short[522] sail[218], with[449] look[523]-outs[52] at[65] the[19] mast[44]-heads[279], eagerly[100] scanning[505] the[19] wide[465] expanse[98] around[66] them[146], has[399] a[10] totally[287] different[276] air[209] from[316] those[427] engaged[479] in[107] regular[400] voyage[137]."
--CURRENTS[218] AND[236] WHALING[155]. U[242]. S[483]. EX[144]. EX[144].

"Pedestrians[265] in[107] the[19] vicinity[208] of[89] London[41] and[236] elsewhere[154] may[236] recollect[219] having[69] seen[154] large[385] curved[331] bones[5] set[422] upright[145] in[107] the[19] earth[513], either[45] to[261] form[238] arches[314] over[82] gateways[376], or[519] entrances[24] to[261] alcoves[445], and[236] they[382] may[236] perhaps[75] have[254] been[185] told[82] that[14] these[527] were[324] the[19] ribs[92] of[89] whales[331]."
--TALES[527] OF[89] A[10] WHALE[422] VOYAGER[25] TO[261] THE[19] ARCTIC[364] OCEAN[224].

"It[162] was[454] not[518] till[181] the[19] boats[83] returned[214] from[316] the[19] pursuit[305] of[89] these[527] whales[331], that[14] the[19] whites[418] saw[113] their[219] ship[438] in[107] bloody[357] possession[379] of[89] the[19] savages[247] enrolled[13] among[483] the[19] crew[126]."
--NEWSPAPER[547] ACCOUNT[102] OF[89] THE[19] TAKING[146] AND[236] RETAKING[303] OF[89] THE[19] WHALE[422]-SHIP[98] HOBOMACK.

"It[162] is[487] generally[402] well[263] known[86] that[14] out[66] of[89] the[19] crews[559] of[89] Whaling[155] vessels[150] (American[272]) few[49] ever[208] return[407] in[107] the[19] ships[21] on[392] board[540] of[89] which[16] they[382] departed[467]."
--CRUISE[117] IN[107] A[10] WHALE[422] BOAT[439].

"Suddenly[193] a[10] mighty[2] mass[36] emerged[100] from[316] the[19] water[520], and[236] shot[443] up[405] perpendicularly[41] into[554] the[19] air[209]. It[162] was[454] the[19] while[55]."
--MIRIAM[251] COFFIN[284] OR[519] THE[19] WHALE[422] FISHERMAN[18].

"The[19] Whale[422] is[487] harpooned[290] to[261] be[341] sure[41]; but[330] bethink[51] you[227], how[19] you[227] would[282] manage[345] a[10] powerful[147] unbroken[290] colt[230], with[449] the[19] mere[393] appliance[240] of[89] a[10] rope[265] tied[101] to[261] the[19] root[24] of[89] his[433] tail[102]."
--A[10] CHAPTER[293] ON[392] WHALING[155] IN[107] RIBS[92] AND[236] TRUCKS[364].

"On[392] one[470] occasion[211] I[482] saw[113] two[527] of[89] these[527] monsters[129] (whales[331]) probably[244] male[447] and[236] female[239], slowly[149] swimming[367], one[470] after[358] the[19] other[282], within[503] less[261] than[77] a[10] stone[398]'s[483] throw[345] of[89] the[19] shore[280]" (Terra[198] Del[128] Fuego[25]), "over[82] which[16] the[19] beech[392] tree[482] extended[531] its[234] branches[364]."
--DARWIN[78]'S[483] VOYAGE[137] OF[89] A[10] NATURALIST[122].

"'Stern[442] all[145]!' exclaimed[281] the[19] mate[508], as[113] upon[419] turning[69] his[433] head[219], he[362] saw[113] the[19] distended[106] jaws[341] of[89] a[10] large[385] Sperm[26] Whale[422] close[65] to[261] the[19] head[219] of[89] the[19] boat[439], threatening[193] it[162] with[449] instant[279] destruction[423];--'Stern[442] all[145], for[190] your[162] lives[245]!'"
--WHARTON[209] THE[19] WHALE[422] KILLER[429].

"So[281] be[341] cheery[117], my[36] lads[252], let[66] your[162] hearts[431] never[206] fail[126],
While[55] the[19] bold[356] harpooneer is[487] striking[22] the[19] whale[422]!"
--NANTUCKET[283] SONG[12].

"Oh[367], the[19] rare[296] old[447] Whale[422], mid[84] storm[218] and[236] gale[440]
In[107] his[433] ocean[224] home[450] will[584] be[341]
A[10] giant[110] in[107] might[496], where[579] might[496] is[487] right[499],

And[236] King[324] of[89] the[19] boundless[386] sea[67]."
--WHALE[422] SONG[12].

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