

You take a taxi to the center, a modest, two-story building on the Charles River, and are met by Dr. Miles Ruff, the assistant director. He tells you that although whales are highly intelligent animals, there is no evidence that they communicate in a complex fashion, as do human beings.

"Whale songs are probably no different from birdsongs, except they are longer," Ruff says. "After all, whales have much bigger lungs."

Your conversation is interrupted by a phone call from Paul McKim, assistant to the president. McKim tells you that the president has received another letter from Dr. DuMont, but that it mysteriously disappeared before he had a chance to read it.

"You'd better get down here as quickly as possible," McKim says.

"You didn't call me by name," you reply.

There is a short pause.

"Sorry, Jonah," he replies.

You inform Dr. Ruff that you must leave for Washington, but he urges you to wait awhile in order to talk to Dr. Renato Corini, an Italian scientist who is expected at any moment.

"She knows a lot about what the Russians are doing," Dr. Ruff says. "I'm sure it will be worth your while to stay and talk to her."

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If you wait to talk to Dr. Corini,  
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