

IN ARCTIC GRAVEYARD

PART 4

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The heyday of the Western Arctic whale fishery was in the 1850's when as many as 250 whaling ships per year sailed into the Bering Sea. They moved steadily northward above the Arctic circle looking for whales.

I ALSO TRIED TO TEACH WILLIAM ABOUT WHALING. I TOOK HIM IN THE WHALE BOAT WITH ME.



AND ABOVE ALL ALWAYS STAY WITH THE BOAT-NO MATTER WHAT!! THE BOAT WILL FLOAT, YOU WON'T.

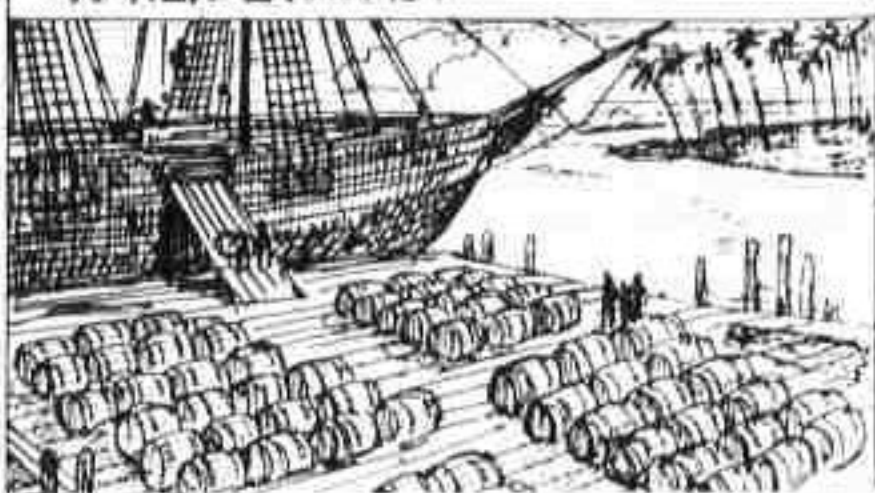
FOR SEVERAL YEARS WHALING IN THE KODIAK GROUNDS WAS GOOD. WE TOOK MANY WHALES...



RENDERED THE BLUBBER INTO OIL IN THE TRY WORKS ON DECK....



AND TOOK THE OIL AND WHALEBONE TO HAWAII WHERE THEY WERE PUT ON LARGER TRANSPORTS AND SHIPPED BACK TO NEW ENGLAND.



HAWAII WAS JUST THE PLACE TO TAKE ON FRESH SUPPLIES OF WOOD, WATER AND FRESH FOOD.... AND FOR A LITTLE REST AND RELAXATION.



AS TIME PROGRESSED THE REDUCED POPULATION OF RIGHT WHALES MADE THEM HARDER AND MORE COSTLY TO KILL. ONE DAY UZIAH SPOKE.

MEN, THE KODIAK GROUNDS ARE BARREN OF WHALES. WE'VE HAD A GOOD GO OF IT BUT IT'S TIME TO HARVEST OTHER FIELDS.



OLD RUSSIAN LEGENDS SAY THAT NORTH OF HERE LIES A FERTILE WHALING GROUNDS. WE CAN BE THE FIRST YANKEE WHALERS TO ENTER THESE GROUNDS. IT WILL BE RISKY AND DANGEROUS BUT WE HAVE A CHANCE FOR RICHES BEYOND THOSE FOUND BY ANY OTHER WHALERS BEFORE. ARE YE WITH ME?

YAY!



I KNEW OF THE GREAT WHALING GROUNDS BEYOND MY HOME ISLANDS. THE BERING SEA WAS THE SUMMER HOME OF THE GREAT BOWHEAD WHALE. THE BOWHEAD WAS THE PERFECT WHALE. IT'S BLUBBER CONTAINED FAR MORE OIL THAN MOST OTHER WHALES AND IT'S BALEEN WAS FAR LONGER (12 FEET) THAN THAT OF THE RIGHT WHALE.



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