

"I'm glad you feel that way," Mrs. DuMont says. "I believe I can trust you, so I will tell you the truth. The new whaling is a message. Its meaning is this: the whales have discovered a great cavern in Deception Island, off Greenland. The cavern can only be approached underwater. Once inside, the whales rise up to sea level to breathe. The cavern may be as much as twenty kilometers across, and its roof a hundred meters above the surface of the water. It's dark, of course, but the whales can, in effect, 'see' with sound waves. This haven, perhaps, has kept them from extinction. It is their homeland. It would also make a submarine base that could be invulnerable to attack.

"If DuMont is captured, he will do everything he can to keep this knowledge from the Russians. He has also decided to keep it from the United States Government. I don't know whether he is right or wrong, but I have decided to trust you—and to trust your judgment."

You thank Mrs. DuMont and bid her good-by. As soon as you get back to your hotel, you telephone Clifford.

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*If you decide to keep it secret, turn to page 52.*