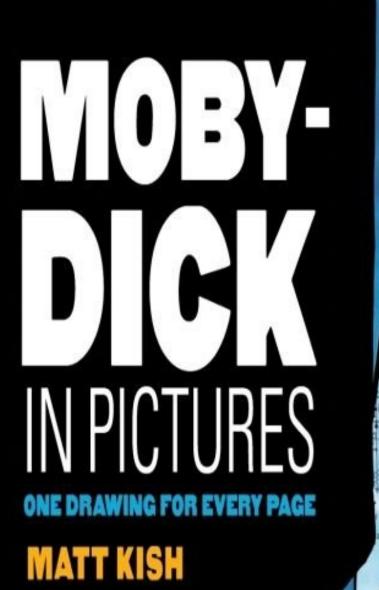
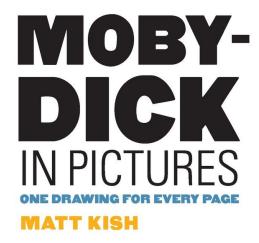
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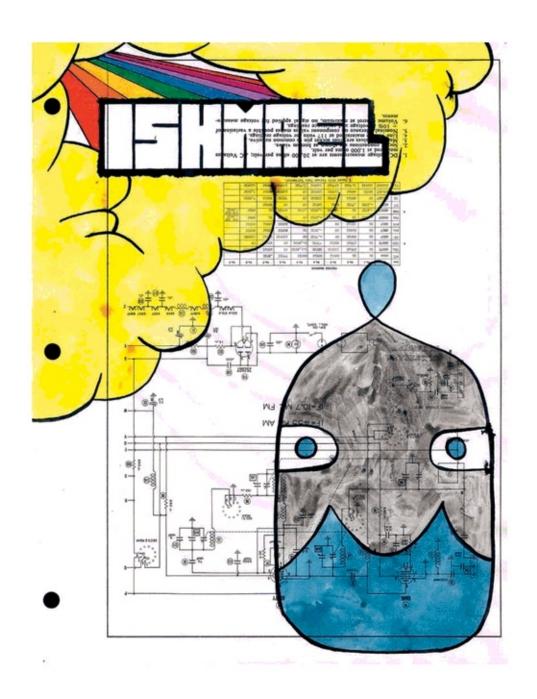
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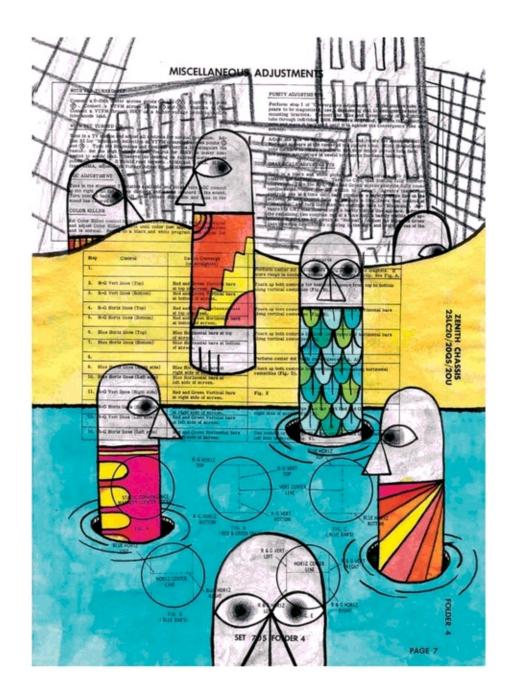
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But look! here come more crowds, pacing straight for the water, and seemingly bound for a dive.

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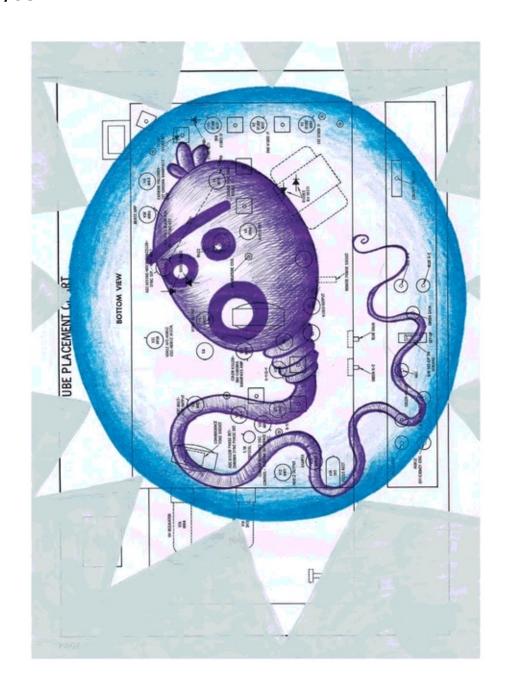
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It is the image of the ungraspable phantom of life; and this is the key to it all.

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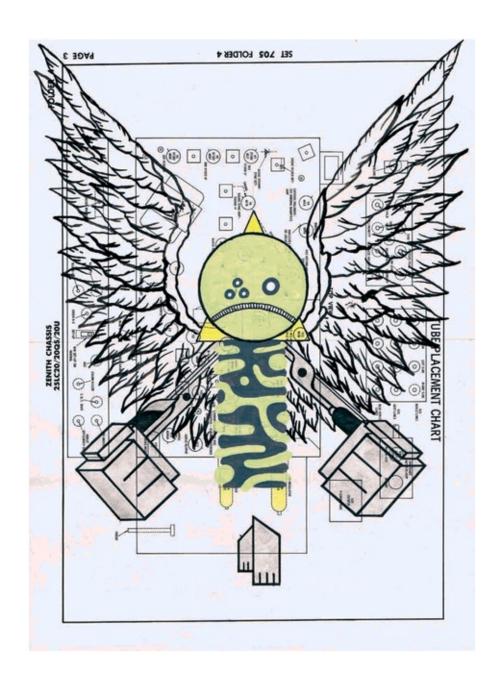
What of it, if some old hunks of a sea-captain orders me to get a broom and sweep down the decks?

ACRYLIC PAINT, HIGHLIGHTER MARKER AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 08/08/09



... this the invisible police officer of the Fates, who has the constant surveillance of me, and secretly dogs me, and influences me in some unaccountable way...

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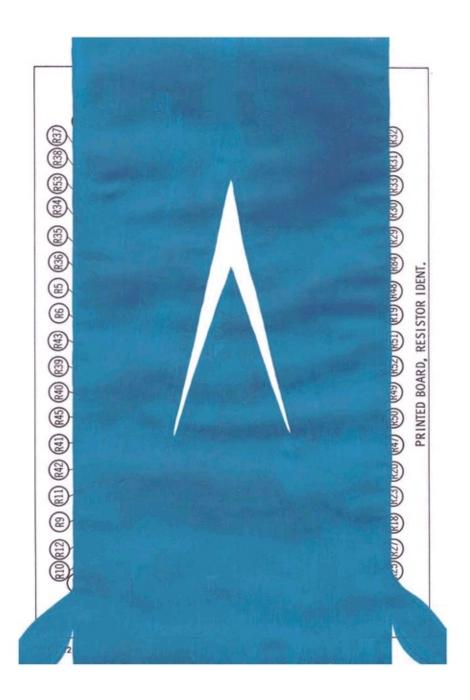


Chief among these motives was the overwhelming idea of the great whale himself.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND

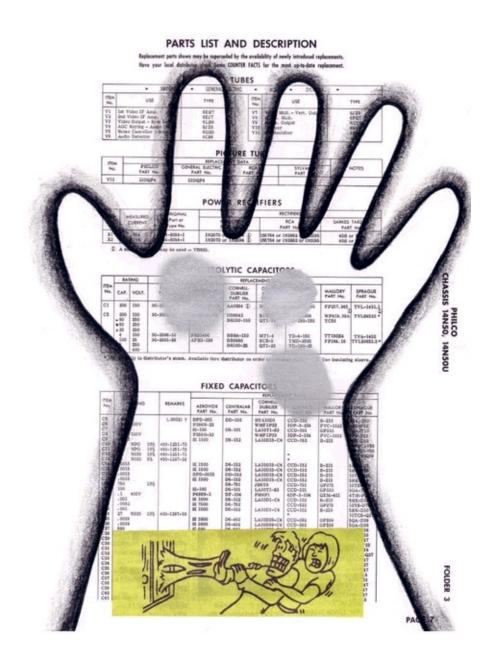
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With anxious grapnels I had sounded my pocket, and only brought up a few pieces of silver...

COLLAGE, COLORED PENCIL AND SPRAY PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 08/12/09



...and beyond, a black Angel of Doom was beating a book in a pulpit.

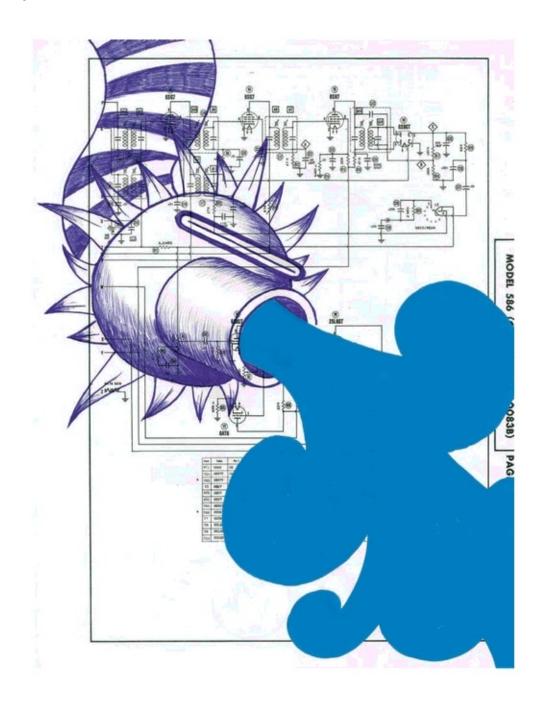
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...where that tempestuous wind Euroclydon kept up a worse howling than ever it did about poor Paul's tossed craft.

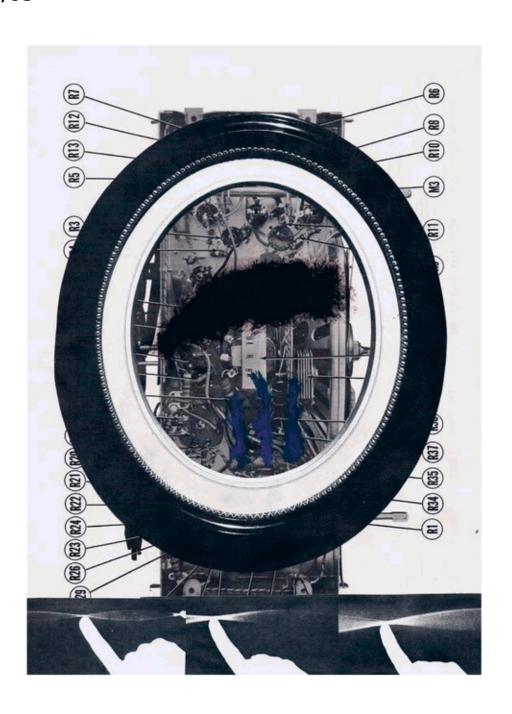
ACRYLIC PAINT AND BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND

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But what most puzzled and confounded you was a long, limber, portentous, black mass of something hovering in the centre of the picture over three blue, dim, perpendicular lines floating in a nameless yeast.

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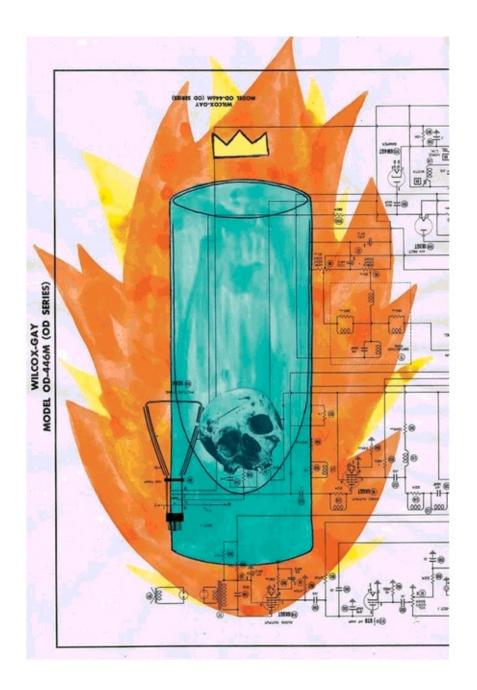
With this once long lance, now wildly elbowed, fifty years ago did Nathan Swain kill fifteen whales between a sunrise and a sunset.

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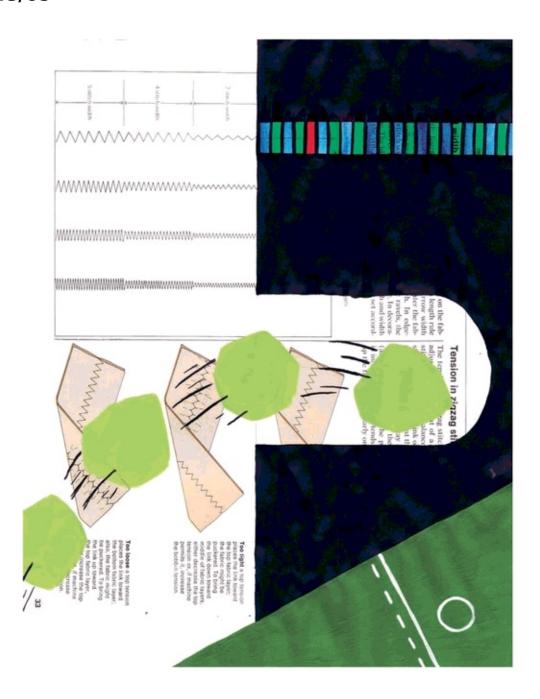
12Abominable are the tumblers into which he pours his poison.

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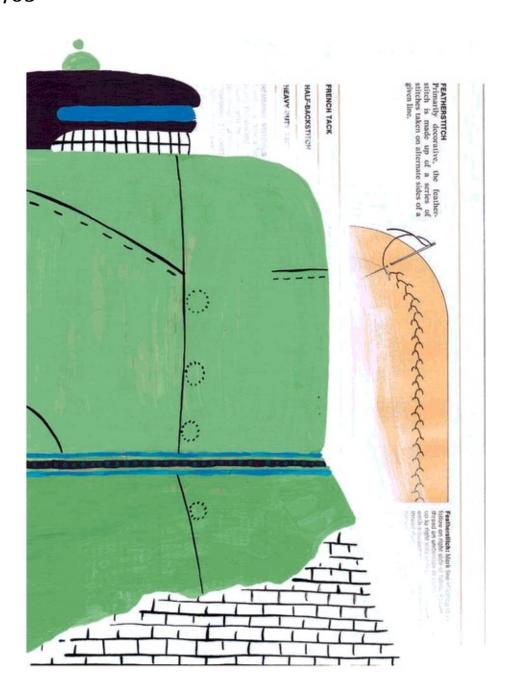
One young fellow in a green box coat, addressed himself to these dumplings in a most direful manner.

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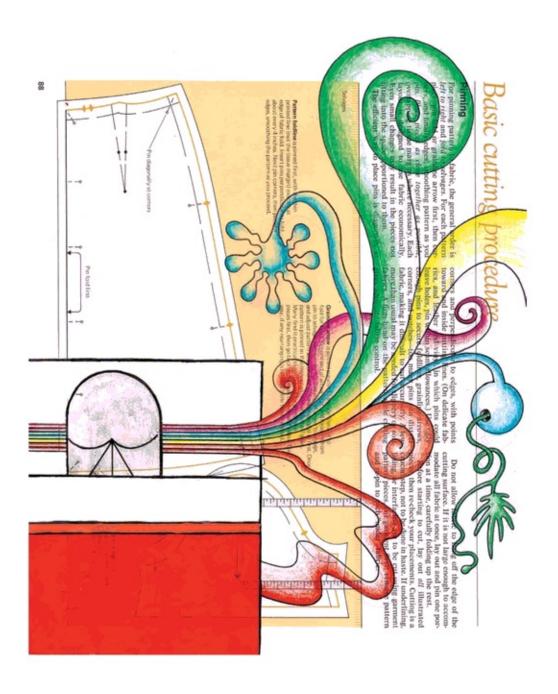
He stood full six feet in height, with noble shoulders, and a chest like a cofferdam. I have seldom seen such brawn in a man.

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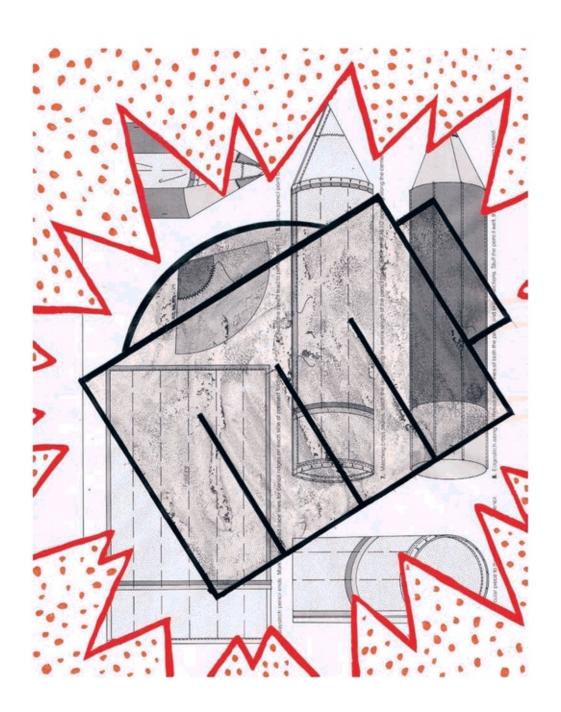
I don't know how it is, but people like to be private when they are sleeping.

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 10.5" 08/19/09



For who could tell but what the next morning, so soon as I popped out of the room, the harpooneer might be standing in the entry, all ready to knock me down!

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER



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ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN, INK AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 10.5" 08/22/09



"Depend upon it, landlord, that harpooneer is a dangerous man."

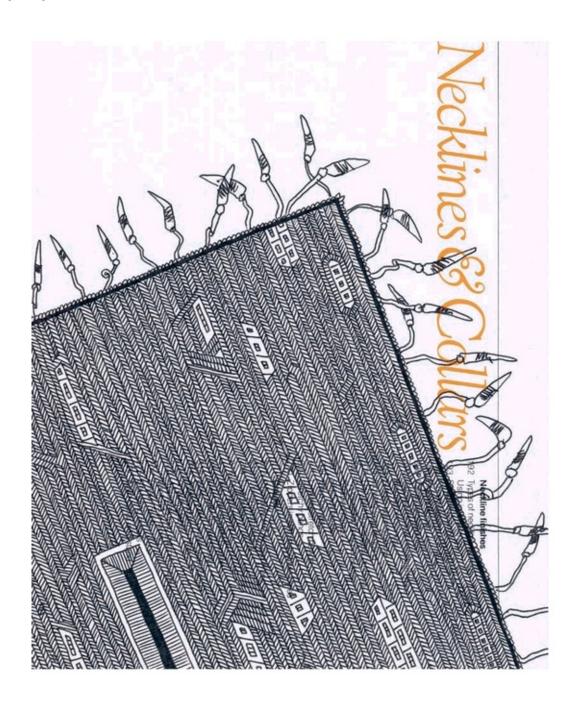
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I can compare it to nothing but a large door mat, ornamented at the edges with little tinkling tags something like the stained porcupine quills round an Indian moccasin. There was a hole or slit in the middle of this mat, as you see the same in South American ponchos.

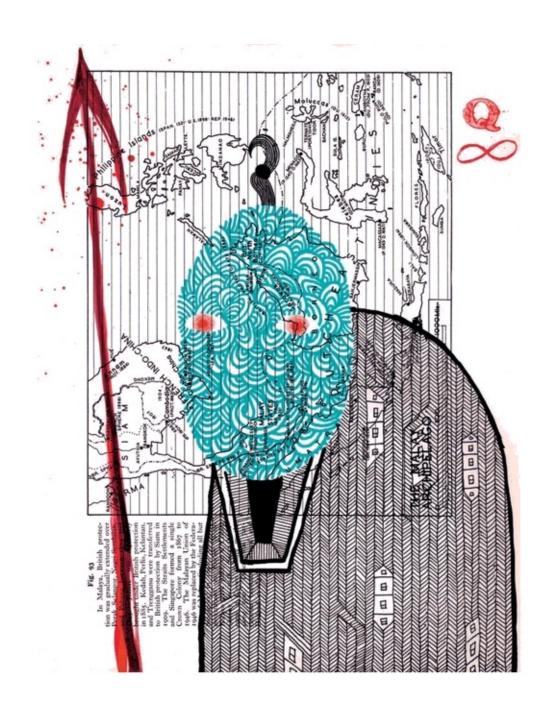
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Lord save me, thinks I, that must be the harpooneer, the infernal head-peddler.

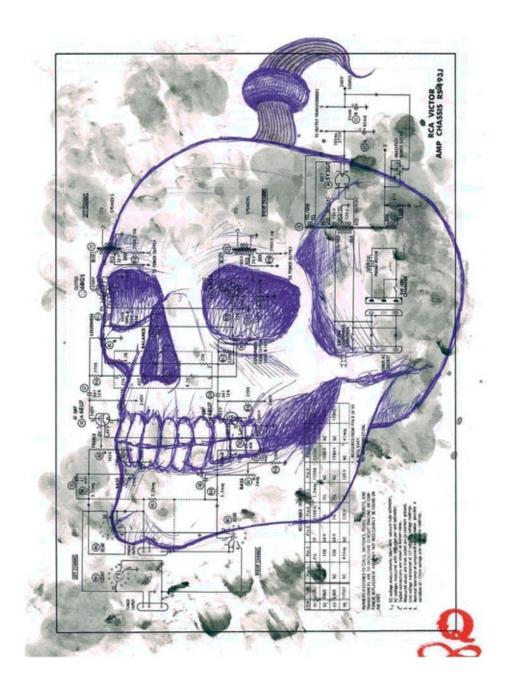
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His bald purplish head now looked for all the world like a mildewed skull.

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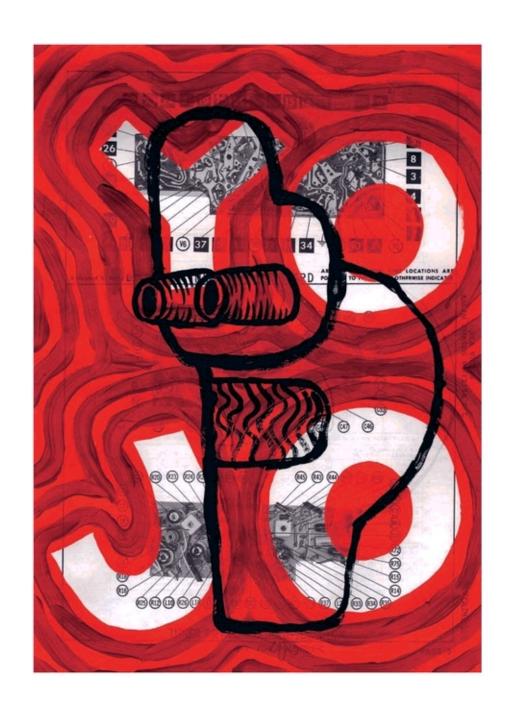


... he fumbled in the pockets, and produced at length a curious little deformed image with a hunch on its back, and exactly the

color of a three days' old Congo baby.

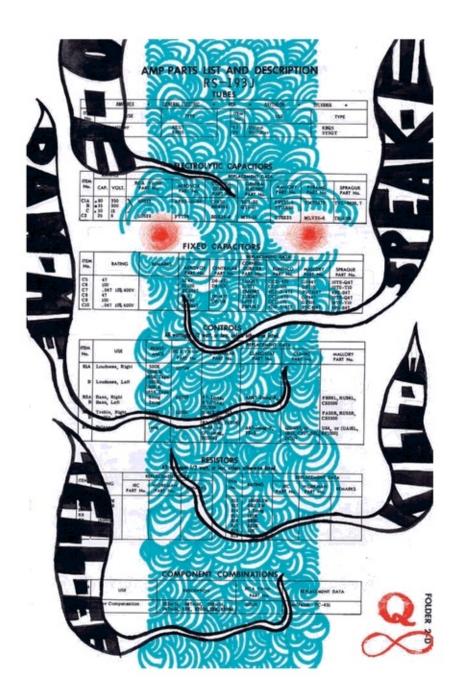
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"Speak-e! tell-ee me who-ee be, or dam-me, I kill-e!" again growled the cannibal...

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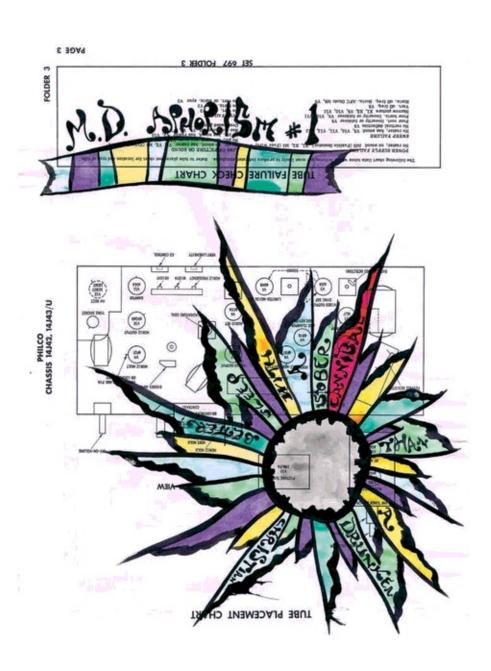


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Better sleep with a sober cannibal than a drunken Christian.

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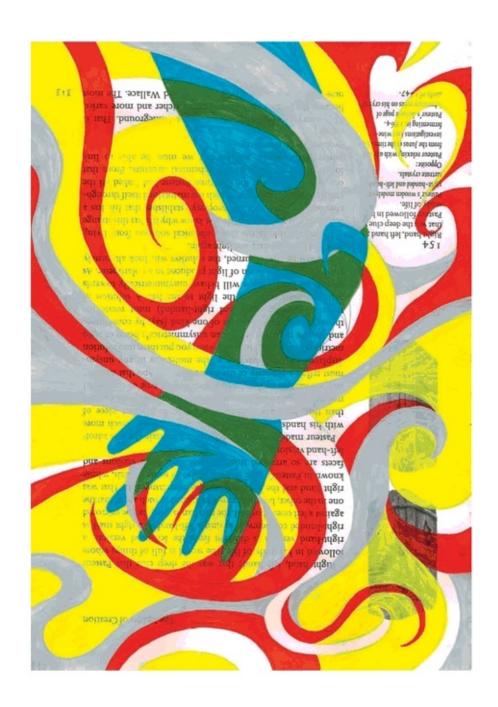
7.75" x 10.75" 09/22/10



Indeed, partly lying on it as the arm did when I first awoke, I could hardly tell it from the quilt, they so blended their hues together, and it was only by the sense of weight and pressure that I could tell that Queequeg was hugging me.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER

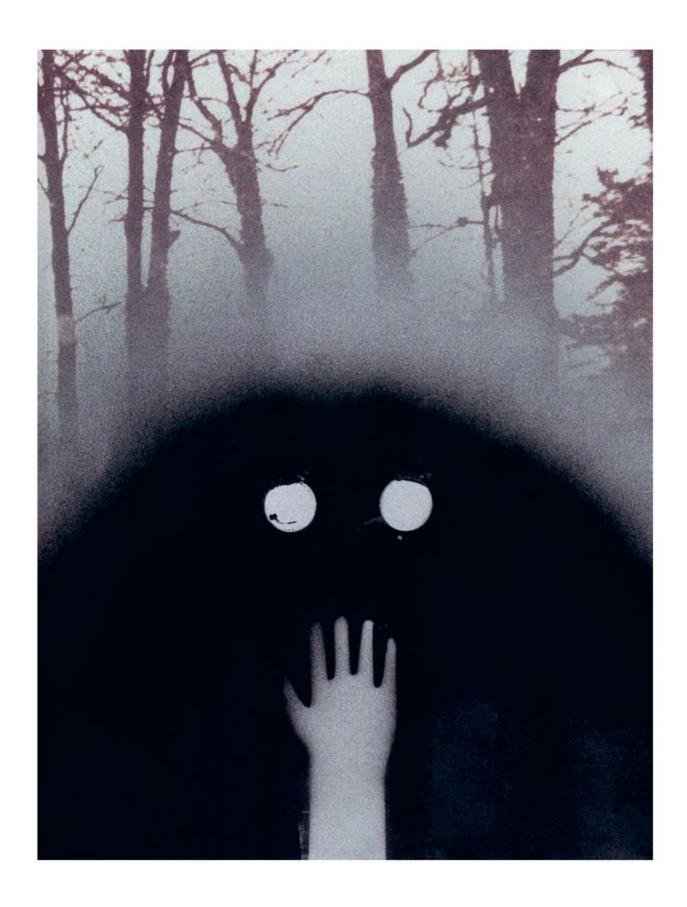
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... the nameless, unimaginable, silent form or phantom, to which the hand belonged, seemed closely seated by my bedside.

SPRAY PAINT ON FOUND PAPER

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But Queequeg, do you see, was a creature in the transition state—neither caterpillar nor butterfly.

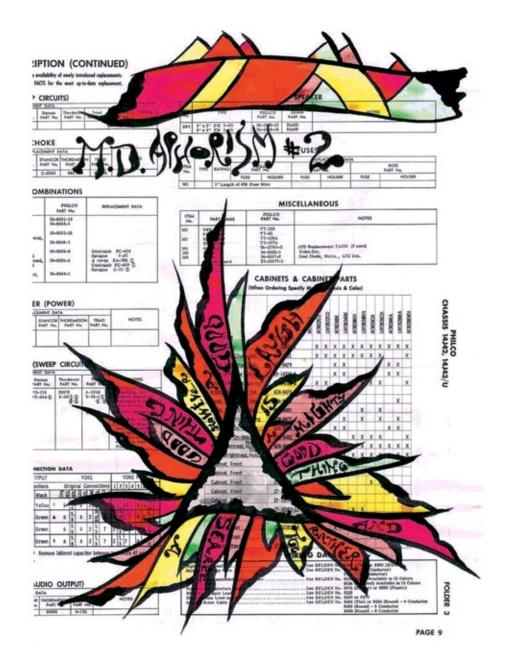
ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7" x 9.5" 09/02/09



However, a good laugh is a mighty good thing, and rather too scarce a good thing...

INK ON FOUND PAPER

7.75" x 10.75" 09/22/10



They were nearly all whalemen; chief mates, and second mates, and third mates, and sea carpenters, and sea coopers, and sea blacksmiths, and harpooneers, and ship keepers...

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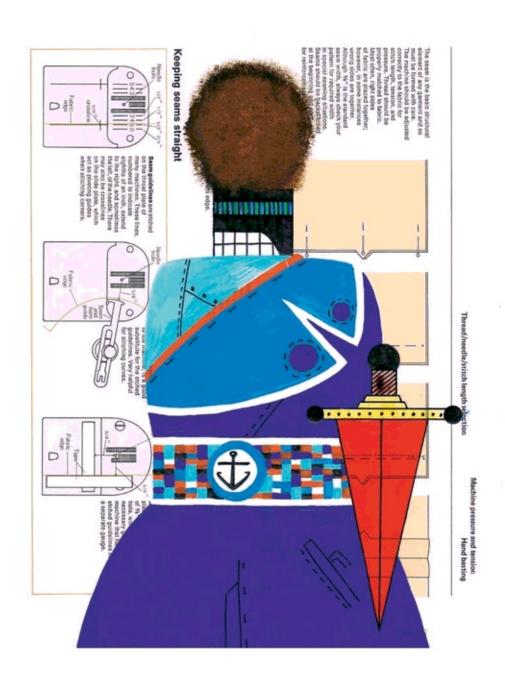
Yes, here were a set of seadogs, many of whom had boarded great whales on the high seas—entire strangers to them—and duelled them dead without winking...

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 11" 09/05/09



Look there! that chap strutting around the corner. He wears a beaver hat and swallowtailed coat, girdled with a sailor-belt and sheath-knife.

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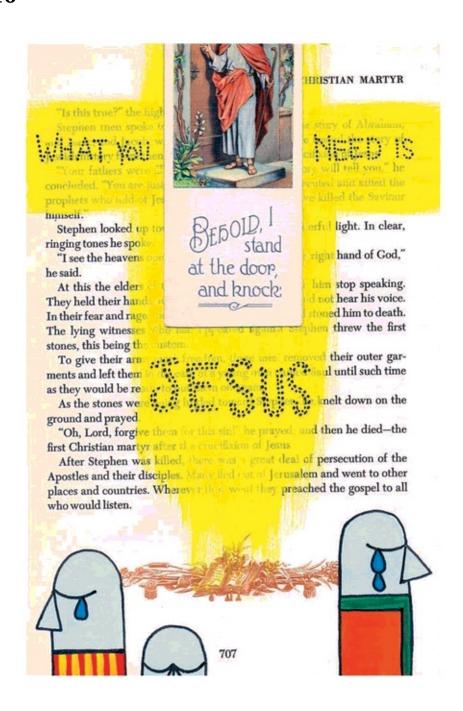
And the women of New Bedford, they bloom like their own red roses.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND COLLAGE ON FOUND PAPER 9" x 11" 09/07/09



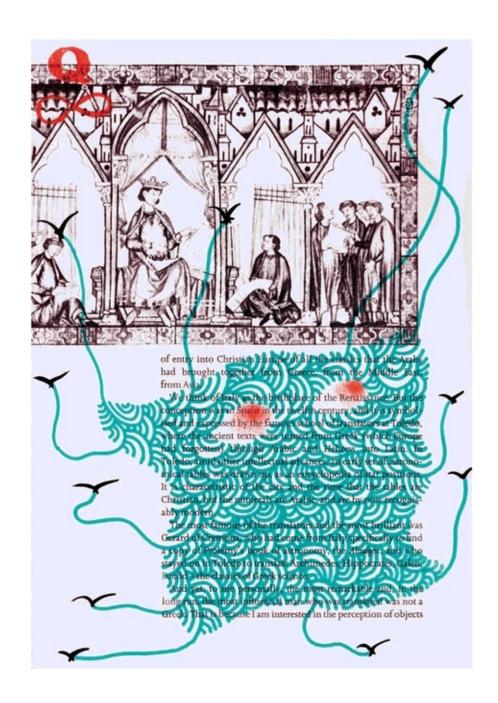
Each silent worshipper seemed purposely sitting apart from the other, as if each silent grief were insular and incommunicable.

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLLAGE AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6" x 9.25" 09/21/10



Affected by the solemnity of the scene, there was a wondering gaze of incredulous curiosity in his countenance.

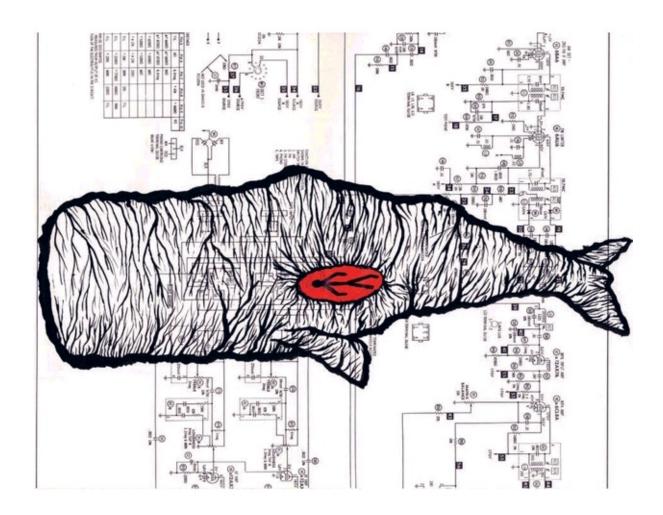
ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7" x 9.5" 09/07/09



What deadly voids and unbidden infidelities in the lines that seem to gnaw upon all Faith, and refuse resurrections to the beings who have placelessly perished without a grave.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER

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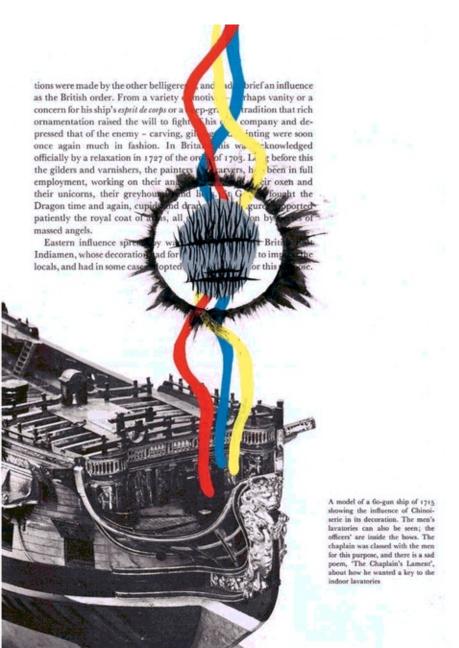
Yes, it was the famous Father Mapple, so called by the whalemen, among whom he was a very great favorite.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 9" x 11" 09/08/09



Can it be, then, that by that act of physical isolation, he signifies his spiritual withdrawal for the time, from all outward worldly ties and connexions?

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 09/12/09



But high above the flying scud and dark-rolling clouds, there floated a little isle of sunlight, from which beamed forth an angel's face; and this bright face shed a distant spot of radiance upon the ship's tossed deck...

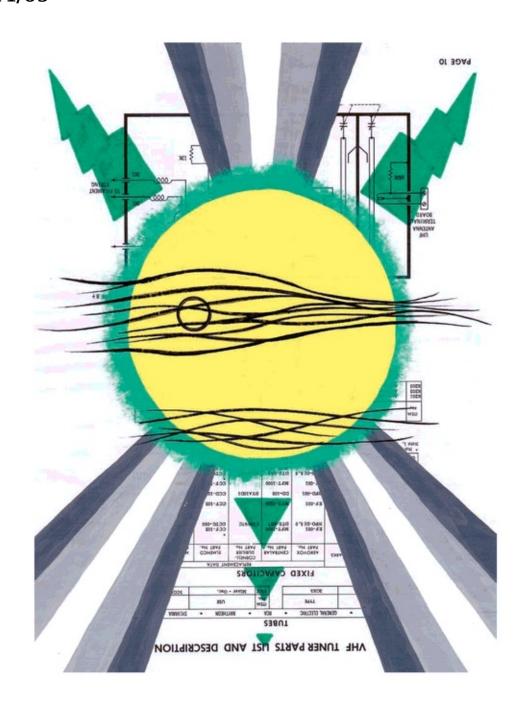
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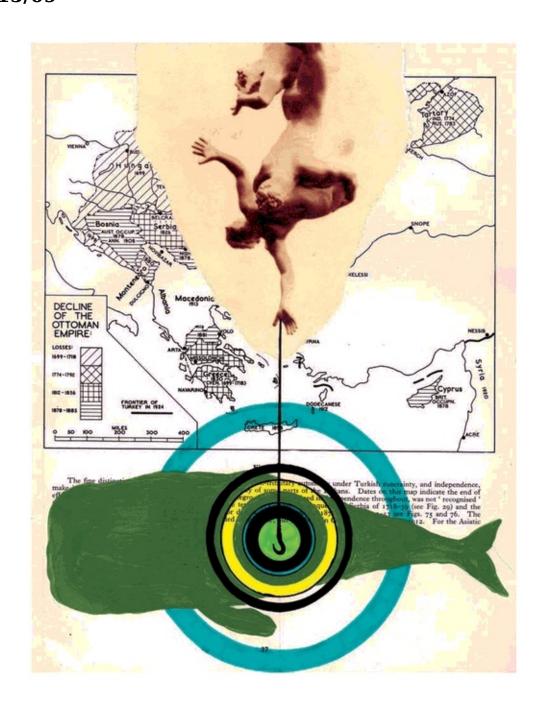
"Awful, yet bright, as lightning shone / The face of my Deliverer God."

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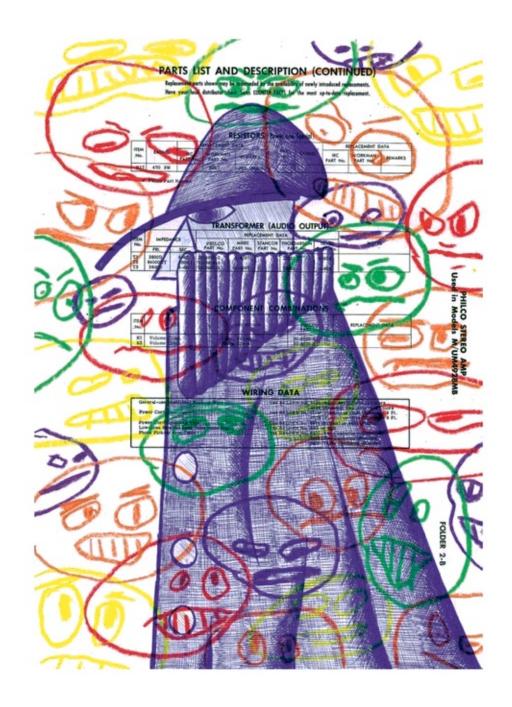
"Yet what depths of the soul does Jonah's deep sea-line sound!"

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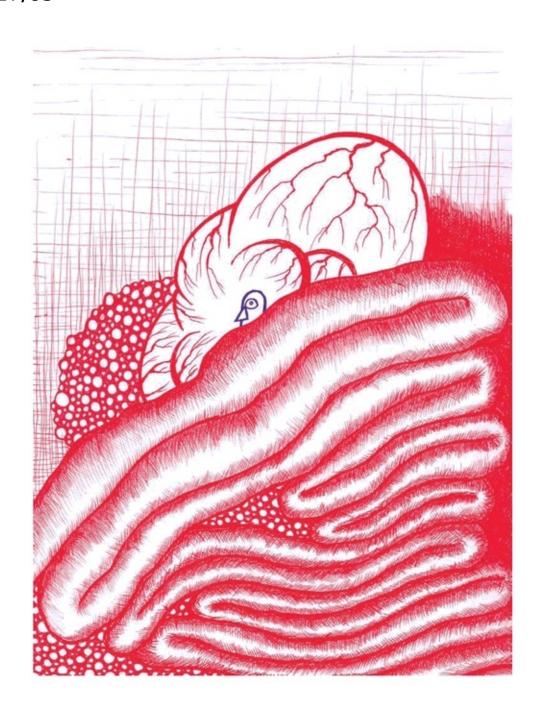
"Miserable man! Oh! most contemptible and worthy of all scorn; with slouched hat and guilty eye, skulking from his God..."

BALLPOINT PEN AND CRAYON ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 09/16/09



"...Jonah feels the heralding presentiment of that stifling hour, when the whale shall hold him in the smallest of his bowel's wards."

BALLPOINT PEN ON PAPER 8.5" x **11" 09/17/09**



"'Oh! so my conscience hangs in me!' he groans, 'straight upward, so it burns; but the chambers of my soul are all in crookedness!'"

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"And ever, as the white moon shows her affrighted face from the steep gullies in the blackness overhead..."

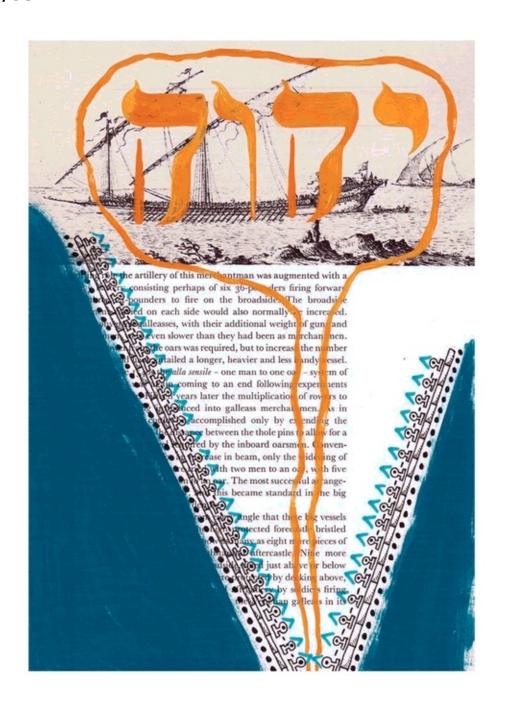
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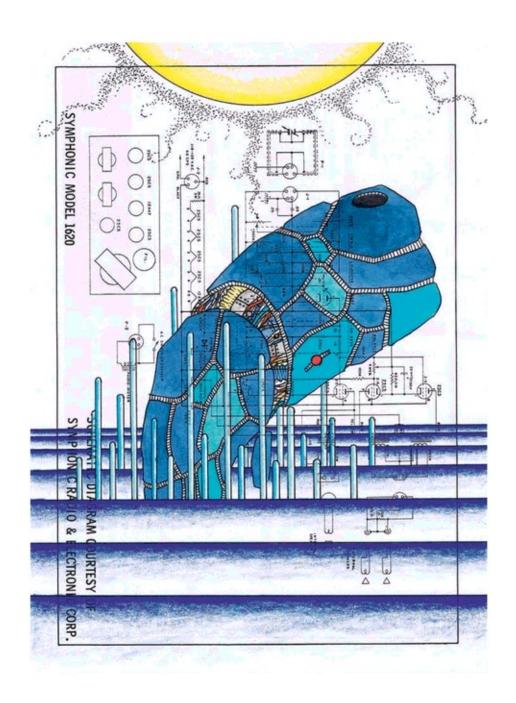
"Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord out of the fish's belly."

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 09/20/09



"...and from the shuddering cold and blackness of the sea, the whale came breeching up towards the warm and pleasant sun, and all the delights of air and earth..."

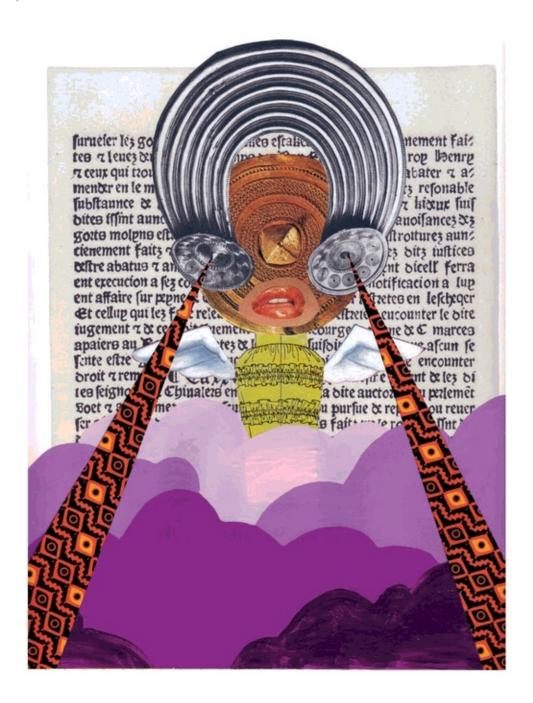
COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 09/21/09



"Delight is to him, who gives no quarter in the truth, and kills, burns, and destroys all sin..."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND COLLAGE ON

FOUND PAPER 9" x 11.25" 09/22/09



Queequeg was George Washington cannibalistically developed.

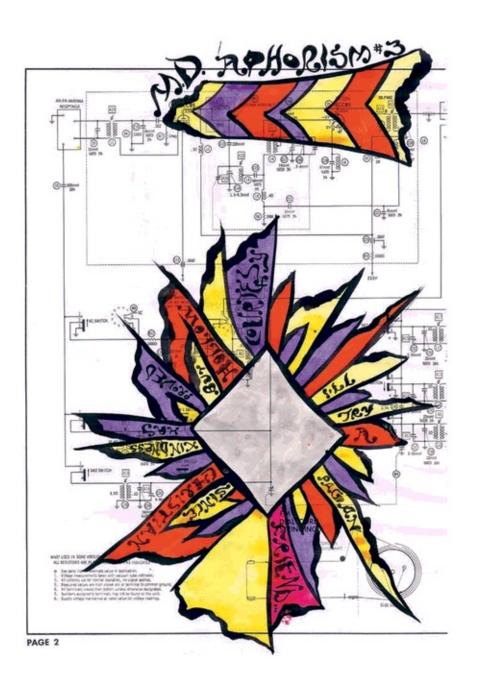
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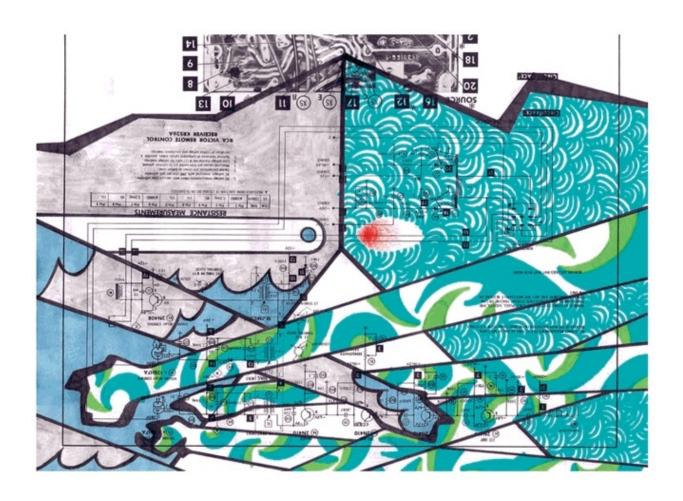
I'll try a pagan friend... since Christian kindness has proved but hollow courtesy.

INK ON FOUND PAPER



... he pressed his forehead against mine, clasped me round the waist, and said that henceforth we were married...

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.75" 09/25/09



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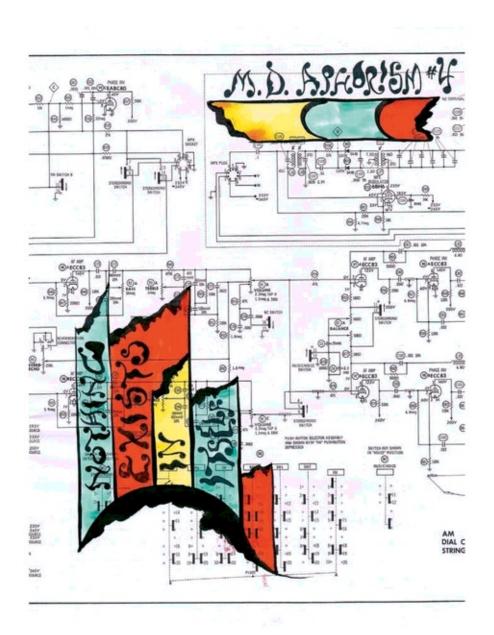
... I must turn idolator.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6" x 7.75" 09/26/09



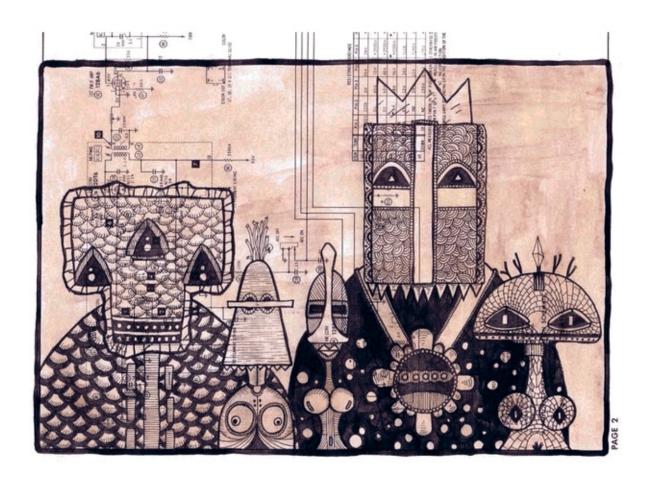
Nothing exists in itself.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75"



His father was a High Chief, a King; his uncle a High Priest; and on the maternal side he boasted aunts who were the wives of unconquerable warriors.

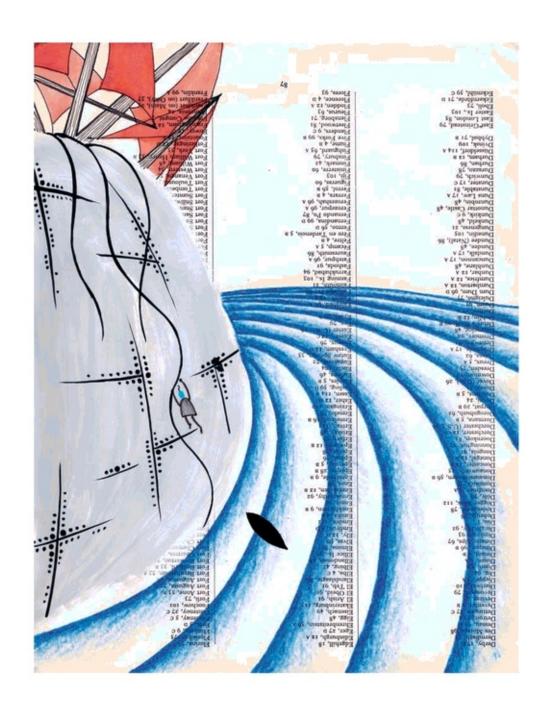
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... and when the ship was gliding by, like a fish he darted out; gained her side; with one backward dash of his foot capsized and sank his canoe; climbed up the chains...

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 11" 09/30/09



They had made a harpooneer of him, and that barbed iron was in lieu of a sceptre now.

COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND

PAPER 8.5" x 11" 10/01/09



...he had a particular affection for his own harpoon, because it was of assured stuff, well tried in many a mortal combat, and deeply intimate with the hearts of whales.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 10/02/09



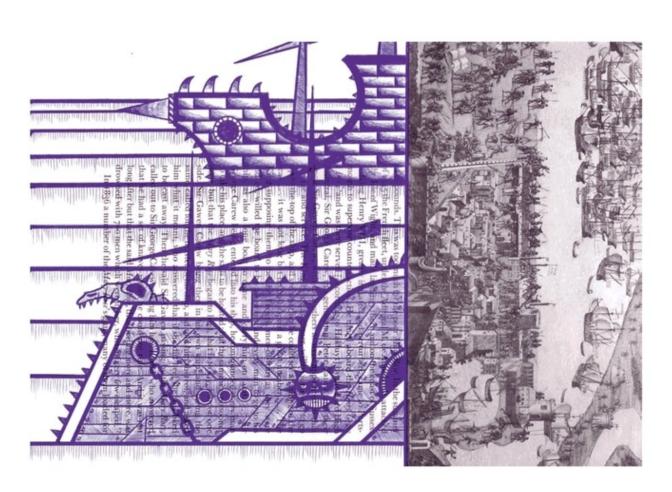


when the laid down, and some of these law suntile. We should be a mough for these priceless mater to the strict is a pity of do not begin a hundred or so years eather then changes in were more fundamental. However, they there in several esting developments. While there was a verification to allow the tech straight-sided practice, the hull for a last hid, a technarkedly from late Elizabethan days in order to privite a treasure or thinness and a steadier platform for the much interesting of a mane. The strong degree of sheer which the rail of Matthew Baker's galleons was also much reduced. The train of Matthew Baker's galleons was much less evident for are, this for the reduced to lower the maximum beam of the ship to the water in Course can, these ships were much more bluff in an boys. The reductives correspondingly reduced, and the pressure the last at a terum to the last Dutch wars gave the impression tensure of liggic tracepiator the water.

European naval competition in the could half the entire produced a shortage of skilled in handward in compact that hat of the years before the First V. of Wir. Timber was impossed in great quantities from the other, and was a see as affectory of long-lasting as home-grown oat Innovities from the record of the Hill Act of 1677, calling for third to an adventure Berner of the Bill Act of 1677, calling for third the interval, the record the minute oak reserves of the Royal for the anywilful negative.

On one side, New Bedford rose in terraces of streets, their ice-covered trees all glittering in the clear, cold air...and side by side the world-wandering whale ships lay silent and safely moored at last...

BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.75" 10/03/09



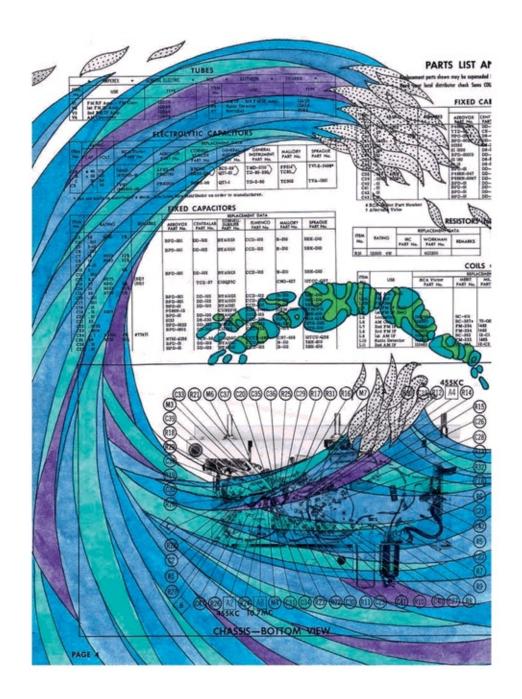
At the same foam-fountain, Queequeg seemed to drink and reel with me. His dusky nostrils swelled apart; he showed his filed and pointed teeth.

COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 10/04/09



...Queequeg, stripped to the waist, darted from the side with a long living arc of a leap.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 10/04/09



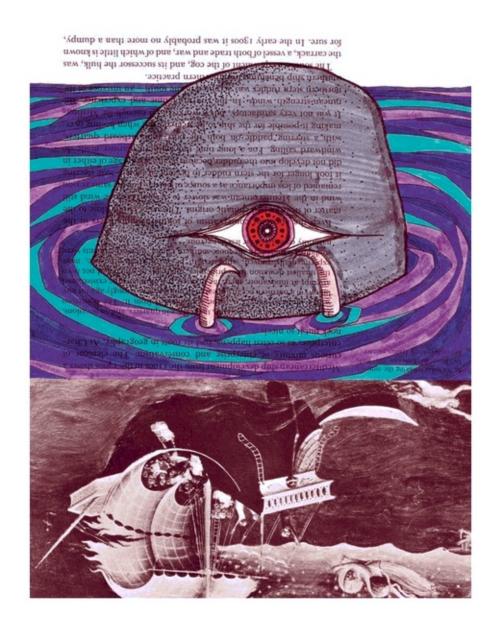
Thus goes the legend. In olden times an eagle swooped down upon the New England coast, and carried off an infant Indian in his talons. With loud lament the parents saw their child borne out of sight over the wide waters.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7" x 10" 10/05/09



...and in all seasons and all oceans declared everlasting war with the mightiest animated mass that has survived the flood; most monstrous and most mountainous! That Himmalehan, saltsea Mastodon, clothed with such portentousness of unconscious power, that his very panics are more to be dreaded than his most fearless and malicious assaults!

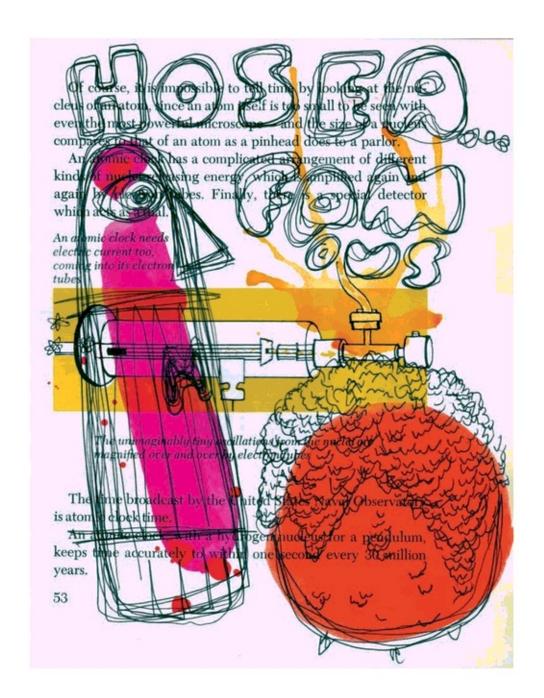
INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 11" 10/06/09



...and moreover he had assured us that cousin Hosea, as he called him, was famous for his chowders.

INK ON FOUND PAPER

6.75" x 8.5" 10/09/09

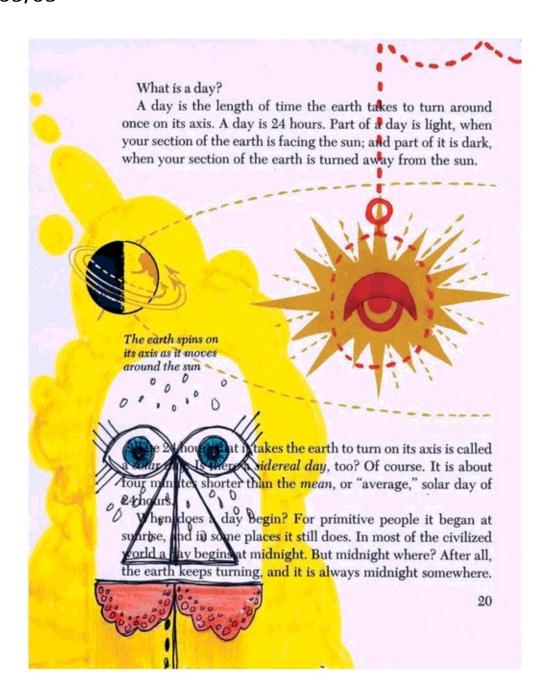


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I was called from these reflections by the sight of a freckled

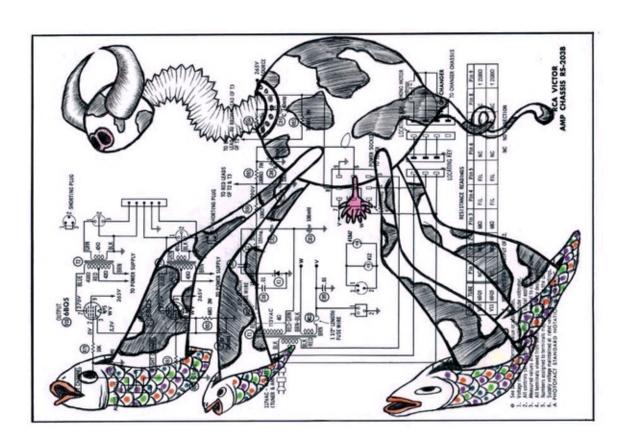
woman with yellow hair and a yellow gown, standing in the porch of the inn, under a dull red lamp swinging there, that looked much like an injured eye...

BALLPOINT PEN, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 6.75" x 8.5" 10/09/09



I saw Hosea's brindled cow feeding on fish remnants, and marching along the sand with each foot in a cod's decapitated head...

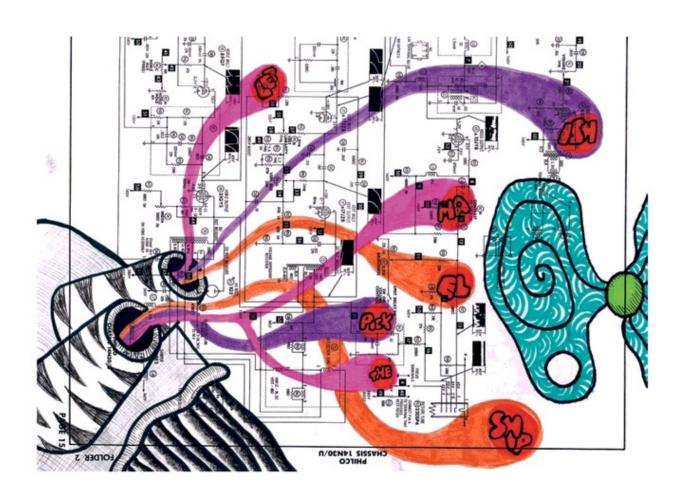
BALLPOINT PEN AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.75" 10/15/09



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Queequeg now gave me to understand, that he had been diligently consulting Yojo...

BALLPOINT PEN, CHARCOAL AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.75" 11/05/09

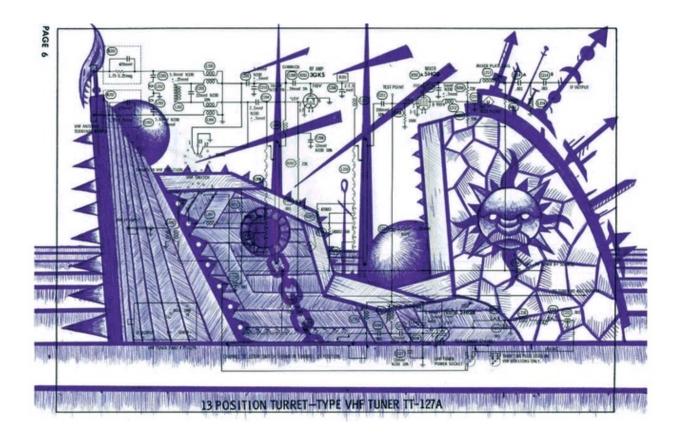


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...take my word for it, you never saw such a rare old craft as this same rare old Pequod. She was a ship of the old school, rather small if anything; with an old fashioned clawfooted look about her.

BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND PAPER

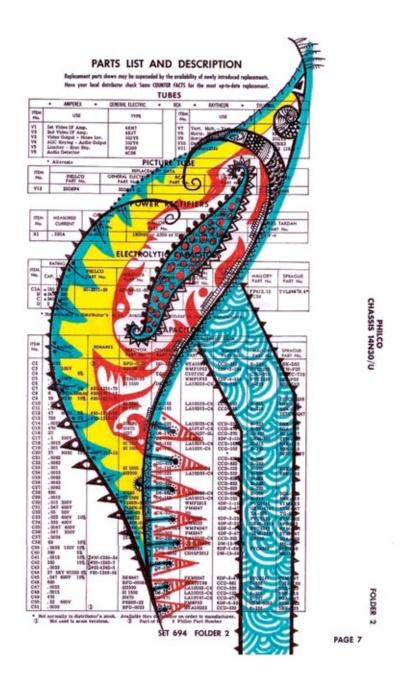
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She was a thing of trophies. A cannibal of a craft, tricking herself forth in the chased bones of her enemies.

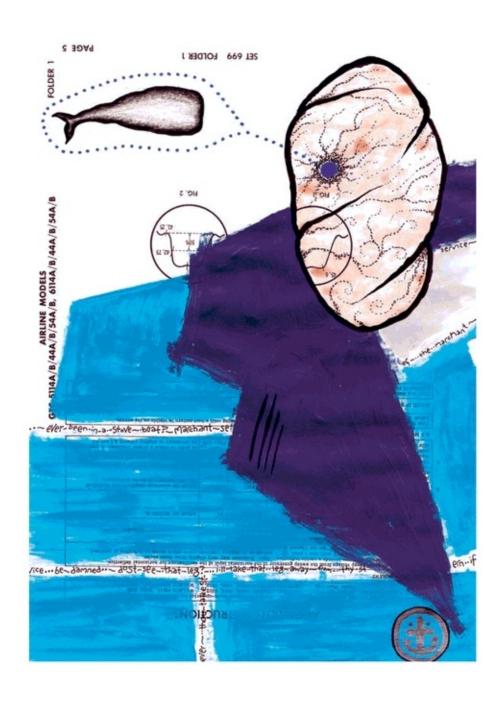
MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 11/07/09



There was nothing so very particular, perhaps, about the appearance of the elderly man I saw; he was brown and brawny, like most old seamen, and heavily rolled up in blue pilot-cloth, cut in the Quaker style; only there was a fine and almost microscopic network of the minutest wrinkles

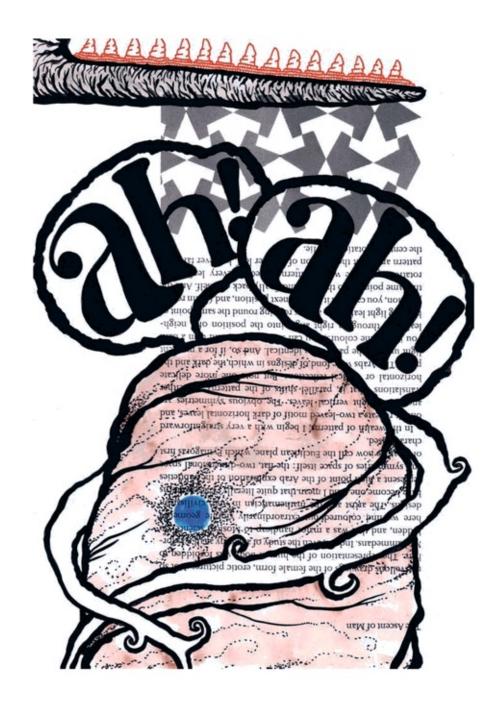
interlacing round his eyes...

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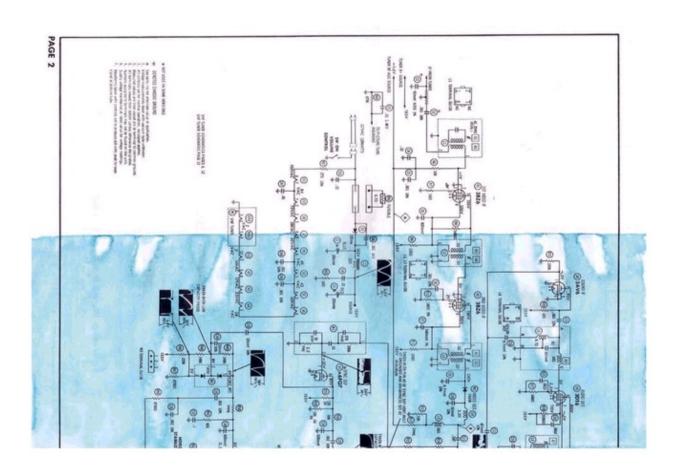
"Lost by a whale! Young man, come nearer to me: it was devoured, chewed up, crunched by the monstrousest parmacetty that ever chipped a boat!—ah, ah!"

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7" x 9.5" 11/09/09



Going forward and glancing over the weather bow, I perceived that the ship swinging to her anchor with the flood-tide, was now obliquely pointing towards the open ocean. The prospect was unlimited, but exceedingly monotonous and forbidding; not the slightest variety that I could see.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.75" 11/10/09

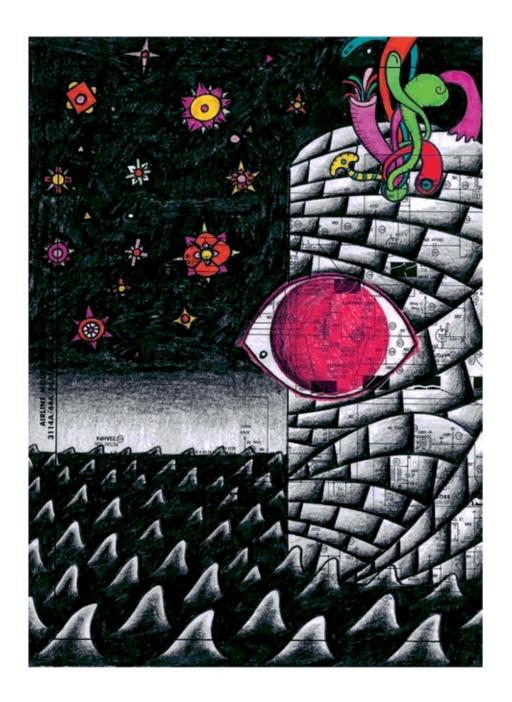


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...who has also by the stillness and seclusion of many long night-watches in the remotest waters, and beneath constellations never seen here at the north, been led to think untraditionally and independently...

COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER

7.75" x 11" 11/12/09

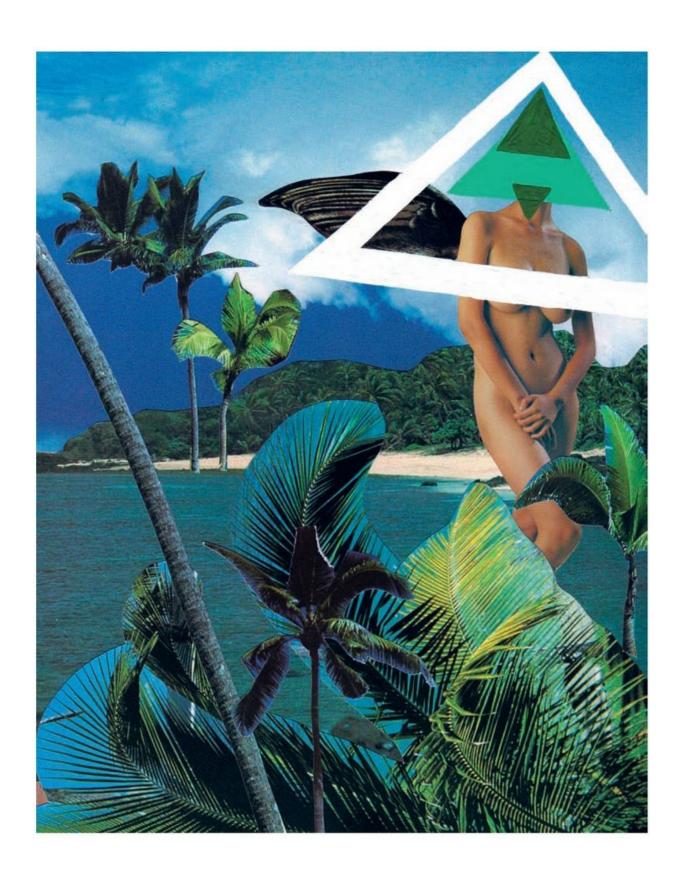


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...the sight of many unclad, lovely island creatures, round the

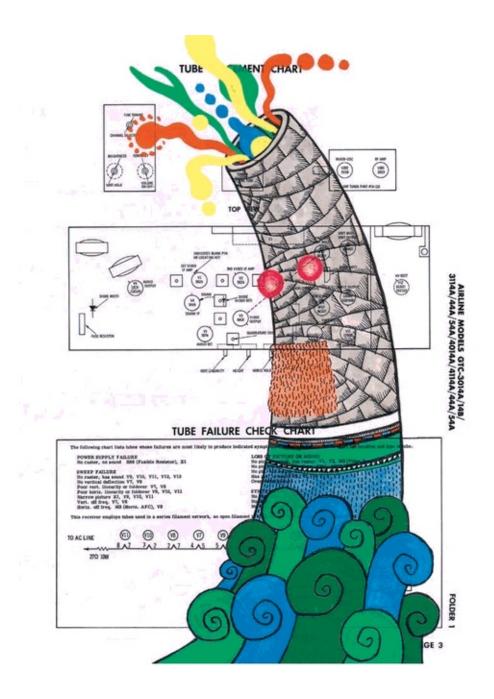
Horn...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND COLLAGE ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 10.75" 11/13/09



His own person was the exact embodiment of his utilitarian character. On his long, gaunt body, he carried no spare flesh, no superfluous beard, his chin having a soft, economical nap to it, like the worn nap of his broad-brimmed hat.

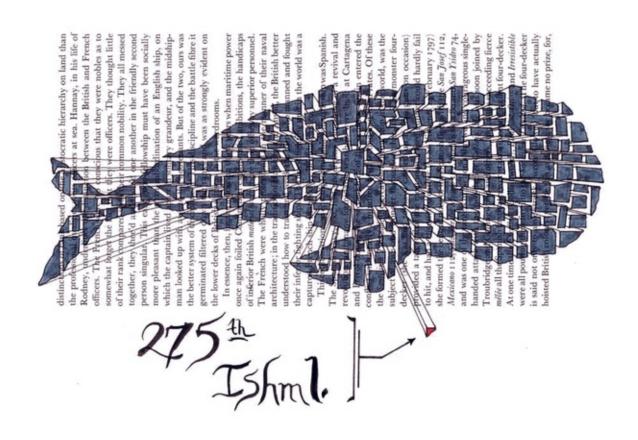
ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 11/14/09



I was also aware that being a green hand at whaling, my own lay would not be very large; but considering that I was used to the sea, could steer a ship, splice a rope, and all that, I made no doubt that from all I had heard I should be offered at least the 275th lay—that is, the 275th part of the clear net proceeds

of the voyage, whatever that might eventually amount to.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.5" 11/15/09



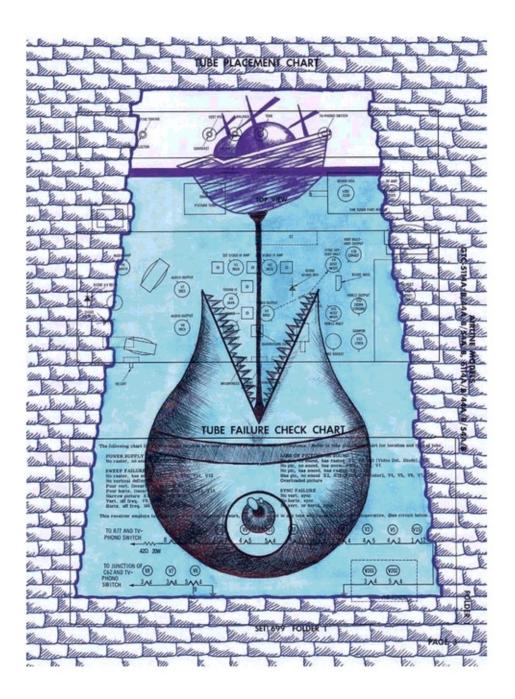
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"Thou Bildad!" roared Peleg, starting up and clattering about the cabin. "Blast ye, Captain Bildad, if I had followed thy advice in these matters, I would afore now had a conscience to lug about that would be heavy enough to founder the largest ship that ever sailed round Cape Horn."

BALLPOINT PEN AND INK ON FOUND PAPER

7.75" x 11"

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"Fiery pit! fiery pit! ye insult me, man; past all natural bearing, ye insult me. It's an all-fired outrage to tell any human creature

that he's bound to hell. Flukes and flames!"

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.75" 11/17/09



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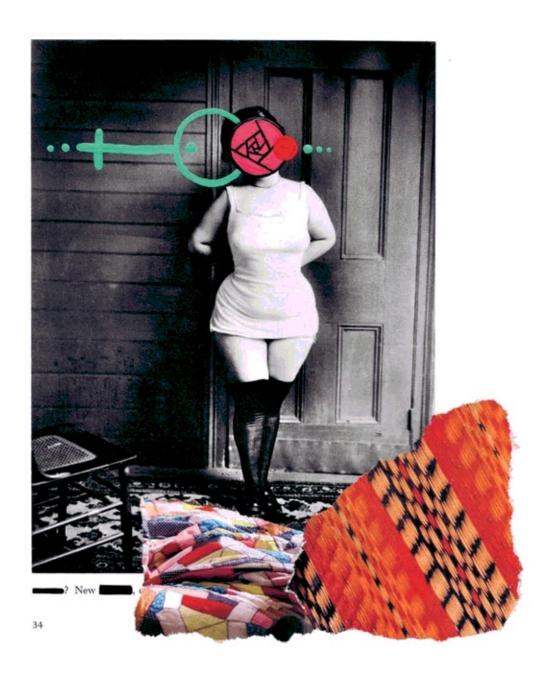
But I had not proceeded far, when I began to bethink me that the captain with whom I was to sail yet remained unseen by me...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND

PAPER 6" x 7.75" 11/18/09

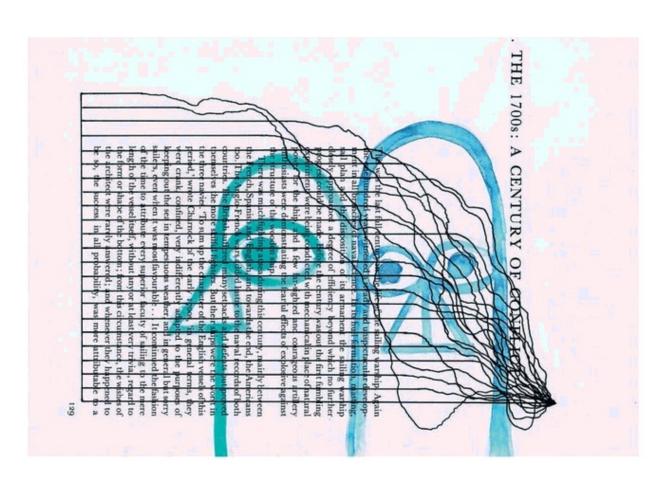


ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND COLLAGE ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 9" 11/18/09



...and Heaven have mercy on us all—Presbyterians and Pagans alike—for we are all somehow dreadfully cracked about the head, and sadly need mending.

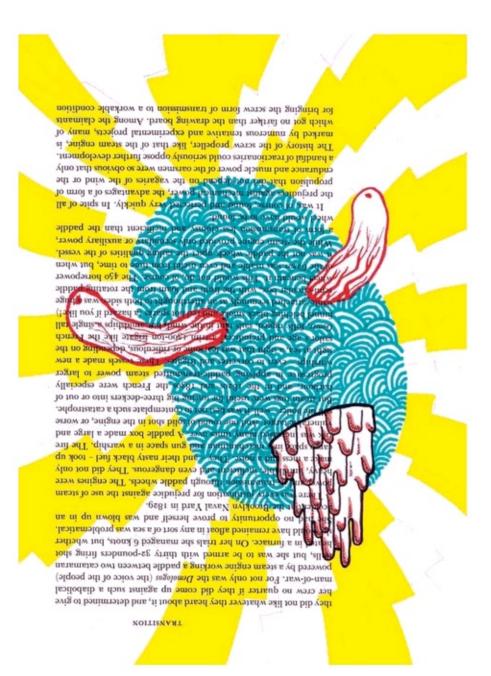
INK ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.5" 11/21/09



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Apoplexy!

INK, MARKER AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 11" 11/21/09



...and there, good heavens! there sat Queequeg, altogether cool and self-collected; right in the middle of the room; squatting on his hams, and holding Yojo on top of his head. He looked neither one way nor the other way, but sat like a carved image with scarce a sign of active life.

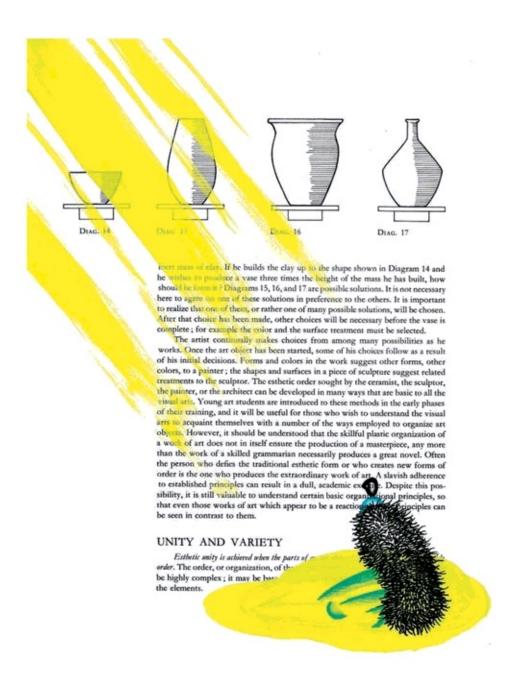
COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6.75" x 9.5" 11/22/09



But previous to turning in, I took my heavy bearskin jacket, and threw it over him, as it promised to be a very cold night...

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 11"

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"...hell is an idea first born on an undigested apple-dumpling..."

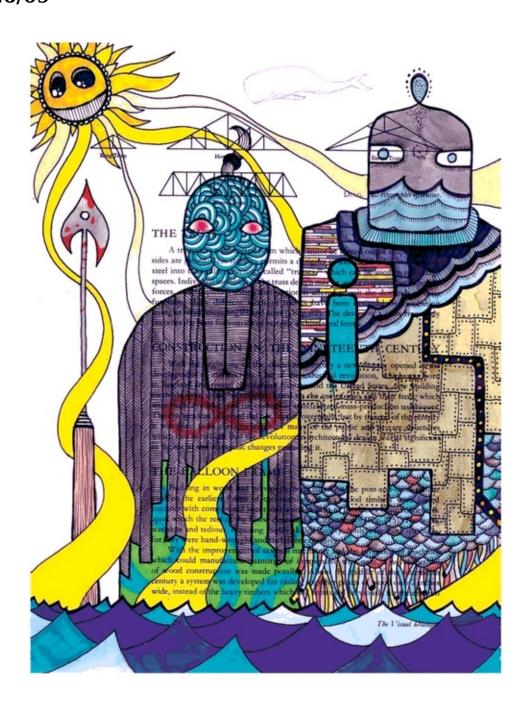
CRAYON, INK AND MARKER ON

FOUND PAPER 6.75" x 9.5" 11/24/09



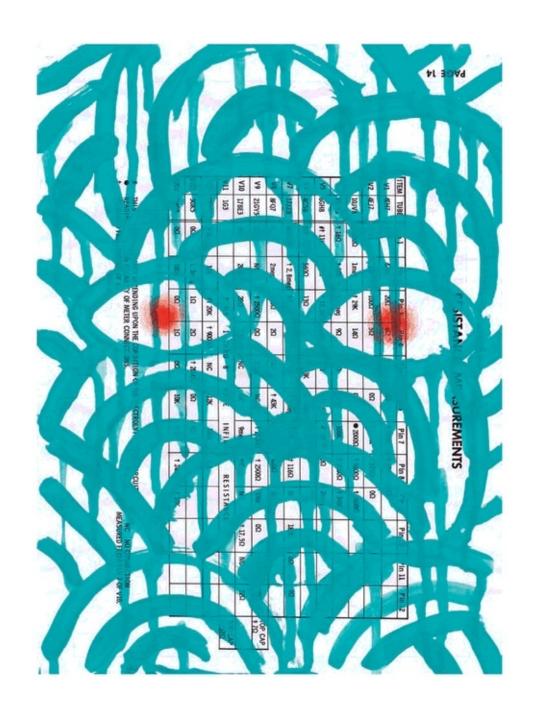
...we sallied out to board the Pequod, sauntering along, and picking our teeth with halibut bones.

COLORED PENCIL, INK, MARKER AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 8.25" x 11" 11/26/09



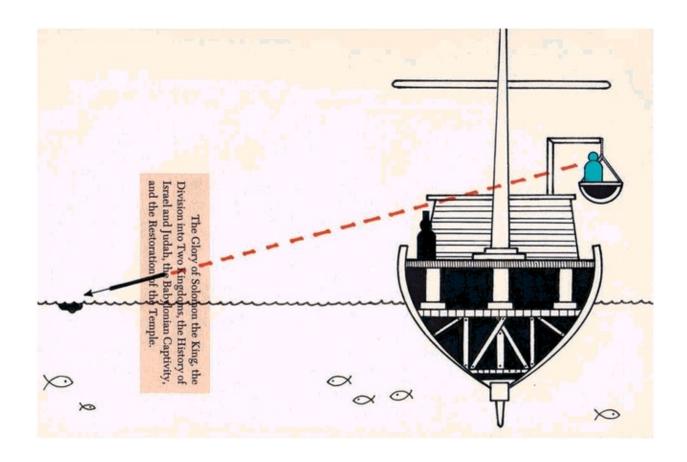
"No," said Peleg, "and he hasn't been baptized right either, or it would have washed some of that devil's blue off his face."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND COLORED PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 11/26/09



"Cap'ain, you see him small drop tar on water dere? You see him? well, spose him one whale eye, well, den!" and taking sharp aim at it, he darted the iron right over old Bildad's broad brim, clean across the ship's decks, and struck the glistening tar spot out of sight.

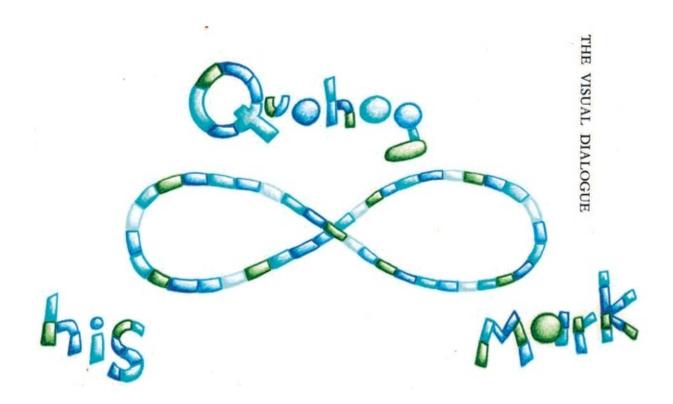
INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 9.25" x 6" 09/26/10



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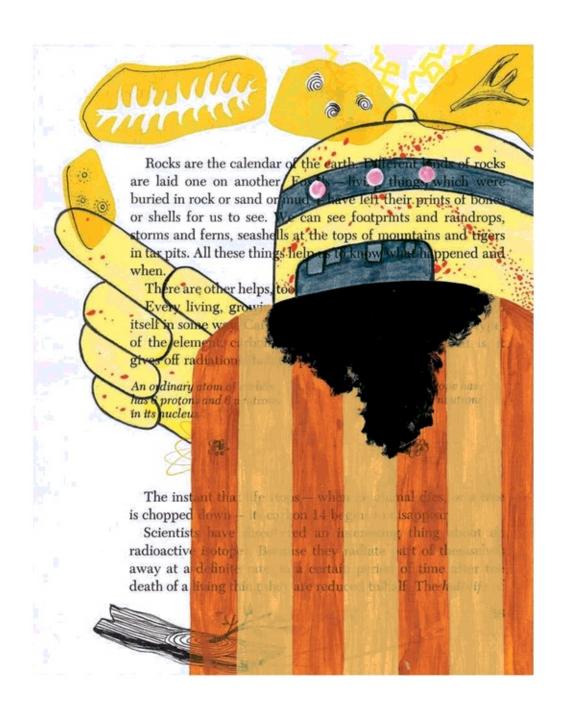
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COLORED PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 8.25" 11/27/09



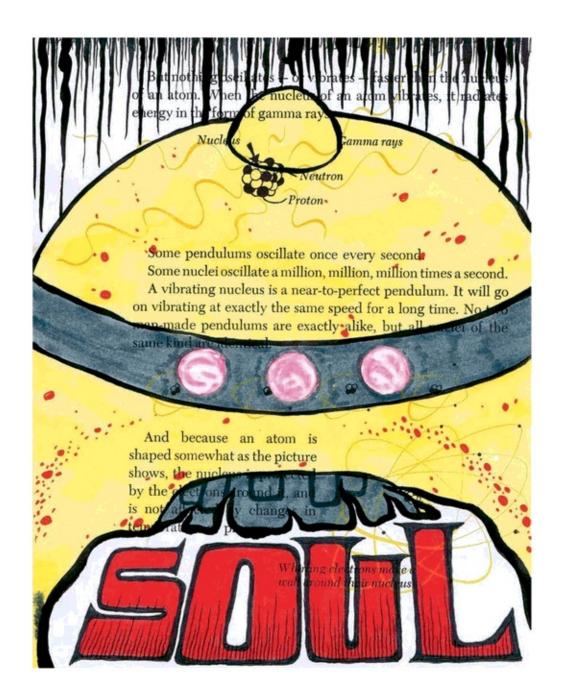
...the above words were put to us by a stranger, who, pausing before us, levelled his massive forefinger at the vessel in question. He was but shabbily apparelled in faded jacket and patched trowsers; a rag of a black handkerchief investing his neck. A confluent small-pox had in all directions flowed over his face, and left it like the complicated ribbed bed of a torrent, when the rushing waters have been dried up.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6.75" x 8.5" 11/27/09



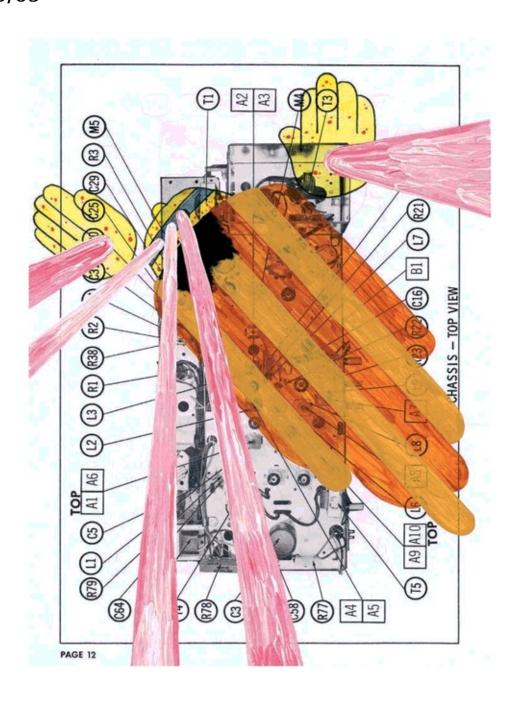
"Anything down there about your souls?"

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER



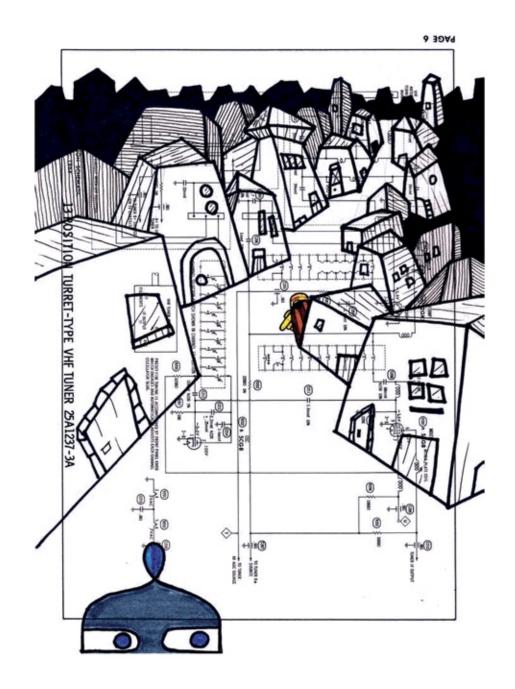
don't know, and I don't much care; for it seems to me that you must be a little damaged in the head."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 11/29/09



But we had not gone perhaps above a hundred yards, when chancing to turn a corner, and looking back as I did so, who should be seen but Elijah following us, though at a distance.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 11/29/09



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...and the men employed in the hold and on the rigging were working till long after night-fall.

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER

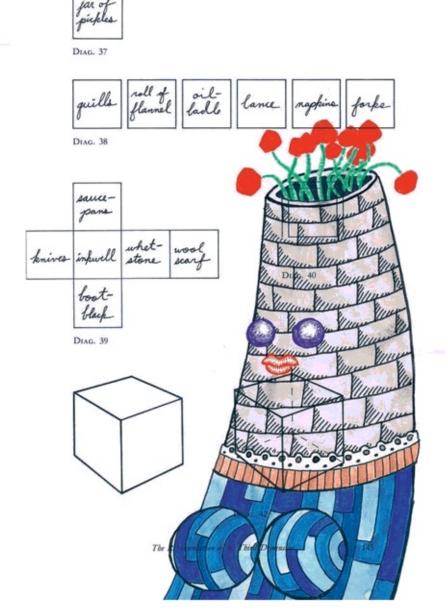
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And like a sister of charity did this charitable Aunt Charity bustle about hither and thither, ready to turn her hand and heart to anything that promised to yield safety, comfort, and consolation to all on board a ship in which her beloved brother Bildad was concerned...

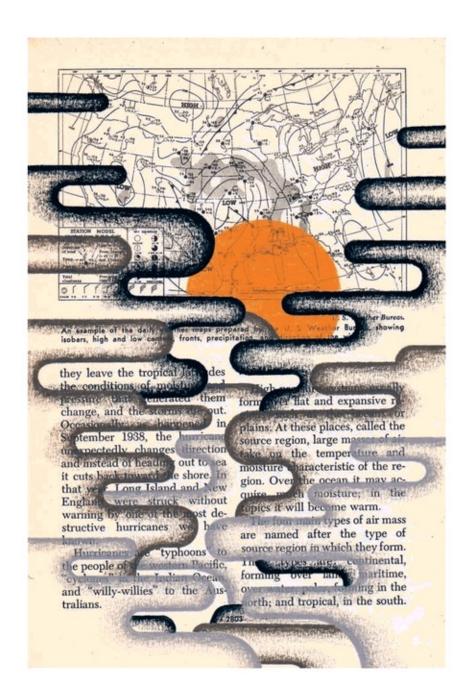
CRAYON, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 11" 12/02/09



It was nearly six o'clock, but only grey imperfect misty dawn, when we drew nigh the wharf.

COLORED PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 5.5" x 8.25"

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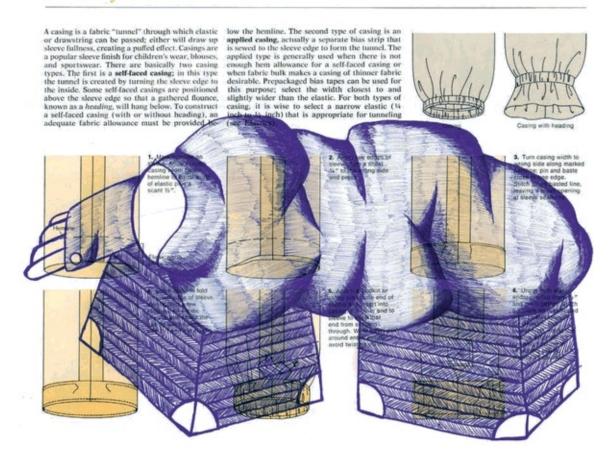


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Seeing a light, we went down, and found only an old rigger there, wrapped in a tattered pea-jacket. He was thrown at whole length upon two chests, his face downwards and inclosed in his folded arms. The profoundest slumber slept upon him.

BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND PAPER 10.5" x 8.25" 12/06/09

Sleeve finishes

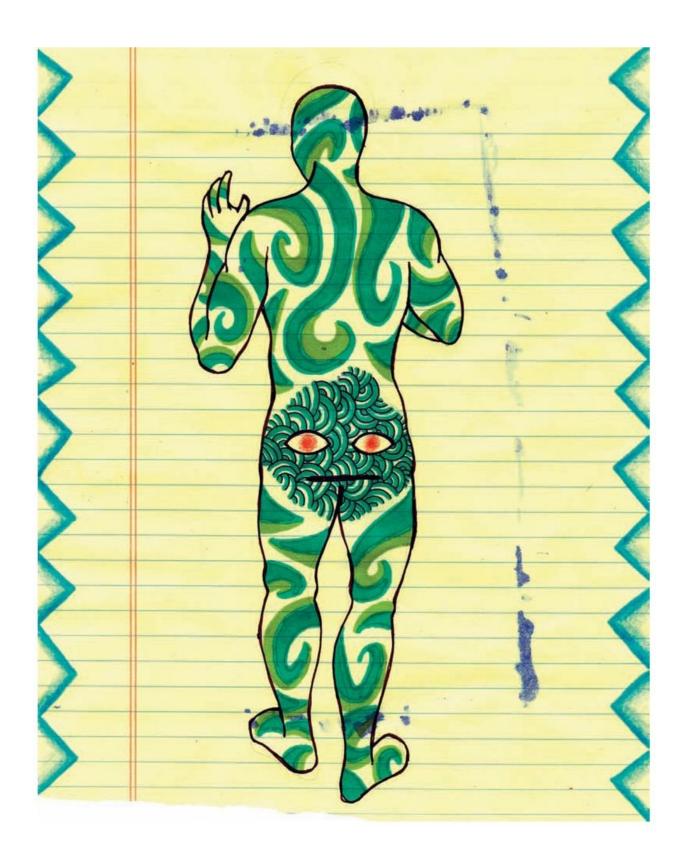


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"Face!" said I, "call that his face?"

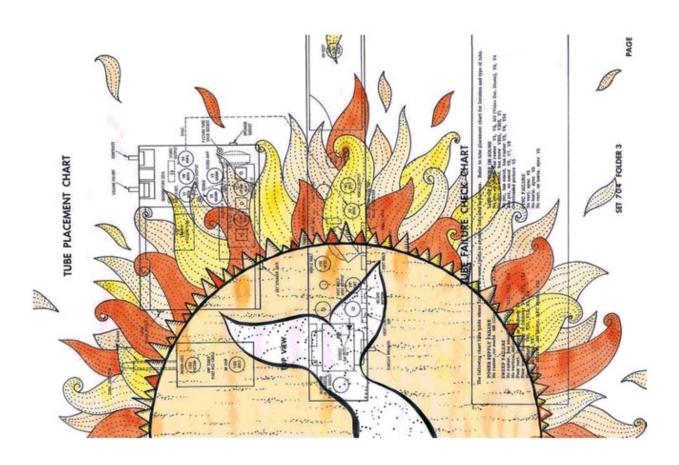
COLORED PENCIL AND MARKER ON

FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 10.5" 12/07/09



It was now clear sunrise.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.75" 12/08/09

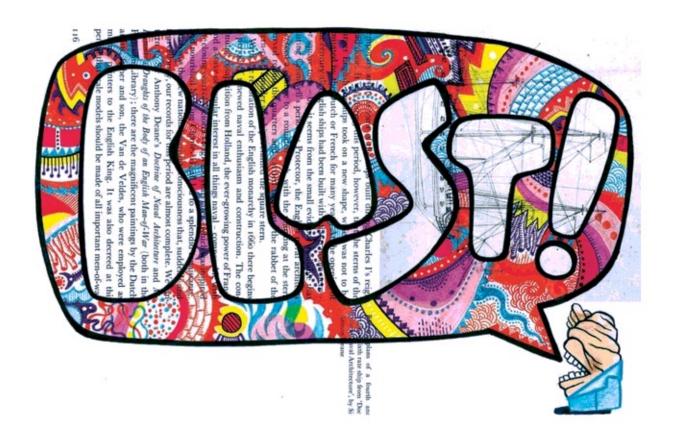


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Meantime, overseeing the other part of the ship, Captain Peleg ripped and swore astern in the most frightful manner.

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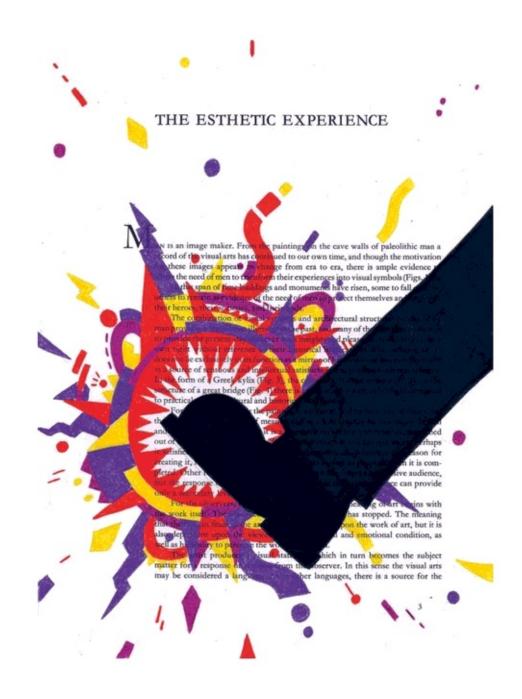
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That was my first kick.

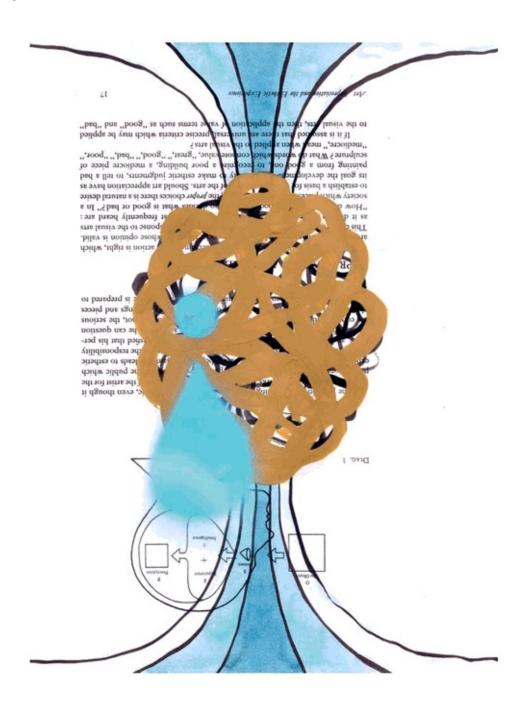
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As for Peleg himself, he took it more like a philosopher; but for all his philosophy, there was a tear twinkling in his eye, when the lantern came too near.

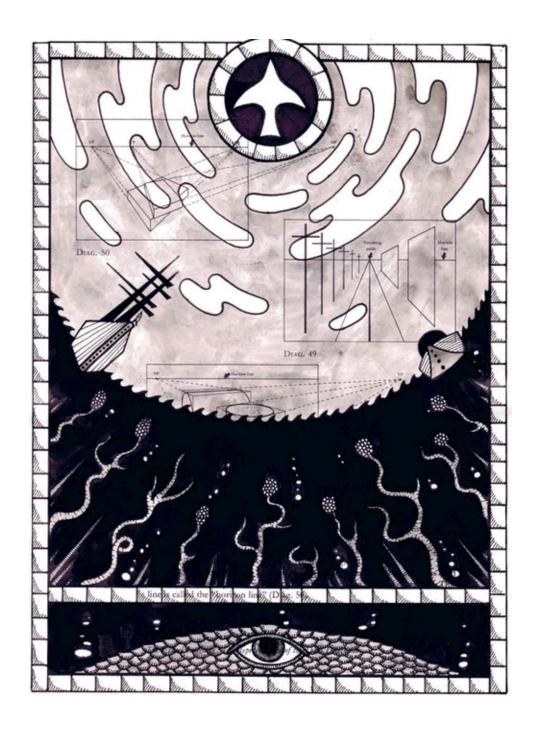
ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND SPRAY PAINT

ON FOUND PAPER 8.25" x 11" 12/10/09



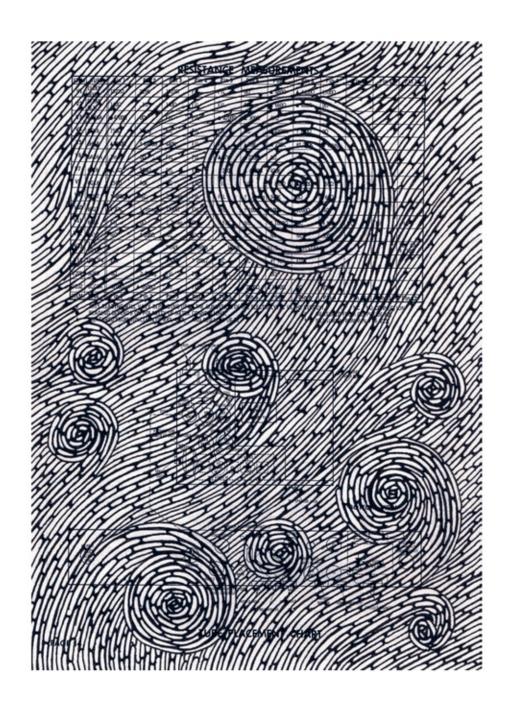
Ship and boat diverged; the cold, damp night breeze blew between; a screaming gull flew overhead; the two hulls wildly rolled; we gave three heavy-hearted cheers, and blindly plunged like fate into the lone Atlantic.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 11" 12/11/09



...so, better is it to perish in that howling infinite, than be ingloriously dashed upon the lee, even if that were safety!

INK ON FOUND PAPER



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...let me assure ye that many a veteran who has freely marched

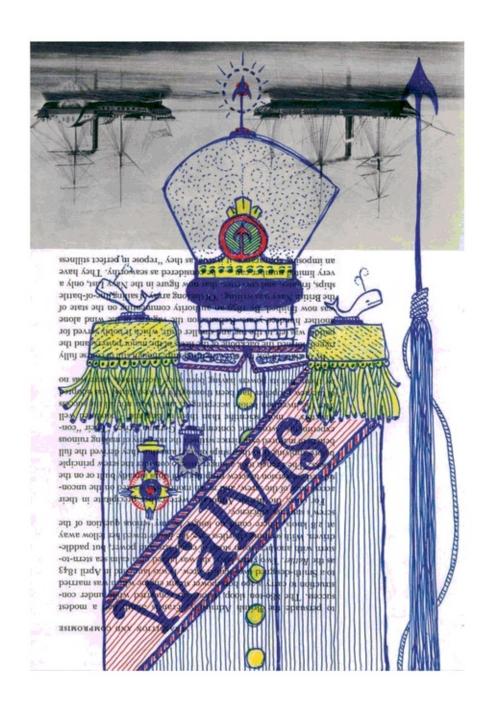
up to a battery, would quickly recoil at the apparition of the Sperm Whale's vast tail, fanning into eddies the air over his head.

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 11" 12/13/09



Why did the Dutch in De Witt's time have admirals of their whaling fleets?

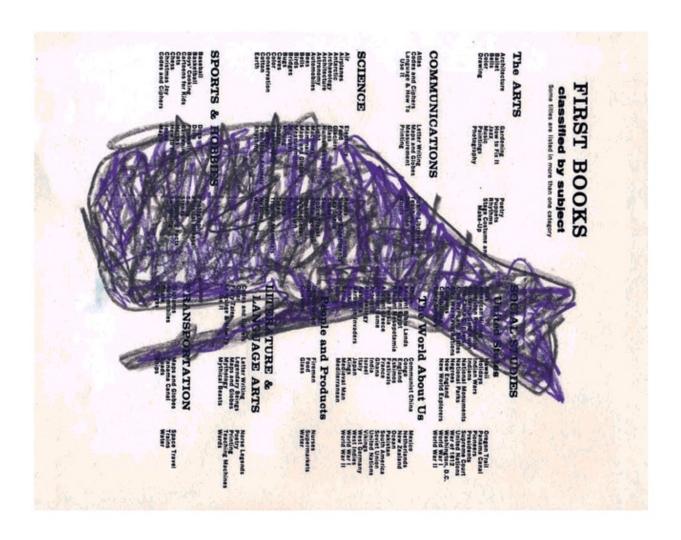
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The whale has no famous author...

CRAYON ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 6.75"

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Whaling not respectable? Whaling is imperial! By old English statutory law, the whale is declared "a royal fish."

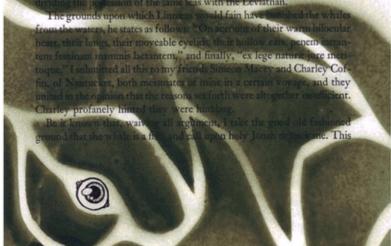
COLORED PENCIL, INK AND SPRAY PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 6.25" × 10" 12/15/09

Cetology

to be filled in all its departments by subsequent laborers. As no better man advances to take this matter in hand, I hereupon offer my own poor endeavors. I promise nothing complete; because any human thing supposed to be complete, must for that very reason infallibly be faulty. I shall not pretend to a minute anatomical description of the various species, or—in this space at least—to much of any description. My object here is simply to project the draught of a systematization of cetology. I am the architect, not the builder.

But it is a ponderous task; no ordinary letter-sorter in the Post-Office is equal to it. To grope down into the bottom of the sea after them; to have one's hands among the unspeakable foundations, ribs, and very pelvis of the world; this is a fearful thing. What am I that I should essay to hook the nose of this leviathan! The awful tauntings in Job might well appal me. "Will he (the leviathan) make a covenant with thee? Behold the hope of him is vain!" But I have swam through libraries and sailed through oceans; have had to do with whales with these visible hands; I am in earnest; and will my. There are some preliminaries to settle.

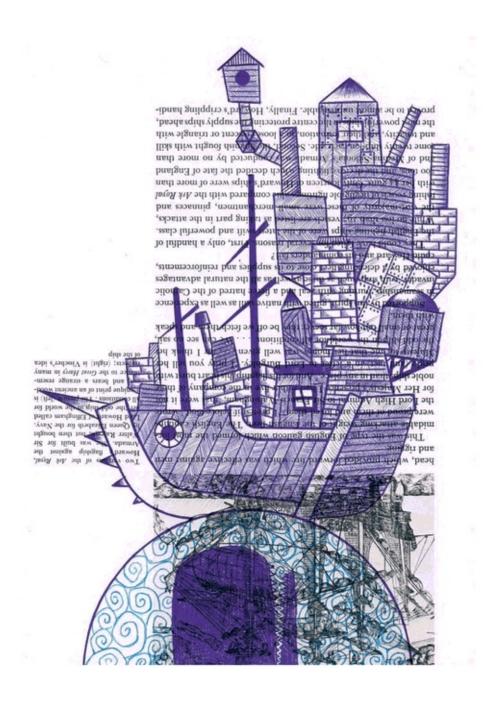
First: The uncertain, unsettled condition of this science of Cetology is in the very vestibule attested by the fact, that in some quarters it still remains a moot point whether a whale be a fish. In his System of Nature, A.D. 1776, Linnieus declares, "I hereby separate the whales from the fish." But of my own knowledge, I know that down to the section 850, sharks and shad, alewives and herring, against Linnæus's express soft, were still found



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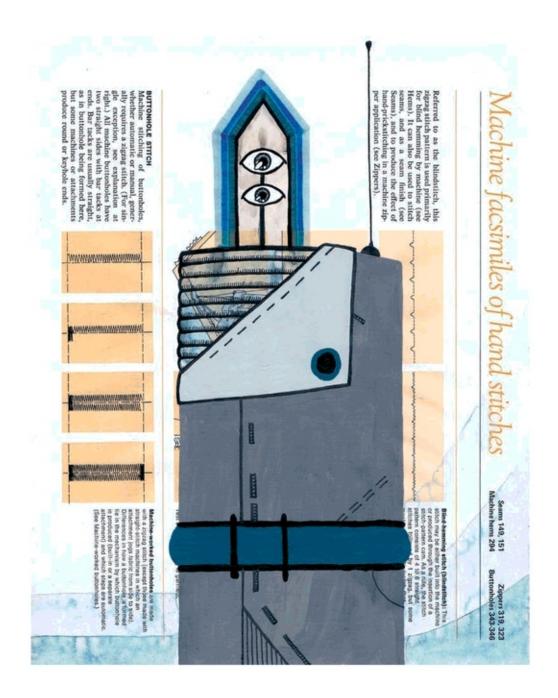
... for a whale-ship was my Yale College and my Harvard.

BALLPOINT PEN AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 12/16/09



The chief mate of the Pequod was Starbuck, a native of Nantucket, and a Quaker by descent.

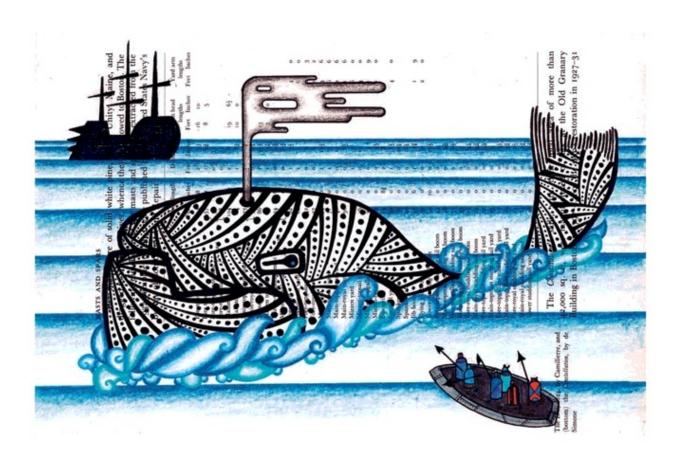
ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER



"I will have no man in my boat," said Starbuck, "who is not

afraid of a whale."

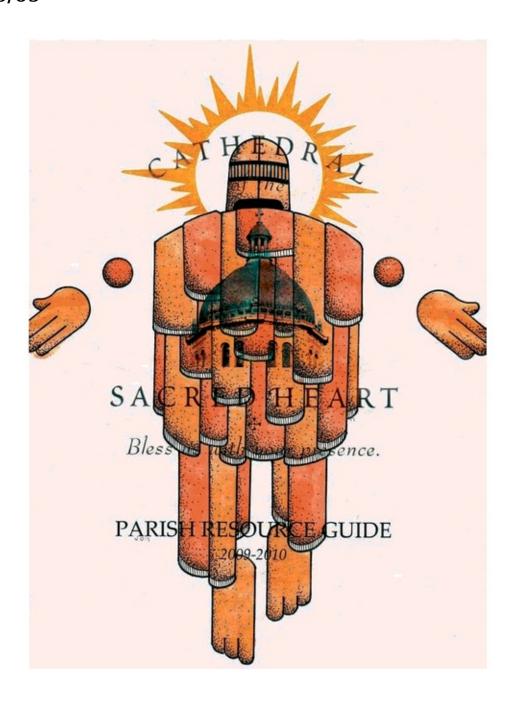
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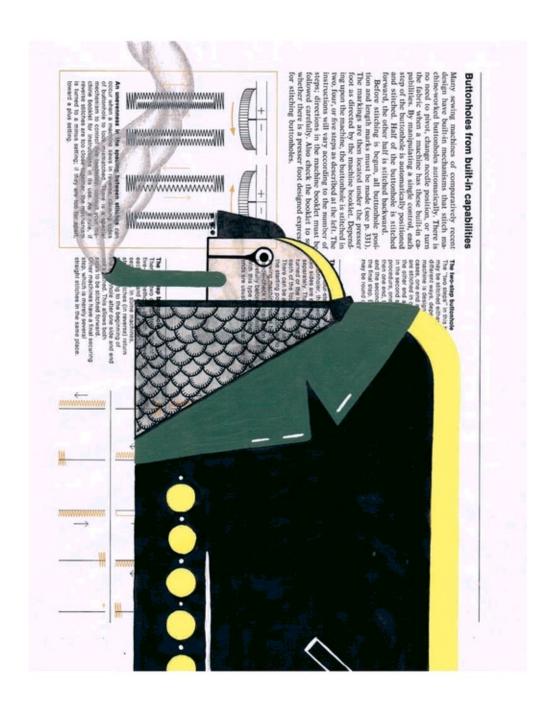
Men may seem detestable as joint stock-companies and nations; knaves, fools, and murderers there may be; men may have mean and meagre faces; but man, in the ideal, is so noble and so sparkling, such a grand and glowing creature, that over any ignominious blemish in him all his fellows should run to throw their costliest robes.

COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 11" 12/20/09



Stubb was the second mate. He was a native of Cape Cod; and hence, according to local usage, was called a Cape-Codman. A happy-go-lucky; neither craven nor valiant; taking perils as they came with an indifferent air...

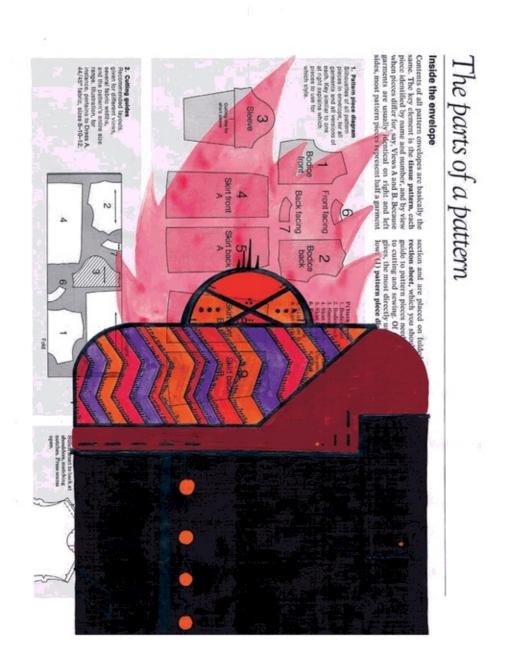
ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" × 10" 12/21/09



The third mate was Flask, a native of Tisbury, in Martha's Vineyard. A short, stout, ruddy young fellow, very pugnacious concerning whales, who somehow seemed to think that the great Leviathans had personally and hereditarily affronted him; and therefore it was a sort of point of honor with him, to

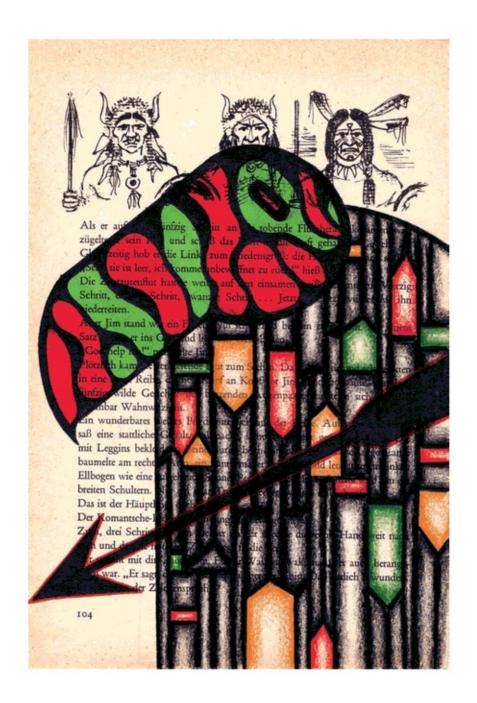
destroy them whenever encountered.

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 10" 12/23/09



Next was Tashtego, an unmixed Indian from Gay Head, the most westerly promontory of Martha's Vineyard, where there still exists the last remnant of a village of red men, which has long supplied the neighboring island of Nantucket with many of her most daring harpooneers.

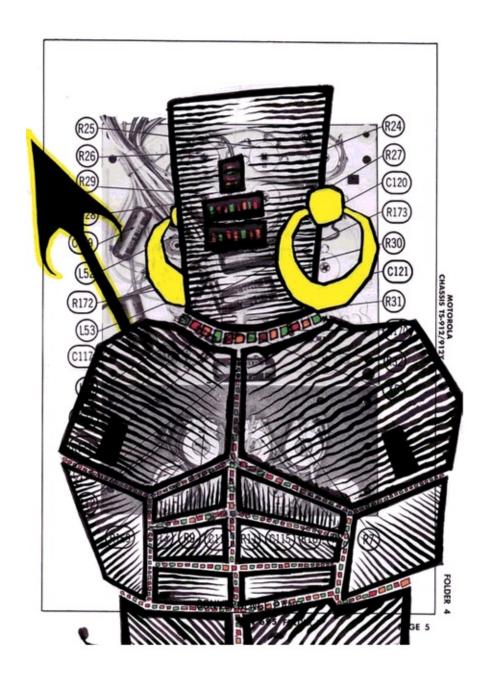
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Third among the harpooneers was Daggoo, a gigantic, coalblack negro-savage, with a lion-like tread—an Ahasuerus to behold. Suspended from his ears were two golden hoops, so large that the sailors called them ring-bolts...

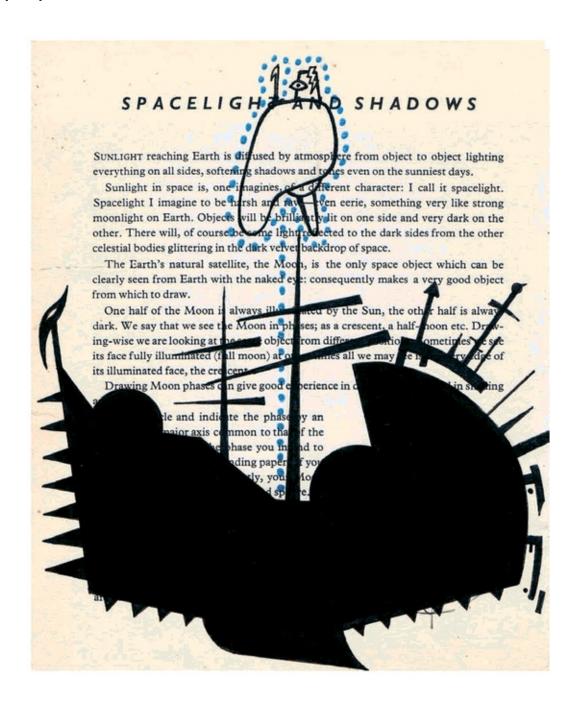
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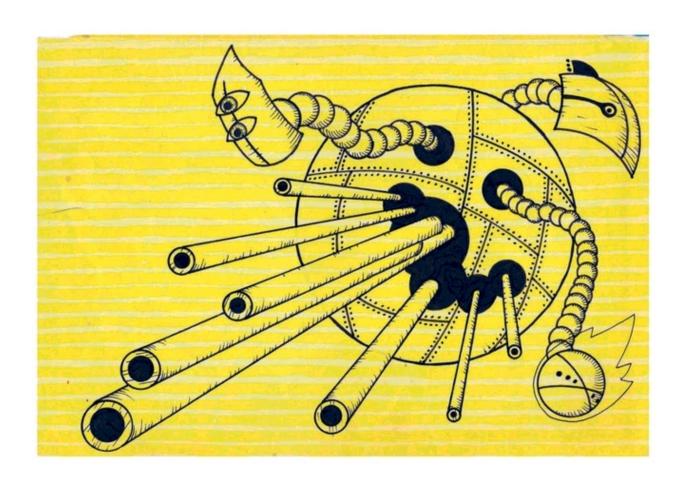
For several days after leaving Nantucket, nothing above hatches was seen of Captain Ahab.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 5.25" × 6" 10/03/10



But it was especially the aspect of the three chief officers of the ship, the mates, which was most forcibly calculated to allay these colorless misgivings, and induce confidence and cheerfulness in every presentment of the voyage.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 9" × 6.25" 12/28/09

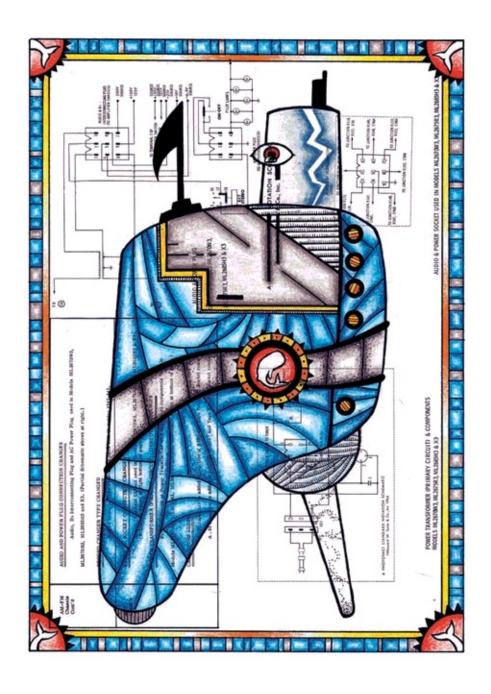


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Reality outran apprehension; Captain Ahab stood upon his

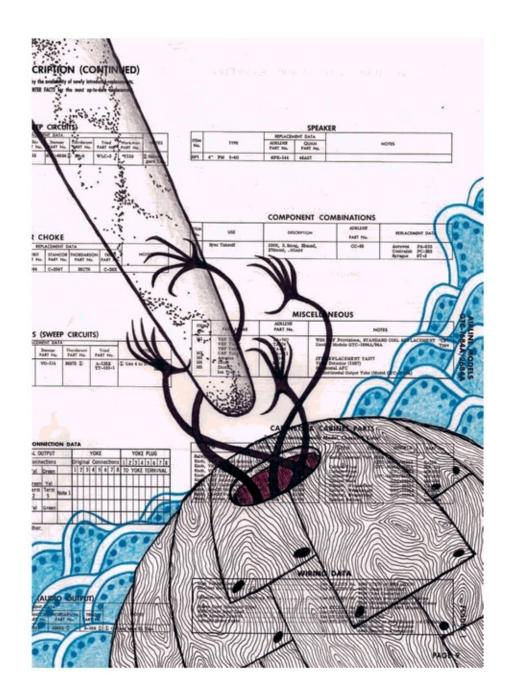
quarter-deck.

COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 12/29/09



Upon each side of the Pequod's quarter deck, and pretty close to the mizen shrouds, there was an auger hole, bored about half an inch or so, into the plank. His bone leg steadied in that hole...

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The warmly cool, clear, ringing, perfumed, overflowing, redundant days, were as crystal goblets of Persian sherbet, heaped up—flaked up, with rose-water snow.

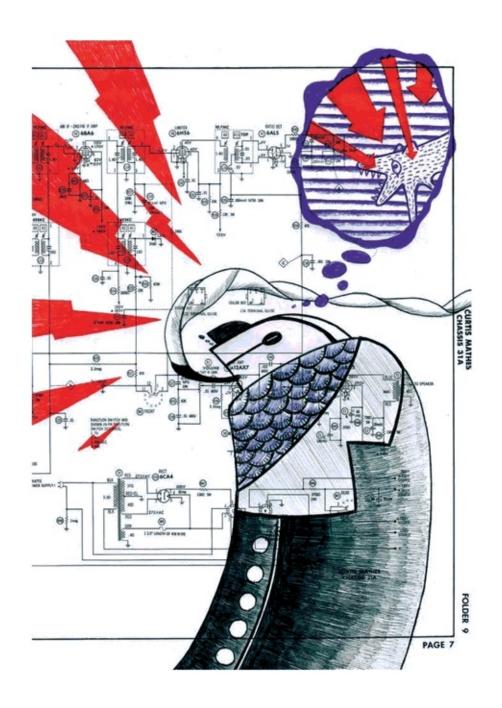
INK AND MARKER ON PAPER 8.5" × 5.5" 01/06/10



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Starting at the unforeseen concluding exclamation of the so suddenly scornful old man, Stubb was speechless a moment; then said excitedly, "I am not used to be spoken to that way, sir; I do but less than half like it, sir."

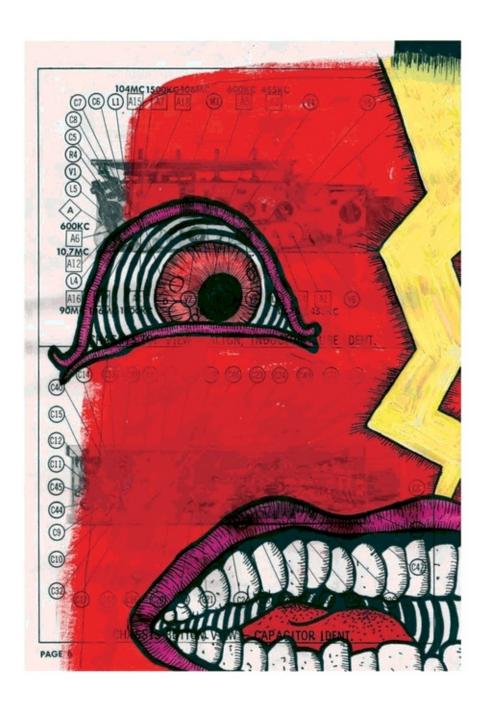
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As he said this, Ahab advanced upon him with such overbearing terrors in his aspect, that Stubb involuntarily retreated.

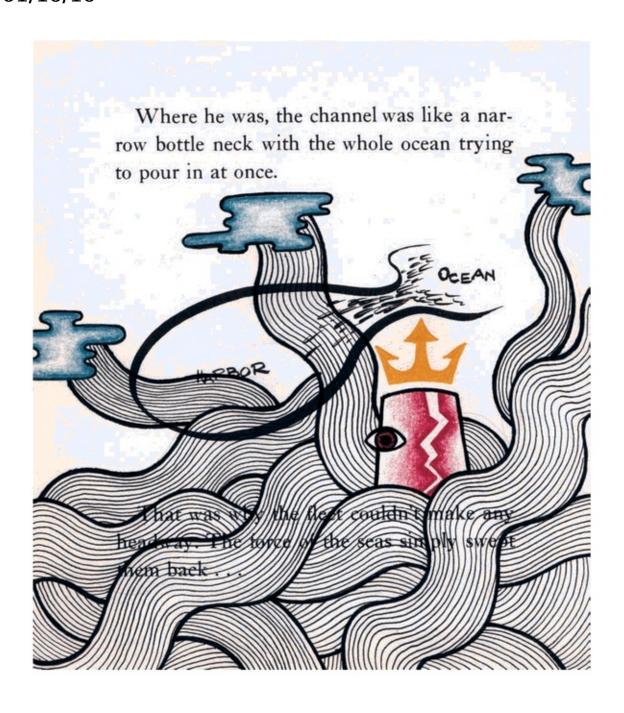
ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON

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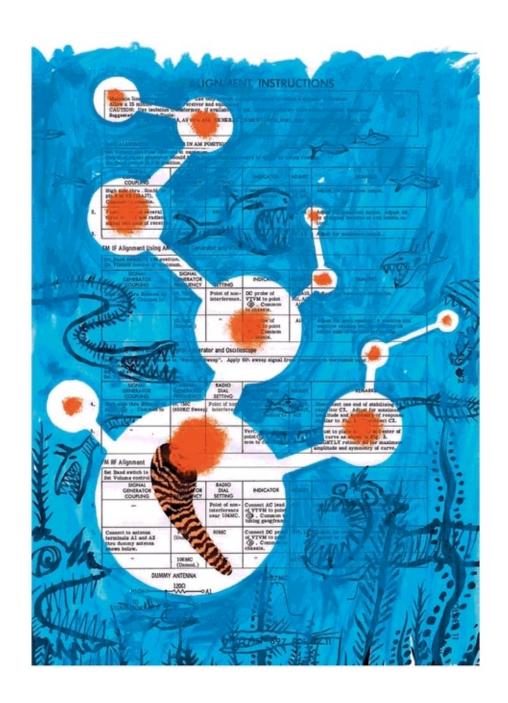
For a Khan of the plank, and a king of the sea, and a great lord of Leviathans was Ahab.

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He tossed the still lighted pipe into the sea. The fire hissed in the waves...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 01/11/10



...a sort of badger-haired old merman, with a hump on his back, takes me by the shoulders, and slews me round.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 6.25" x 7.75"

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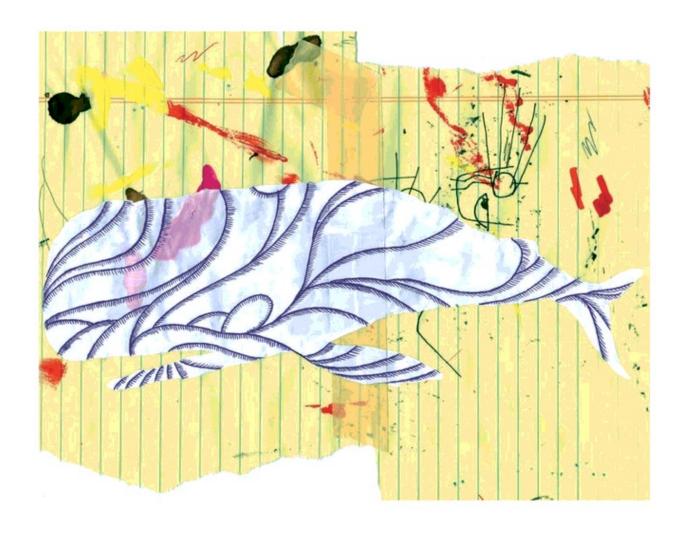


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"What d'ye think of that now, Flask? Ain't there a small drop of something queer about that, eh? A white whale—did ye mark

that, man? Look ye—there's something special in the wind."

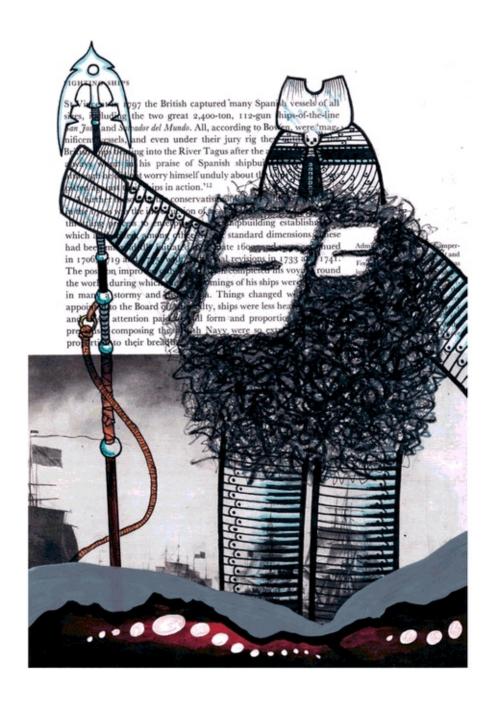
ACRYLIC PAINT AND BALLPOINT PEN ON NOTEBOOK PAPER AND MASKING TAPE (WITH INCIDENTAL ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK) 10.5" × 8.5" 01/13/10



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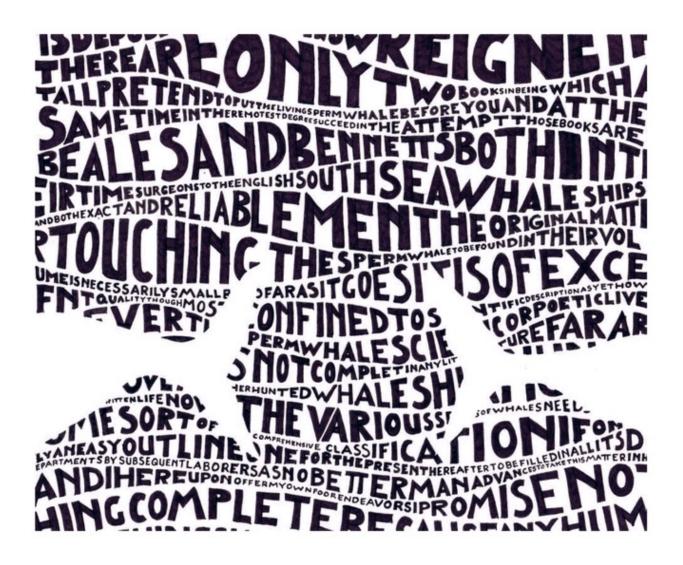
Of the names in this list of whale authors, only those following Owen ever saw living whales; and but one of them was a real professional harpooneer and whaleman. I mean Captain Scoresby.

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL, CRAYON, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8" × 11" 01/15/10



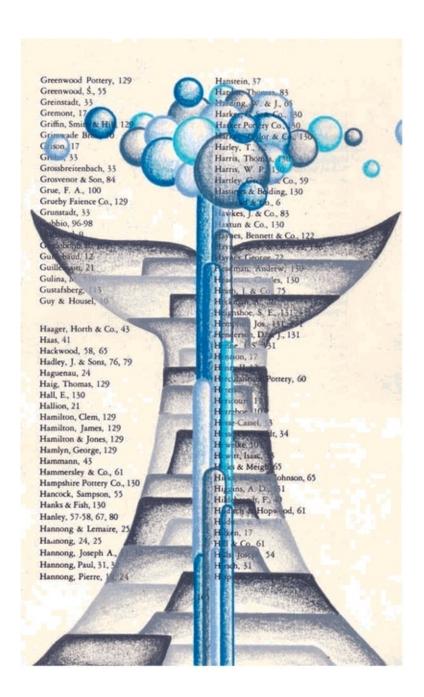
As yet, however, the Sperm Whale, scientific or poetic, lives not complete in any literature. Far above all other hunted whales, his is an unwritten life.

INK ON BRISTOL BOARD 8.5" × 7" 01/15/10



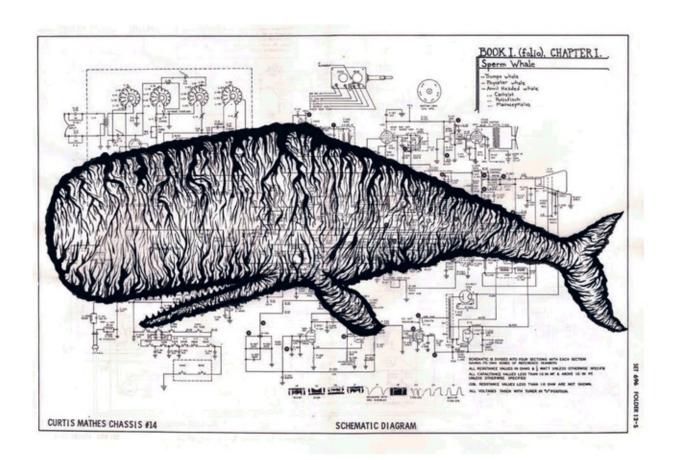
To be short, then, a whale is a spouting fish with a horizontal tail. There you have him.

COLORED PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 5.75" x 9" 01/16/10



BOOKI (Folio), CHAPTER I (Sperm Whale).

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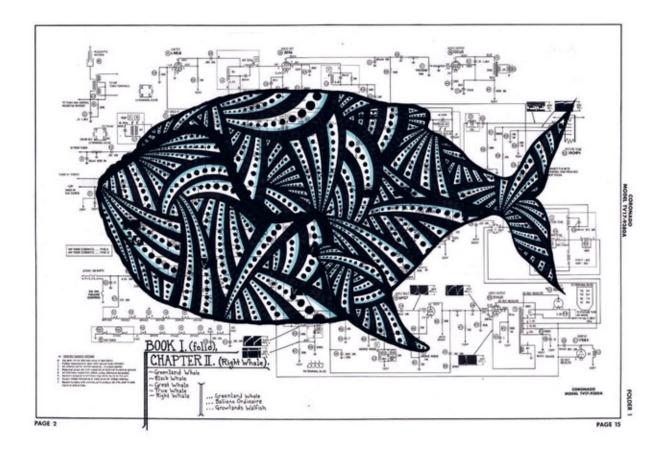


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BOOK I (Folio), CHAPTER II (Right Whale).

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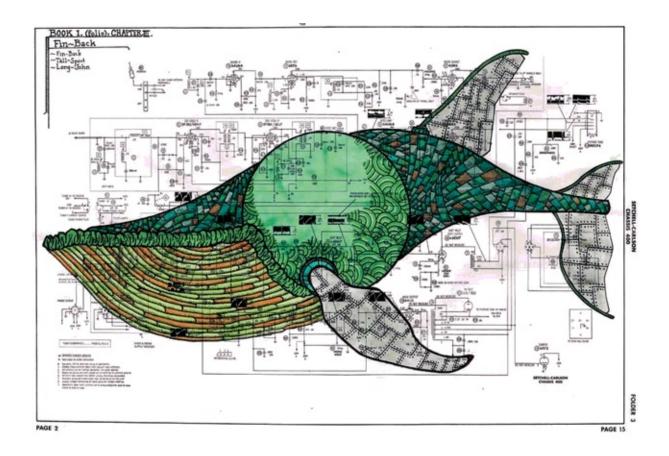
15.75" x 10.75" 01/17/10



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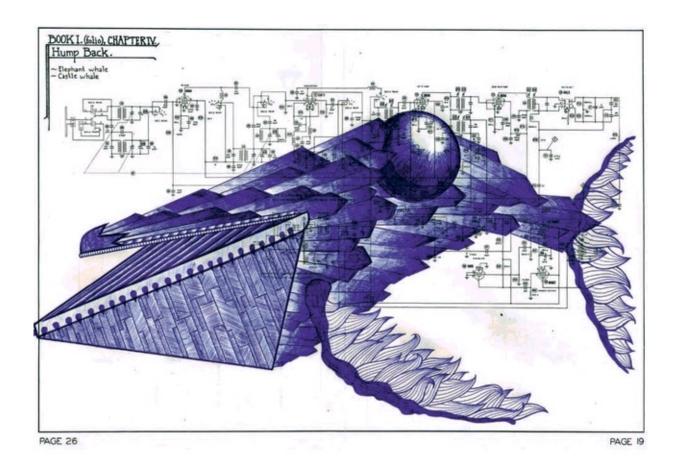
The Fin-Back is not gregarious. He seems a whale-hater, as some men are man-haters. Very shy; always going solitary; unexpectedly rising to the surface in the remotest and most sullen waters...

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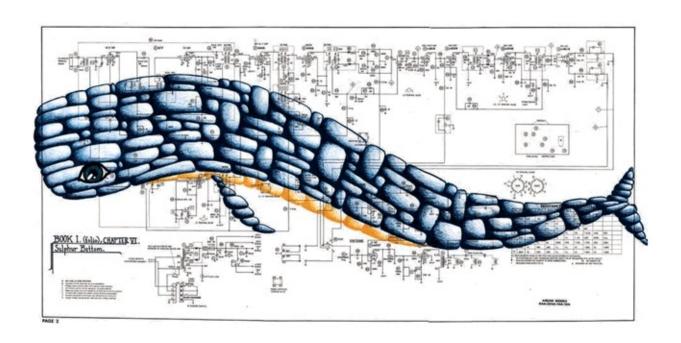
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BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND PAPER 15.75" x 10.75" 01/18/10



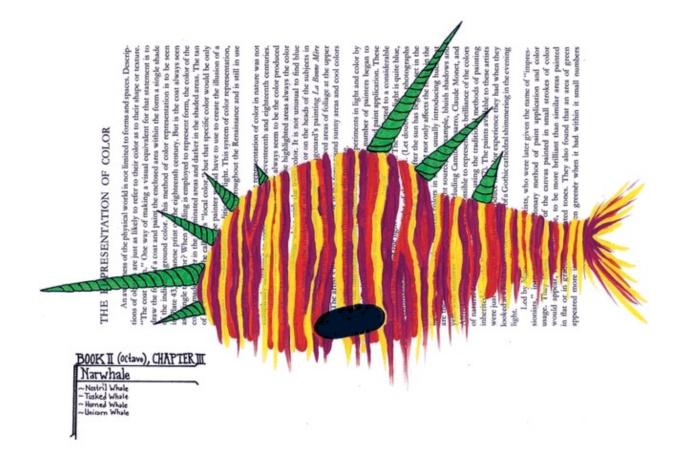
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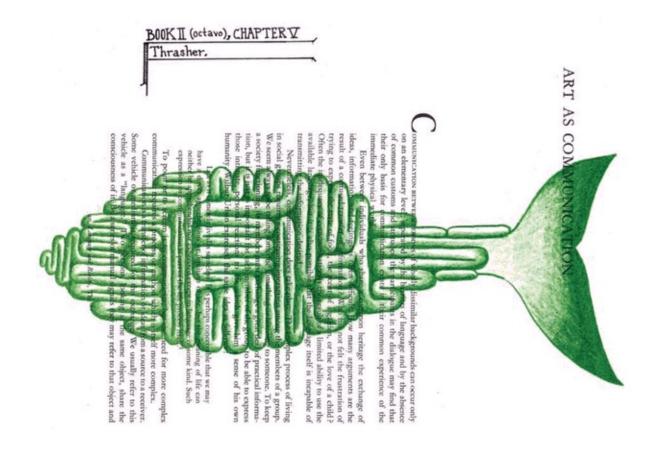
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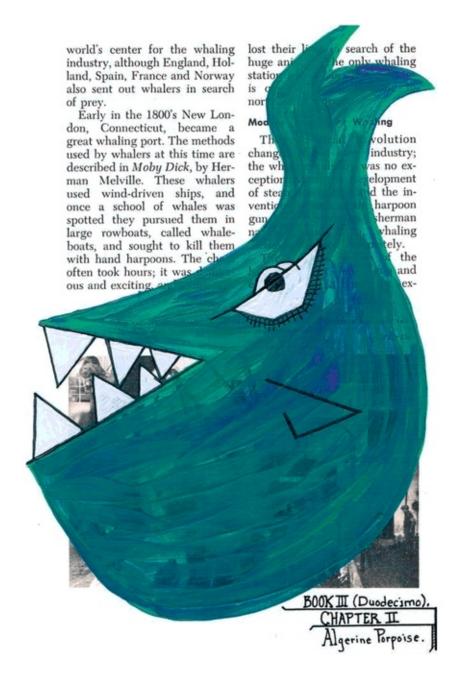
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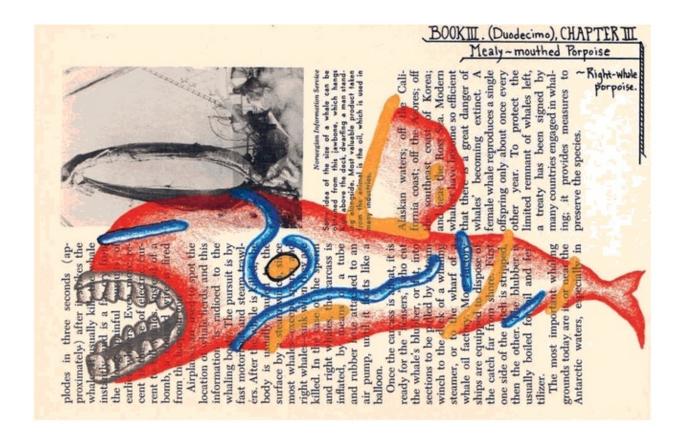
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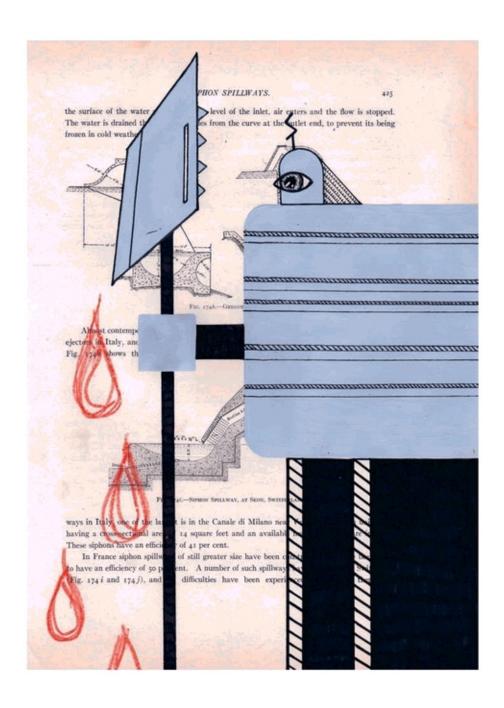
BOOK III (Duodecimo), CHAPTER III (Mealy-mouthed Porpoise).

COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER



...the command of a whale-ship was not wholly lodged in the person now called the captain, but was divided between him and an officer called the Specksynder. Literally this word means Fat-Cutter...

ACRYLIC PAINT, CRAYON AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.25" x 11.5" 01/22/10



...(night watches on a whaling ground)...

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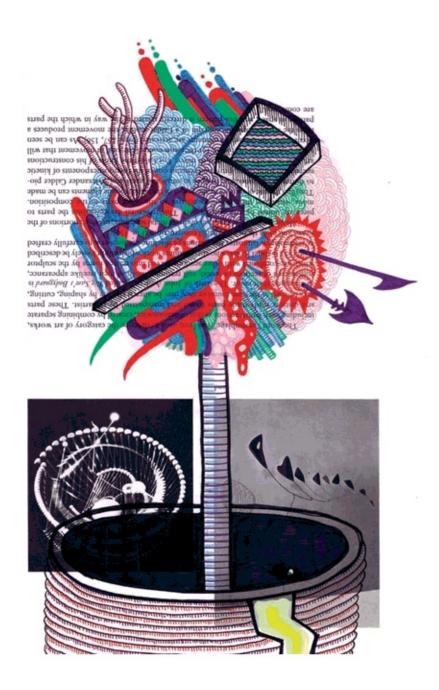
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That certain sultanism of his brain...

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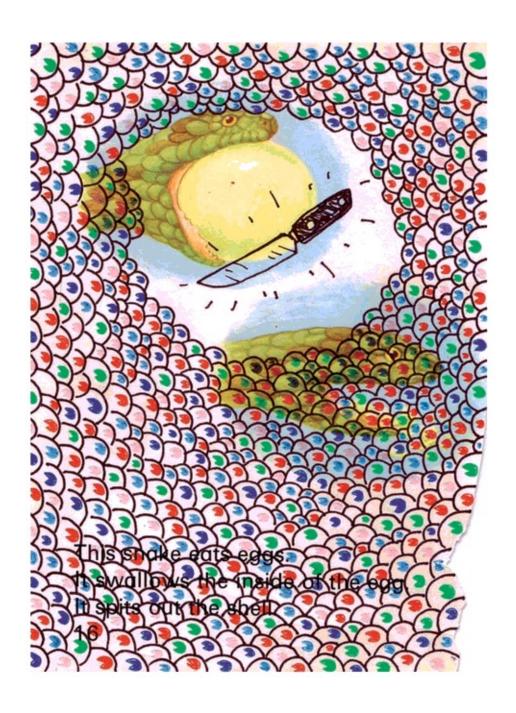
It is noon; and Dough-Boy, the steward, thrusting his pale loafof-bread face from the cabin-scuttle, announces dinner to his lord and master...

INK ON FOUND PAPER 9" × 11" 01/24/10



With one mind, their intent eyes all fastened upon the old man's knife, as he carved the chief dish before him.

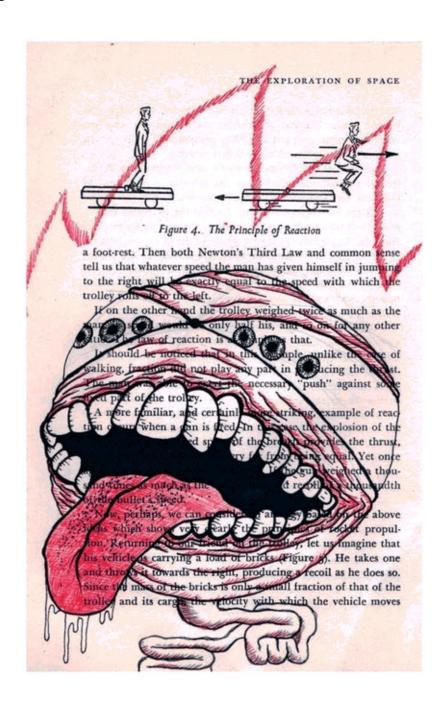
INK ON FOUND PAPER 6" × 7.5" 01/25/10



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For what he ate did not so much relieve his hunger, as keep it immortal in him.

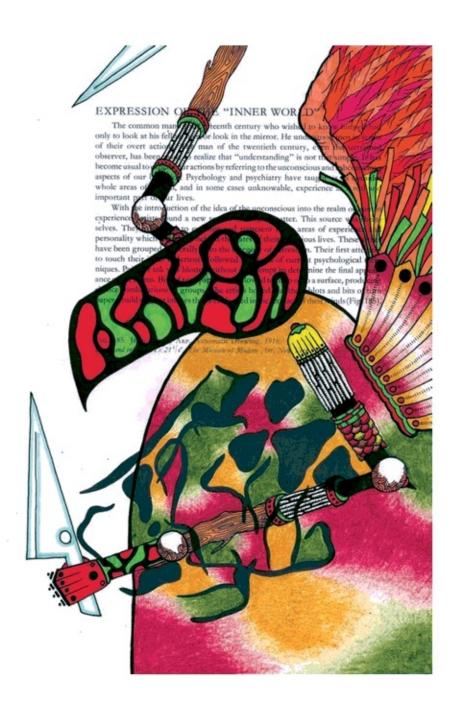
BALLPOINT PEN AND INK ON FOUND PAPER



...while Tashtego, knife in hand, began laying out the circle

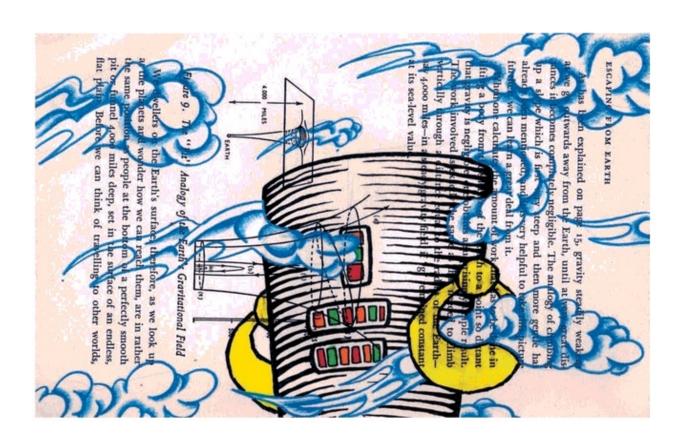
preliminary to scalping him.

COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 11" 01/29/10



But, doubtless, this noble savage fed strong and drank deep of the abounding element of air...

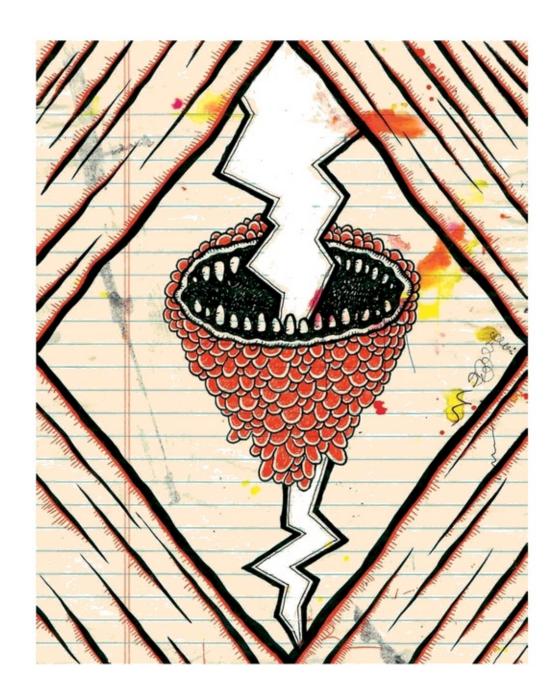
COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8" × 5" 01/30/10



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...so, in his inclement, howling old age, Ahab's soul, shut up in the caved trunk of his body, there fed upon the sullen paws of its gloom!

INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" × 10.5" 01/30/10



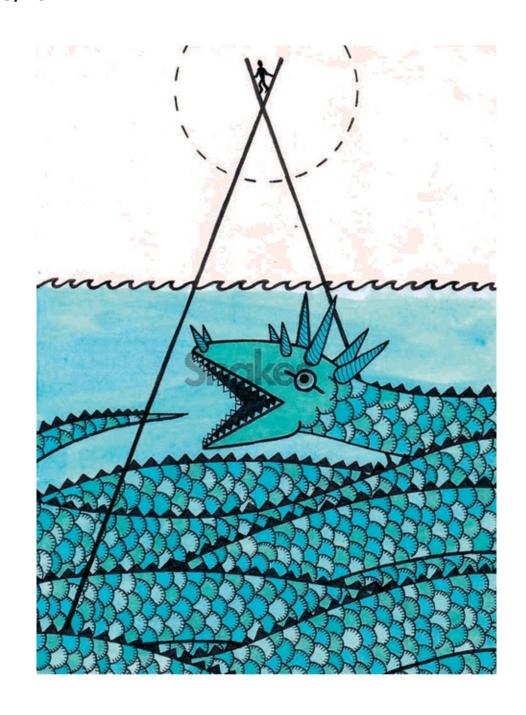
Of modern standers-of-mast-heads we have but a lifeless set; mere stone, iron, and bronze men; who, though well capable of facing out a stiff gale, are still entirely incompetent to the business of singing out upon discovering any strange sight.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 11" 01/31/10



There you stand, a hundred feet above the silent decks, striding along the deep, as if the masts were gigantic stilts, while beneath you and between your legs, as it were, swim the hugest monsters of the sea...

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER $6" \times 7.75"$ 10/25/10



...for as the soul is glued inside of its fleshly tabernacle, and cannot freely move about in it, nor even move out of it, without running great risk of perishing...

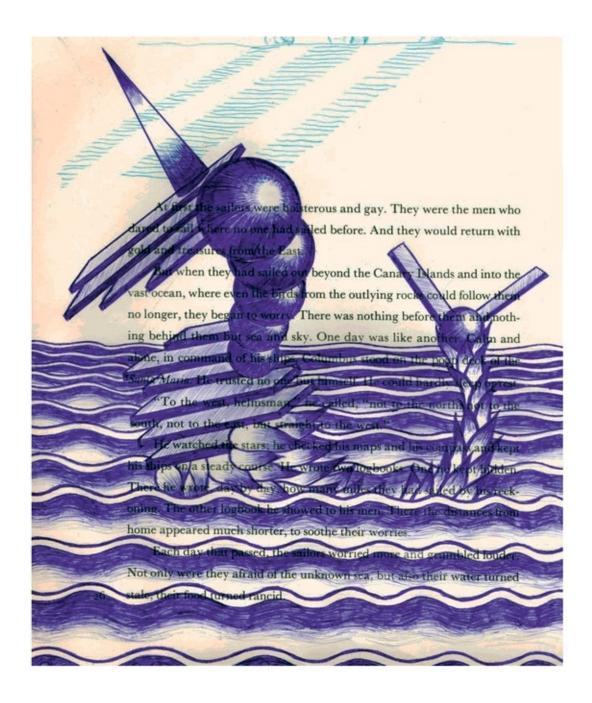
ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 4.5" x 7.75" 10/01/10



...vagrant sea unicorns infesting those waters.

BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND PAPER 8.25" x 11.75"

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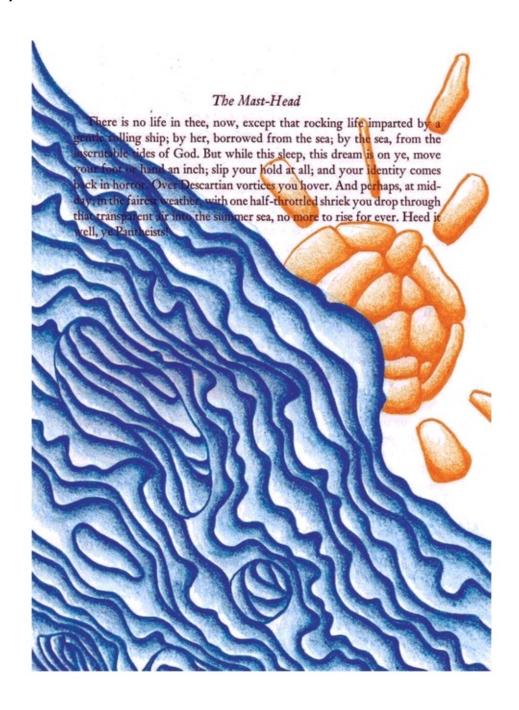


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...yet that disadvantage is greatly counterbalanced by the widely contrasting serenity of those seductive seas in which we

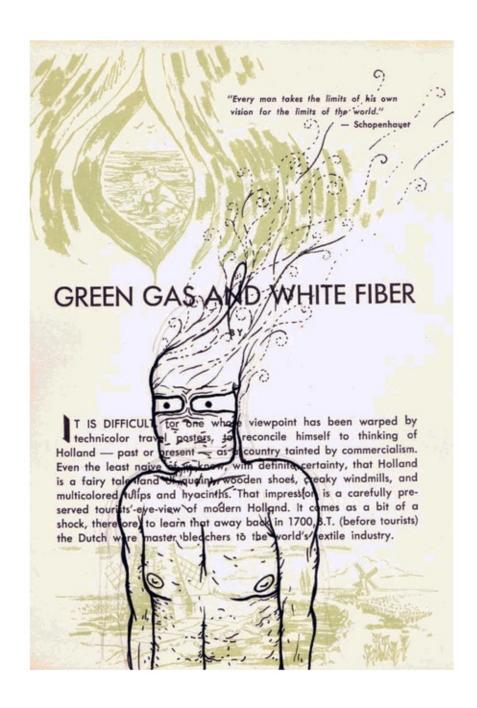
South fishers mostly float.

COLORED PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 6.25" x 10" 02/03/10



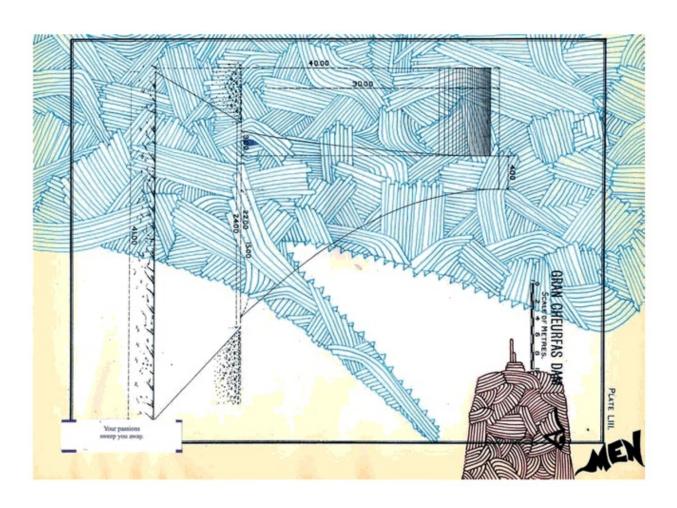
...but lulled into such an opium-like listlessness of vacant, unconscious reverie is this absent-minded youth by the blending cadence of waves with thoughts, that at last he loses his identity...

INK ON FOUND PAPER 4.25" x 7" 02/04/10



Did you fixedly gaze, too, upon that ribbed and dented brow; there also, you would see still stranger footprints—the footprints of his one unsleeping, ever-pacing thought.

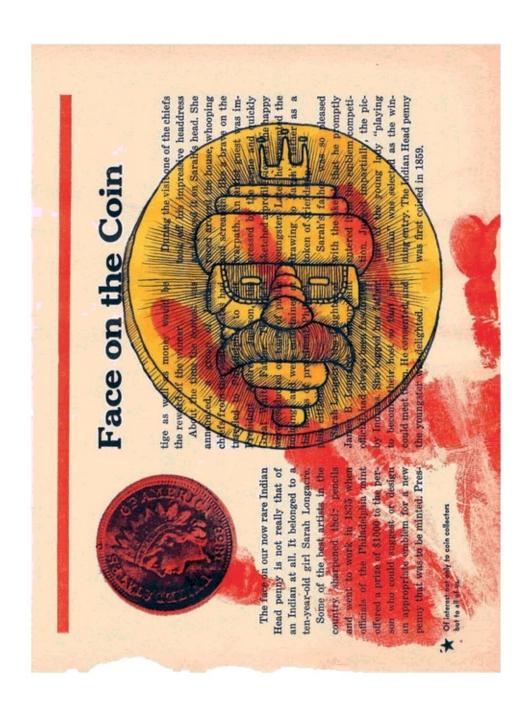
COLLAGE AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 11.5" × 8.25" 02/06/10



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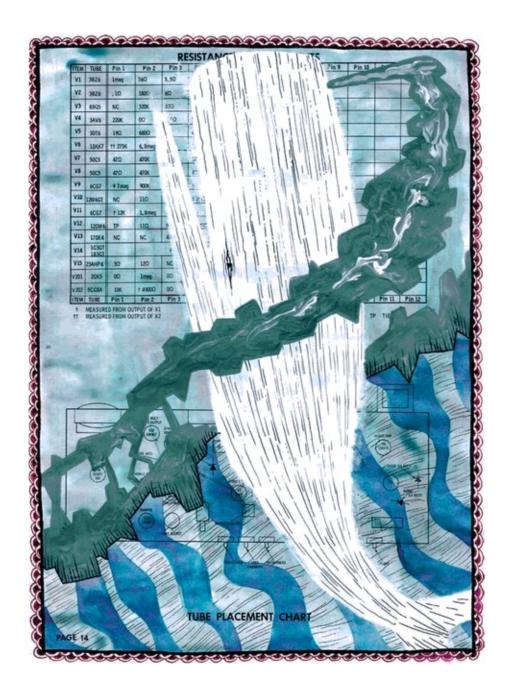
"Look ye! d'ye see this Spanish ounce of gold?"—holding up a broad bright coin to the sun—"it is a sixteen dollar piece, men. D'ye see it?"

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6" × 8" 10/01/10



"Captain Ahab," said Tashtego, "that white whale must be the same that some call Moby Dick."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER

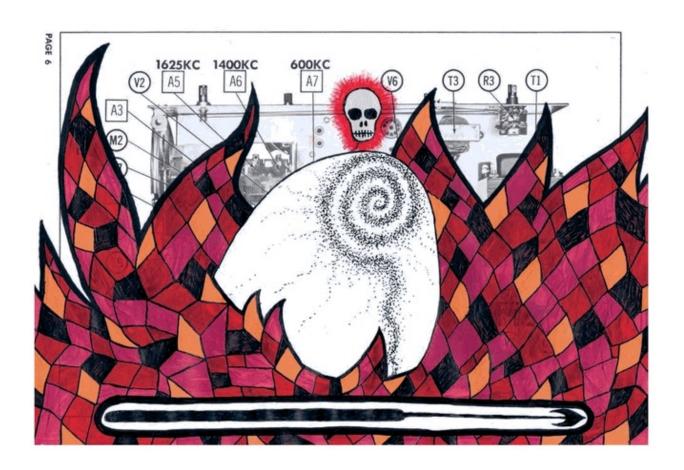


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"Aye, aye! and I'll chase him round Good Hope, and round the

Horn, and round the Norway Maelstrom, and round perdition's flames before I give him up."

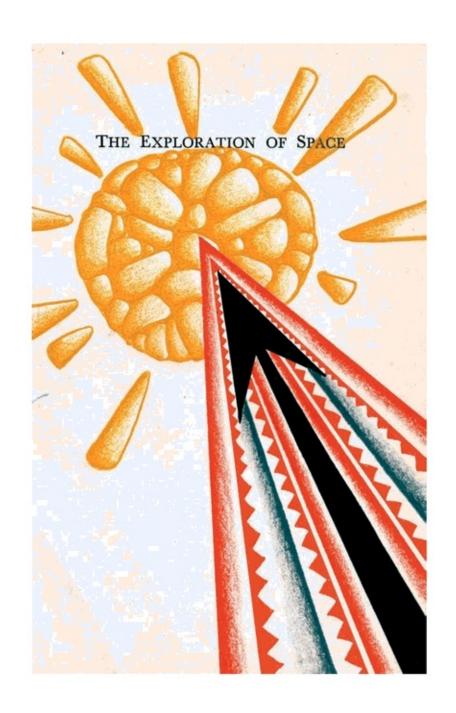
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"...I'd strike the sun if it insulted me."

COLORED PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 5" × 8" 02/09/10



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"God keep me!—keep us all!" murmured Starbuck, lowly.

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER

9.5" x 7.75" 10/31/10



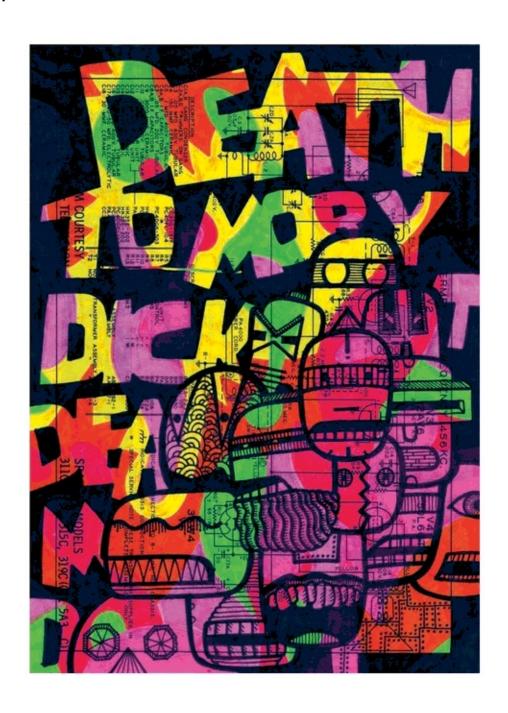
"Advance, ye mates! Cross your lances full before me."

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 02/10/10



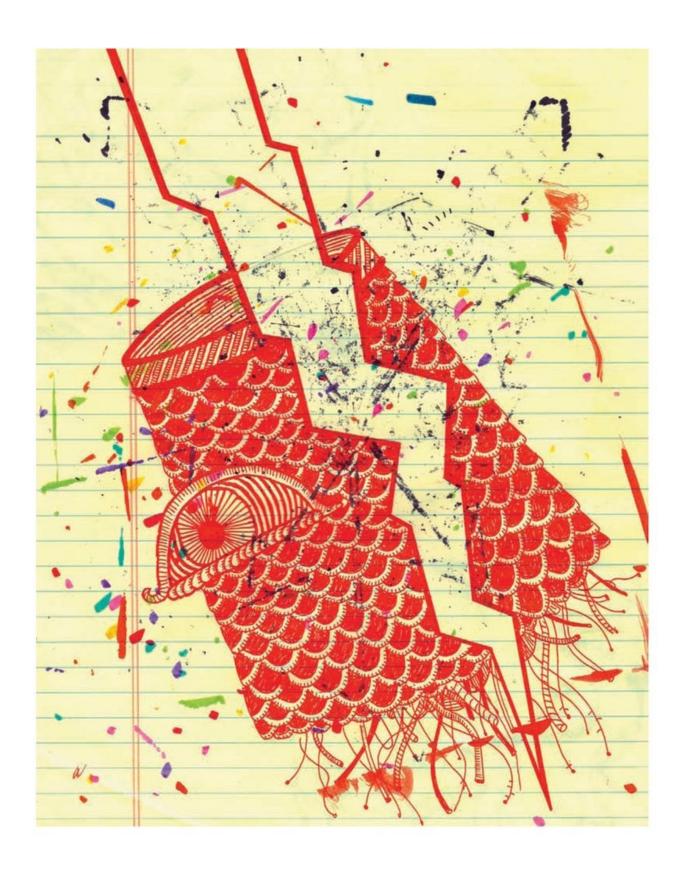
"Drink, ye harpooneers! drink and swear, ye men that man the deathful whaleboat's bow —Death to Moby Dick! God hunt us all, if we do not hunt Moby Dick to his death!"

MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 02/10/10



"I am madness maddened!"

INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 10.5" 02/12/10



The white whale is their demigorgon.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7" x 9.5" 02/13/10

e see it about us in th every living thing. It is this. pressions, its forms, are so diverse lement of the accidental. And yet th that it must be constrained by many n So it is not surprising that biology a with naturalists in the eighteenth an observers of the countryside, bird-watch The paradox of the life gentlemen of leisure in country hous tempted to call sciences is in the detail of them, simply, 'gentlemen in Victoria and', because it cannature everywhere. not be an accident that the theory tion is conceived twice A single jungle tree in bloom in a forest of vegetative profusion. n the same culture - the

Because a laugh's the wisest, easiest answer to all that's queer...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6.5" x 9" 02/14/10



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Our captain stood upon the deck, /A spy-glass in his hand...

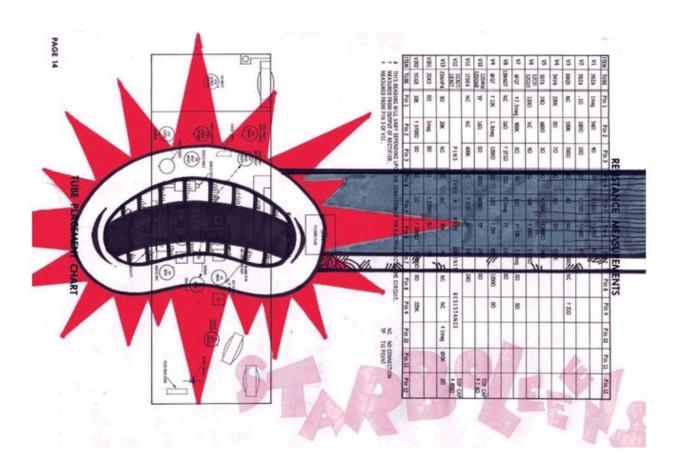
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"I've the sort of mouth for that..."

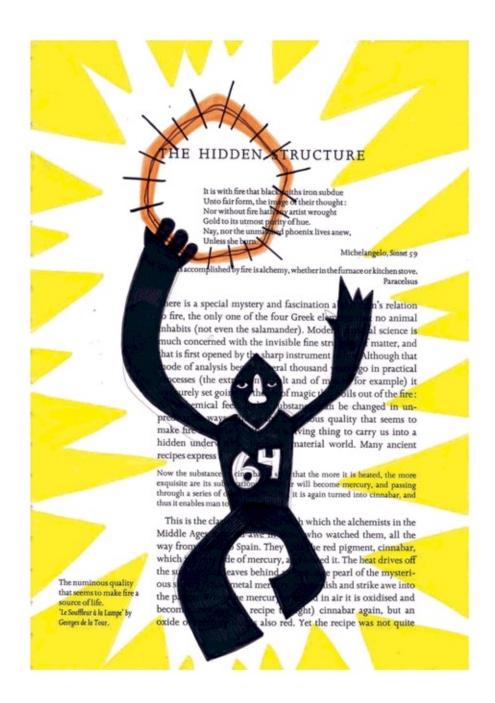
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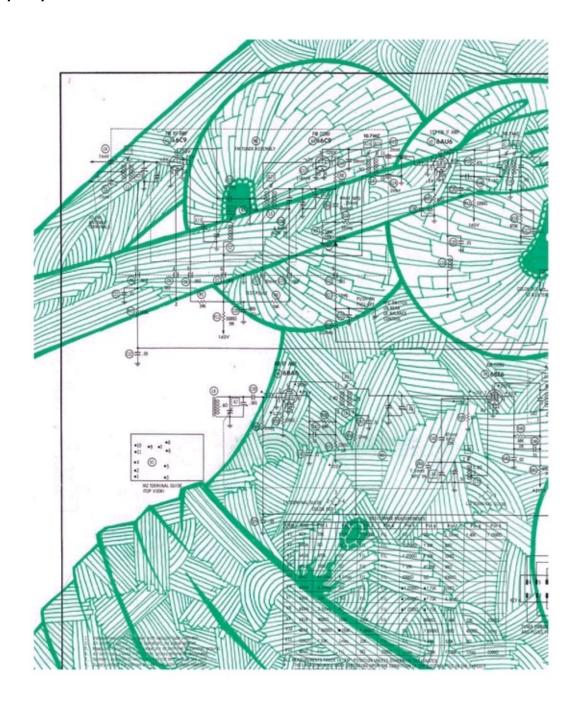
Go it, Pip! Bang it, bell-boy! Rig it, dig it, stig it, quig it, bell-boy! Make fire-flies; break the jinglers!

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7" × 9.5" 02/16/10



There's naught so sweet on earth—heaven may not match it!— as those swift glances of warm, wild bosoms in the dance, when the over-arboring arms hide such ripe, bursting grapes.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 02/18/10



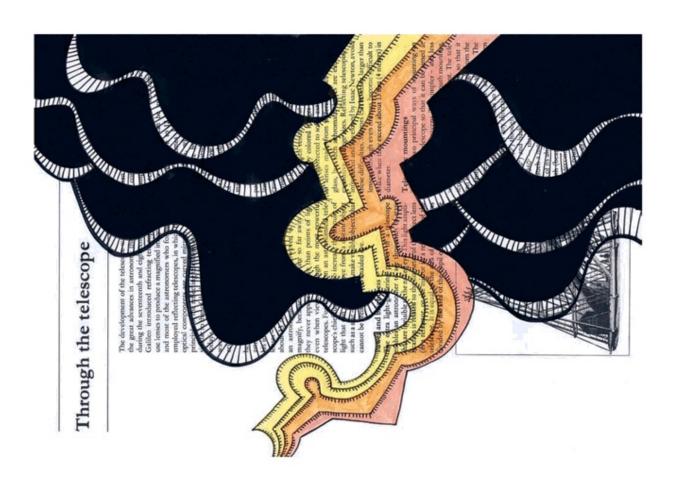
Hail, holy nakedness of our dancing girls!

COLLAGE ON CHIPBOARD AND FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 11" 02/19/10



"Our captain has his birth-mark; look yonder, boys, there's another in the sky—luridlike, ye see, all else pitch black."

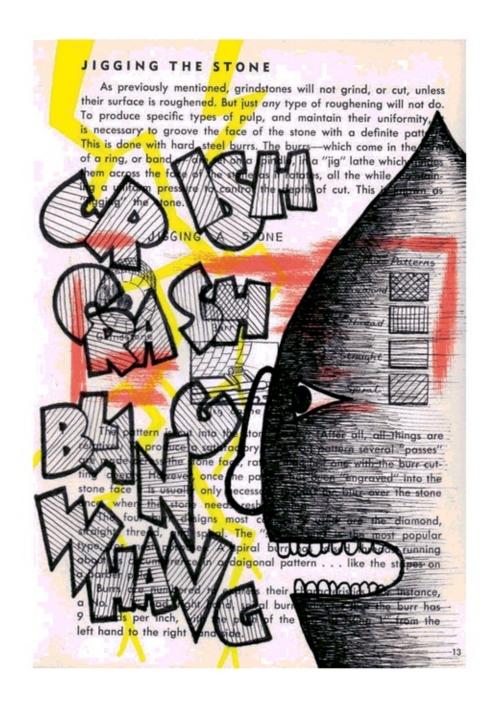
INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.5" 02/21/10



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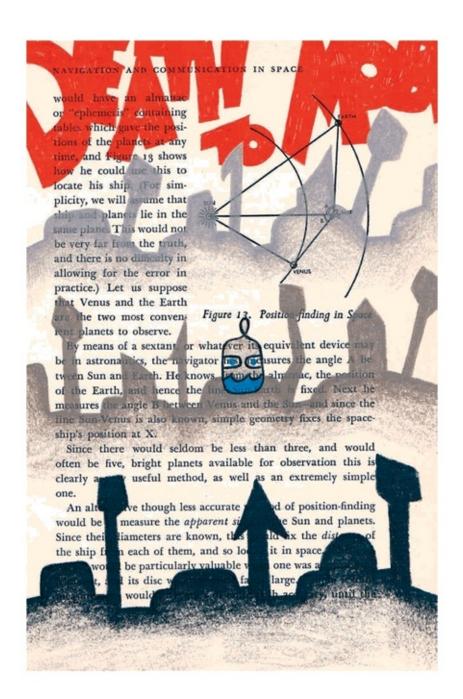
"Jollies? Lord help such jollies! Crish, crash! there goes the jibstay! Blang-whang! God!"

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 4.25" x 7" 02/21/10



I, Ishmael, was one of that crew; my shouts had gone up with the rest; my oath had been welded with theirs; and stronger I shouted, and more did I hammer and clinch my oath, because of the dread in my soul.

COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 5" × 8" 02/21/10



...a Sperm Whale of uncommon magnitude and malignity, which whale, after doing great mischief to his assailants, had completely escaped them...

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 02/22/10



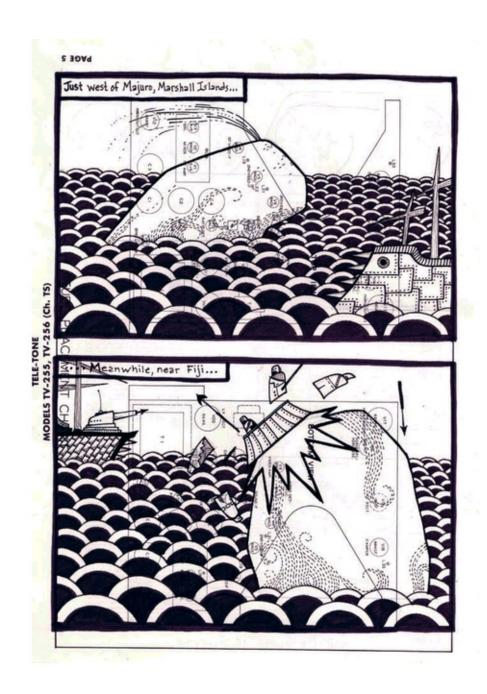
No wonder, then, that ever gathering volume from the mere transit over the widest watery spaces, the outblown rumors of the White Whale did in the end incorporate with themselves all manner of morbid hints, and halfformed foetal suggestions of supernatural agencies, which eventually invested Moby Dick with new terrors unborrowed from anything that visibly appears.

ACRYLIC, BALLPOINT PEN, INK AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 11" × 7.75" 02/23/10



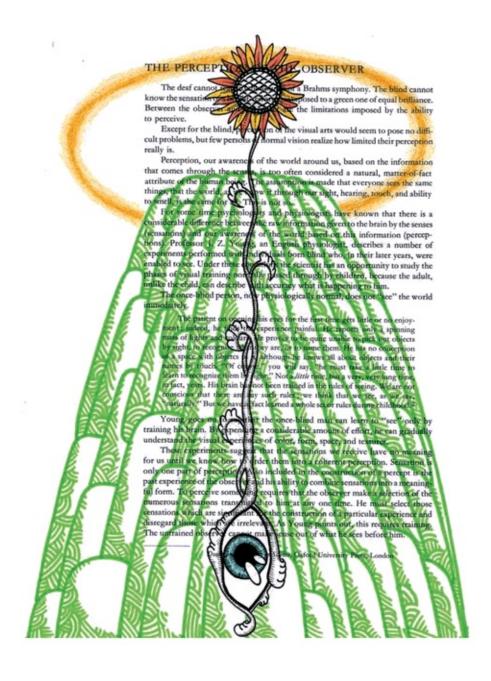
One of the wild suggestions referred to, as at last coming to be linked with the White Whale in the minds of the superstitiously inclined, was the unearthly conceit that Moby Dick was ubiquitous; that he had actually been encountered in opposite latitudes at one and the same instant of time.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" × 11" 02/25/10



...declaring Moby Dick not only ubiquitous, but immortal (for immortality is but ubiquity in time)...

COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER



The rest of his body was so streaked, and spotted, and marbled with the same shrouded hue, that, in the end, he had gained his

distinctive appellation of the White Whale; a name, indeed, literally justified by his vivid aspect, when seen gliding at high noon through a dark blue sea, leaving a milky-way wake of creamy foam, all spangled with golden gleamings.

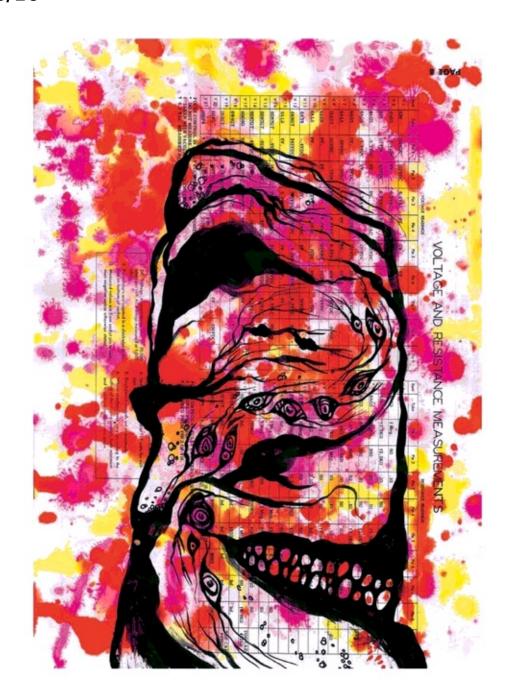
INK ON FOUND PAPER 10" x 6" 02/27/10



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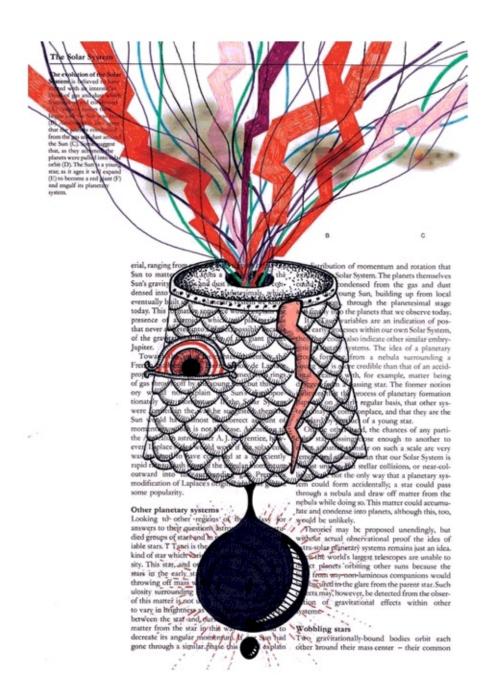
All that most maddens and torments; all that stirs up the lees of things; all truth with malice in it; all that cracks the sinews and cakes the brain; all the subtle demonisms of life and thought; all evil, to crazy Ahab, were visibly personified, and made practically assailable in Moby Dick.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" × 11" 02/28/10



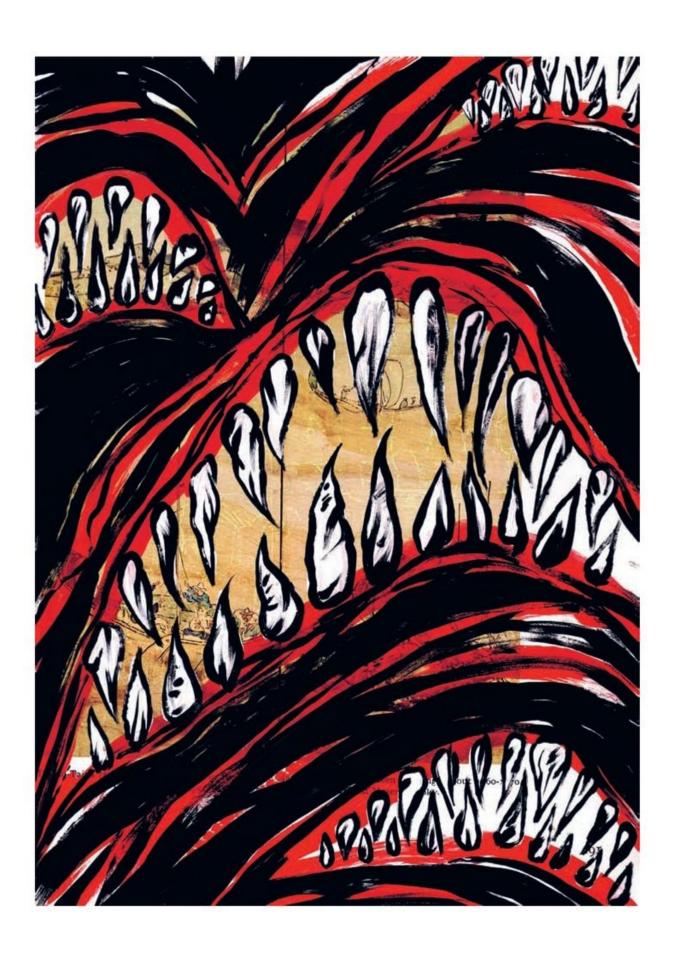
Ahab's full lunacy subsided not, but deepeningly contracted...

BALLPOINT PEN AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 02/28/10



Gnawed within and scorched without, with the infixed, unrelenting fangs of some incurable idea...

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 03/01/10



For one, I gave myself up to the abandonment of the time and the place; but while yet all a-rush to encounter the whale, could see naught in that brute but the deadliest ill.

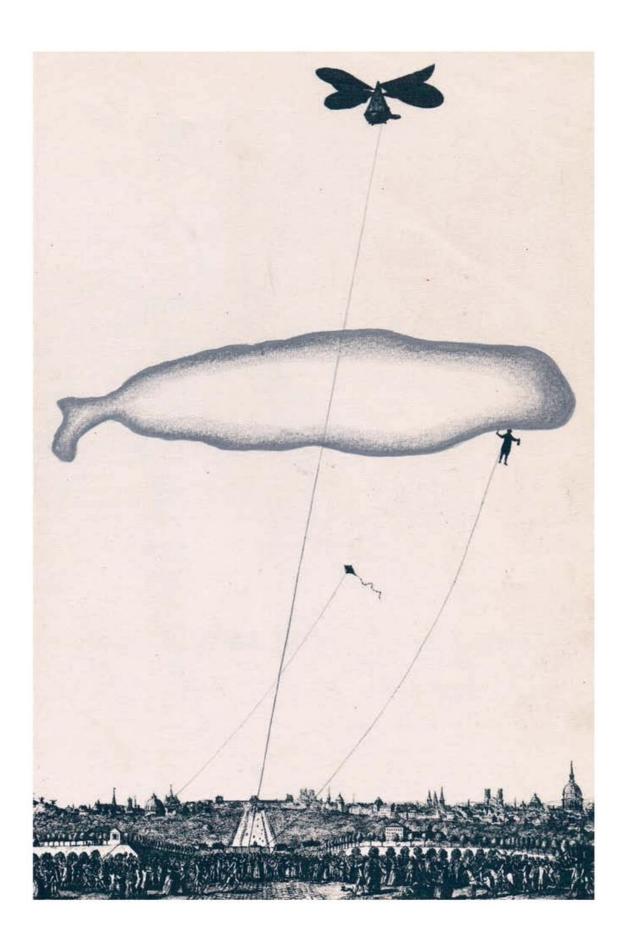
ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 9.25" x 6" 03/01/10



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It was the whiteness of the whale that above all things appalled me.

COLORED PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" x 10.75" 03/02/10



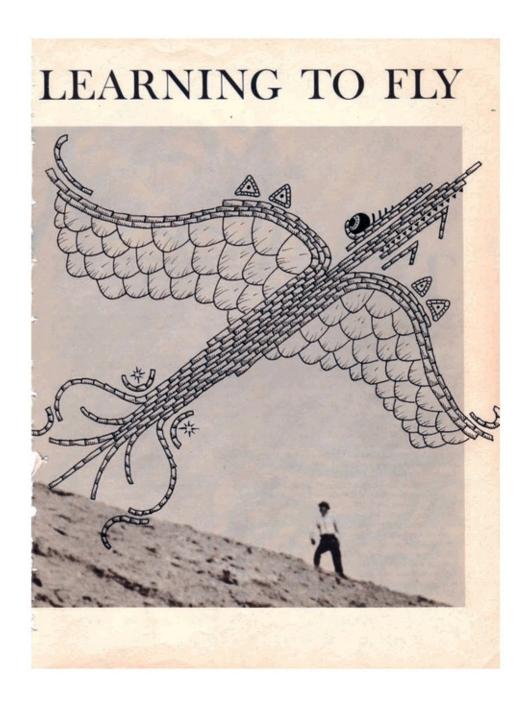
...yet for all these accumulated associations, with whatever is sweet, and honorable, and sublime, there yet lurks an elusive something in the innermost idea of this hue, which strikes more of panic to the soul than that redness which affrights in blood.

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I remember the first albatross I ever saw.

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What is it that in the Albino man so peculiarly repels and often shocks the eye, as that sometimes he is loathed by his own kith

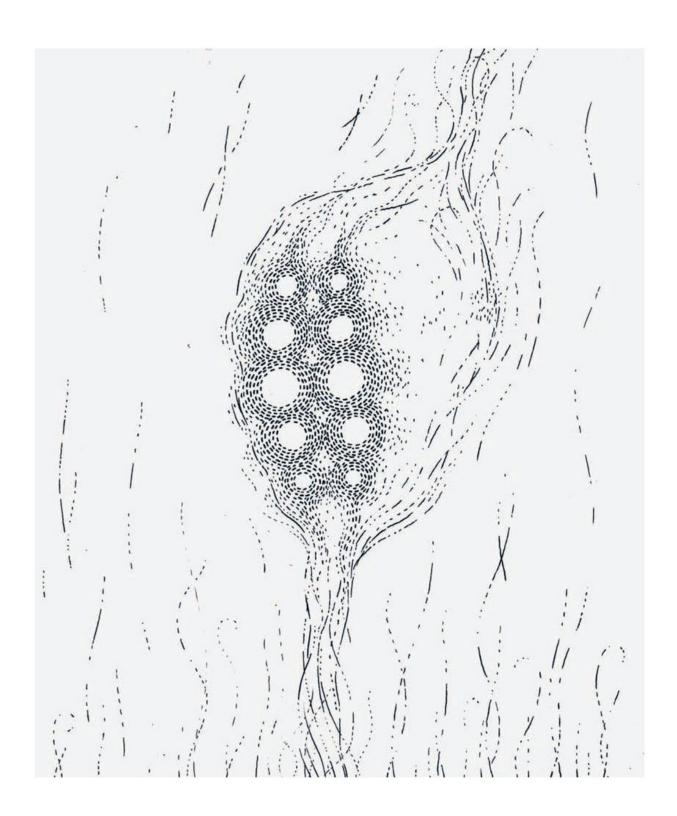
and kin!

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 10.75" 03/05/10



Therefore, in his other moods, symbolize whatever grand or gracious thing he will by whiteness, no man can deny that in its profoundest idealized significance it calls up a peculiar apparition to the soul.

INK ON BRISTOL BOARD 7" × 8.5" 10/01/10



Or why, irrespective of all latitudes and longitudes, does the name of the White Sea exert such a spectralness over the fancy...

INK AND MARKER ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 12" x 8.25" 04/08/11



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Not so the sailor, beholding the scenery of the Antarctic seas; where at times, by some infernal trick of legerdemain in the powers of frost and air, he, shivering and half shipwrecked,

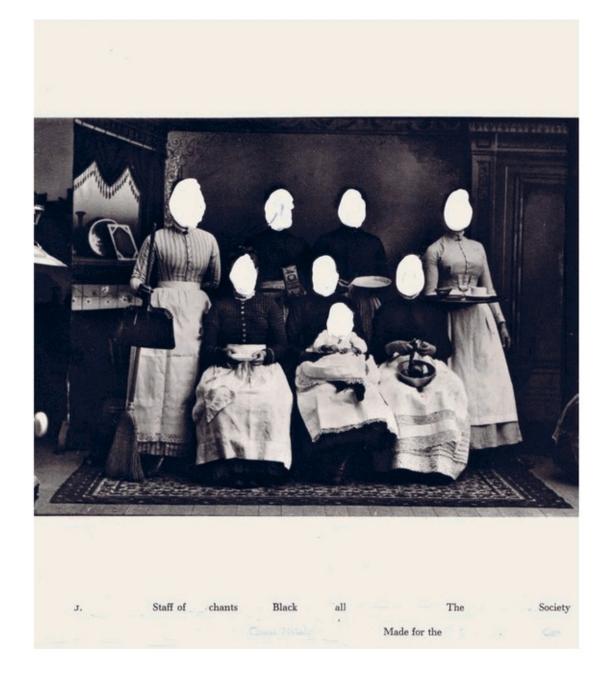
instead of rainbows speaking hope and solace to his misery, views what seems a boundless church-yard grinning upon him with its lean ice monuments and splintered crosses.

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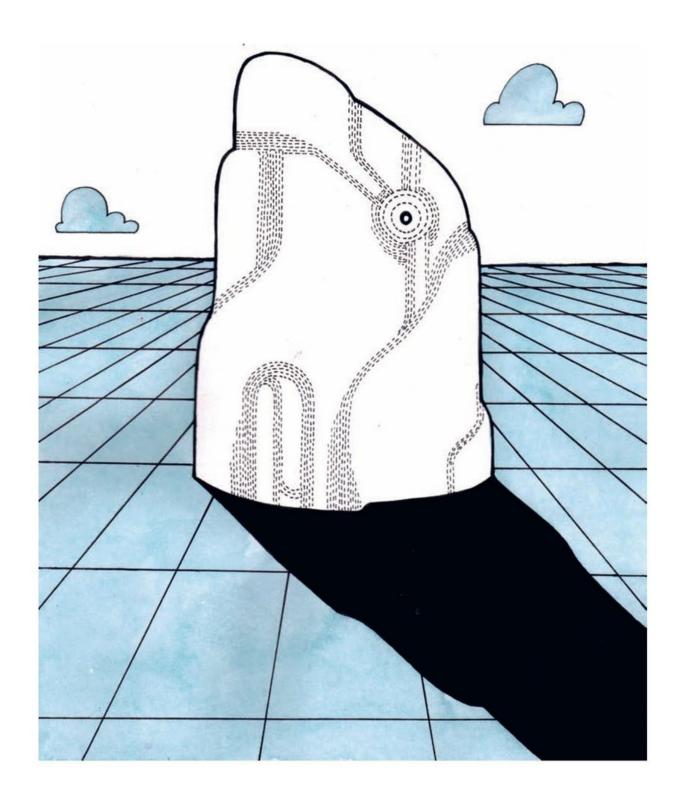
...a colorless, all-color of atheism from which we shrink?

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 8" × 9" 03/05/10



And of all these things the Albino Whale was the symbol.

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While thus employed, the heavy pewter lamp suspended in

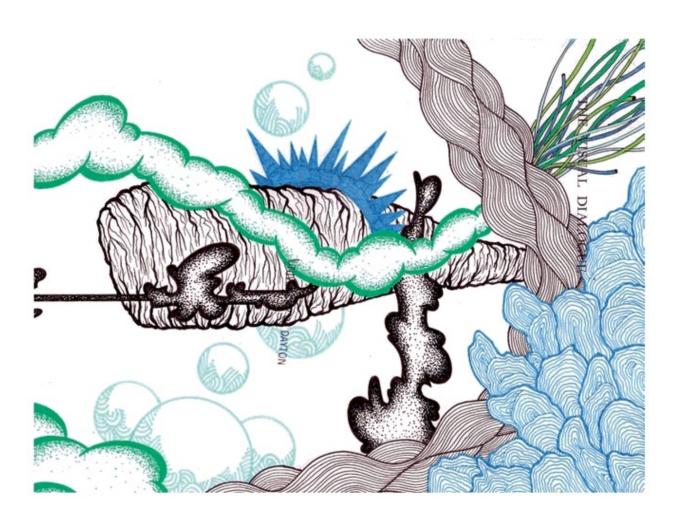
chains over his head, continually rocked with the motion of the ship, and for ever threw shifting gleams and shadows of lines upon his wrinkled brow...

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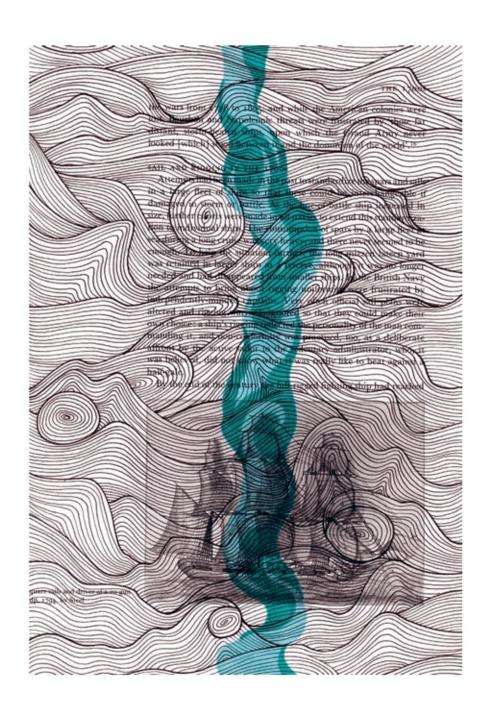
...Ahab was threading a maze of currents and eddies, with a view to the more certain accomplishment of that monomaniac thought of his soul.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8.25" x 11" 03/07/10



...the Sperm Whales, guided by some infallible instinct—say, rather, secret intelligence from the Deity—mostly swim in veins, as they are called: continuing their way along a given ocean-line with such undeviating exactitude, that no ship ever sailed her course, by any chart, with one tithe of such marvellous precision.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" x 11" 03/07/10



...there the waves were storied with his deeds...

INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" × 8.5"

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...and a chasm seemed opening in him, from which forked flames and lightnings shot up, and accursed fiends beckoned him to leap down among them...

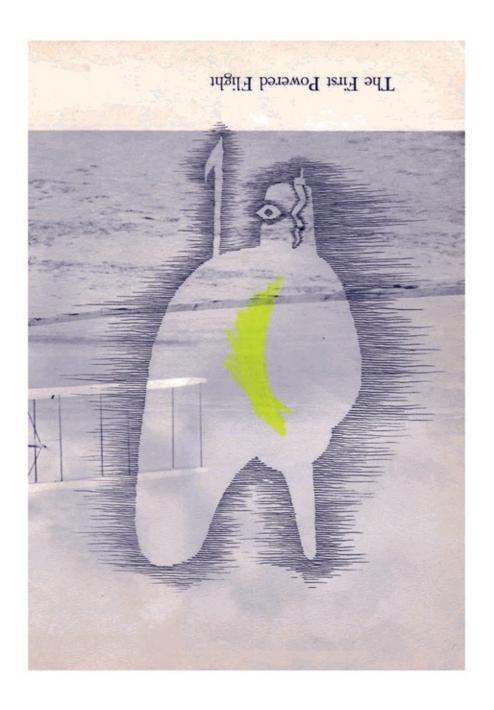
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Therefore, the tormented spirit that glared out of bodily eyes, when what seemed Ahab rushed from his room, was for the time but a vacated thing, a formless somnambulistic being, a ray of living light, to be sure, but without an object to color,

and therefore a blankness in itself.

CRAYON AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" x 10.75" 03/10/10



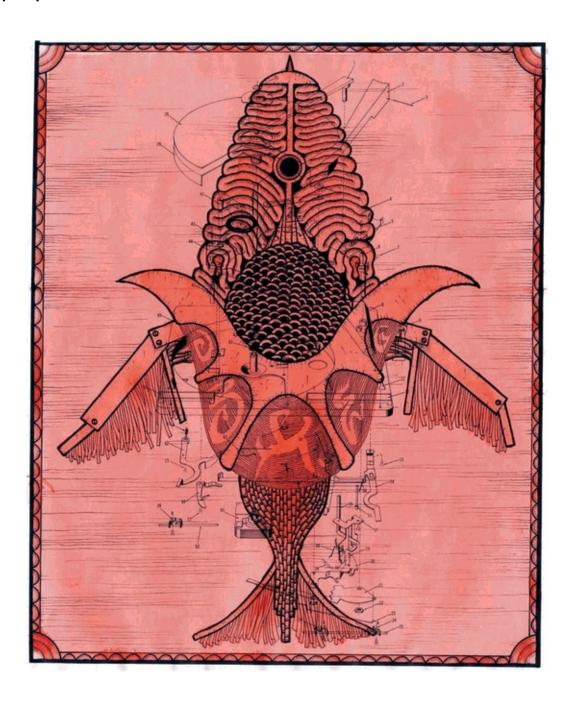
First: I have personally known three instances where a whale, after receiving a harpoon, has effected a complete escape; and, after an interval (in one instance of three years), has been again struck by the same hand, and slain; when the two irons, both marked by the same private cypher, have been taken from the body.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.75" 03/11/10



Was it not so, O Don Miguel! thou Chilian whale, marked like an old tortoise with mystic hieroglyphics upon the back!

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 13.75" 03/13/10



Do you suppose that that poor fellow there, who this moment perhaps caught by the whale-line off the coast of New Guinea, is being carried down to the bottom of the sea by the sounding Leviathan—do you suppose that that poor fellow's name will appear in the newspaper obituary you will read tomorrow at your breakfast?

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The Sperm Whale is in some cases sufficiently powerful, knowing, and judiciously malicious, as with direct aforethought to stave in, utterly destroy, and sink a large ship; and what is more, the Sperm Whale has done it.

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I tell you, the Sperm Whale will stand no nonsense.

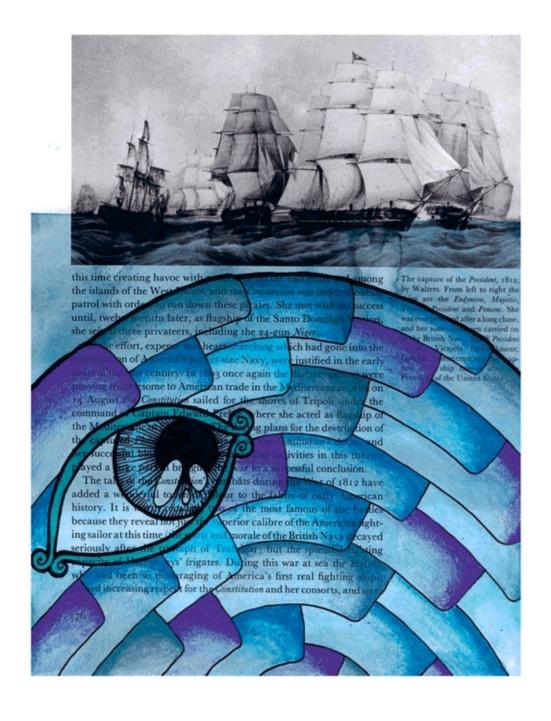
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An uncommon large whale, the body of which was larger than the ship itself, lay almost at the surface of the water, but was not perceived by any one on board till the moment when the ship, which was in full sail, was almost upon him...

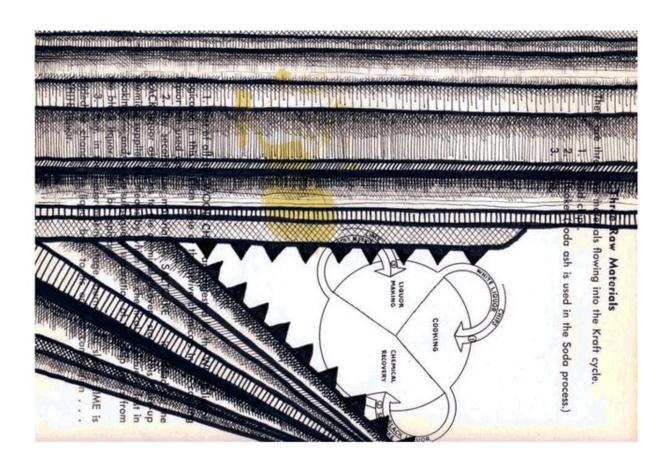
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... upon being attacked he will frequently open his mouth, and retain it in that dread expansion for several consecutive minutes.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7" x 4.25" 03/18/10



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I am told, on good authority, that on the Barbary coast, a Commodore Davis of the British navy found the skeleton of a Sperm Whale.

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.5" × 8.5" 03/19/10

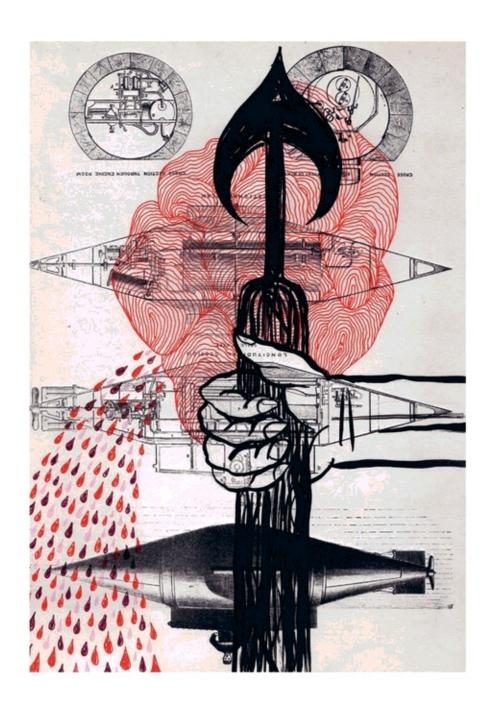


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To accomplish his object Ahab must use tools...

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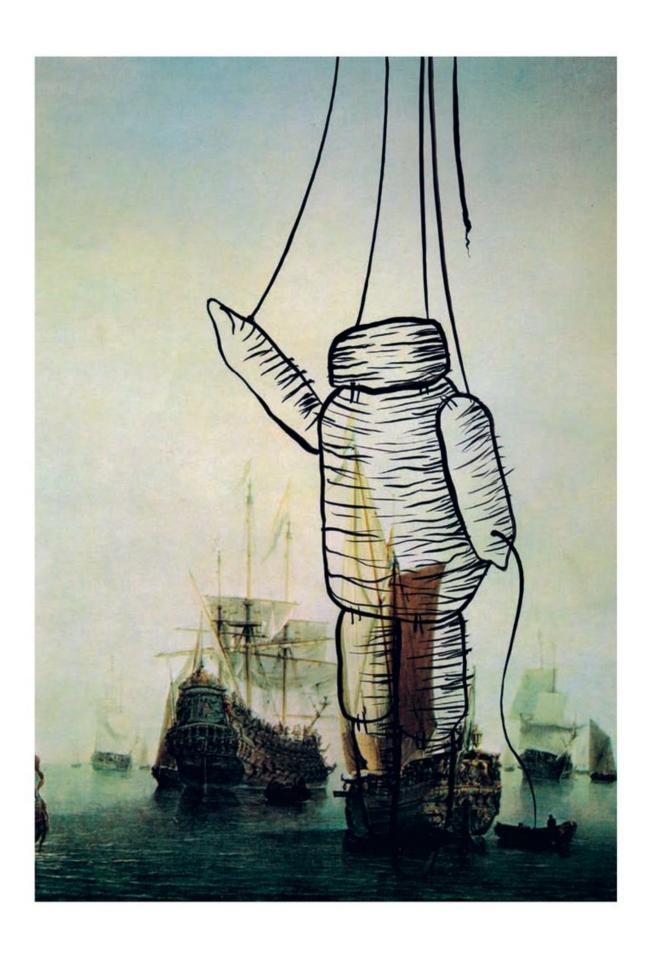
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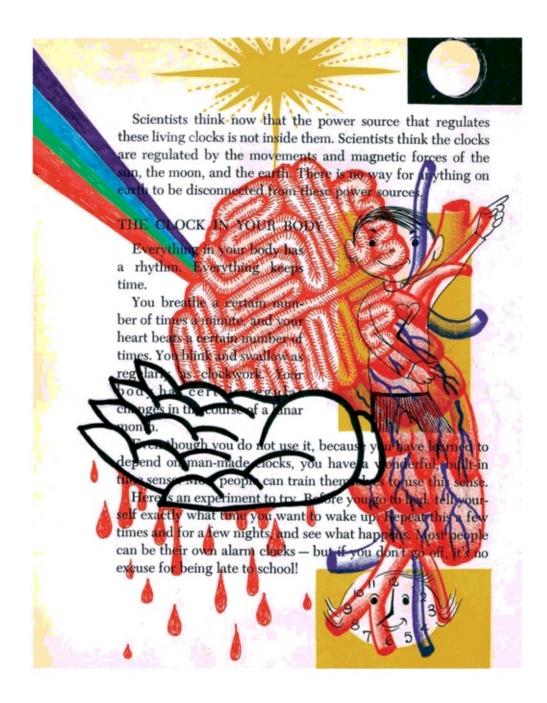
... (for few men's courage is proof against protracted meditation unrelieved by action)...

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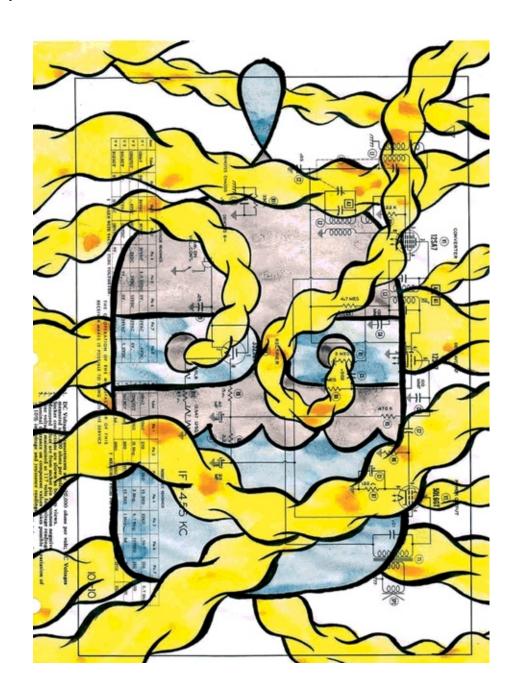
That protection could only consist in his own predominating brain and heart and hand...

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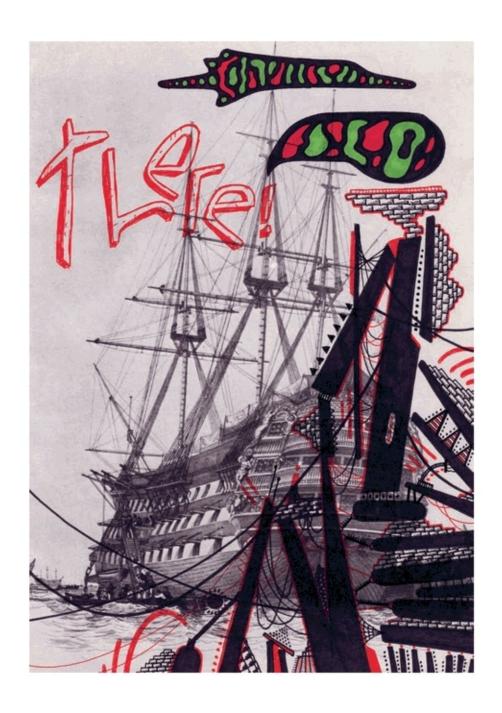
Thus we were weaving and weaving away when I started at a sound so strange, long drawn, and musically wild and unearthly, that the ball of free will dropped from my hand, and I stood gazing up at the clouds...

INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 11" 03/21/10



High aloft in the cross-trees was that mad Gay-Header, Tashtego. His body was reaching eagerly forward, his hand stretched out like a wand, and at brief sudden intervals he continued his cries.

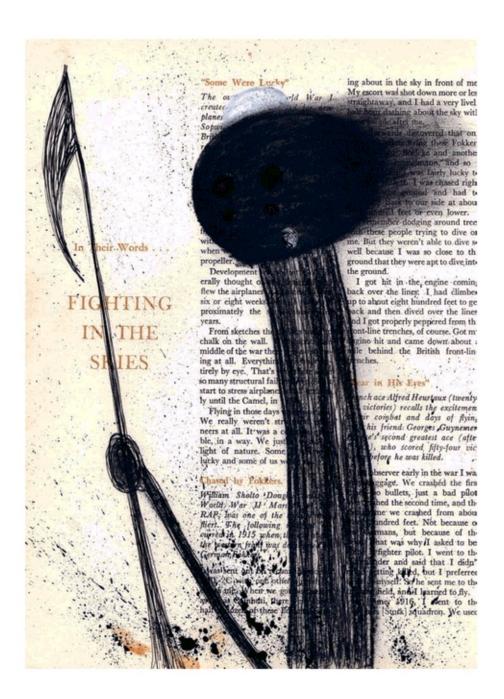
COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" × 10.5" 03/22/10



The figure that now stood by its bows was tall and swart, with one white tooth evilly protruding from its steel-like lips. A rumpled Chinese jacket of black cotton funereally invested him, with wide black trowsers of the same dark stuff. But strangely

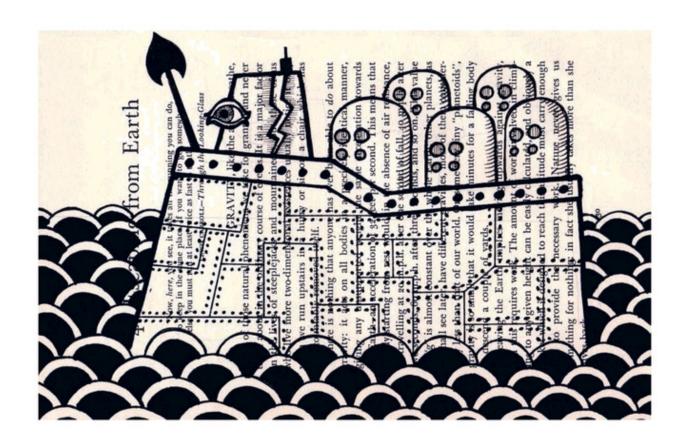
crowning this ebonness was a glistening white plaited turban, the living hair braided and coiled round and round upon his head.

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL, COLORED PENCIL, CRAYON AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" x 10.75" 03/22/10



Hardly had they pulled out from under the ship's lee, when a fourth keel, coming from the windward side, pulled round under the stern, and showed the five strangers rowing Ahab...

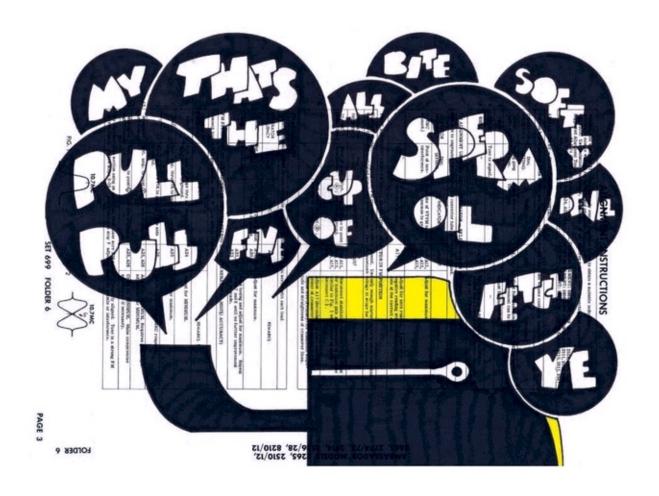
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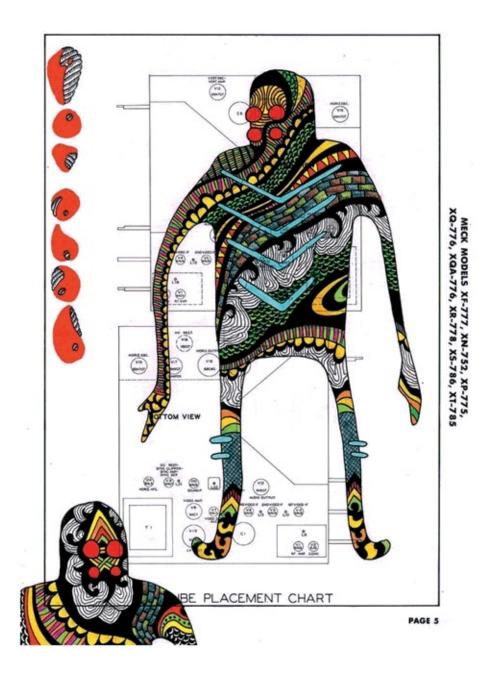
He would say the most terrific things to his crew, in a tone so strangely compounded of fun and fury, and the fury seemed so calculated merely as a spice to the fun, that no oarsman could hear such queer invocations without pulling for dear life, and yet pulling for the mere joke of the thing.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.75" 03/24/10



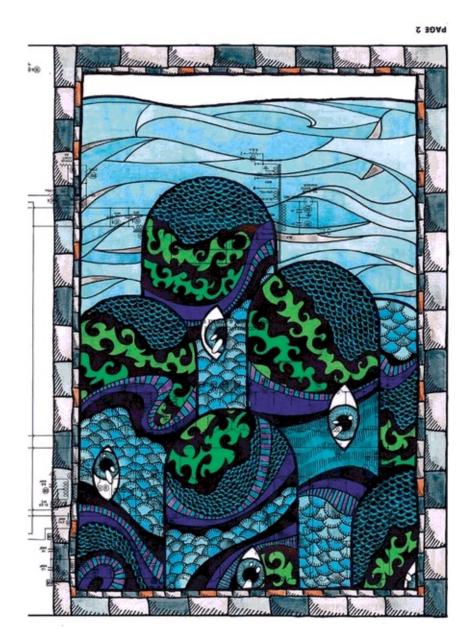
Those tiger yellow creatures of his seemed all steel and whalebone...

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The whales had irregularly settled bodily down into the blue, thus giving no distantly discernible token of the movement...

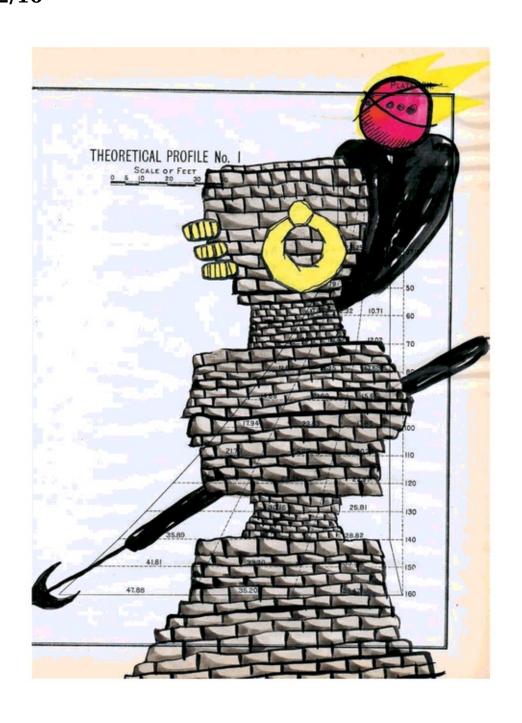
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But the sight of little Flask mounted upon gigantic Daggoo was yet more curious; for sustaining himself with a cool, indifferent, easy, unthought of, barbaric majesty, the noble negro to every roll of the sea harmoniously rolled his fine form. On his broad

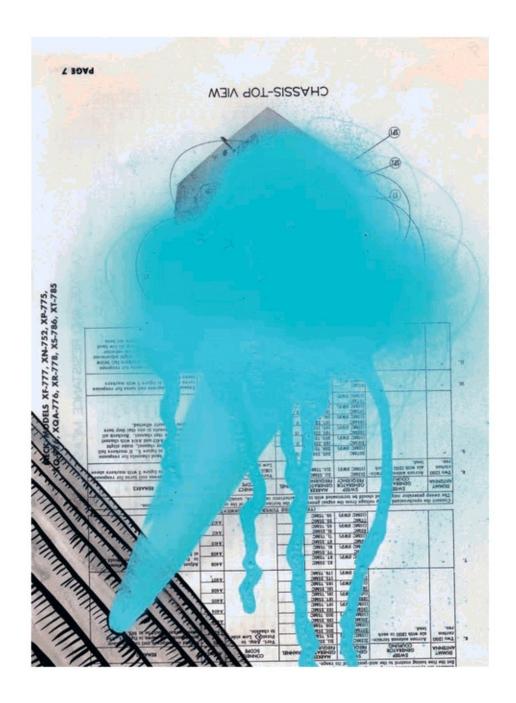
back, flaxen-haired Flask seemed a snow-flake. The bearer looked nobler than the rider.

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 11" 04/02/10



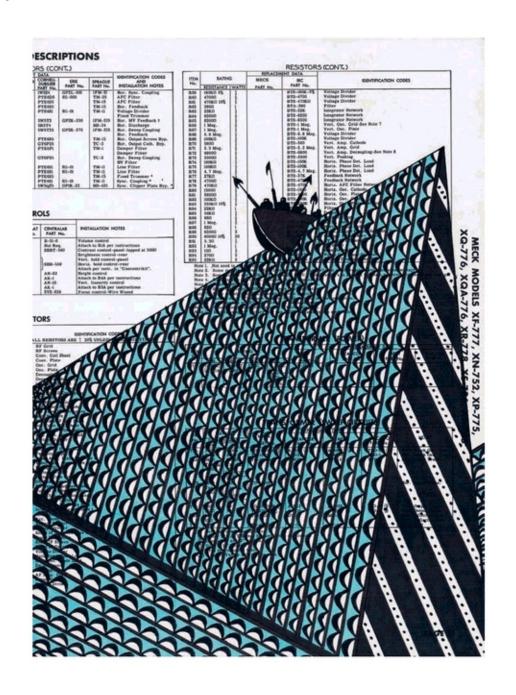
Seen in advance of all the other indications, the puffs of vapor they spouted, seemed their forerunning couriers and detached flying outriders.

BALLPOINT PEN, INK, MARKER AND SPRAY PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 04/02/10



...the brief suspended agony of the boat, as it would tip for an instant on the knife-like edge of the sharper waves, that almost seemed threatening to cut it in two...

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 04/03/10



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...with a lightning-like hurtling whisper Starbuck said: "Stand

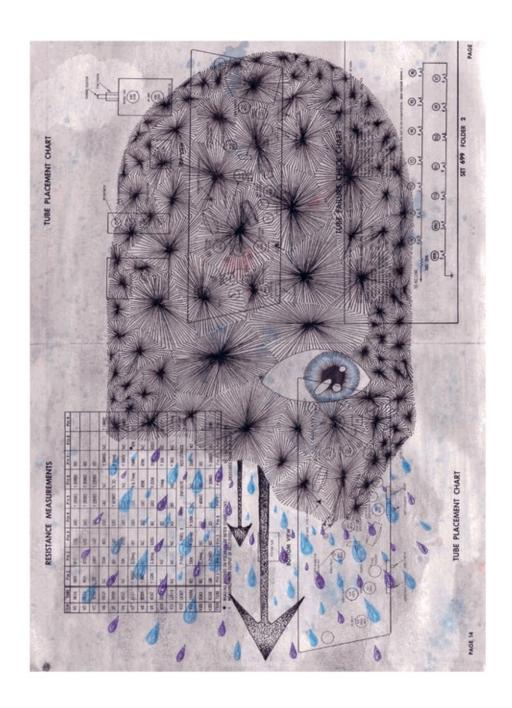
up!" and Queequeg, harpoon in hand, sprang to his feet.

COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" × 10.75" 04/04/10



Squall, whale, and harpoon had all blended together...

BALLPOINT PEN AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 15.25" 04/06/10



There are certain queer times and occasions in this strange mixed affair we call life when a man takes this whole universe for a vast practical joke, though the wit thereof he but dimly discerns, and more than suspects that the joke is at nobody's expense but his own.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND CRAYON ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 15.75" 04/07/10



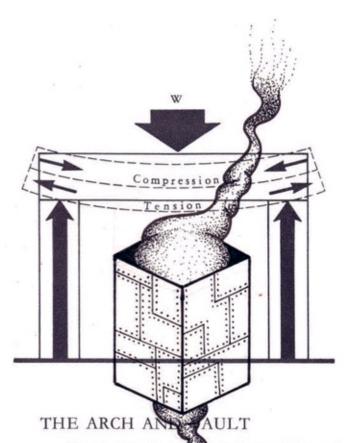
"Mr. Stubb," said I, turning to that worthy, who, buttoned up in his oil-jacket, was now calmly smoking his pipe in the rain...

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND PENCIL ON SKETCHBOOK PAGE 6.75" x 10" 04/09/10



I looked round me tranquilly and contentedly, like a quiet ghost with a clean conscience sitting inside the bars of a snug family vault.

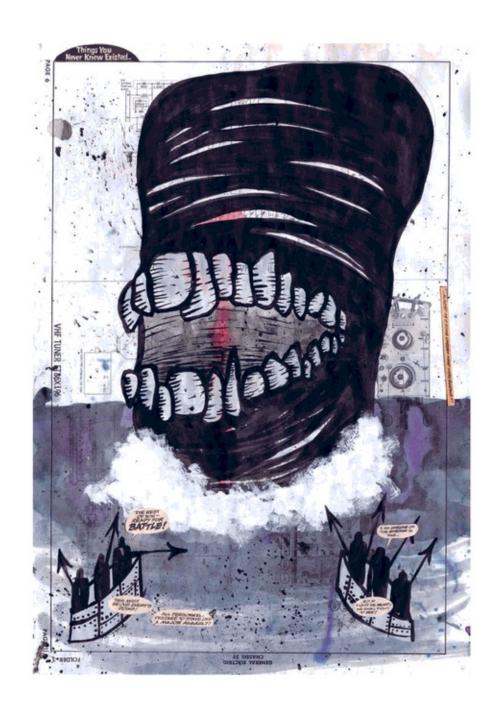
INK ON FOUND PAPER 7" × 6" 04/09/10



Because stone is a personent, fireproof, impressive material, it was used by builders wherever it was available. The earliest attempts at building with this material were probably no five than piles of rocks heaped one upon the other, with a small space left open you in the pile. The open space was created by piling the stones about it so that is upper stones projected slightly beyond the lower ones gradually converging from all sides until they joined at the top of the structure. This is corbeled construction (Fig. 219). Examples of this method of construction

...the pursuit of whales is always under great and extraordinary difficulties...

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLLAGE AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 15.75" 04/11/10



...Beelzebub himself might climb up the side and step down into the cabin to chat with the captain...

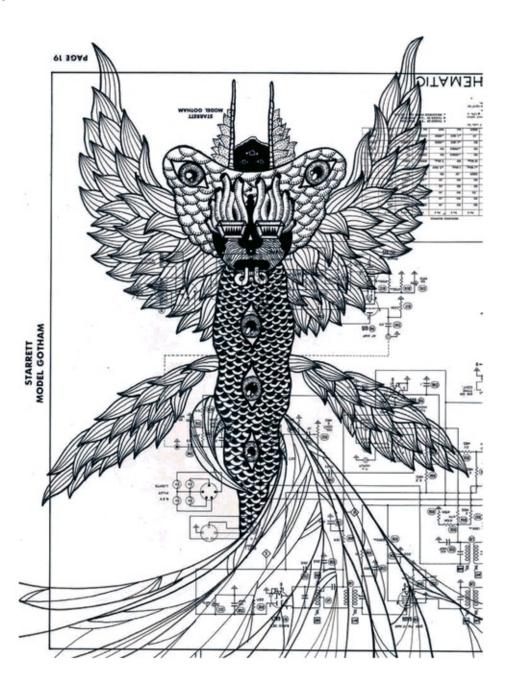
ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND

PAPER 10.75" x 15.75" 04/11/10



Lit up by the moon, it looked celestial; seemed some plumed and glittering god uprising from the sea.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 04/12/10



...every reclining mariner started to his feet as if some winged spirit had lighted in the rigging, and hailed the mortal crew. "There she blows!"

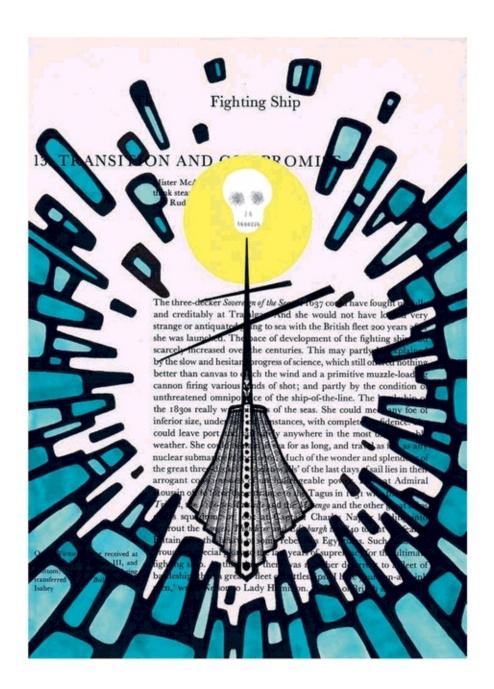
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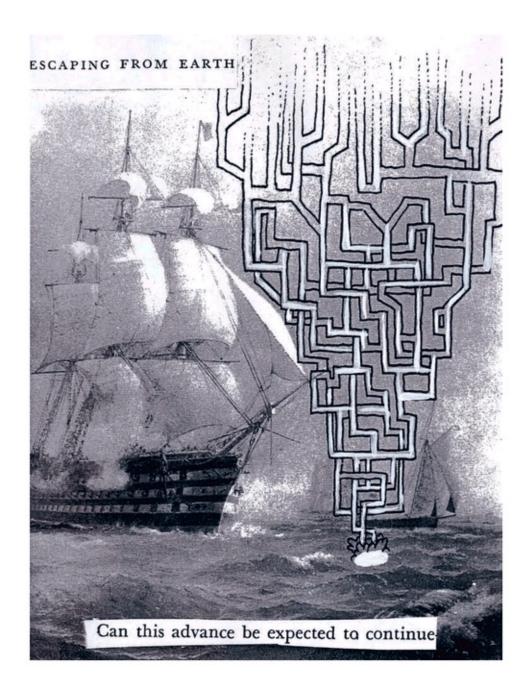
These temporary apprehensions, so vague but so awful, derived a wondrous potency from the contrasting serenity of the weather, in which, beneath all its blue blandness, some thought there lurked a devilish charm, as for days and days we voyaged along, through seas so wearily, lonesomely mild, that all space, in repugnance to our vengeful errand, seemed vacating itself of life before our urn-like prow.

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" x 10.5" 04/15/10



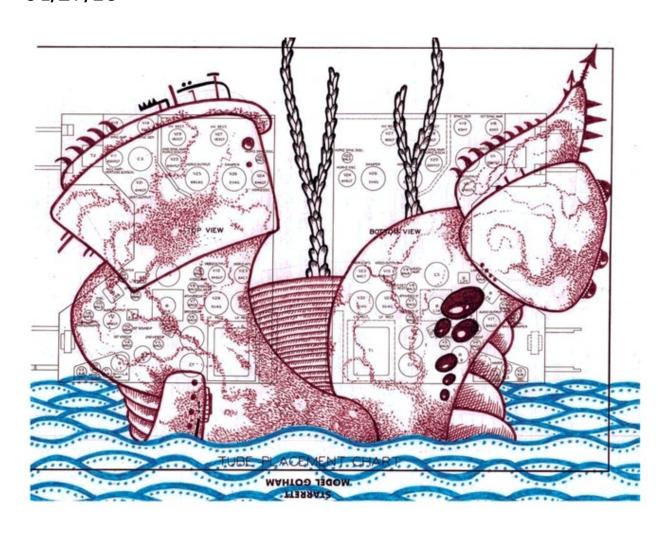
But calm, snow-white, and unvarying; still directing its fountain of feathers to the sky; still beckoning us on from before, the solitary jet would at times be descried.

INK ON FOUND PAPER, XEROXED AND ENLARGED FOUR TIMES, THEN PAINTED WITH WITE-OUT (ORIGINAL DRAWING AND INTERVENING XEROXES DESTROYED) 8.5" × 11" 04/15/10



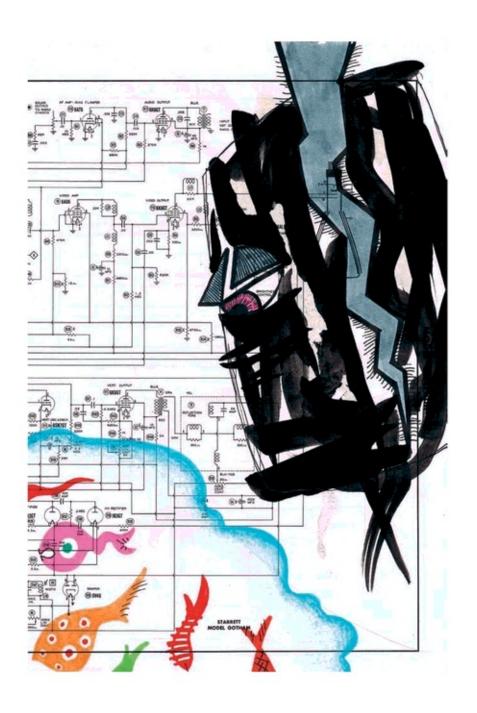
...this craft was bleached like the skeleton of a stranded walrus. All down her sides, this spectral appearance was traced with long channels of reddened rust, while all her spars and her rigging were like the thick branches of trees furred over with hoar-frost.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 9.75" x 8" 04/27/10



"Swim away from me, do ye?" murmured Ahab, gazing over into the water. There seemed but little in the words, but the tone conveyed more of deep helpless sadness than the insane old man had ever before evinced.

COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.25" x 10.75" 04/28/10



Were this world an endless plain, and by sailing eastward we could for ever reach new distances, and discover sights more sweet and strange than any Cyclades or Islands of King Solomon, then there was promise in the voyage.

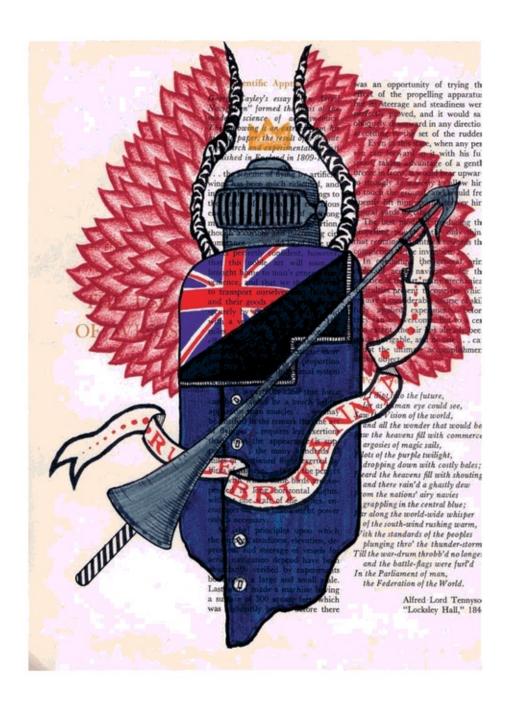
INK AND MARKER ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 12" x 8" 05/01/10



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Besides, the English whalers sometimes affect a kind of metropolitan superiority over the American whalers...

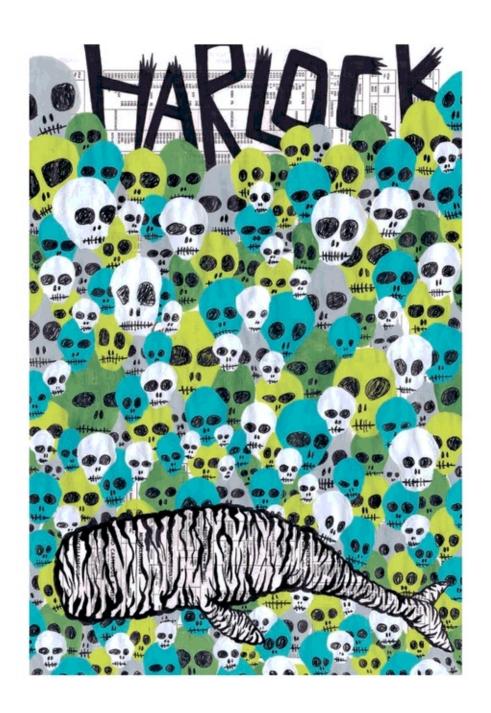
COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" x 10.75" 05/01/10



And as for Pirates, when they chance to cross each other's cross-bones, the first hail is—"How many skulls?"

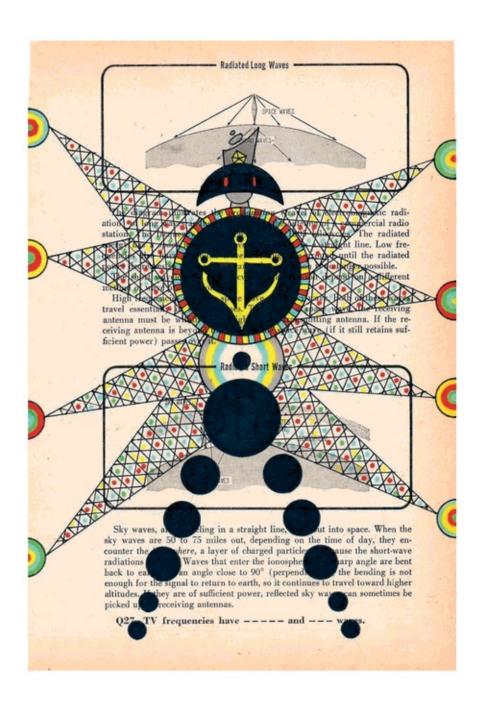
ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND

PAPER 10.75" x 15.75" 05/01/10



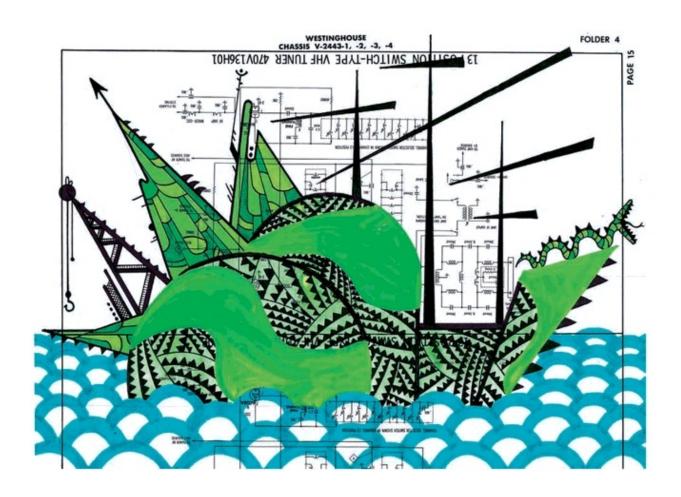
And often you will notice that being conscious of the eyes of the whole visible world resting on him from the sides of the two ships, this standing captain is all alive to the importance of sustaining his dignity by maintaining his legs.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 6.25" x 9.25" 10/31/10



It was not very long after speaking the Goney that another homeward-bound whaleman, the Town-Ho, was encountered. She was manned almost wholly by Polynesians.

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.75" 05/03/10



For my humor's sake, I shall preserve the style in which I once narrated it at Lima, to a lounging circle of my Spanish friends, one saint's eve, smoking upon the thick-gilt tiled piazza of the Golden Inn. Of those fine cavaliers, the young Dons, Pedro and Sebastian, were on the closer terms with me...

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 5" x 8" 05/05/10



"...had it not been for the brutal overbearing of Radney, the mate..."

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLLAGE AND INK ON

FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 05/07/10



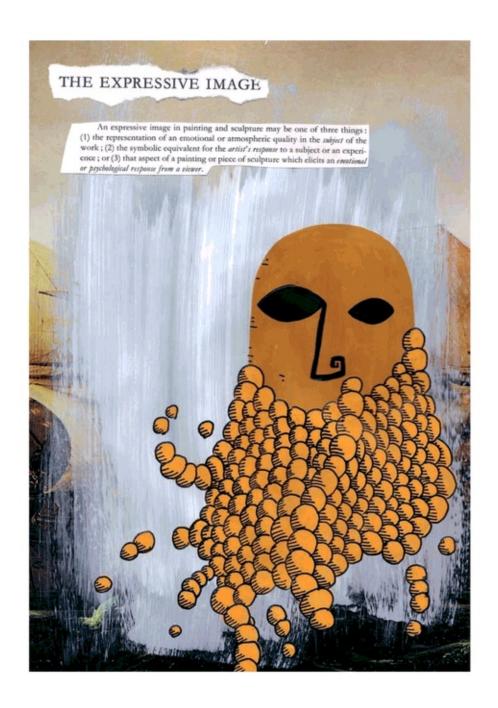
"...they are swept by Borean and dismasting blasts as direful as any that lash the salted wave..."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 05/07/10



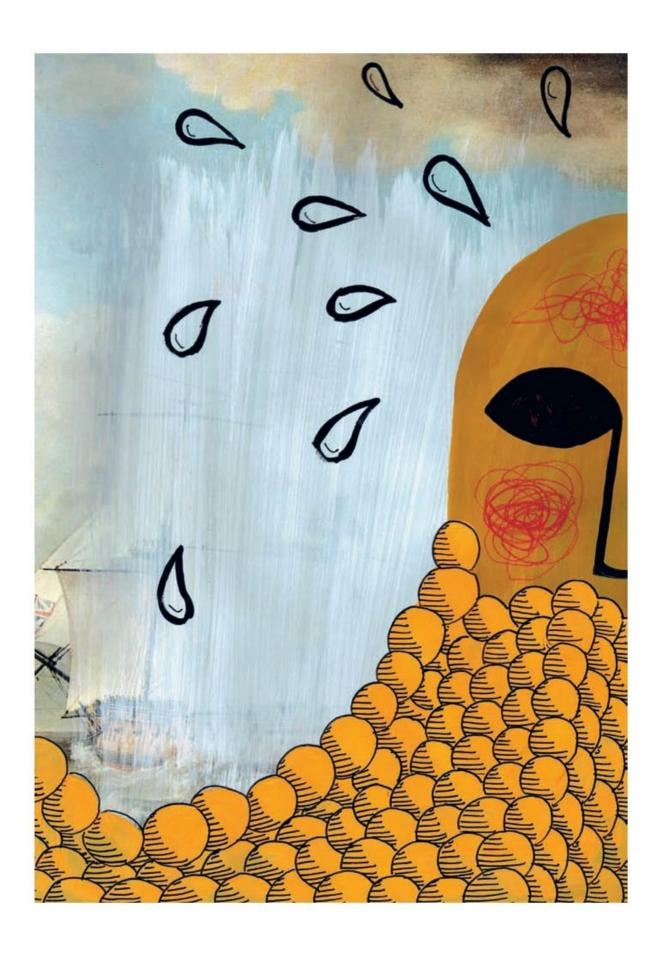
"...art all events Steelkilt was a tall and noble animal with a head like a Roman, and a flowing golden beard like the tasseled housings of your last viceroy's snorting charger..."

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLLAGE AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 05/08/10



"Quitting the pump at last, with the rest of his band, the Lakeman went forward all panting, and sat himself down on the windlass; his face fiery red, his eyes bloodshot, and wiping the profuse sweat from his brow..."

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 05/08/10



"Intolerably striding along the deck, the mate commanded him to get a broom and sweep down the planks, and also a shovel, and remove some offensive matters consequent upon allowing a pig to run at large."

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 05/09/10



"Immediately the hammer touched the cheek; the next instant the lower jaw of the mate was stove in his head; he fell on the hatch spouting blood like a whale."

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLLAGE AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 05/09/10



"...the holy-of-holies of great forests..."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER

7.75" x 11" 05/09/10

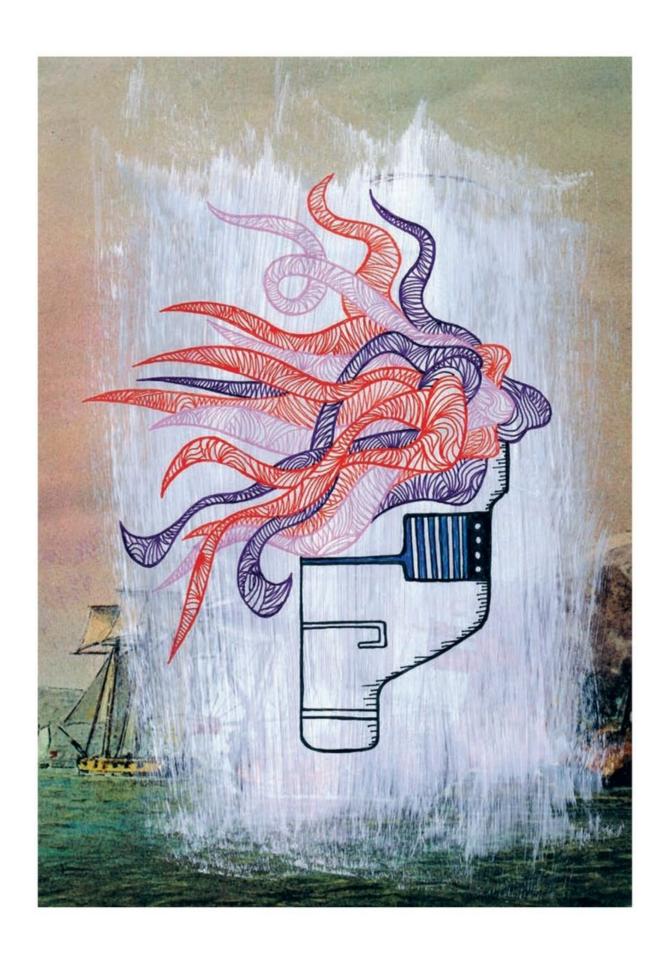


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"The brigandish guise which the Canaller so proudly sports; his

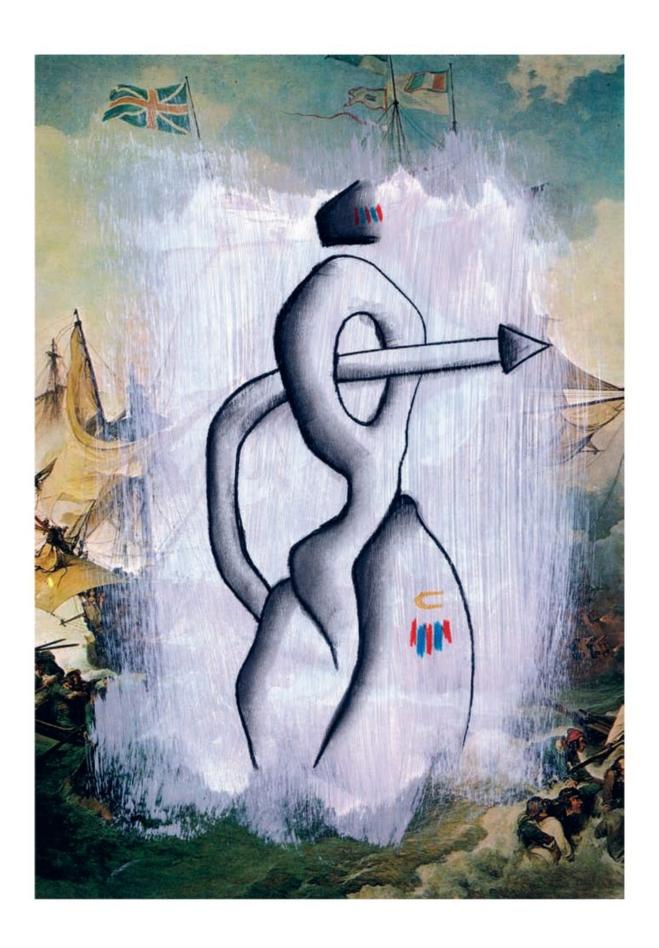
slouched and gaily-ribboned hat betoken his grand features."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 05/11/10



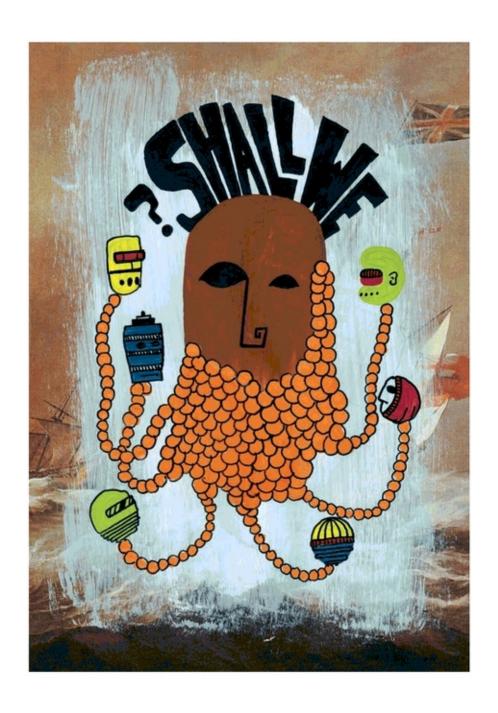
"...while standing out of harm's way, the valiant captain danced up and down with a whale-pike, calling upon his officers to manhandle that atrocious scoundrel, and smoke him along to the quarter-deck."

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL AND COLORED PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 05/12/10



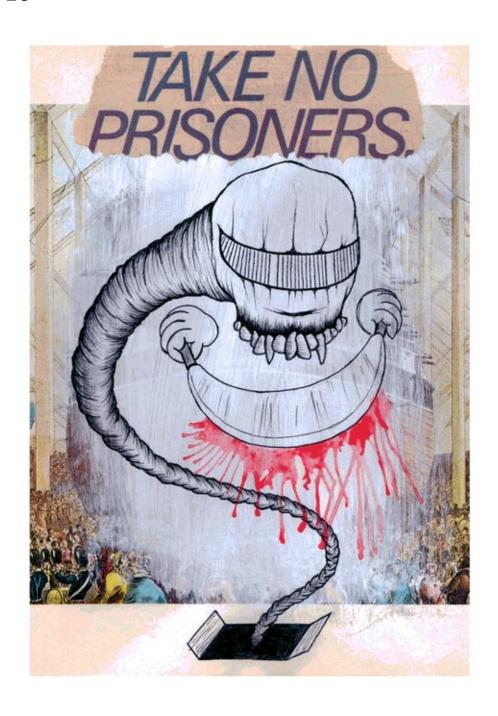
"'Shall we?' cried the ringleader to his men."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 05/14/10



"...it was then that Steelkilt proposed to the two Canallers, thus far apparently of one mind with him, to burst out of their hole at the next summoning of the garrison; and armed with their keen mincing knives (long, crescentic, heavy implements with a handle at each end) run amuck from the bowsprit to the

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN, COLLAGE AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" × 11" 05/15/10



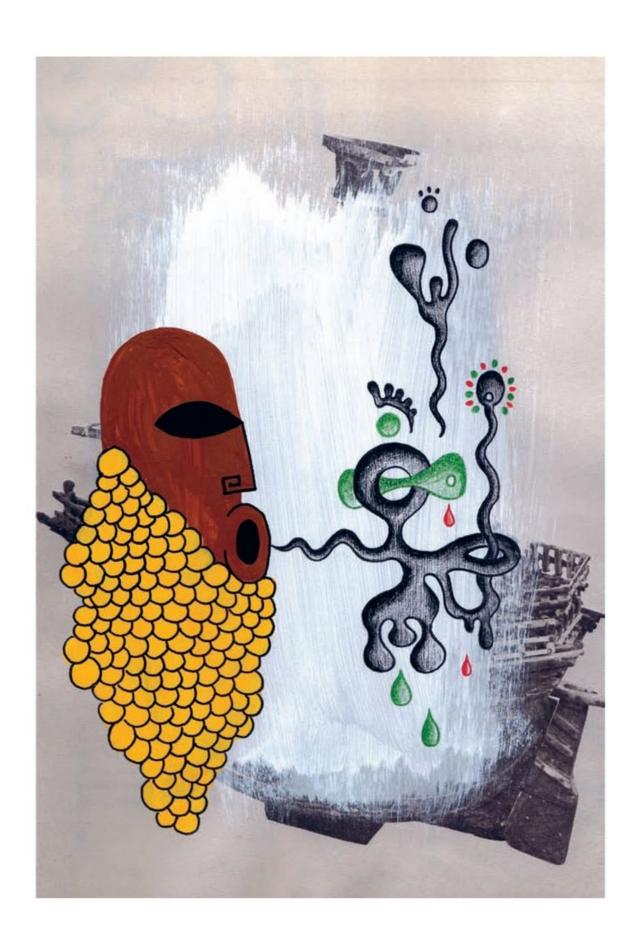
"But all these were collared, and dragged along the deck like dead cattle; and, side by side, were seized up into the mizen rigging, like three quarters of meat, and there they hung till morning."

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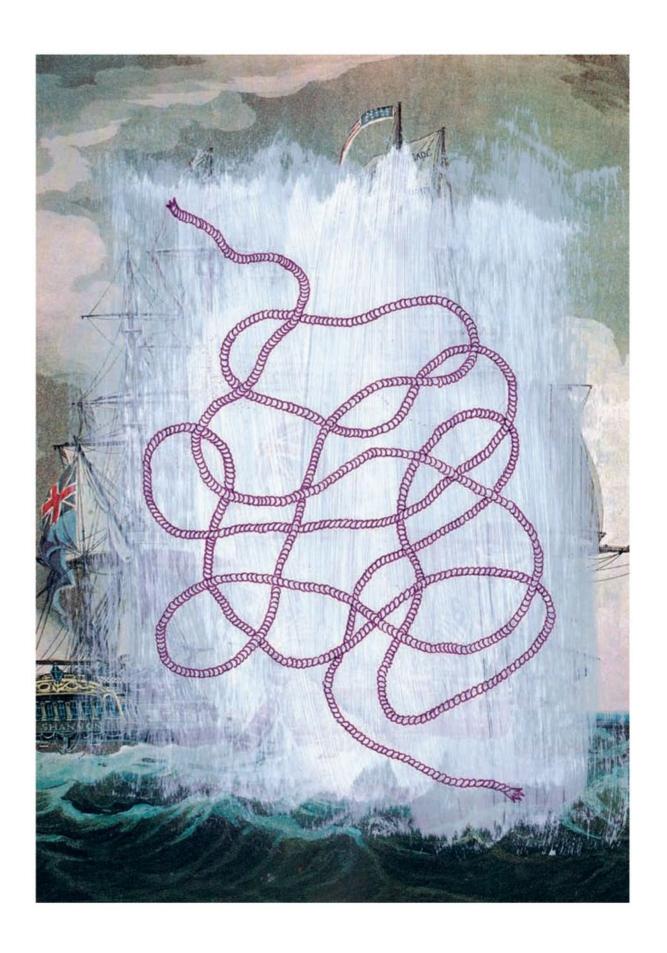
"Steelkilt here hissed out something, inaudible to all but the captain; who, to the amazement of all hands, started back, paced the deck rapidly two or three times, and then suddenly throwing down his rope, said, 'I won't do it—let him go—cut him down: d'ye hear?"'

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" × 11" 05/15/10



"'Shipmate, I haven't enough twine,—have you any?'"

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" × 11" 05/16/10



"For by a mysterious fatality, Heaven itself seemed to step in to take out of his hands into its own the damning thing he would have done."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 05/16/10



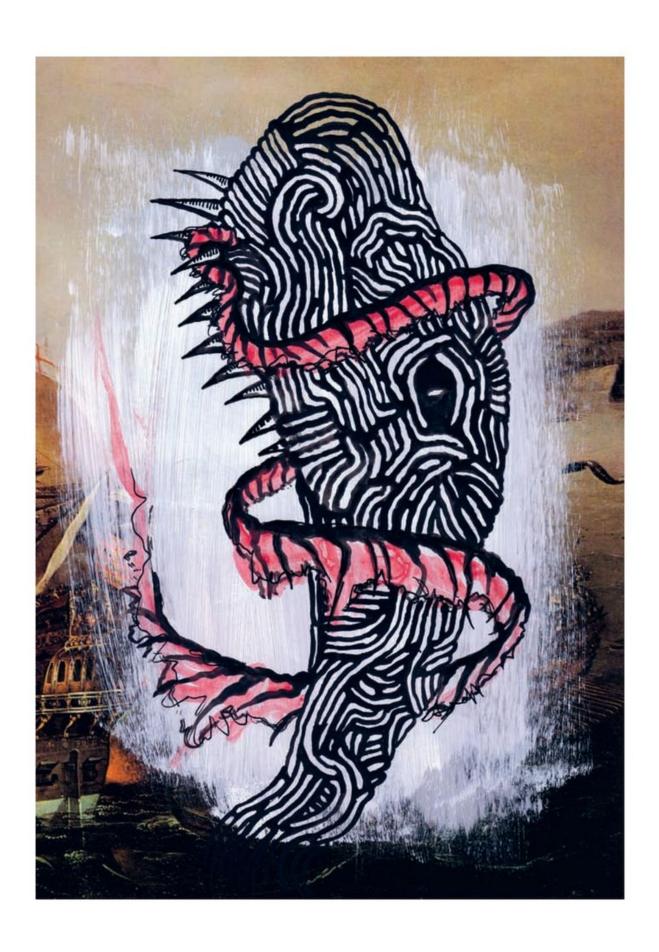
"...while the dogged crew eyed askance, and with curses, the appalling beauty of the vast milky mass, that lit up by a horizontal spangling sun, shifted and glistened like a living opal in the blue morning sea."

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 11" × 7.75" 05/17/10



"But, at some distance, Moby Dick rose again, with some tatters of Radney's red woolen shirt, caught in the teeth [that] had destroyed him."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 05/18/10



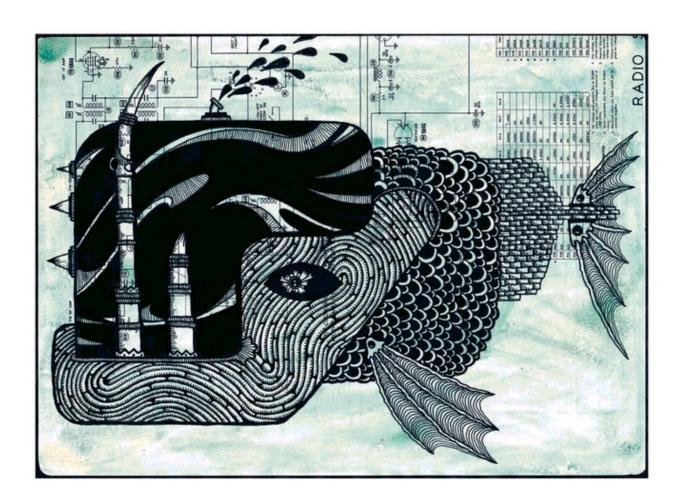
"...but upon the island of Nantucket, the widow of Radney still turns to the sea which refuses to give up its dead; still in dreams sees the awful White Whale that destroyed him."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.75" 05/19/10



It may be worth while, therefore, previously to advert to those curious imaginary portraits of him which even down to the present day confidently challenge the faith of the landsman. It is time to set the world right in this matter, by proving such pictures of the whale all wrong.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 10" × 7.75" 05/21/10

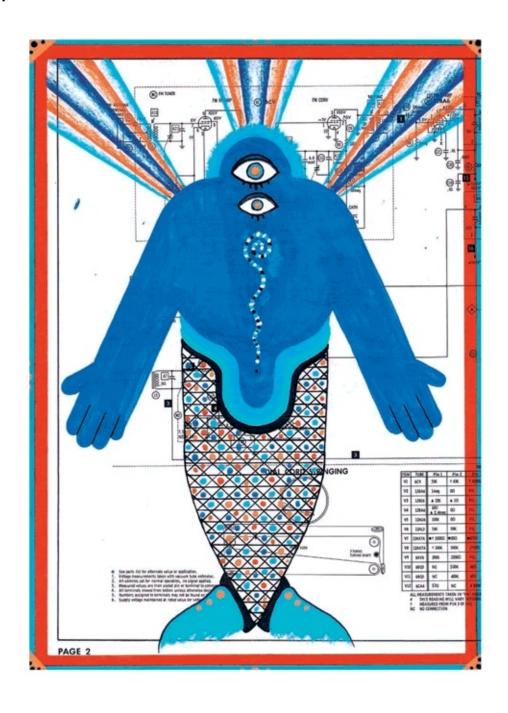


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The Hindoo whale referred to, occurs in a separate department

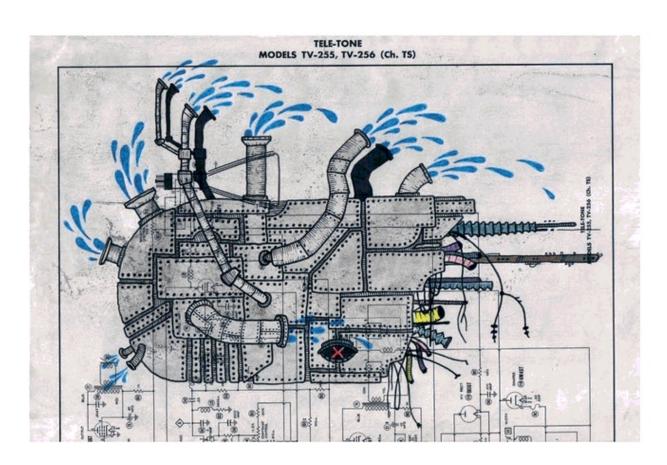
of the wall, depicting the incarnation of Vishnu in the form of Leviathan, learnedly known as the Matse Avatar.

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN, COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 05/23/10



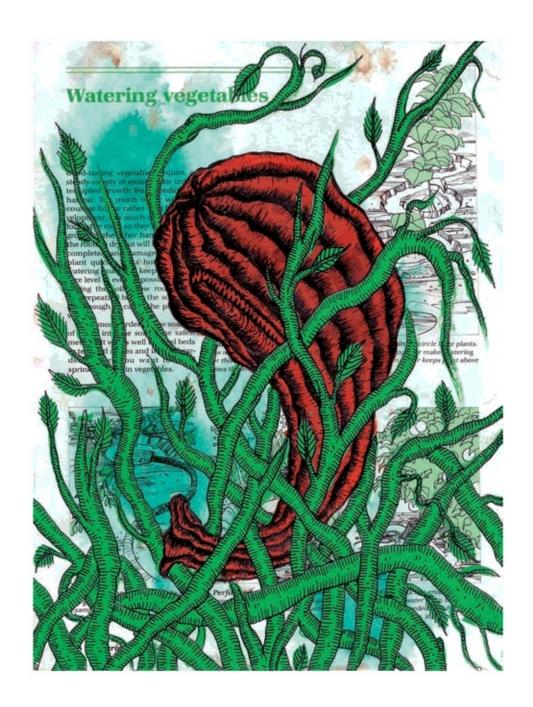
In the vignettes and other embellishments of some ancient books you will at times meet with very curious touches at the whale, where all manner of spouts, jets d'eau, hot springs and cold, Saratoga and Baden-Baden, come bubbling up from his unexhausted brain.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 05/23/10



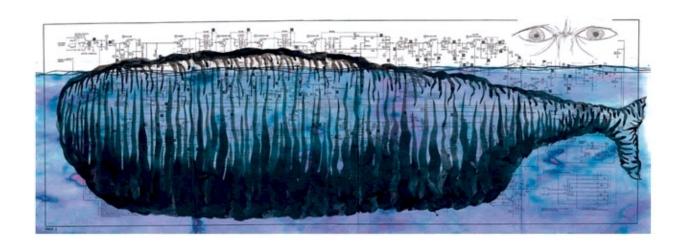
But the placing of the cap-sheaf to all this blundering business was reserved for the scientific Frederick Cuvier, brother to the famous Baron. In 1836, he published a Natural History of Whales, in which he gives what he calls a picture of the Sperm Whale. Before showing that picture to any Nantucketer, you had best provide for your summary retreat from Nantucket. In a word, Frederick Cuvier's Sperm Whale is not a Sperm Whale, but a squash.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 10.75" 05/25/10



The living whale, in his full majesty and significance, is only to be seen at sea in unfathomable waters; and afloat the vast bulk of him is out of sight, like a launched line-of-battle ship...

COLLAGE, INK AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 29.75" x 10.75" 05/26/10



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For all these reasons, then, any way you may look at it, you must needs conclude that the great Leviathan is that one creature in the world which must remain unpainted to the last. True, one portrait may hit the mark much nearer than another, but none can hit it with any very considerable degree of exactness. So there is no earthly way of finding out precisely what the whale really looks like.

MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 9" x 12" 05/26/10



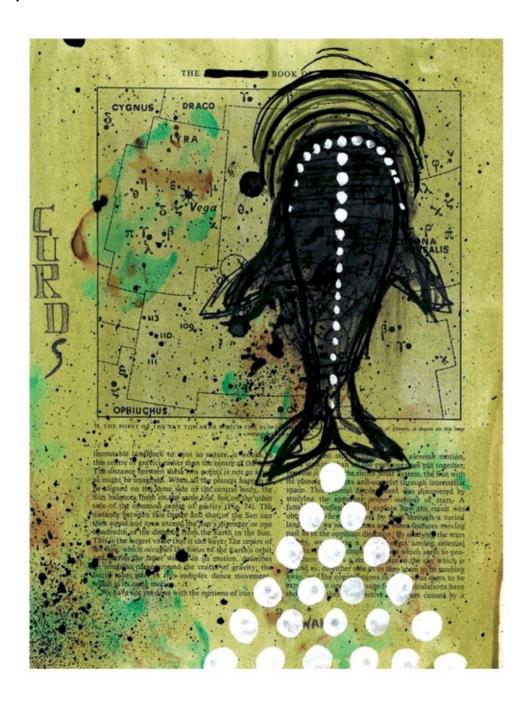
His jets are erect, full, and black like soot...

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 5" x 7.75"



And all the while the thick-lipped Leviathan is rushing through the deep, leaving tons of tumultuous white curds in his wake...

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL, COLORED PENCIL, INK AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" × 11" 05/28/10



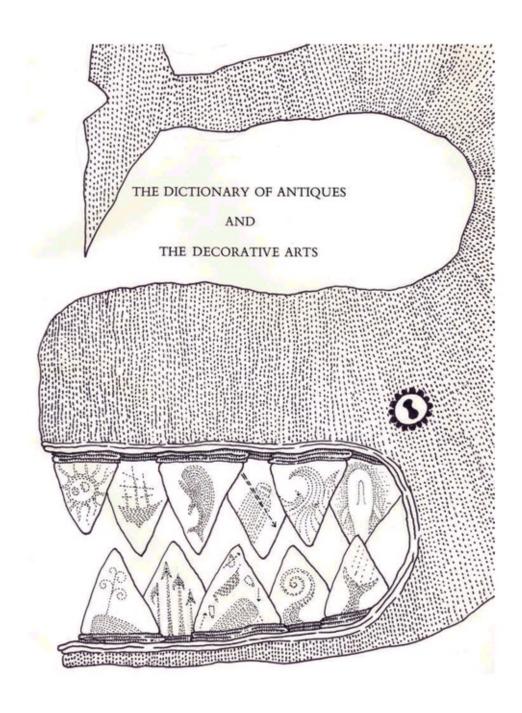
It is a quiet noon-scene among the isles of the Pacific; a French whaler anchored, inshore, in a calm, and lazily taking water on board...

WATERCOLOR ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 8" × 6" 05/30/10



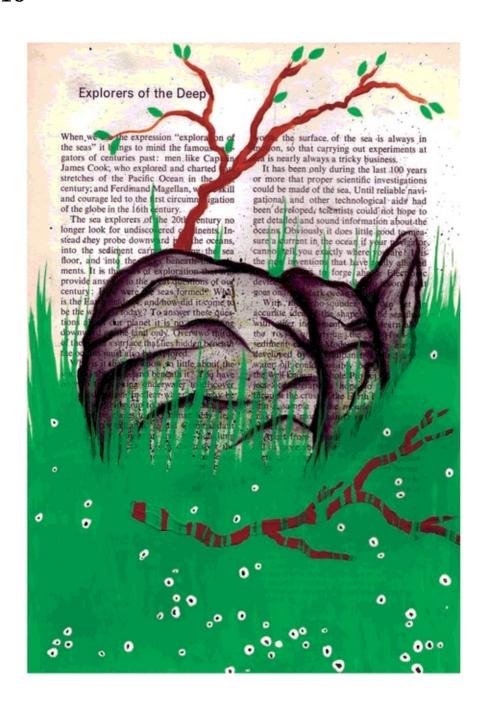
Throughout the Pacific, and also in Nantucket, and New Bedford, and Sag Harbor, you will come across lively sketches of whales and whaling-scenes, graven by the fishermen themselves on Sperm Whale-teeth...

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8" × 10.5" 05/30/10



In bony, ribby regions of the earth, where at the base of high broken cliffs masses of rock lie strewn in fantastic groupings upon the plain, you will often discover images as of the petrified forms of the Leviathan partly merged in grass, which of a windy day breaks against them in a surf of green surges.

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL, COLORED PENCIL, INK AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 7.25" x 10.25" 05/31/10



Nor when expandingly lifted by your subject, can you fail to trace out great whales in the starry heavens...

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 11.25" × 8.25" 05/31/10

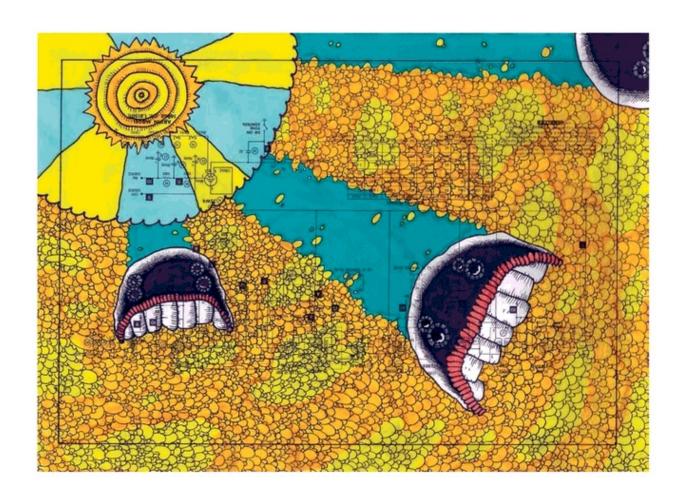


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As morning mowers, who side by side slowly and seethingly

advance their scythes through the long wet grass of marshy meads; even so these monsters swam, making a strange, grassy, cutting sound; and leaving behind them endless swaths of blue upon the yellow sea.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" × 7.75" 06/02/10



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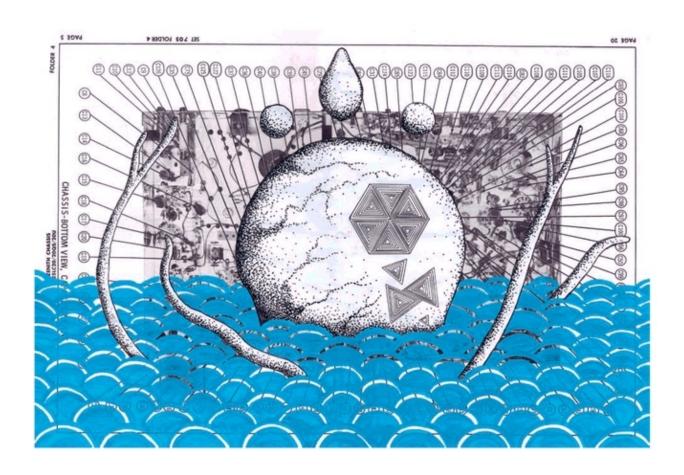
Yea; foolish mortals, Noah's flood is not yet subsided; two thirds of the fair world it yet covers.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 7.25" x 10.25" 06/03/10



In the distance, a great white mass lazily rose, and rising higher and higher, and disentangling itself from the azure, at last gleamed before our prow like a snow-slide, new slid from the hills. Thus glistening for a moment, as slowly it subsided, and sank. Then once more arose, and silently gleamed.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 15.5" x 10.75" 06/03/10

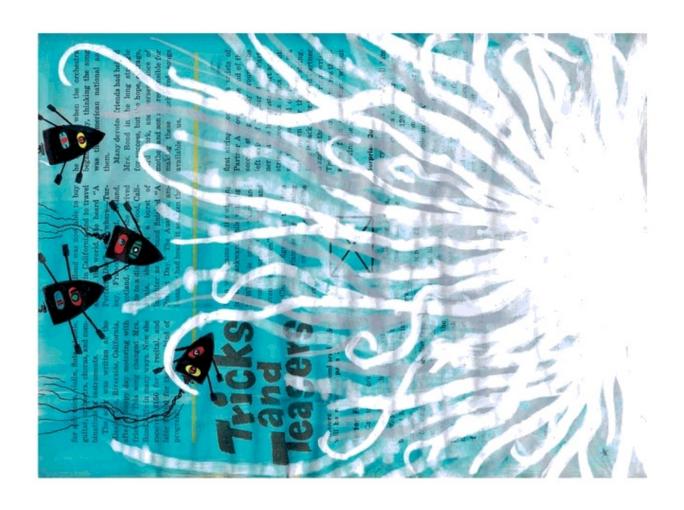


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The four boats were soon on the water; Ahab's in advance, and all swiftly pulling towards their prey. Soon it went down, and

suspended, while. with we oars were awaiting reappearance, lo! in the same spot where it sank, once more it slowly rose. Almost forgetting for the moment all thoughts of Moby Dick, we now gazed at the most wondrous phenomenon which the secret seas have hitherto revealed to mankind. A vast pulpy mass, furlongs in length and breadth, of a glancing cream-color, lay floating on the water, innumerable long arms radiating from its centre, and curling and twisting like a nest of anacondas, as if blindly to clutch at any hapless object within reach. No perceptible face or front did it have; no conceivable token of either sensation or instinct; but undulated there on the billows an unearthly, formless, chance-like apparition of life.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 12" x 9" 06/05/10



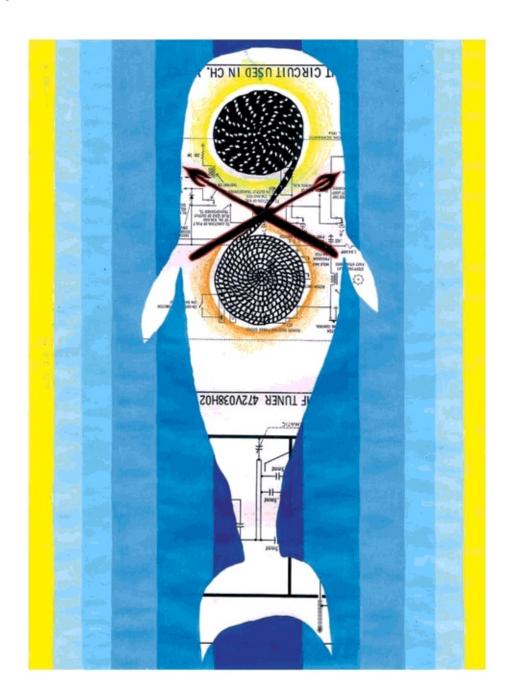
For though other species of whales find their food above water, and may be seen by man in the act of feeding, the spermaceti whale obtains his whole food in unknown zones below the surface; and only by inference is it that any one can tell of what, precisely, that food consists.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7" x 15.5" 06/06/10



Hemp is a dusky, dark fellow, a sort of Indian; but Manilla is as a golden-haired Circassian to behold.

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER

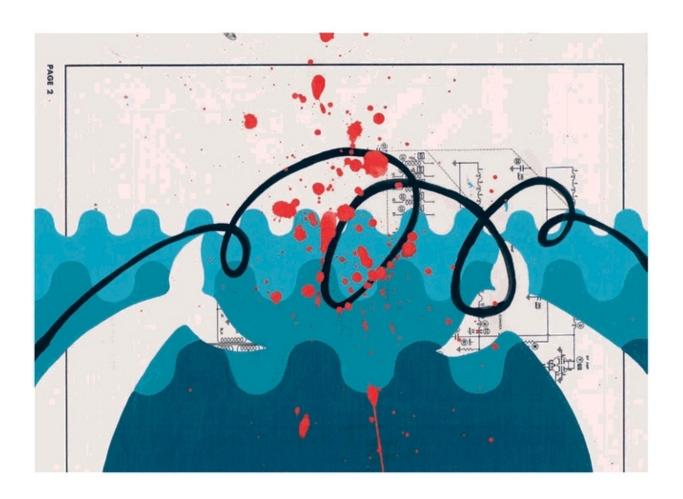


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As the least tangle or kink in the coiling would, in running out,

infallibly take somebody's arm, leg, or entire body off...

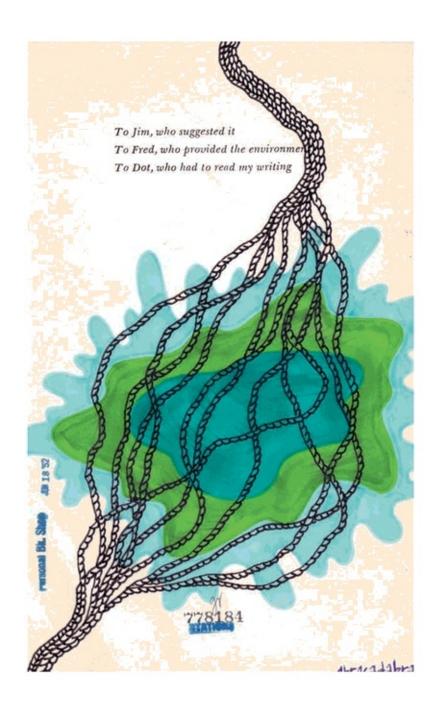
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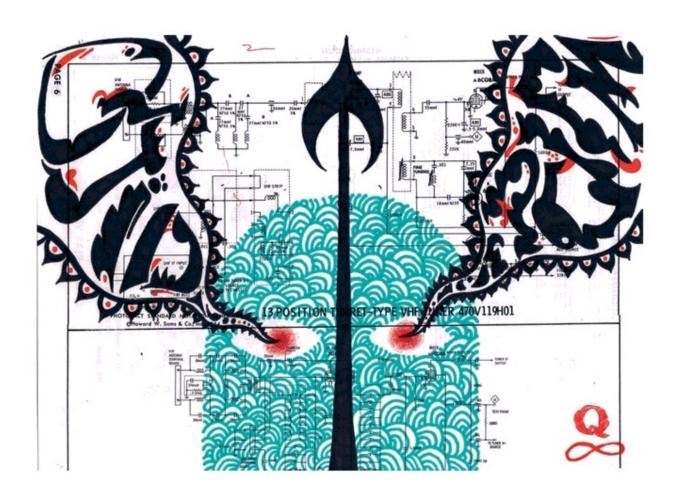
...previous to that connexion, the short-warp goes through sundry mystifications too tedious to detail.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 4.75" × 8" 06/07/10



"When you see him 'quid," said the savage, honing his harpoon in the bow of his hoisted boat, "then you quick see him 'parm whale."

COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 06/08/10



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The waves, too, nodded their indolent crests; and across the wide trance of the sea, east nodded to west, and the sun over all.

INK, MARKER AND WATERCOLOR ON

WATERCOLOR PAPER

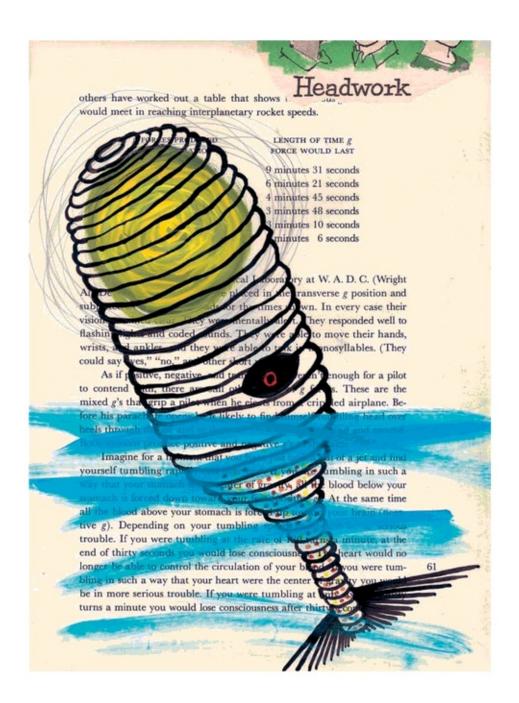
12" × 8" 06/11/10



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Yes, a mighty change had come over the fish. All alive to his jeopardy, he was going "head out;" that part obliquely projecting from the mad yeast which he brewed.

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLLAGE, INK, MARKER AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 9" x 12" 06/12/10



Like desperadoes they tugged and they strained, till the welcome cry was heard—"Stand up, Tashtego!—give it to him!" The harpoon was hurled.

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 18" x 11.5" 06/12/10

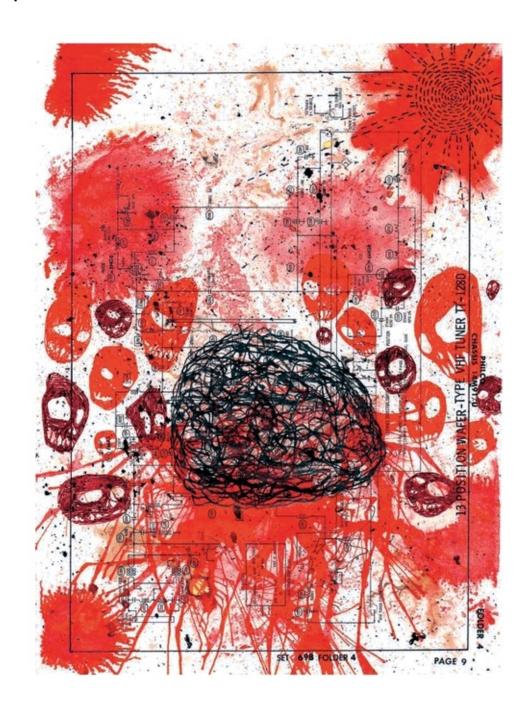


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The red tide now poured from all sides of the monster like brooks down a hill. His tormented body rolled not in brine but in blood, which bubbled and seethed for furlongs behind in their wake. The slanting sun playing upon this crimson pond in the sea, sent back its reflection into every face, so that they all glowed to each other like red men.

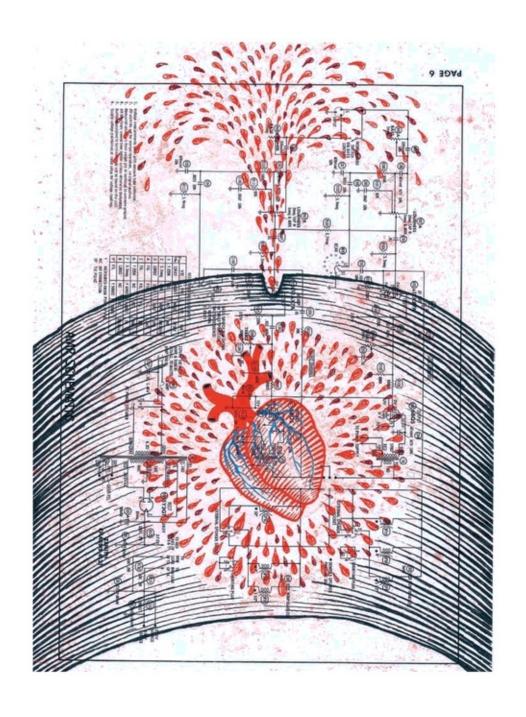
ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN,

COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 06/13/10



At last, gush after gush of clotted red gore, as if it had been the purple lees of red wine, shot into the frighted air; and falling back again, ran dripping down his motionless flanks into the sea. His heart had burst!

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 06/13/10



But however prolonged and exhausting the chase, the harpooneer is expected to pull his oar meanwhile to the uttermost; indeed, he is expected to set an example of superhuman activity to the rest, not only by incredible rowing, but by repeated loud and intrepid exclamations...

COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 6.75" x 8.5" 06/13/10



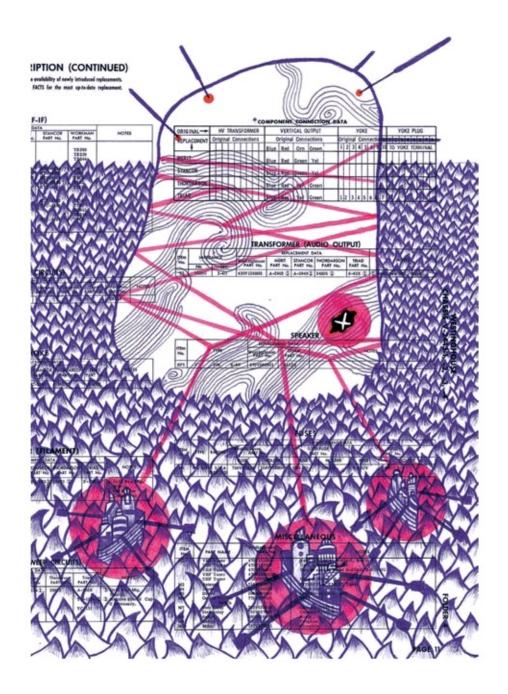
The crotch alluded to on a previous page deserves independent mention. It is a notched stick of a peculiar form, some two feet in length, which is perpendicularly inserted into the starboard gunwale near the bow, for the purpose of furnishing a rest for the wooden extremity of the harpoon, whose other naked, barbed end slopingly projects from the prow. Thereby the weapon is instantly at hand to its hurler, who snatches it up as readily from its rest as a backwoodsman swings his rifle from the wall.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 11" × 8" 06/14/10



Stubb's whale had been killed some distance from the ship. It was a calm; so, forming a tandem of three boats, we commenced the slow business of towing the trophy to the Pequod.

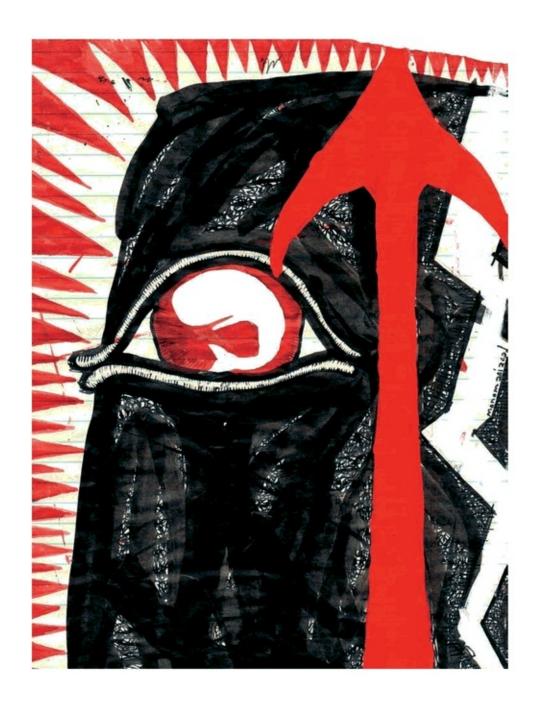
BALLPOINT PEN AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 06/17/10



Though, in overseeing the pursuit of this whale, Captain Ahab had evinced his customary activity, to call it so; yet now that the creature was dead, some vague dissatisfaction, or impatience, or despair, seemed working in him; as if the sight

of that dead body reminded him that Moby Dick was yet to be slain; and though a thousand other whales were brought to his ship, all that would not one jot advance his grand, monomaniac object.

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 10.5" 06/18/10



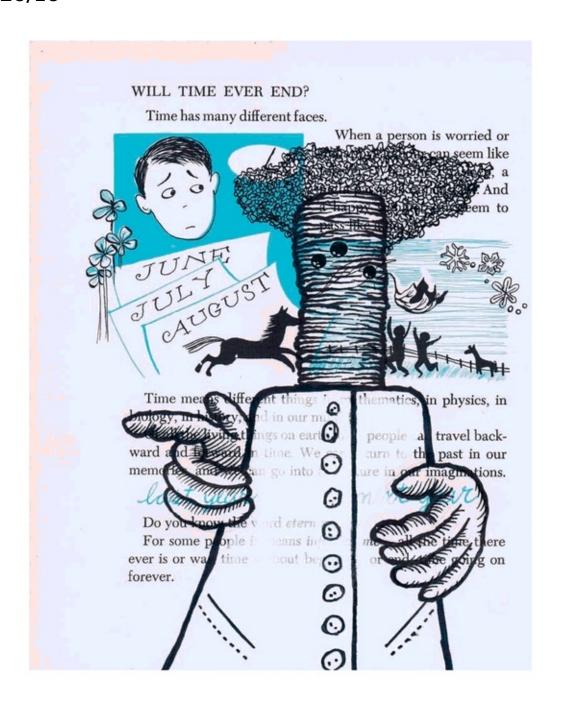
Nor was that Stubb the only banqueter on whale's flesh that night. Mingling their mumblings with his own mastications, thousands on thousands of sharks, swarming round the dead Leviathan, smackingly feasted on its fatness.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 06/19/10



...this old Fleece, as they called him, came shuffling and limping along...

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 6.75" x 8.5" 06/20/10



Sullenly taking the offered lantern, old Fleece limped across the deck to the bulwarks; and then, with one hand dropping his light low over the sea, so as to get a good view of his congregation, with the other hand he solemnly flourished his tongs, and leaning far over the side in a mumbling voice began addressing the sharks...

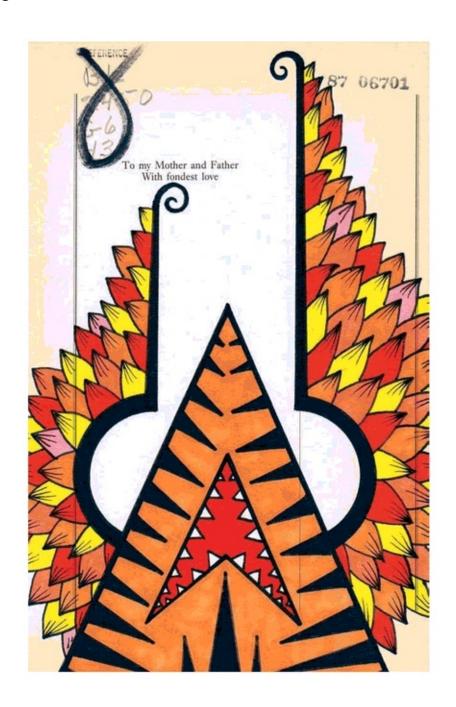
BALLPOINT PEN, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 5" x 7.75" 06/22/10



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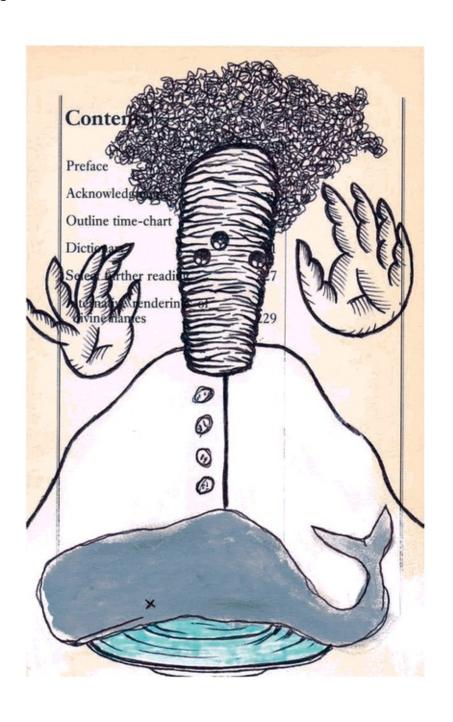
"You is sharks, sartin; but if you gobern de shark in you, why den you be angel; for all angel is not'ing more dan de shark well goberned."

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 5" × 7.75" 06/23/10



Faintly smacking his withered lips over it for a moment, the old negro muttered, "Best cooked 'teak I eber taste; joosy, berry joosy."

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 5" × 7.75" 06/24/10



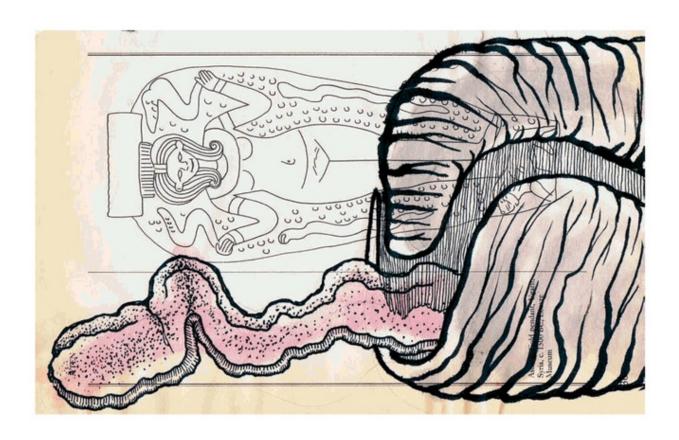
"Up dere," said Fleece, holding his tongs straight over his head, and keeping it there very solemnly.

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 5" × 7.75" 06/25/10



It is upon record, that three centuries ago the tongue of the Right Whale was esteemed a great delicacy in France, and commanded large prices there.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" × 5" 06/25/10



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But no doubt the first man that ever murdered an ox was regarded as a murderer...

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 6.75" x 8.5" 06/26/10



But Stubb, he eats the whale by its own light, does he?

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.25" x 10.75"



They viciously snapped, not only at each other's disembowelments, but like flexible bows, bent round, and bit

their own; till those entrails seemed swallowed over and over again by the same mouth, to be oppositely voided by the gaping wound.

BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 7.5" 06/28/10



When a blood count is taken, a small amount of blood is drawn into a pipette, diluted with a special fluid, and released on a counting chamber. The counting chamber has a grid on it. When looked at through a microscope, the number of blood cells on the grid can easily be counted.

More about the Blood

MEN may have learned fairly early in history about bandaging, and how necessary it is to stop the flow of blood from a cut or a wound. However, the human face wouldn't have lasted long enough to learn even this if nature hadn't given the body its own way of stopping bleeding.

If blood did not have the power to clot, the slightest cut would mean continual bleeding until the body was emptied. Although bandages are often helpful and sometimes necessary, there are many times when they are not needed. In a short time, most cuts and abrasions form a dark red scab, or clot, that stops the bleeding.

The next time you scrape your flesh enough for it to bleed a little, watch for a while to see what happens. The flow steps as the blood forms a soft cap over the wound. As this cap dries and hardens, you may notice a yellowish or white fluid around the edges. This is the setum being squeezed out as the clot hardens.

Clotting is a complicated process involving four substances: calcium, and three proteins called fibringen, prothrombin, and thromboplastin.

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Clotting is began when a blood vessel is injured. Blood comes into contact with the tissue around the injury, and the prothrombin in the tissue unites with the calcium and thromboplastin in the bloodstream. The prothrombin is changed into another substance, called thrombin, which unites with the fibringen to form a network of a threadlike substance called fibrin that traps red and white cells in its messue.

The red cells give the color to a clos, although white cells are trapped, for The clot, in addition to acting like a plug in a leaking dike, forms the foundation on which the new tissue will be built to heal the wound.

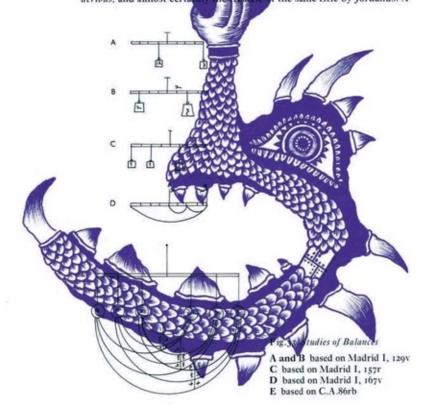
The way the blood clots is so complicated and involves so many factors that it can easily go wrong if one or another of the various ingredients

...to this block the great blubber hook, weighing some one hundred pounds, was attached.

BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND PAPER 7.25" × 10" 06/29/10

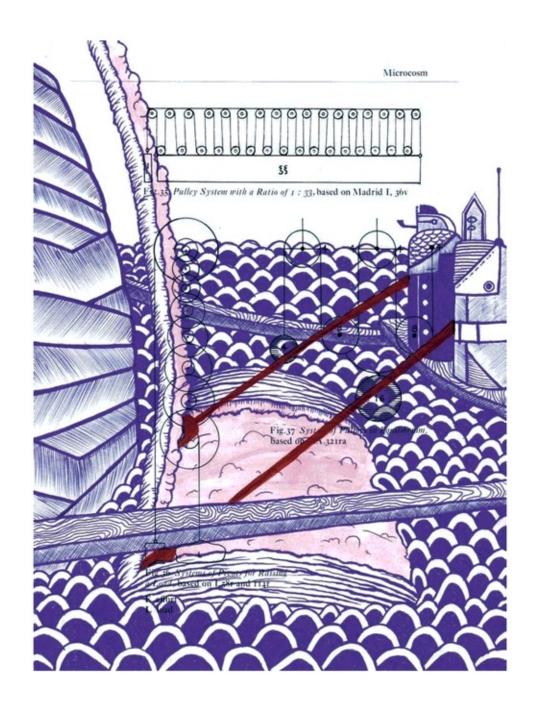
Microcosm

Leonardo turned again to the proportional formulas of classical and medieval science. In a number of thuse cases the formulas possessed immaculate accuracy, at least in the theoretical terms of a frictionness universe. The basic law of balances as deduced by Euclid and Archimedes had been reconfirmed many times, for Jordanus in the thirteenth cenonal to the weights suspended in tury: 'If the arms of a balan such a manner that the hea suspended from the shorter arm, avity.' This law was accurately the weights will have eq restated by Leonardo (the basis for numerous variations of simple and co nd equilib , using the formula that W, x L, - W, x L, (Figures 3 s included Pelacani's De ponderibus, and almost certa the same title by Jordanus. A



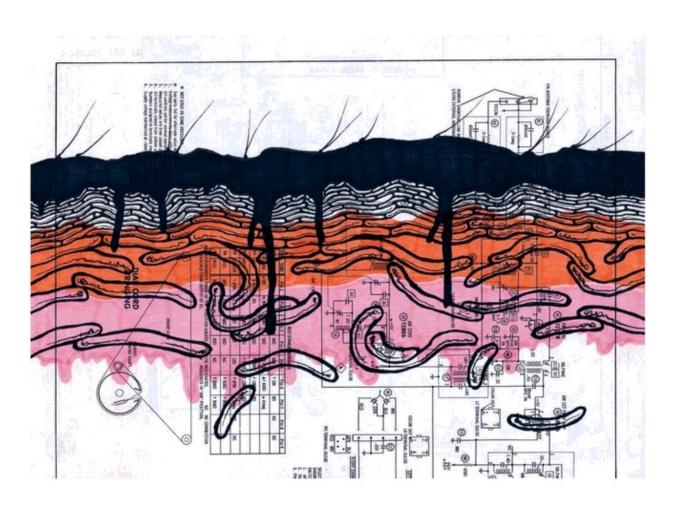
Now as the blubber envelops the whale precisely as the rind does an orange, so is it stripped off from the body precisely as an orange is sometimes stripped by spiralizing it. For the strain constantly kept up by the windlass continually keeps the whale rolling over and over in the water, and as the blubber in one strip uniformly peels off along the line called the "scarf," simultaneously cut by the spades of Starbuck and Stubb, the mates; and just as fast as it is thus peeled off, and indeed by the very act itself, it is all the time being hoisted higher and higher aloft till its upper end grazes the main-top...

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" x 10.5" 07/01/10



Already you know what his blubber is. That blubber is something of the consistence of firm, close-grained beef, but tougher, more elastic and compact, and ranges from eight or ten to twelve and fifteen inches in thickness.

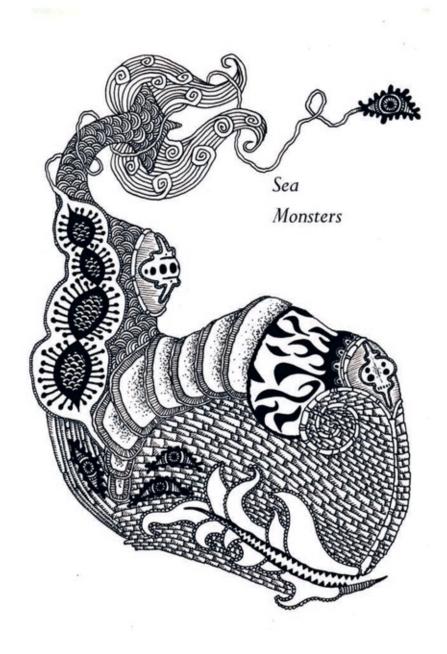
INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 07/02/10



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In life, the visible surface of the Sperm Whale is not the least among the many marvels he presents. Almost invariably it is all over obliquely crossed and re-crossed with numberless straight marks in thick array, something like those in the finest Italian line engravings.

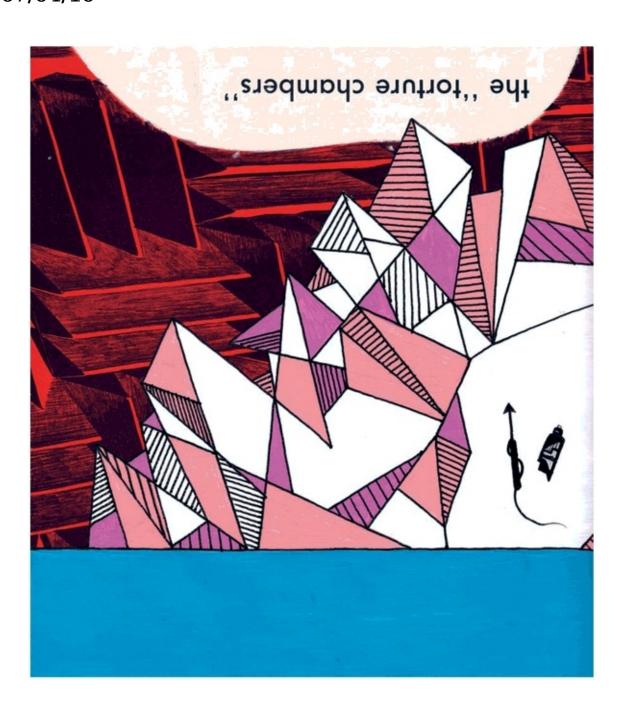
INK ON FOUND PAPER



...when seamen fall overboard, they are sometimes found, months afterwards, perpendicularly frozen into the hearts of

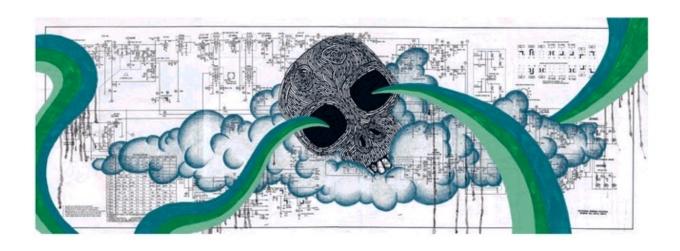
fields of ice, as a fly is found glued in amber.

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.75" x 9.5" 07/04/10



Beneath the unclouded and mild azure sky, upon the fair face of the pleasant sea, wafted by the joyous breezes, the great mass of death floats on and on, till lost in infinite perspectives.

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 30" × 10.75" 07/05/10



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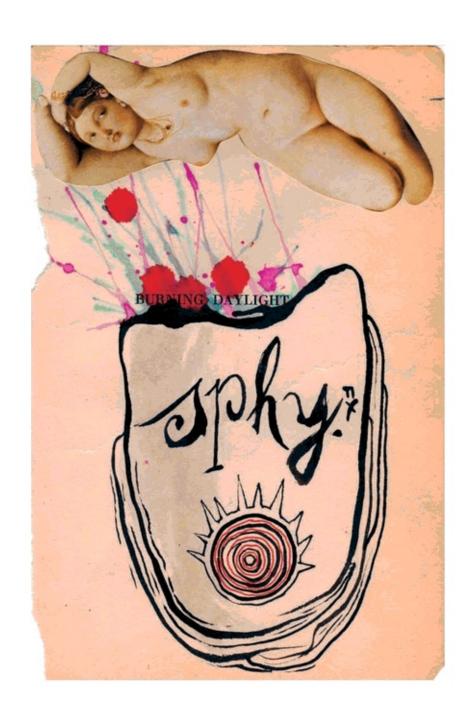
Thus, while in life the great whale's body may have been a real terror to his foes, in his death his ghost becomes a powerless panic to a world.

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 07/07/10



...there, that blood-dripping head hung to the Pequod's waist like the giant Holofernes's from the girdle of Judith.

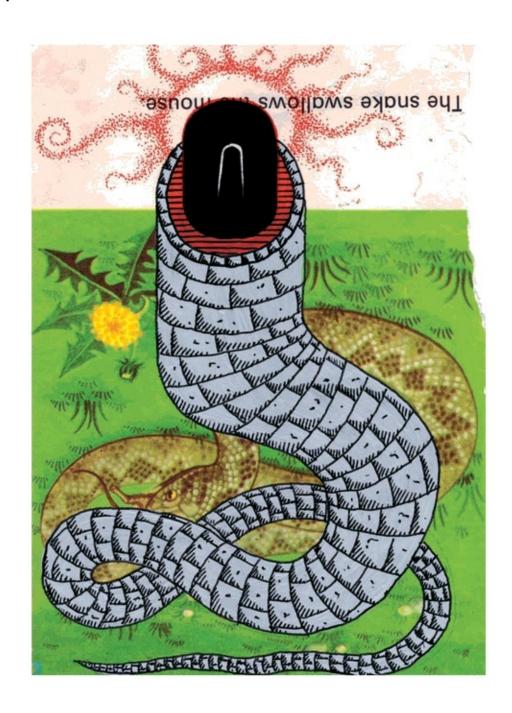
COLLAGE AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 5" × 8" 07/08/10



It was a black and hooded head; and hanging there in the midst of so intense a calm, it seemed the Sphynx's in the desert.

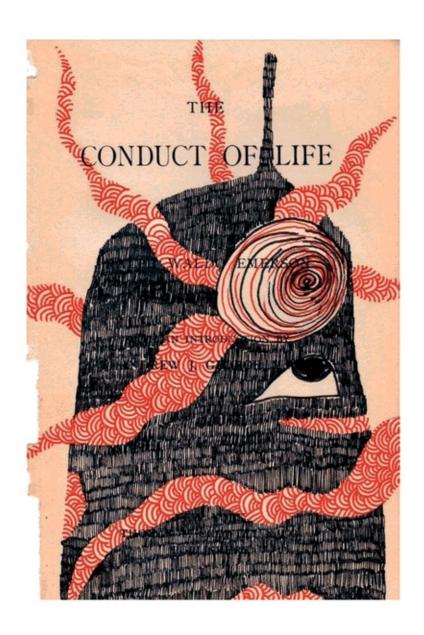
ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND

PAPER 5.5" × 8" 07/09/10



"...not the smallest atom stirs or lives on matter, but has its cunning duplicate in mind."

INK ON FOUND PAPER 3.75" × 6" 07/09/10



Pulling an oar in the Jeroboam's boat, was a man of a singular appearance, even in that wild whaling life where individual notabilities make up all totalities. He was a small, short, youngish man, sprinkled all over his face with freckles, and wearing redundant yellow hair. A long-skirted, cabalistically-cut coat of a faded walnut tinge enveloped him; the overlapping sleeves of which were rolled up on his wrists. A deep, settled, fanatic delirium was in his eyes.

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6.75" x 8.5" 07/11/10



He announced himself as the archangel Gabriel, and commanded the captain to jump overboard.

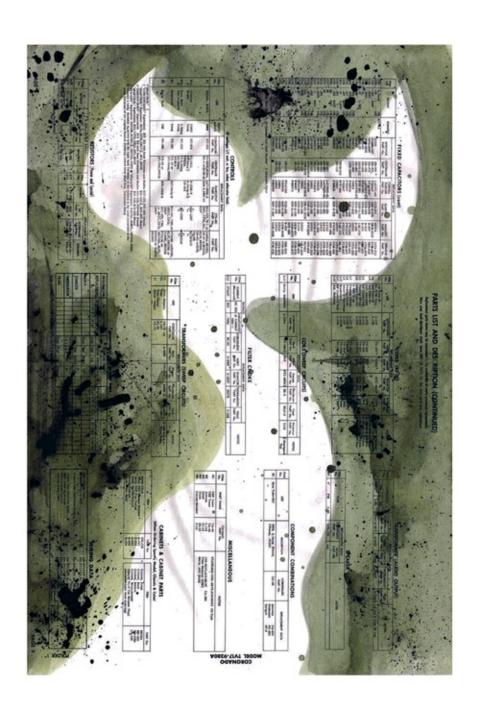
ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN,

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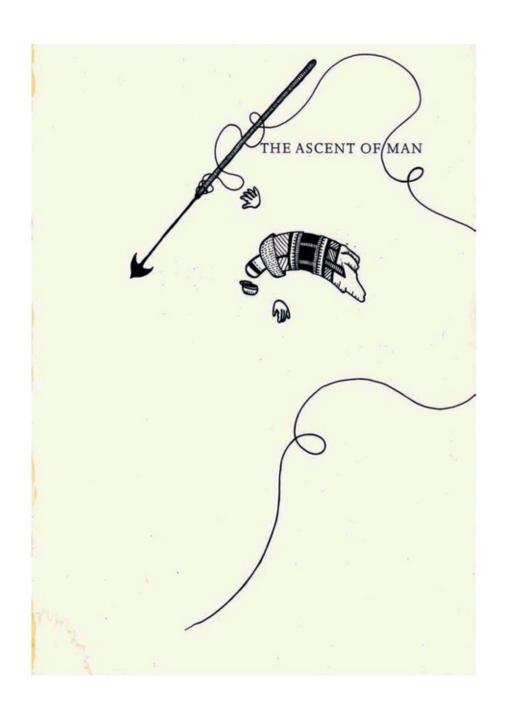
"Beware of the horrible tail!"

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 15.5" 07/11/10



Next instant, the luckless mate, so full of furious life, was smitten bodily into the air, and making a long arc in his descent, fell into the sea at a distance of about fifty yards. Not a chip of the boat was harmed, nor a hair of any oarsman's head; but the mate for ever sank.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7" x 9.5" 07/11/10



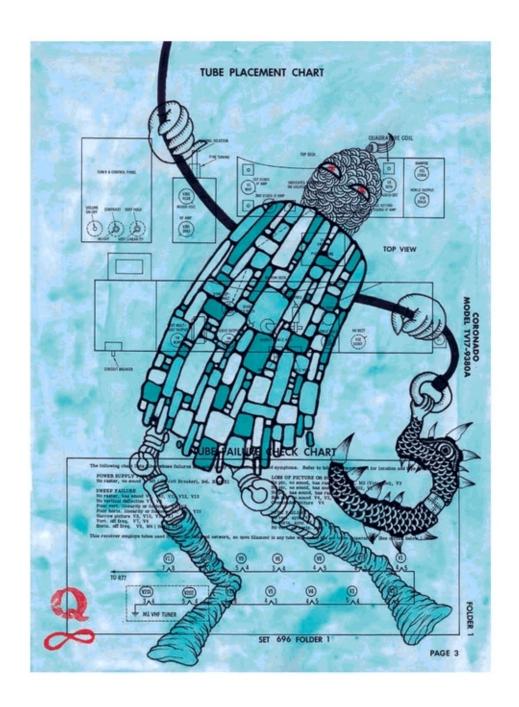
He clutched it in an instant, seized the boat-knife, and impaling the letter on it, sent it thus loaded back into the ship. It fell at Ahab's feet.

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6.75" x 8.5" 07/11/10



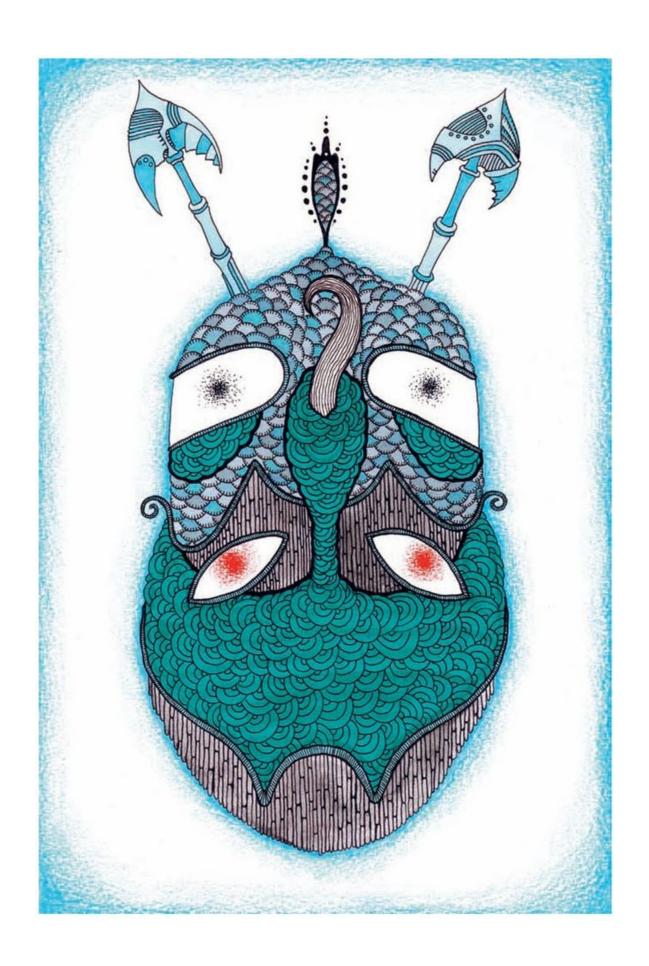
On the occasion in question, Queequeg figured in the Highland costume—a shirt and socks—in which to my eyes, at least, he appeared to uncommon advantage; and no one had a better chance to observe him, as will presently be seen.

COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 07/13/10



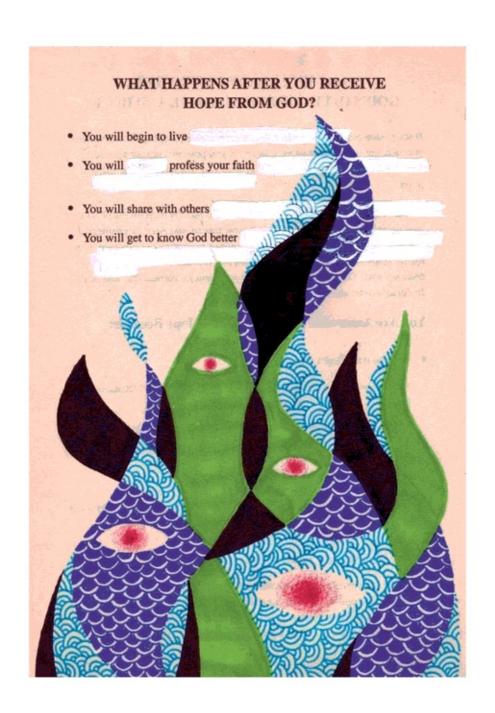
So strongly and metaphysically did I conceive of my situation then, that while earnestly watching his motions, I seemed distinctly to perceive that my own individuality was now merged in a joint stock company of two...

COLORED PENCIL, INK, MARKER AND WATERCOLOR ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 8" x 12" 07/14/10



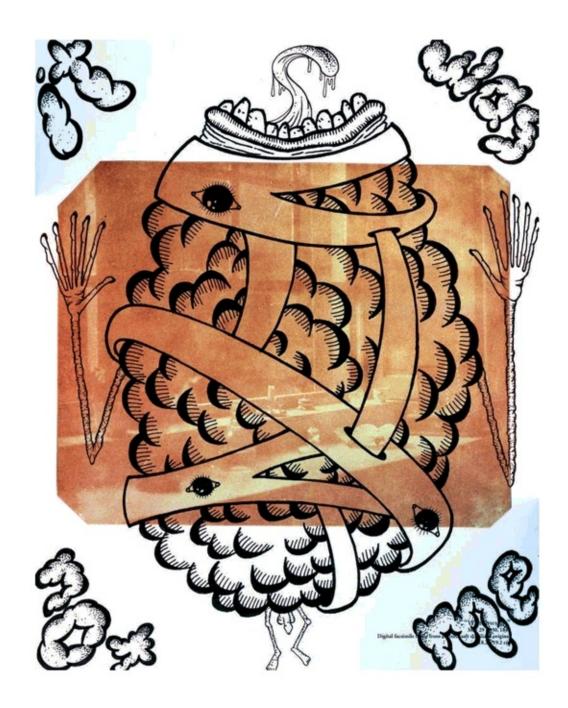
...poor Queequeg, I suppose, only prayed to his Yojo, and gave up his life into the hands of his gods.

COLORED PENCIL, INK, MARKER AND WITE-OUT ON FOUND PAPER 5" × 7.5" 07/15/10



"It was not me," cried Dough-Boy...

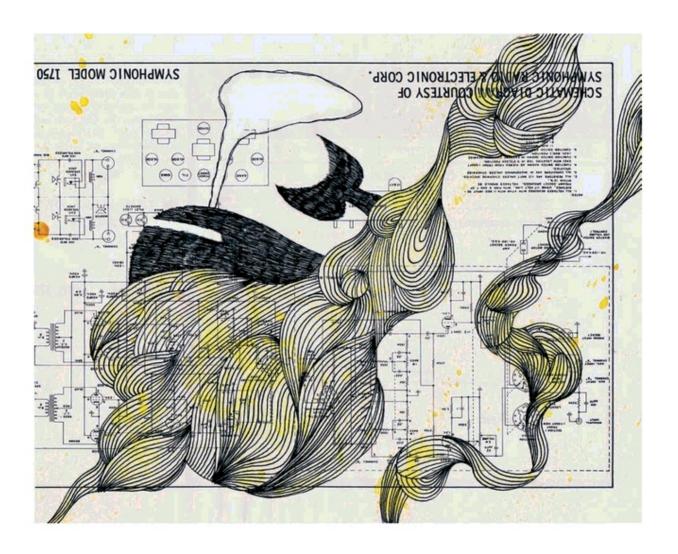
INK ON FOUND PAPER 9" x 11"



Now, during the past night and forenoon, the Pequod had gradually drifted into a sea, which, by its occasional patches of

yellow brit, gave unusual tokens of the vicinity of Right Whales, a species of the Leviathan that but few supposed to be at this particular time lurking anywhere near.

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND WATERCOLOR ON FOUND PAPER 9.75" x 7.75" 07/18/10

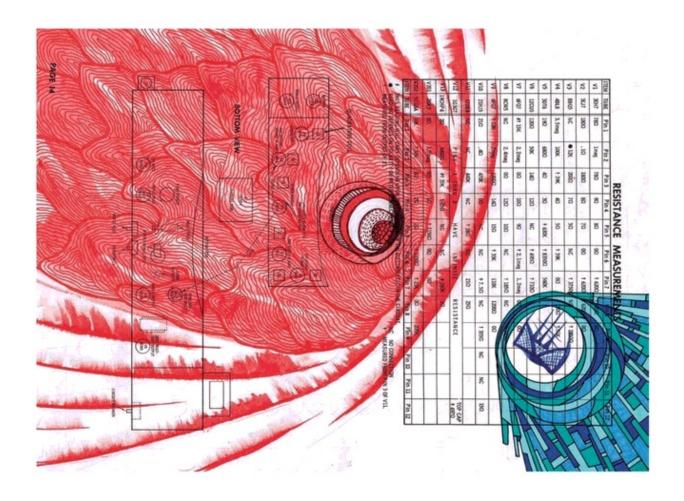


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So close did the monster come to the hull, that at first it

seemed as if he meant it malice...

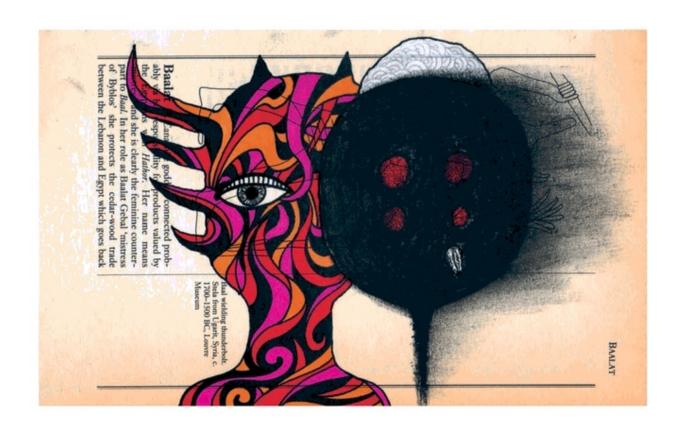
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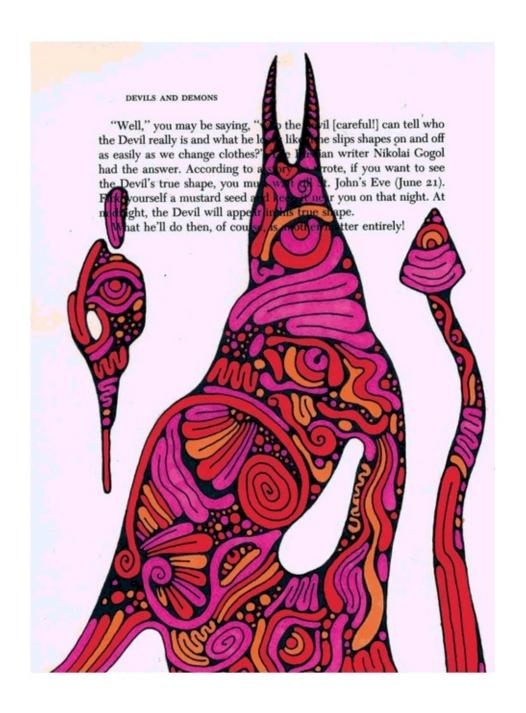
"Flask, I take that Fedallah to be the devil in disguise."

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 5" 07/18/10



"I don't know, Flask, but the devil is a curious chap, and a wicked one, I tell ye."

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 6" × 8" 07/19/10



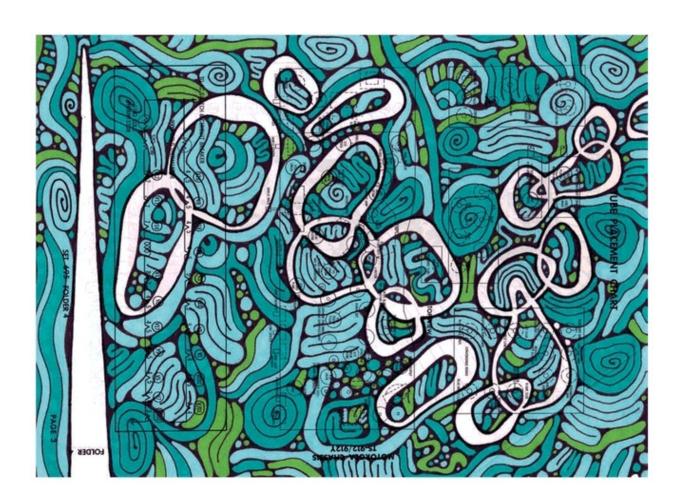
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"How old do you suppose Fedallah is, Stubb?"

"Do you see that mainmast there?" pointing to the ship; "well, that's the figure one; now take all the hoops in the Pequod's

hold, and string 'em along in a row with that mast, for oughts, do you see; well, that wouldn't begin to be Fedallah's age. Nor all the coopers in creation couldn't show hoops enough to make oughts enough."

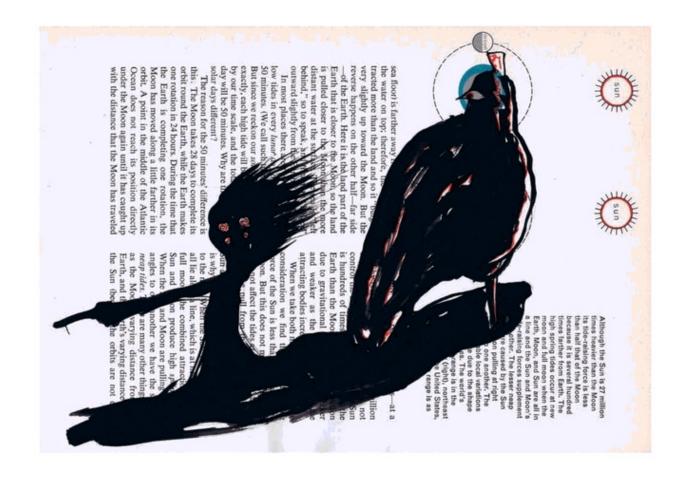
INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" × 7.75" 07/20/10



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And Ahab chanced so to stand, that the Parsee occupied his shadow; while, if the Parsee's shadow was there at all it seemed only to blend with, and lengthen Ahab's.

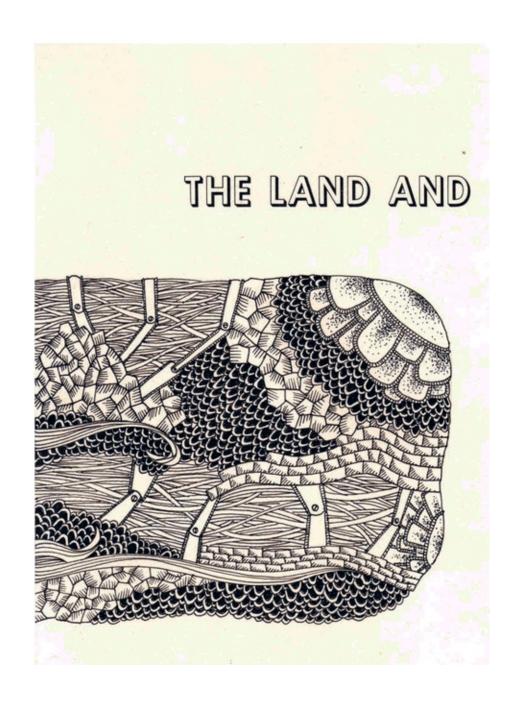
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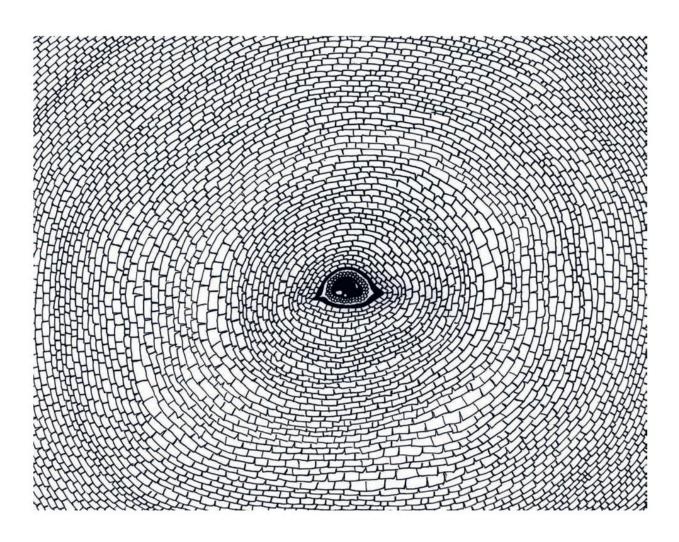
There is more character in the Sperm Whale's head.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 6" × 8" 07/22/10



Far back on the side of the head, and low down, near the angle of either whale's jaw, if you narrowly search, you will at last see a lashless eye, which you would fancy to be a young colt's eye; so out of all proportion is it to the magnitude of the head.

INK ON PAPER 11" × 8.5" 07/23/10

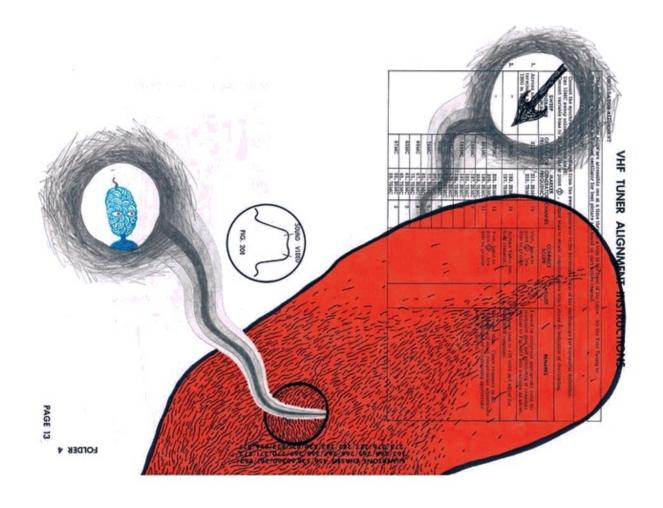


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But if you now come to separate these two objects, and surround each by a circle of profound darkness; then, in order to see one of them, in such a manner as to bring your mind to bear on it, the other will be utterly excluded from your contemporary consciousness.

INK, MARKER AND PENCIL ON FOUND

PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 07/23/10



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But far more terrible is it to behold, when fathoms down in the sea, you see some sulky whale, floating there suspended, with his prodigious jaw, some fifteen feet long, hanging straight down at right-angles with his body, for all the world like a ship's jib-boom.

INK ON CONSTRUCTION PAPER 9" x 12"



Crossing the deck, let us now have a good long look at the Right Whale's head.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 11" × 8.5" 07/25/10

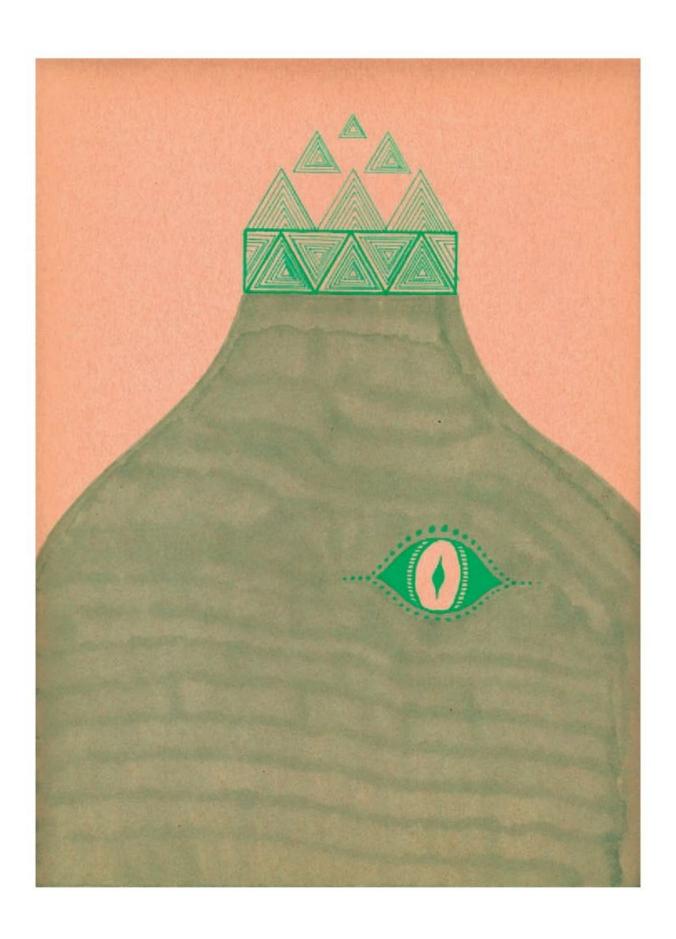


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...in which case you will take great interest in thinking how this

mighty monster is actually a diademed king of the sea, whose green crown has been put together for him in this marvellous manner.

INK AND MARKER ON CONSTRUCTION PAPER 9" x 12" 07/25/10



Ere this, you must have plainly seen the truth of what I started with—that the Sperm Whale and the Right Whale have almost entirely different heads.

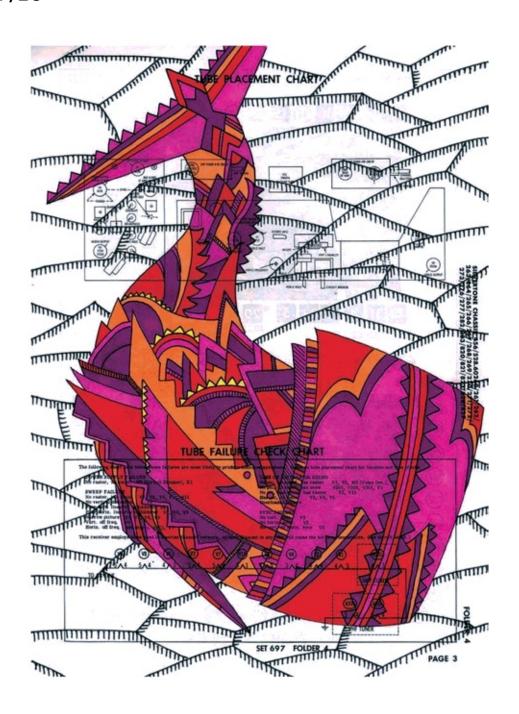
INK ON FOUND PAPER 6.25" x 9" 07/27/10



You observe that in the ordinary swimming position of the Sperm Whale, the front of his head presents an almost wholly vertical plane to the water; you observe that the lower part of that front slopes considerably backwards, so as to furnish more

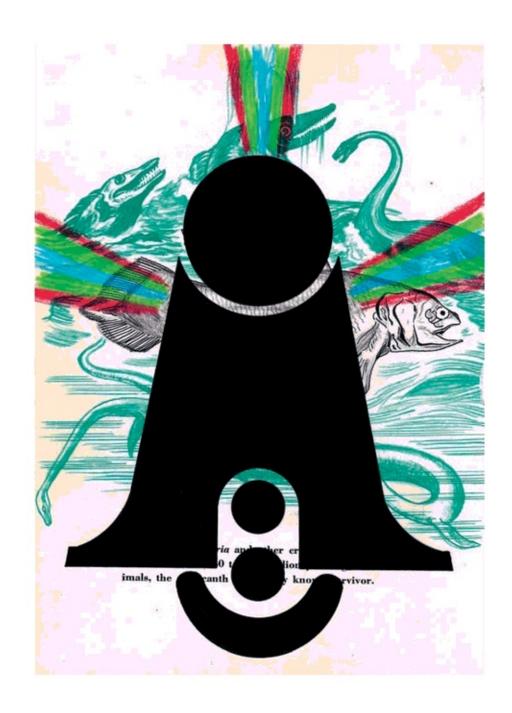
of a retreat for the long socket which receives the boom-like lower jaw; you observe that the mouth is entirely under the head, much in the same way, indeed, as though your own mouth were entirely under your chin.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 07/27/10



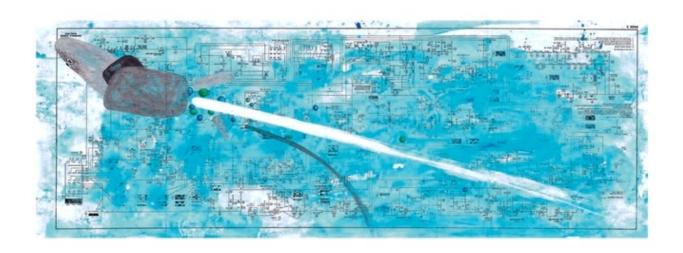
Wherefore, you must now have perceived that the front of the Sperm Whale's head is a dead, blind wall, without a single organ or tender prominence of any sort whatsoever.

COLORED PENCIL, CRAYON, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 6" × 8.5" 07/29/10



Now, mark. Unerringly impelling this dead, impregnable, uninjurable wall, and this most buoyant thing within; there swims behind it all a mass of tremendous life...

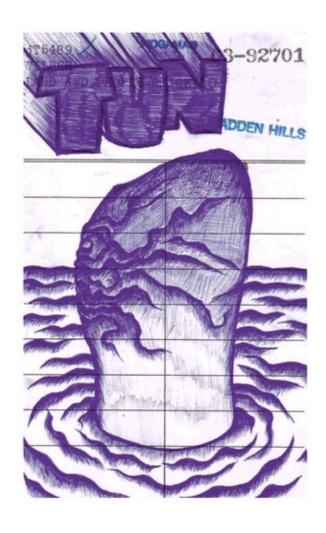
ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL, INK AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 22" x 10.75" 07/30/10



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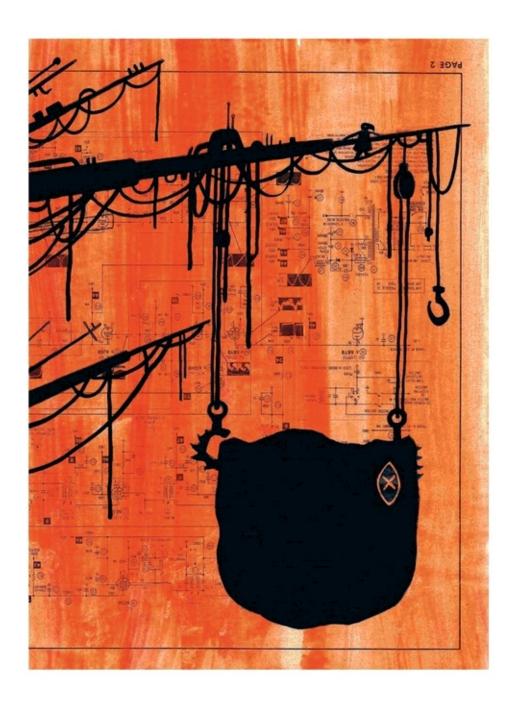
...so the whale's vast plaited forehead forms innumerable strange devices for the emblematical adornment of his wondrous tun.

BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND PAPER 3" × 5" 07/30/10



Nimble as a cat, Tashtego mounts aloft and without altering his erect posture, runs straight out upon the overhanging main-yard-arm, to the part where it exactly projects over the hoisted Tun.

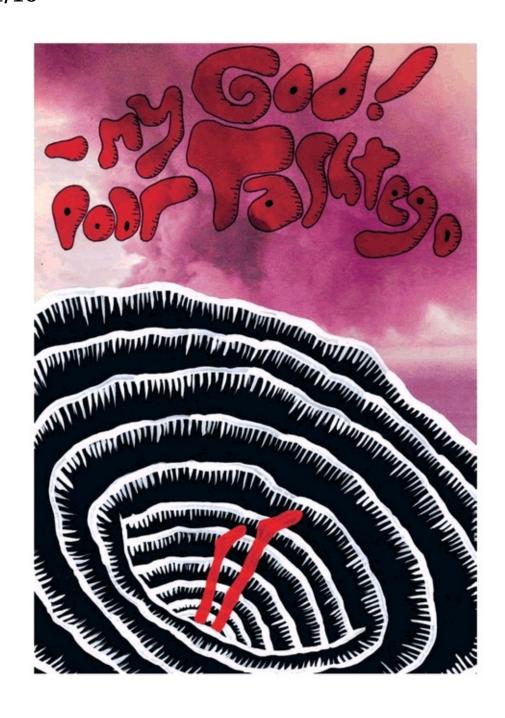
ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 08/01/10



...but, on a sudden, as the eightieth or ninetieth bucket came suckingly up—my God! poor Tashtego—like the twin reciprocating bucket in a veritable well, dropped head-foremost down into this great Tun of Heidelburgh, and with a horrible

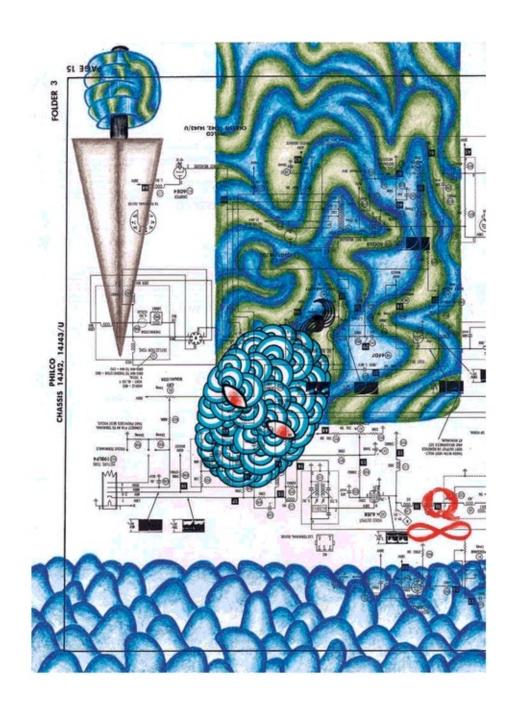
oily gurgling, went clean out of sight!

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.25" x 10.25" 08/01/10



But hardly had the blinding vapor cleared away, when a naked figure with a boarding-sword in its hand, was for one swift moment seen hovering over the bulwarks. The next, a loud splash announced that my brave Queequeg had dived to the rescue.

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 08/01/10



Now, how had this noble rescue been accomplished? Why, diving after the slowly descending head, Queequeg with his keen sword had made side lunges near its bottom, so as to scuttle a large hole there; then dropping his sword, had thrust

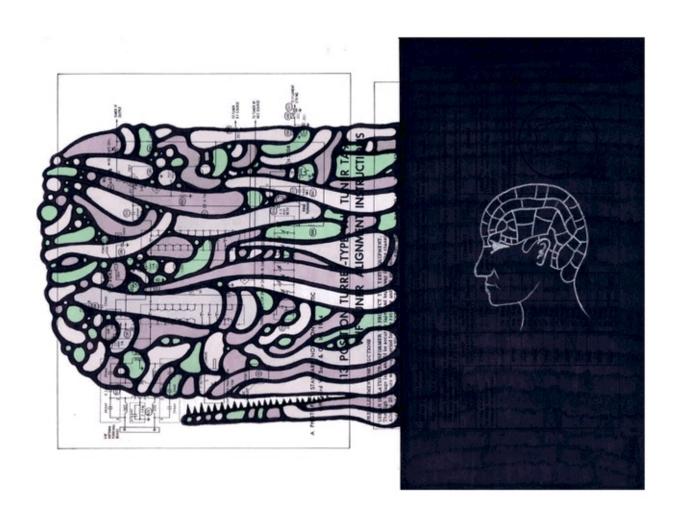
his long arm far inwards and upwards, and so hauled out our poor Tash by the head.

COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 5.25" x 8.75" 08/03/10



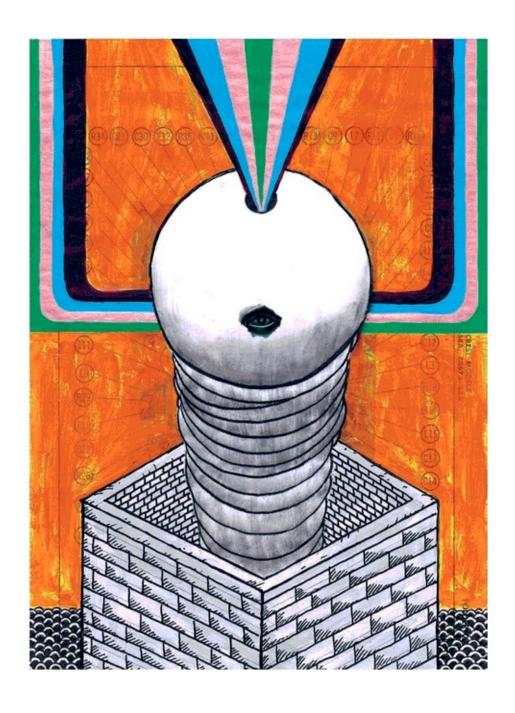
To scan the lines of his face, or feel the bumps on the head of this Leviathan; this is a thing which no Physiognomist or Phrenologist has as yet undertaken.

CHARCOAL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 08/05/10



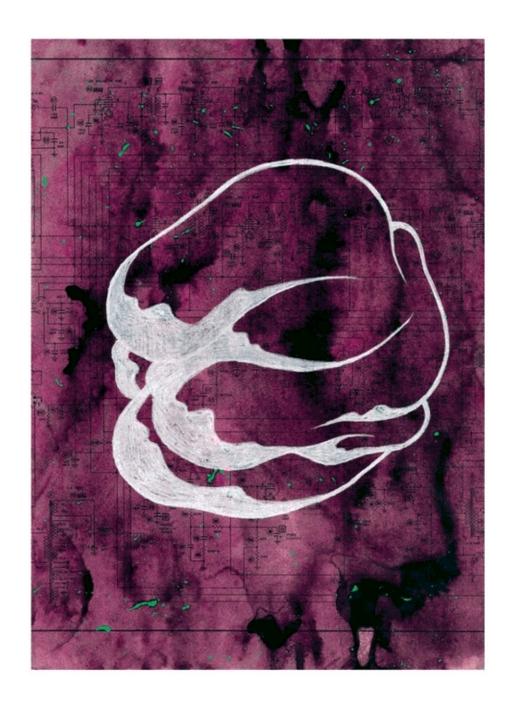
In some particulars, perhaps the most imposing physiognomical view to be had of the Sperm Whale, is that of the full front of his head. This aspect is sublime.

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL, COLLAGE AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" × 10.75" 08/05/10



For you see no one point precisely; not one distinct feature is revealed; no nose, eyes, ears, or mouth; no face; he has none, proper; nothing but that one broad firmament of a forehead, pleated with riddles; dumbly lowering with the doom of boats, and ships, and men.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND CHARCOAL ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" × 10.75" 08/06/10



If the Sperm Whale be physiognomically a Sphinx, to the phrenologist his brain seems that geometrical circle which it is impossible to square.

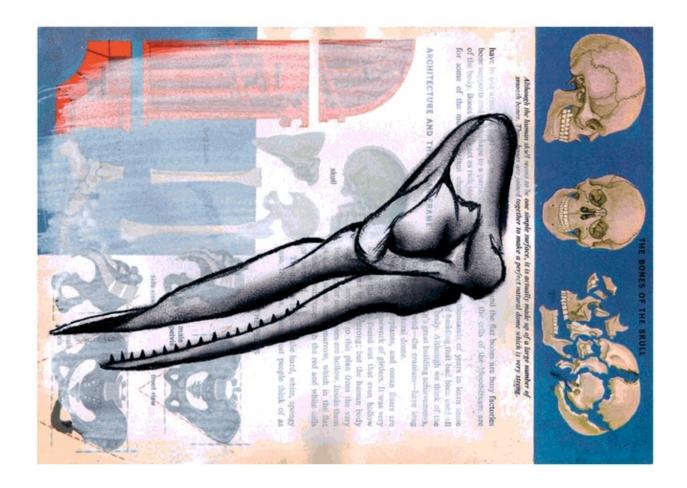
ACRYLIC PAINT, INK, MARKER AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 4.75" x 7.75" 08/06/10



If you unload his skull of its spermy heaps ...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND CHARCOAL ON FOUND PAPER

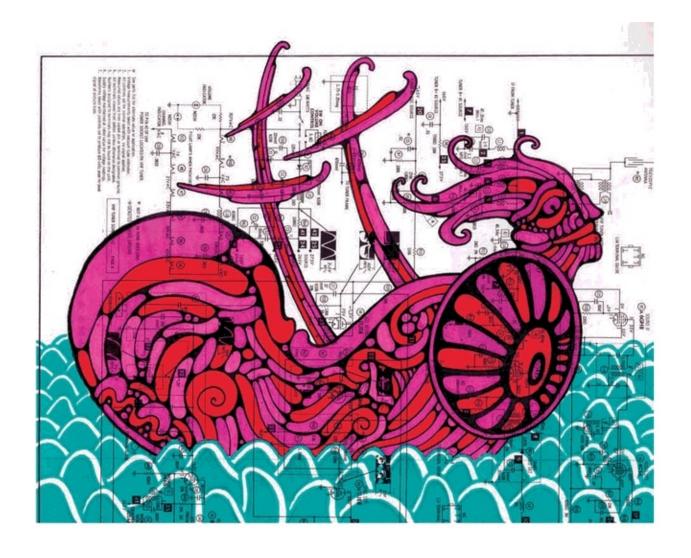
11" × 8" 08/06/10



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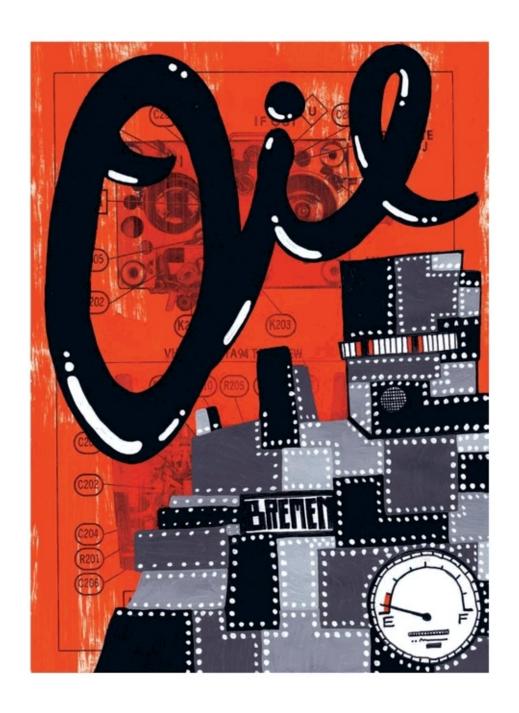
The predestinated day arrived, and we duly met the ship Jungfrau, Derick De Deer, master, of Bremen.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 9.5" × 8" 08/06/10



"Go along with you," cried Flask, "it's a lamp-feeder and an oilcan. He's out of oil, and has come a-begging."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 08/07/10



Full in this rapid wake, and many fathoms in the rear, swam a huge, humped old bull, which by his comparatively slow progress, as well as by the unusual yellowish incrustations overgrowing him, seemed afflicted with the jaundice, or some

other infirmity.

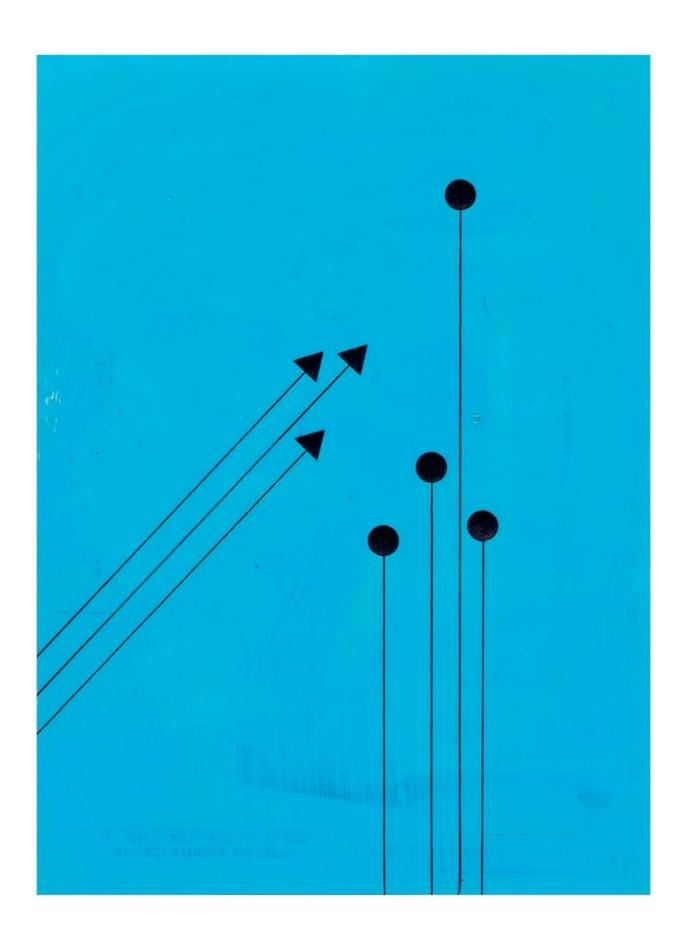
ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 08/08/10



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At this juncture, the Pequod's keels had shot by the three German boats last lowered; but from the great start he had had, Derick's boat still led the chase, though every moment neared by his foreign rivals.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 08/08/10



"I say, pull like god-dam," —cried the Indian.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 5.5" 08/08/10



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But no sooner did his harpooneer stand up for the stroke, than all three tigers—Queequeg, Tashtego, Daggoo—instinctively sprang to their feet, and standing in a diagonal row,

simultaneously pointed their barbs; and darted over the head of the German harpooneer, their three Nantucket irons entered the whale.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 6.5" x 5.25" 08/10/10

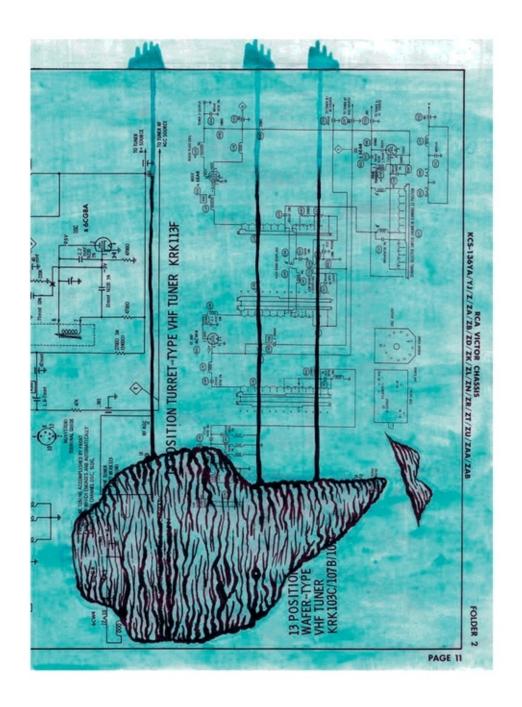


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As the three boats lay there on that gently rolling sea, gazing

down into its eternal blue noon; and as not a single groan or cry of any sort, nay, not so much as a ripple or a bubble came up from its depths; what landsman would have thought, that beneath all that silence and placidity, the utmost monster of the seas was writhing and wrenching in agony!

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" × 10.75" 08/10/10



In most land animals there are certain valves or flood-gates in many of their veins, whereby when wounded, the blood is in some degree at least instantly shut off in certain directions. Not so with the whale; one of whose peculiarities it is, to have an entire non-valvular structure of the blood-vessels, so that when pierced even by so small a point as a harpoon, a deadly drain is at once begun upon his whole arterial system...

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 11" × 8" 08/10/10



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At the instant of the dart an ulcerous jet shot from this cruel wound...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND

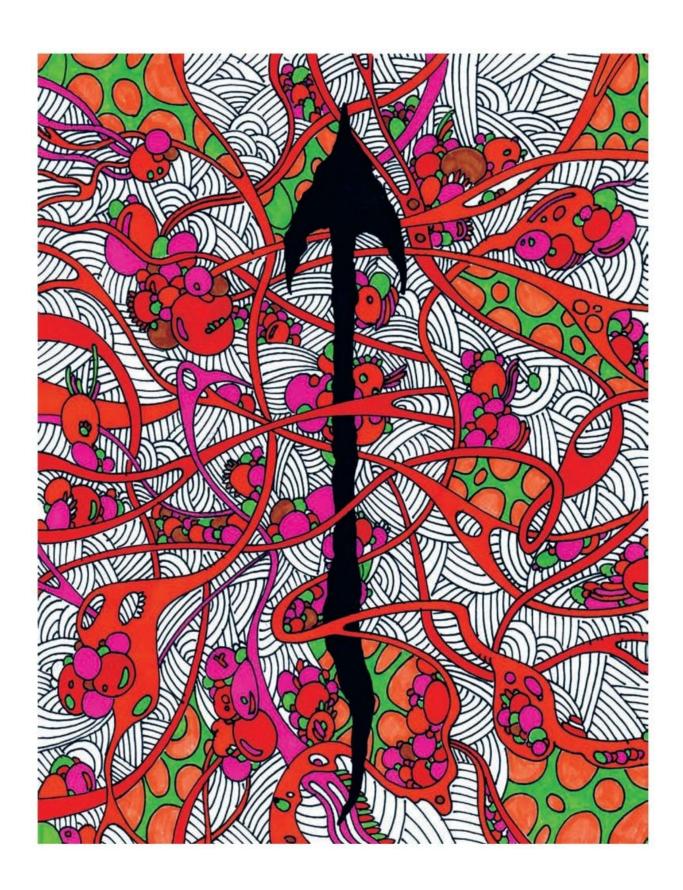
PAPER 11" × 8" 08/12/10



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It so chanced that almost upon first cutting into him with the spade, the entire length of a corroded harpoon was found imbedded in his flesh, on the lower part of the bunch before described.

INK AND MARKER ON PAPER 8.5" × 11" 08/12/10



But the reason of this is obvious. Gases are generated in him; he swells to a prodigious magnitude; becomes a sort of animal balloon.

COLORED PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" × 8" 08/13/10

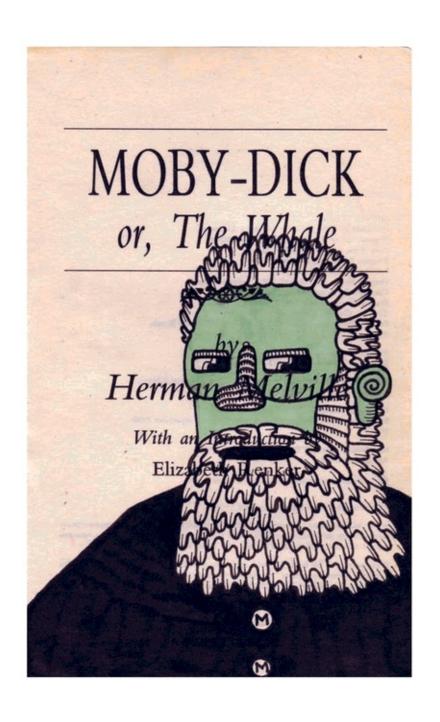


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There are some enterprises in which a careful disorderliness is

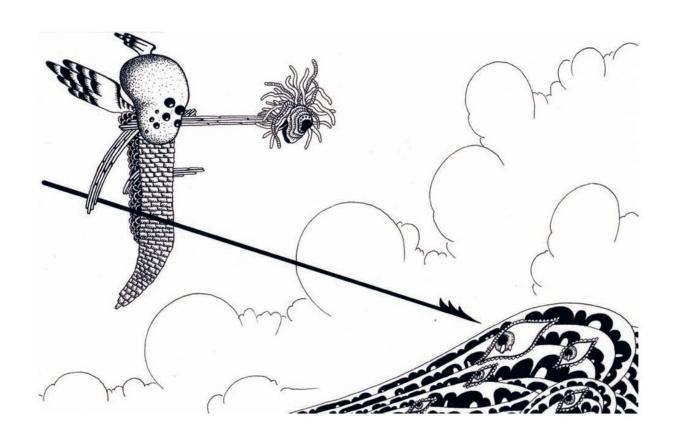
the true method.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 4" x 6.75" 08/14/10



...Perseus, the prince of whalemen, intrepidly advancing, harpooned the monster...

INK ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 10" × 6.25" 08/15/10



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In fact, placed before the strict and piercing truth, this whole story will fare like that fish, flesh, and fowl idol of the Philistines, Dagon by name...

BALLPOINT PEN, COLORED PENCIL

AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 5" x 7.75" 08/15/10



One old Sag-Harbor whaleman's chief reason for questioning the Hebrew story was this:—He had one of those quaint oldfashioned Bibles, embellished with curious, unscientific plates; one of which represented Jonah's whale with two spouts in his head...

INK AND PENCIL ON BRISTOL BOARD 7" x 8.5" 08/24/10



...Jonah was swallowed by the whale in the Mediterranean Sea, and after three days he was vomited up somewhere within three days' journey of Nineveh, a city on the Tigris...

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN, COLLAGE AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" × 11" 08/25/10



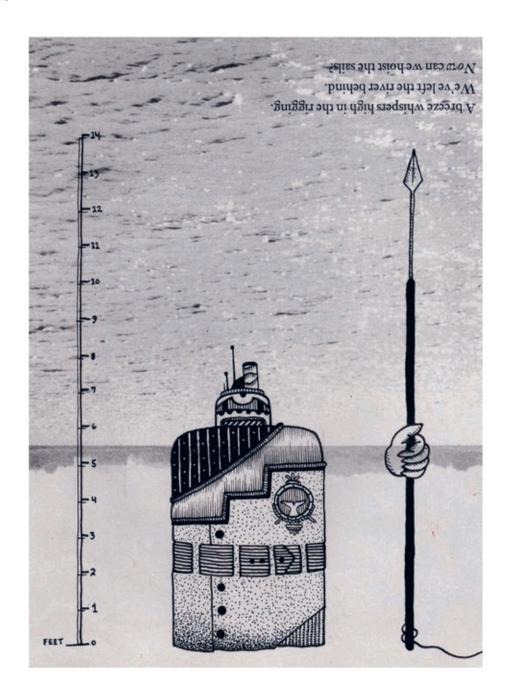
And some three centuries ago, an English traveller in old Harris's Voyages, speaks of a Turkish Mosque built in honor of Jonah, in which mosque was a miraculous lamp that burnt without any oil.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 08/26/10



Steel and wood included, the entire spear is some ten or twelve feet in length; the staff is much slighter than that of the harpoon, and also of a lighter material—pine.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 6.25" x 8.75" 08/28/10



Instead of sparkling water, he now spouts red blood.

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 08/29/10

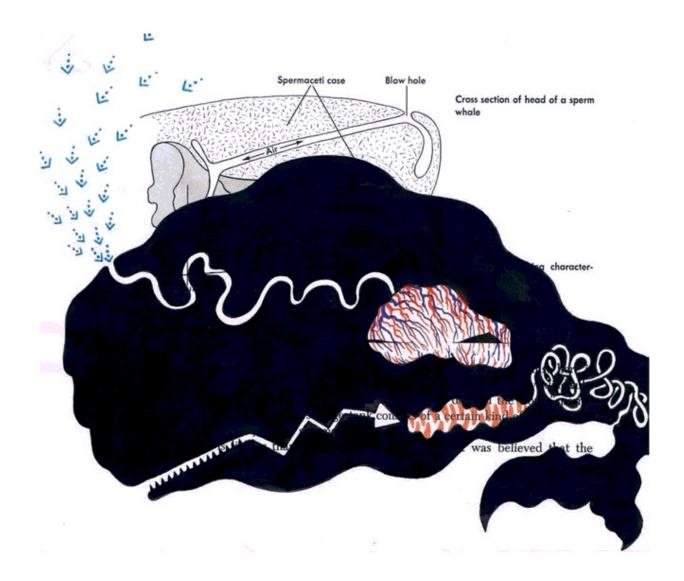


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...and what is still more, his windpipe has no connexion with his mouth. No, he breathes through his spiracle alone; and this is on the top of his head.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER

$8.5" \times 7"$ 08/29/10

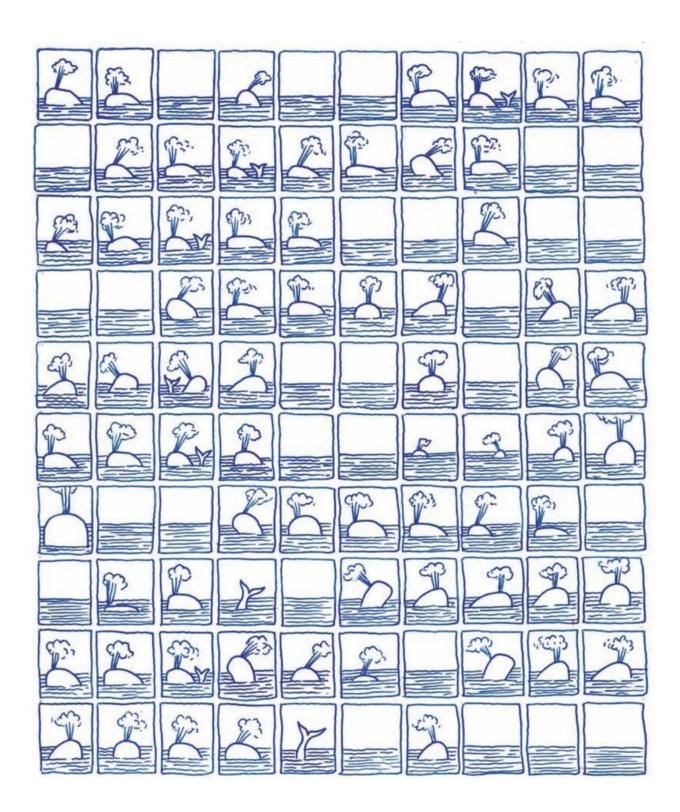


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This is what I mean. If unmolested, upon rising to the surface, the Sperm Whale will continue there for a period of time exactly uniform with all his other unmolested risings. Say he stays eleven minutes, and jets seventy times, that is, respires seventy breaths; then whenever he rises again, he will be sure to have his seventy breaths over again, to a minute. Now, if

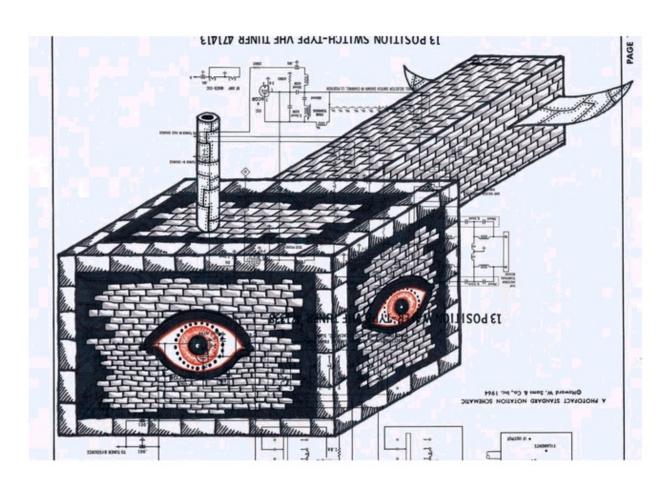
after he fetches a few breaths you alarm him, that he sounds, he will be always dodging up again to make good his regular allowance of air. And not till those seventy breaths are told, will he finally go down to stay out his full term below.

INK ON BRISTOL BOARD 7" x 8.5" 08/29/10



Now, the spouting canal of the Sperm Whale, chiefly intended as it is for the conveyance of air, and for several feet laid along, horizontally, just beneath the upper surface of his head, and a little to one side; this curious canal is very much like a gas-pipe laid down in a city on one side of a street.

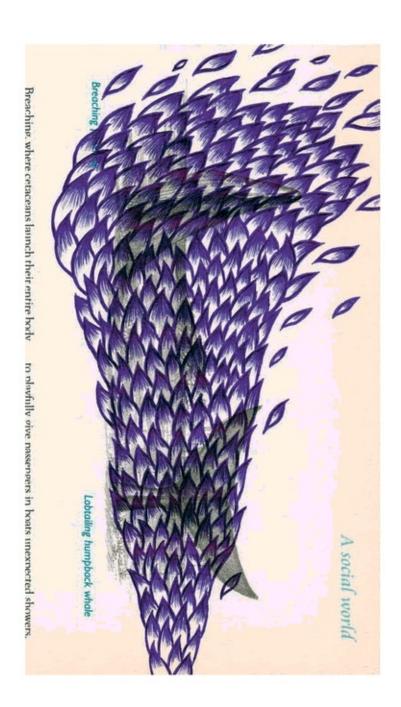
INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.25" 08/29/10



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And as for this whale spout, you might almost stand in it, and yet be undecided as to what it is precisely.

BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND PAPER 5.25" x 9.25" 08/30/10



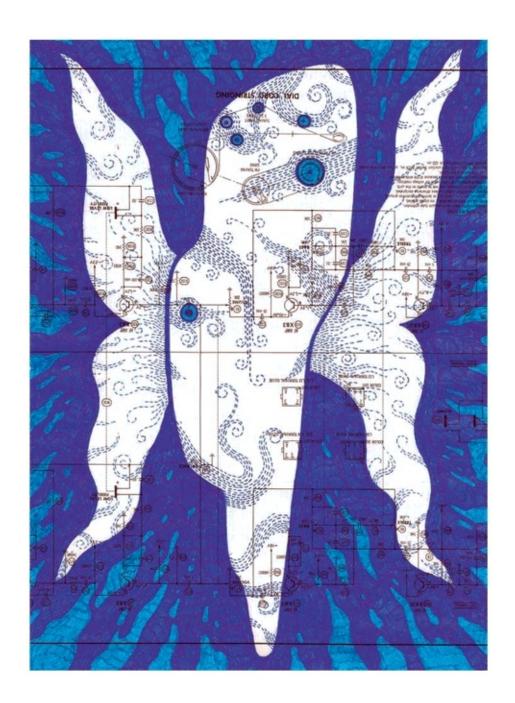
He is both ponderous and profound.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 08/31/10



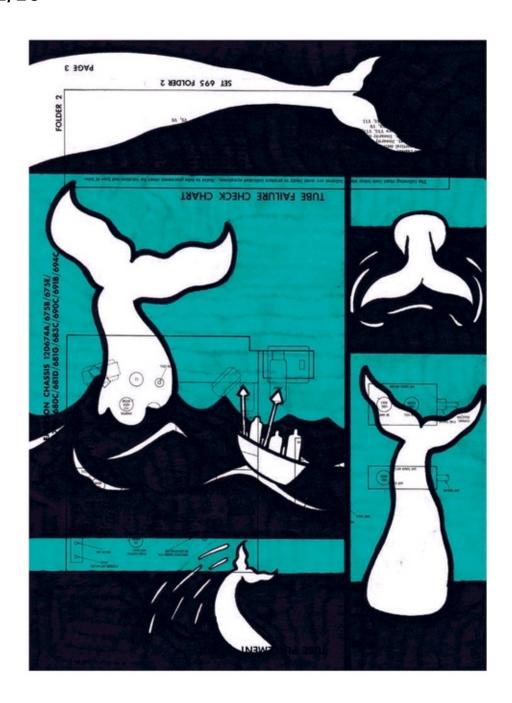
At the crotch or junction, these flukes slightly overlap, then sideways recede from each other like wings, leaving a wide vacancy between. In no living thing are the lines of beauty more exquisitely defined than in the crescentic borders of these flukes.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 09/01/10



Five great motions are peculiar to it. First, when used as a fin for progression; Second, when used as a mace in battle; Third, in sweeping; Fourth, in lobtailing; Fifth, in peaking flukes.

MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 09/01/10



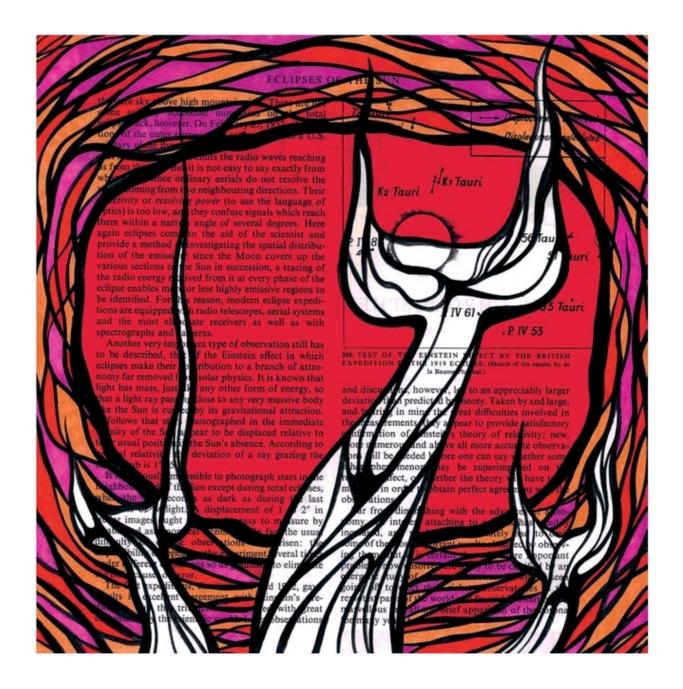
So in dreams, have I seen majestic Satan thrusting forth his tormented colossal claw from the flame Baltic of Hell.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 6" × 9" 09/03/10



Standing at the mast-head of my ship during a sunrise that crimsoned sky and sea, I once saw a large herd of whales in the east, all heading towards the sun, and for a moment vibrating in concert with peaked flukes. As it seemed to me at the time, such a grand embodiment of adoration of the gods was never beheld...

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8.75" x 8.75" 09/04/10



Dissect him how I may, then, I but go skin deep; I know him not, and never will. But if I know not even the tail of this whale, how understand his head? much more, how comprehend his face, when face he has none? Thou shalt see my back parts, my tail, he seems to say, but my face shall not be seen. But I

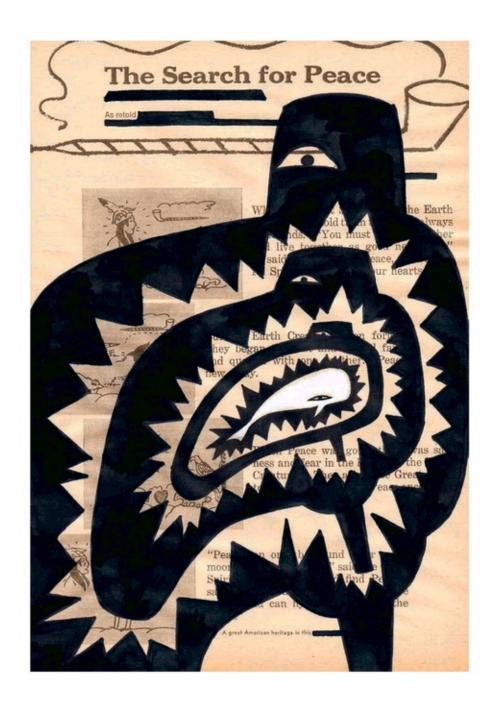
cannot completely make out his back parts; and hint what he will about his face, I say again he has no face.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND CHARCOAL ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" × 10.75" 09/05/10



For a long time, now, the circus-running sun has raced within his fiery ring, and needs no sustenance but what's in himself. So Ahab. Mark this, too, in the whaler.

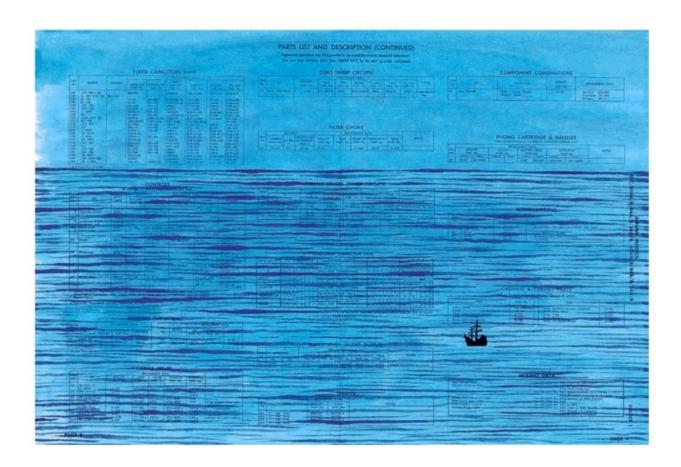
ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 9" × 12" 09/05/10



Hence it is, that, while other ships may have gone to China from New York, and back again, touching at a score of ports, the whale-ship, in all that interval, may not have sighted one grain of soil; her crew having seen no man but floating seamen

like themselves. So that did you carry them the news that another flood had come; they would only answer—"Well, boys, here's the ark!"

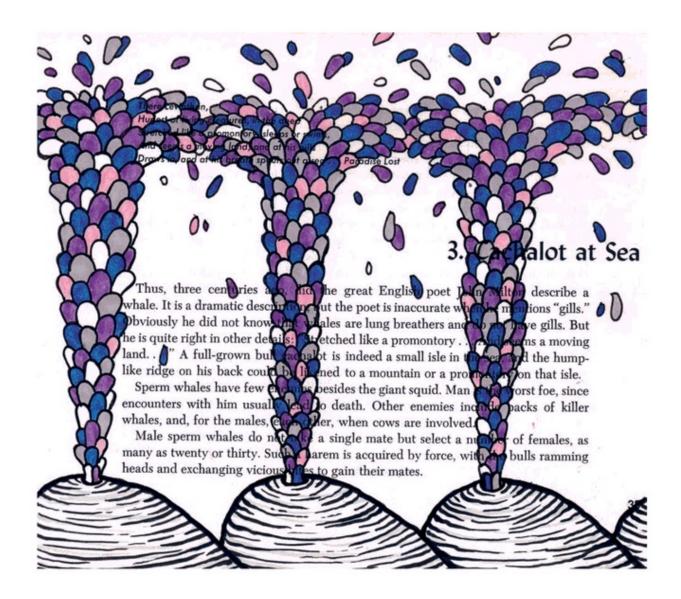
ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 15.5" x 10.75" 09/06/10



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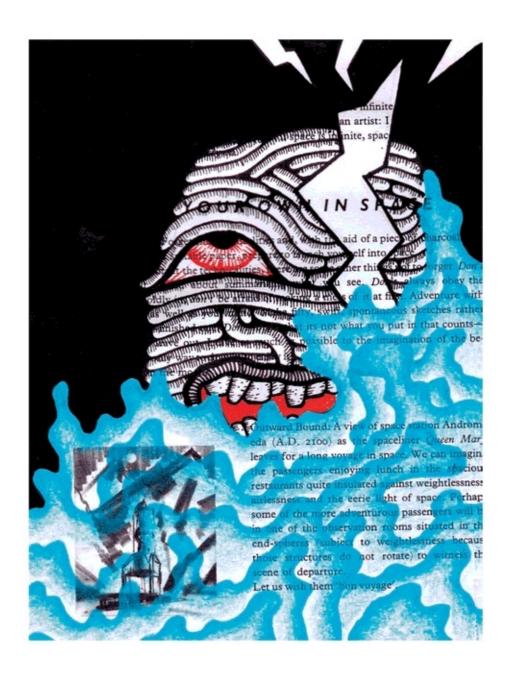
...a continuous chain of whale-jets were up-playing and sparkling in the noon-day air.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER



...when all these conceits had passed through his brain, Ahab's brow was left gaunt and ribbed, like the black sand beach after some stormy tide has been gnawing it, without being able to drag the firm thing from its place.

COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 5" x 6.5" 09/08/10



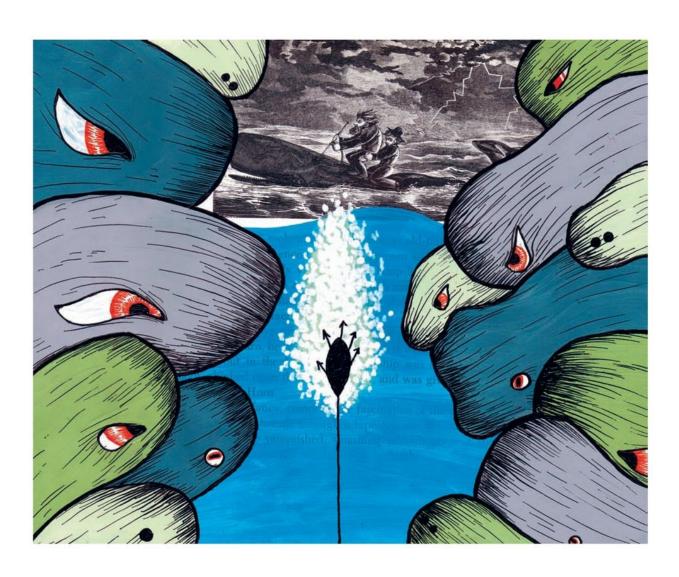
The compact martial columns in which they had been hitherto rapidly and steadily swimming, were now broken up in one measureless rout; and like King Porus' elephants in the Indian battle with Alexander, they seemed going mad with consternation. In all directions expanding in vast irregular circles, and aimlessly swimming hither and thither, by their short thick spoutings, they plainly betrayed their distraction of panic.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7" x 10.25" 09/09/10



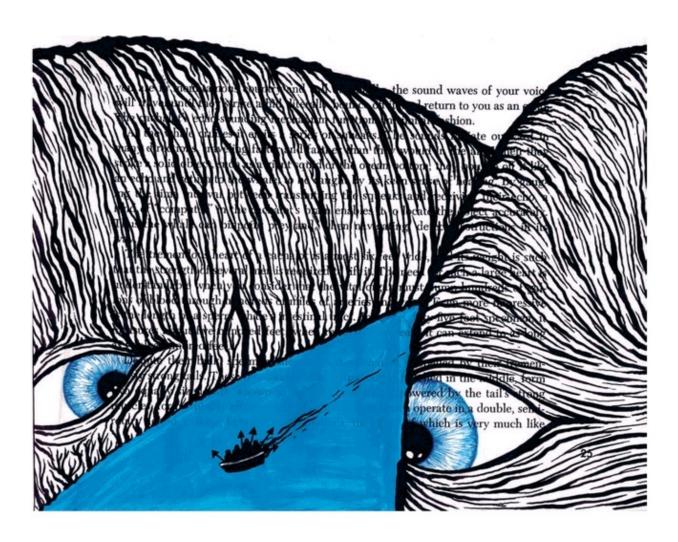
...as we thus tore a white gash in the sea, on all sides menaced as we flew, by the crazed creatures to and fro rushing about us...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8" × 7" 09/12/10



...then, with the tapering force of his parting momentum, we glided between two whales into the innermost heart of the shoal...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8" × 7" 09/13/10



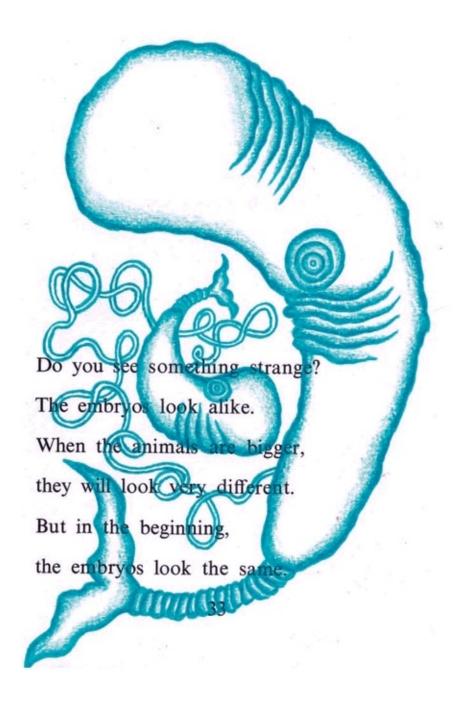
But far beneath this wondrous world upon the surface, another and still stranger world met our eyes as we gazed over the side. For, suspended in those watery vaults, floated the forms of the nursing mothers of the whales, and those that by their enormous girth seemed shortly to become mothers.

INK AND MARKER ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 8.25" x 12" 09/14/10



As when the stricken whale, that from the tub has reeled out hundreds of fathoms of rope; as, after deep sounding, he floats up again, and shows the slackened curling line buoyantly rising and spiralling toward the air; so now, Starbuck saw long coils of the umbilical cord of Madame Leviathan, by which the young cub seemed still tethered to its dam.

COLORED PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 5.25" x 8" 09/15/10



But at length we perceived that by one of the unimaginable accidents of the fishery, this whale had become entangled in the harpoon-line that he towed; he had also run away with the cutting-spade in him; and while the free end of the rope

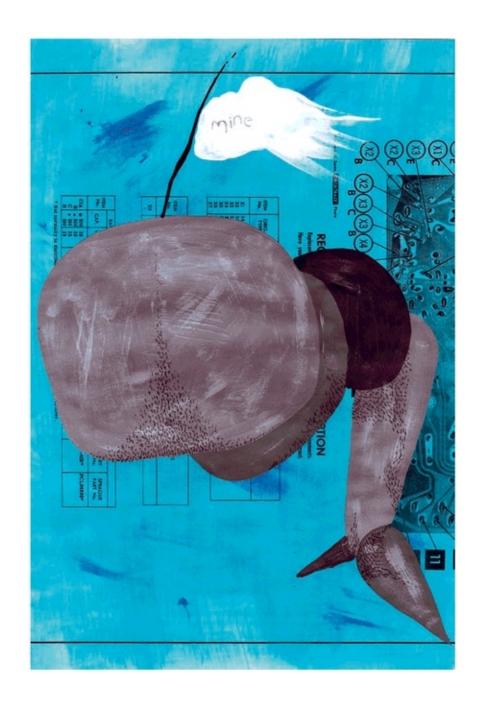
attached to that weapon, had permanently caught in the coils of the harpoon-line round his tail, the cutting-spade itself had worked loose from his flesh. So that tormented to madness, he was now churning through the water, violently flailing with his flexible tail, and tossing the keen spade about him, wounding and murdering his own comrades.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 09/15/10



The waif is a pennoned pole, two or three of which are carried by every boat; and which, when additional game is at hand, are inserted upright into the floating body of a dead whale, both to mark its place on the sea, and also as token of prior possession, should the boats of any other ship draw near.

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 7.25" x 10.75" 09/16/10



In cavalier attendance upon the school of females, you invariably see a male of full grown magnitude, but not old; who, upon any alarm, evinces his gallantry by falling in the rear and covering the flight of his ladies. In truth, this gentleman is

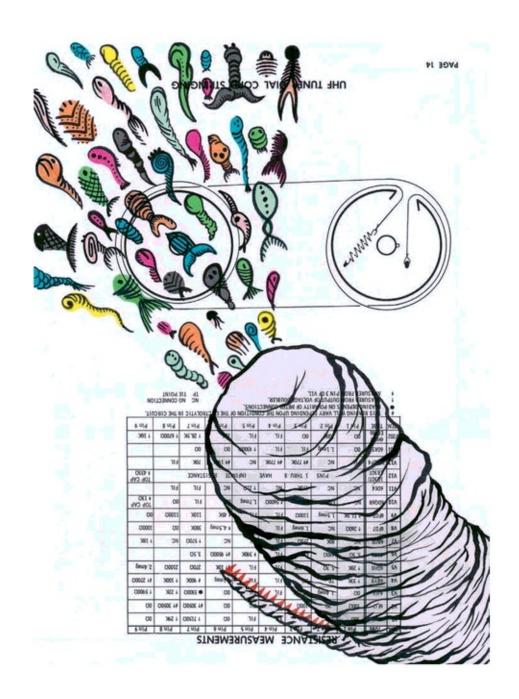
a luxurious Ottoman, swimming about over the watery world...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 09/17/10



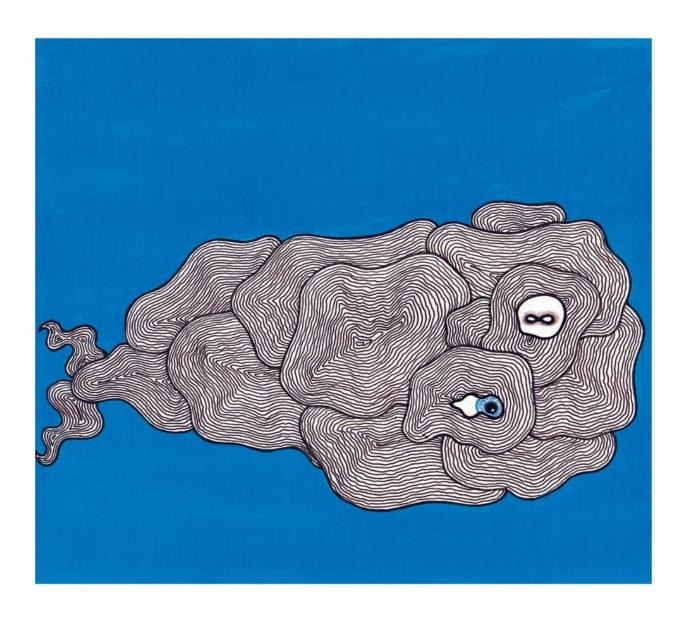
...he leaves his anonymous babies all over the world; every baby an exotic.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 09/18/10



Almost universally, a lone whale—as a solitary Leviathan is called—proves an ancient one.

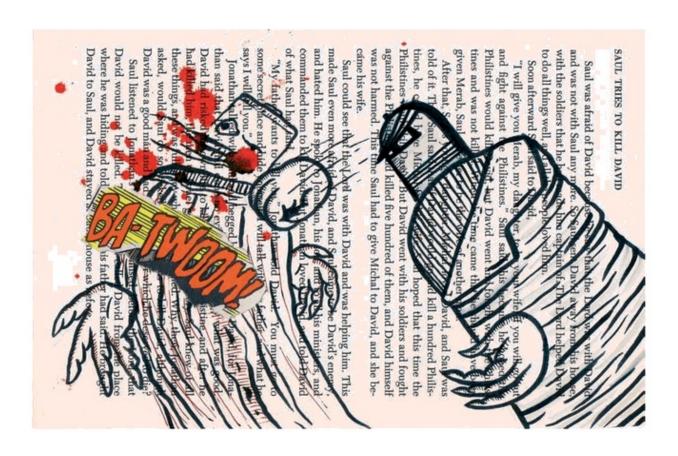
ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND COLORED PENCIL ON BRISTOL BOARD



Thus the most vexatious and violent disputes would often arise between the fishermen...

COLLAGE AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 9.25" x 6"

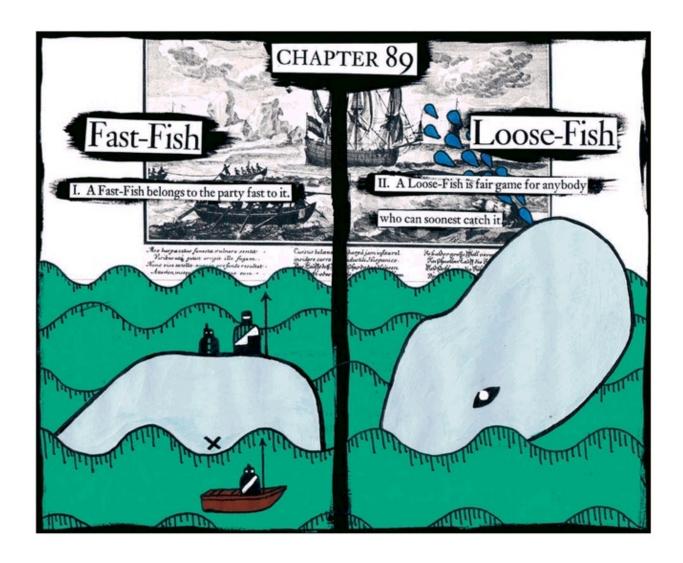
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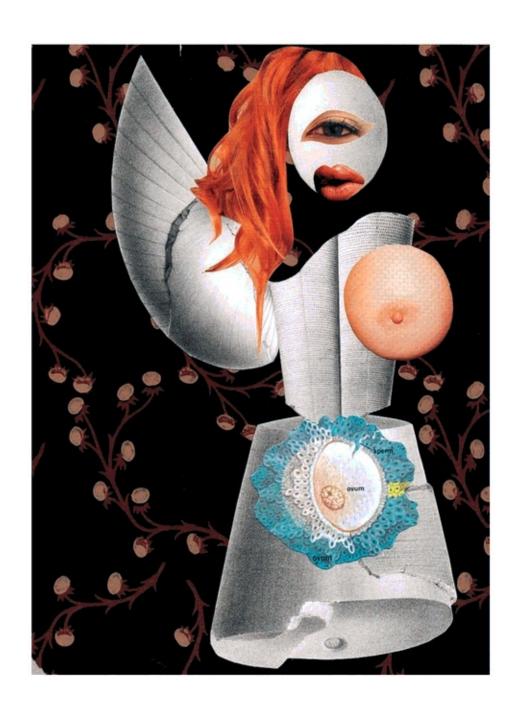
- I. A Fast-Fish belongs to the party fast to it.
- II. A Loose-Fish is fair game for anybody who can soonest catch it.

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLLAGE AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 7" 09/21/10



...though the gentleman had originally harpooned the lady, and had once had her fast, and only by reason of the great stress of her plunging viciousness, had at last abandoned her; yet abandon her he did, so that she became a loose-fish...

COLLAGE ON WALLPAPER SAMPLE AND CHIPBOARD 8" × 11" 09/23/10



What all men's minds and opinions but Loose-Fish?

INK AND WATERCOLOR ON WATERCOLOR PAPER

8.25" x 12" 09/24/10

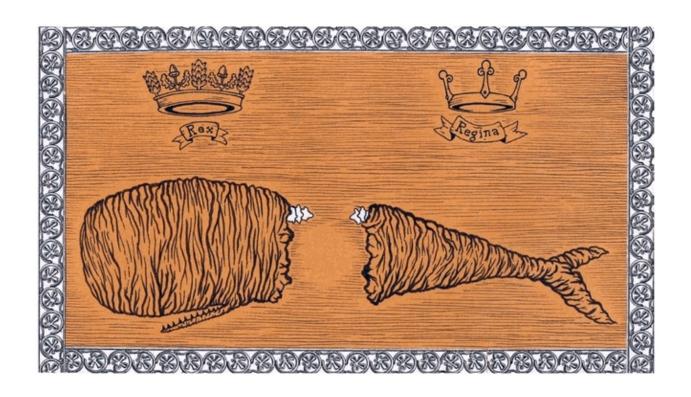


"De balena vero sufficit, si rex habeat caput, et regina caudam."

Bracton, 1. 3, c. 3.

Latin from the books of the Laws of England, which taken along with the context, means, that of all whales captured by anybody on the coast of that land, the King, as Honorary Grand Harpooner, must have the head, and the Queen be respectfully presented with the tail. A division which, in the whale, is much like halving an apple; there is no intermediate remainder.

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLLAGE AND INK ON CONSTRUCTION PAPER 12" x 7" 09/24/10



"Please, sir, who is the Lord Warden?"

"The Duke."

"But the Duke had nothing to do with taking this fish?"

"It is his."

"We have been at great trouble, and peril, and some expense, and is all that to go to the Duke's benefit; we getting nothing at all for our pains but our blisters?"

"It is his."

"Is the Duke so very poor as to be forced to this desperate mode of getting a livelihood?"

"It is his."

"I thought to relieve my old bed-ridden mother by part of my share of this whale."

"It is his."

"Won't the Duke be content with a quarter or a half?" "It is his."

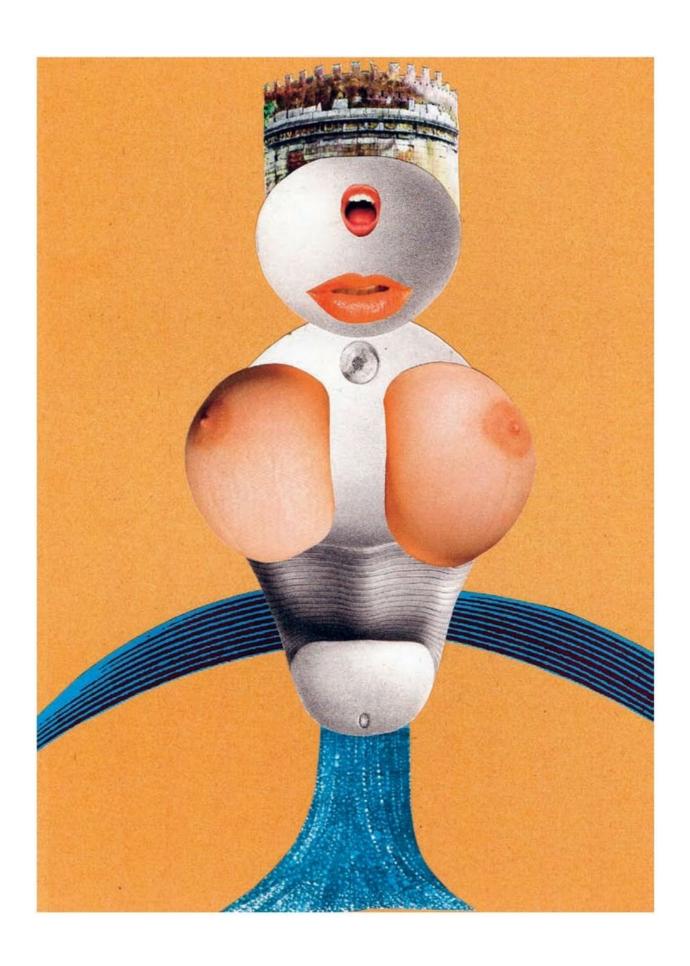
INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 6" x 8.5" 09/25/10



But is the Queen a mermaid, to be presented with a tail? An allegorical meaning may lurk here.

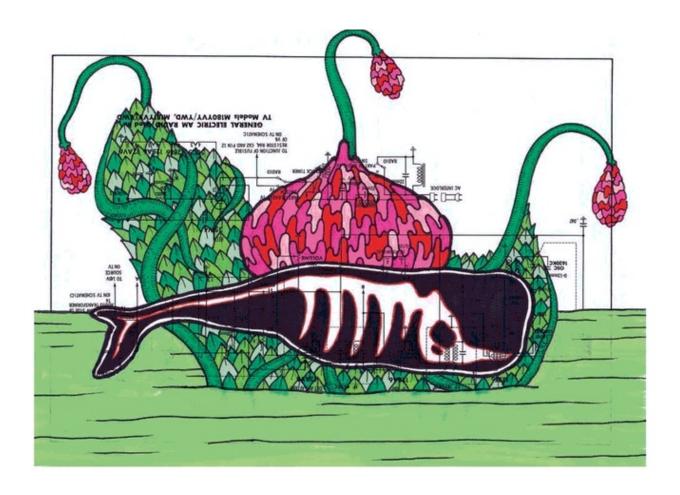
COLLAGE ON CONSTRUCTION PAPER

AND CHIPBOARD 9" × 12" 09/26/10



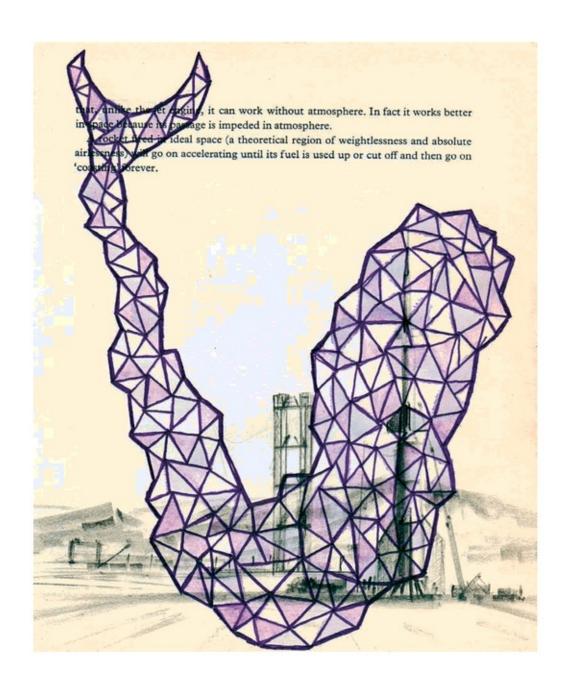
Presently, the vapors in advance slid aside; and there in the distance lay a ship, whose furled sails betokened that some sort of whale must be alongside. As we glided nearer, the stranger showed French colors from his peak; and by the eddying cloud of vulture sea-fowl that circled, and hovered, and swooped around him, it was plain that the whale alongside must be what the fishermen called a blasted whale, that is, a whale that has died unmolested on the sea, and so floated an unappropriated corpse.

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" × 7.75" 09/27/10



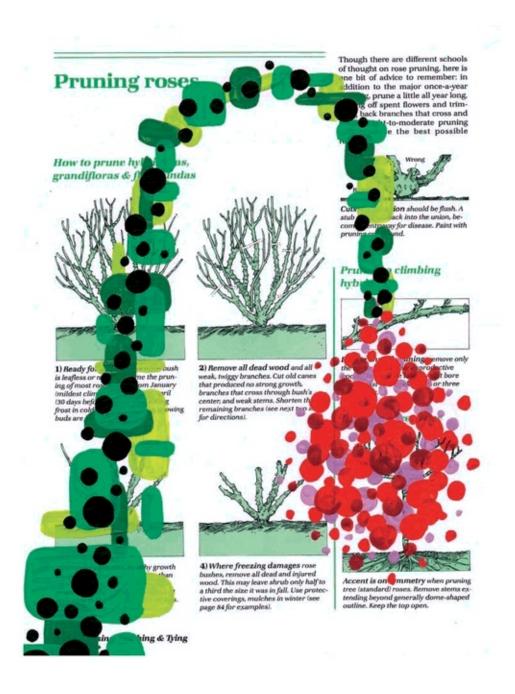
Coming still nearer with the expiring breeze, we saw that the Frenchman had a second whale alongside; and this second whale seemed even more of a nosegay than the first. In truth, it turned out to be one of those problematical whales that seem to dry up and die with a sort of prodigious dyspepsia, or indigestion; leaving their defunct bodies almost entirely bankrupt of anything like oil.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 5.25" x 6.5" 09/27/10



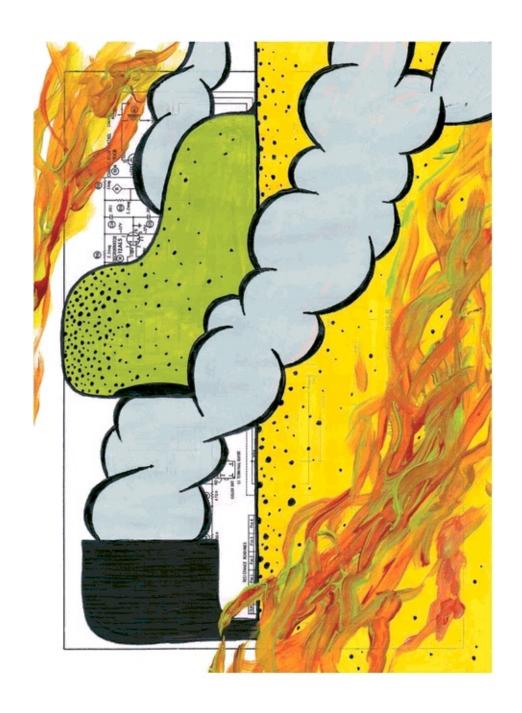
Drawing across her bow, he perceived that in accordance with the fanciful French taste, the upper part of her stem-piece was carved in the likeness of a huge drooping stalk, was painted green, and for thorns had copper spikes projecting from it here and there; the whole terminating in a symmetrical folded bulb of a bright red color.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 10.75" 09/28/10



Others having broken the stems of their pipes almost short off at the bowl, were vigorously puffing tobacco-smoke, so that it constantly filled their olfactories.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 09/29/10



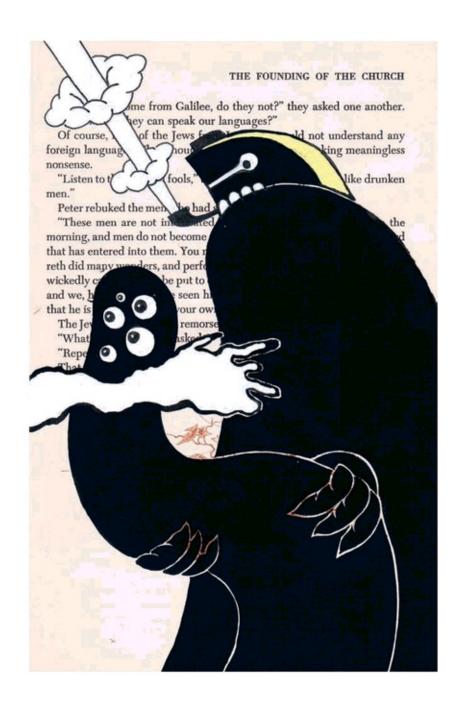
By this time their destined victim appeared from his cabin. He was a small and dark, but rather delicate looking man for a seacaptain, with large whiskers and moustache, however, and wore a red cotton velvet vest with watch-seals at his side.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6" x 12" 09/30/10



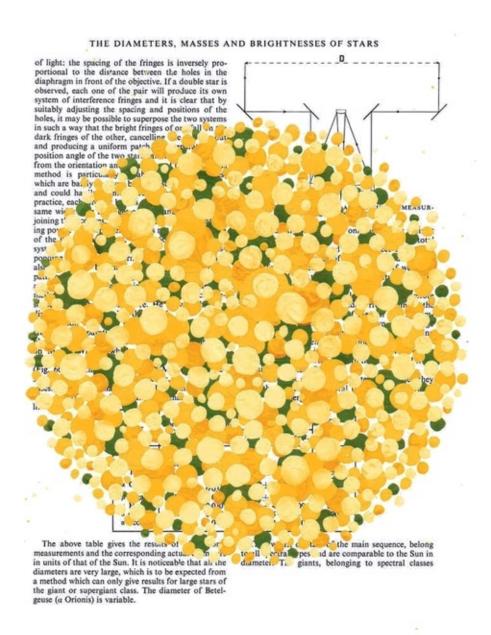
"Why, let me see; yes, you may as well tell him now that—that—in fact, tell him I've diddled him, and (aside to himself) perhaps somebody else."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6" x 9.25" 09/30/10



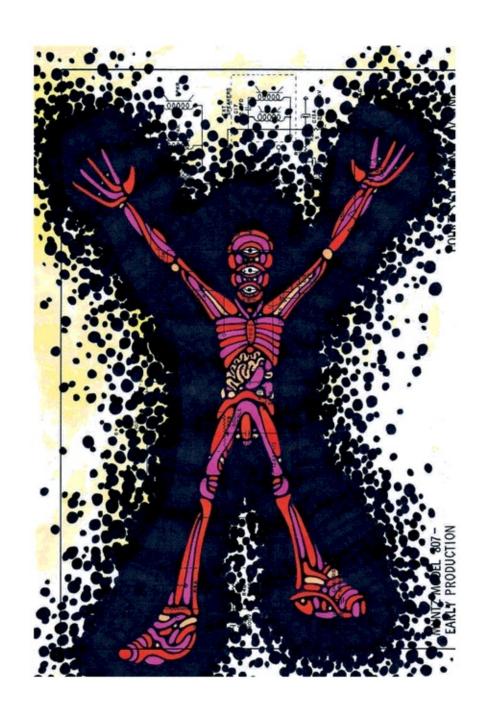
Dropping his spade, he thrust both hands in, and drew out handfuls of something that looked like ripe Windsor soap, or rich mottled old cheese; very unctuous and savory withal. You might easily dent it with your thumb; it is of a hue between yellow and ash color. And this, good friends, is ambergris, worth a gold guinea an ounce to any druggist.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 11.25" 09/30/10



Bethink thee of that saying of St. Paul in Corinthians, about corruption and incorruption; how that we are sown in dishonor, but raised in glory.

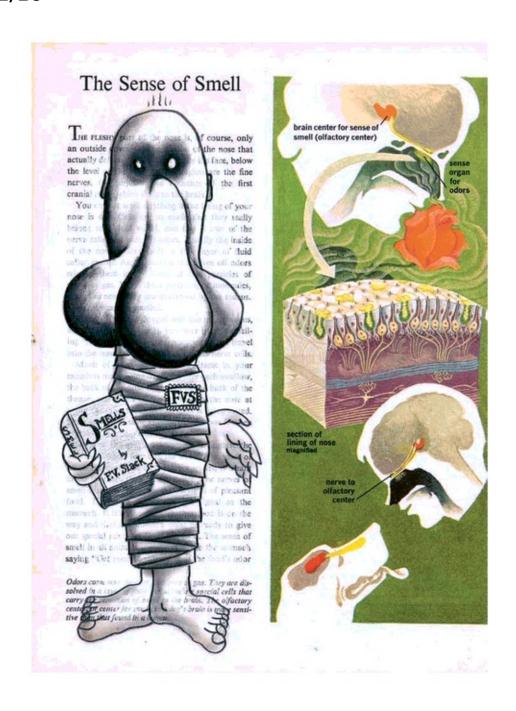
INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7" × 10.75" 10/01/10



...which latter name is the one used by the learned Fogo Von Slack, in his great work on Smells, a textbook on that subject.

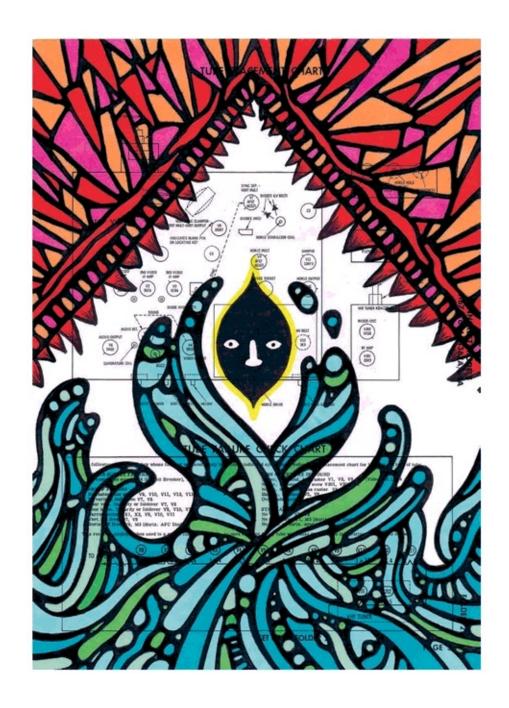
ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL AND

PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 11" 10/02/10



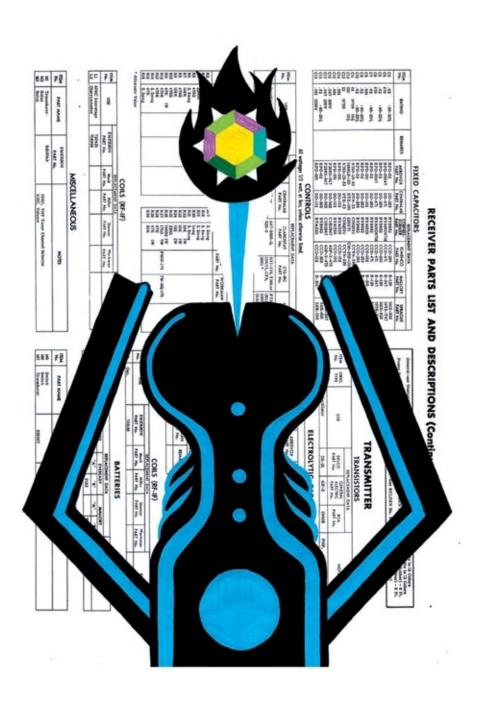
It was but some few days after encountering the Frenchman, that a most significant event befell the most insignificant of the Pequod's crew; an event most lamentable; and which ended in providing the sometimes madly merry and predestinated craft with a living and ever accompanying prophecy of whatever shattered sequel might prove her own.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" × 11" 10/03/10



Then come out those fiery effulgences, infernally superb; then the evil-blazing diamond, once the divinest symbol of the crystal skies, looks like some crown-jewel stolen from the King of Hell.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 10/04/10



Tashtego stood in the bows. He was full of the fire of the hunt.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 5.5" 10/05/10



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The sea had jeeringly kept his finite body up, but drowned the infinite of his soul.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 7.25" x 10.25" 10/09/10



Not drowned entirely, though. Rather carried down alive to wondrous depths, where strange shapes of the unwarped primal world glided to and fro before his passive eyes; and the miser-merman, Wisdom, revealed his hoarded heaps; and among the joyous, heartless, ever-juvenile eternities, Pip saw

the multitudinous, God-omnipresent, coral insects, that out of the firmament of waters heaved the colossal orbs.

INK ON PAPER 9.5" x 6" 10/10/10



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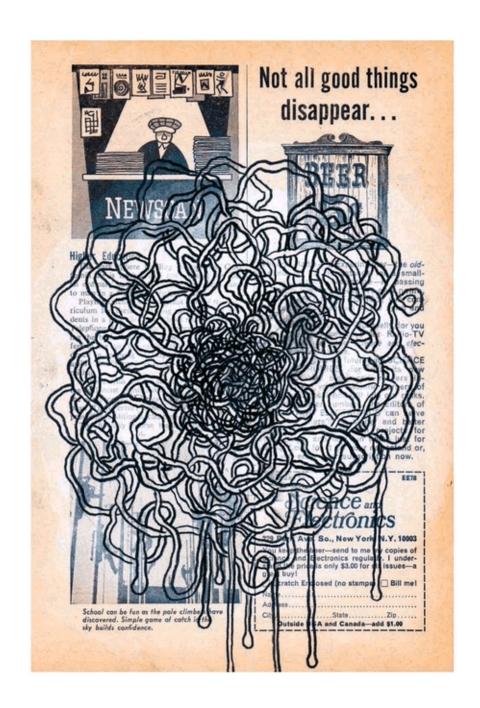
Squeeze! squeeze! all the morning long; I squeezed that sperm till I myself almost melted into it; I squeezed that sperm till a strange sort of insanity came over me; and I found myself unwittingly squeezing my co-laborers' hands in it, mistaking their hands for the gentle globules. Such an abounding, affectionate, friendly, loving feeling did this avocation beget; that at last I was continually squeezing their hands, and looking up into their eyes sentimentally...

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 6.25" x 9.25" 10/10/10



There is another substance, and a very singular one, which turns up in the course of this business, but which I feel it to be very puzzling adequately to describe. It is called slobgollion; an appellation original with the whalemen, and even so is the nature of the substance. It is an ineffably oozy, stringy affair, most frequently found in the tubs of sperm, after a prolonged squeezing, and subsequent decanting.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND CHARCOAL ON FOUND PAPER 6.25" x 9.25" 10/10/10



Had you stepped on board the Pequod at a certain juncture of this post-mortemizing of the whale; and had you strolled forward nigh the windlass, pretty sure am I that you would have scanned with no small curiosity a very strange, enigmatical object, which you would have seen there, lying along lengthwise in the lee scuppers.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 10/11/10



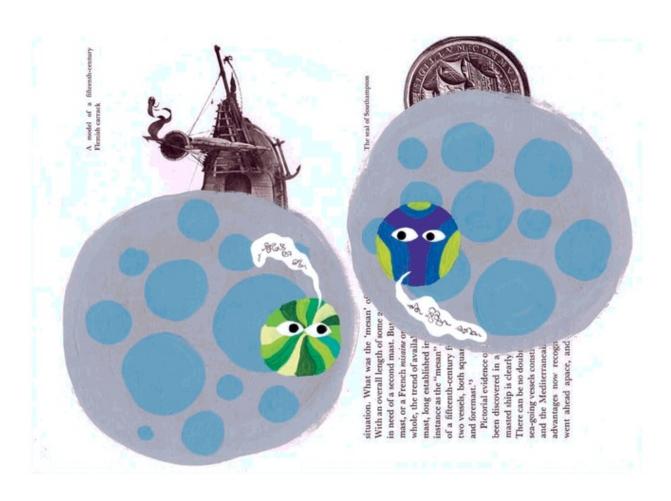
Arrayed in decent black; occupying a conspicuous pulpit; intent on bible leaves; what a candidate for an archbishopric, what a lad for a Pope were this mincer!

INK ON CONSTRUCTION PAPER 6.25" x 9.75" 10/12/10



While employed in polishing them—one man in each pot, side by side—many confidential communications are carried on, over the iron lips.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 11" x 7.75" 10/14/10



It smells like the left wing of the day of judgment; it is an argument for the pit.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 15.5" x 10.75" 10/14/10



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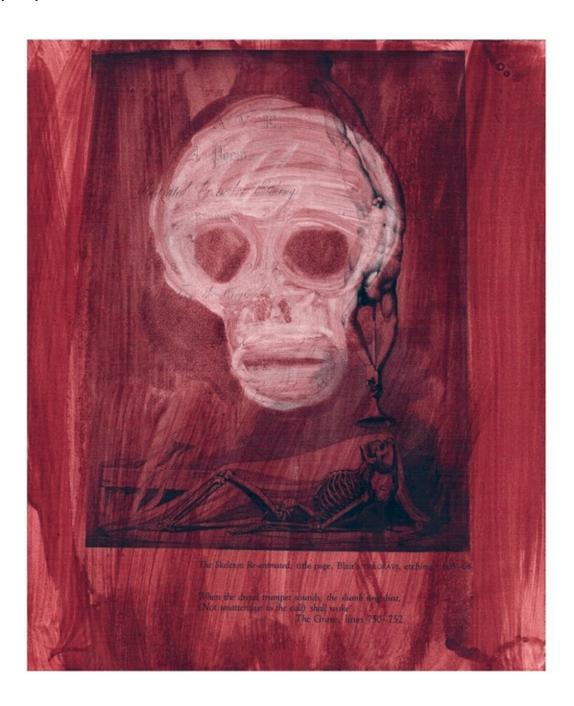
...as the wind howled on, and the sea leaped, and the ship groaned and dived, and yet steadfastly shot her red hell further and further into the blackness of the sea and the night, and scornfully champed the white bone in her mouth, and viciously spat round her on all sides; then the rushing Pequod, freighted with savages, and laden with fire, and burning a corpse, and plunging into that blackness of darkness, seemed the material counterpart of her monomaniac commander's soul.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 9" x 7.5" 10/17/10



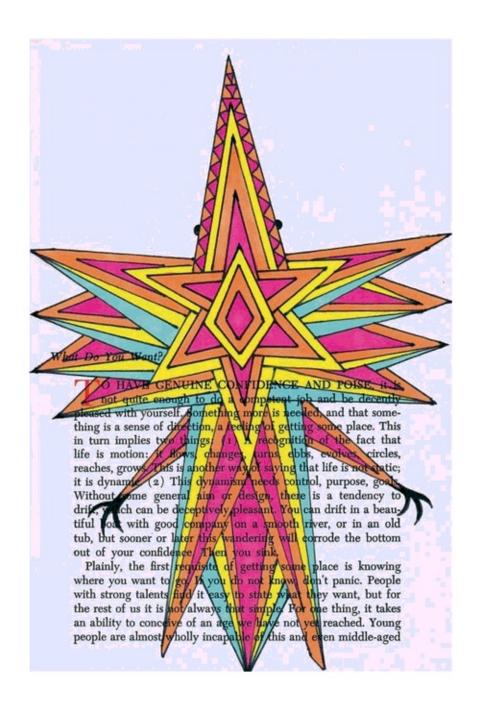
A stark, bewildered feeling, as of death, came over me.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 9.75" 10/17/10



And there is a Catskill eagle in some souls that can alike dive down into the blackest gorges, and soar out of them again and become invisible in the sunny spaces.

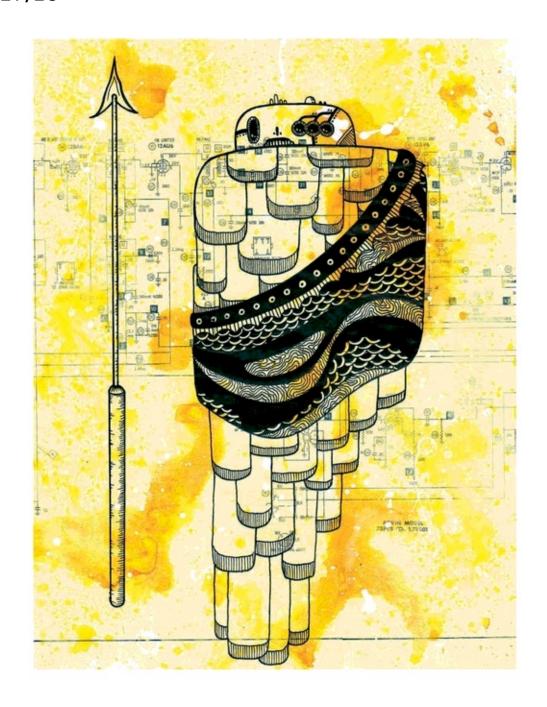
INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 6" x 9.25" 10/17/10



But the whaleman, as he seeks the food of light, so he lives in light.

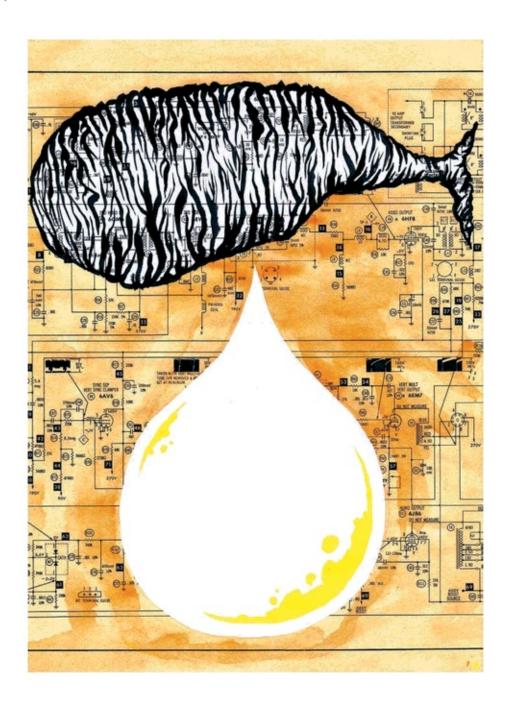
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PAPER 7.75" x 10.25" 10/17/10



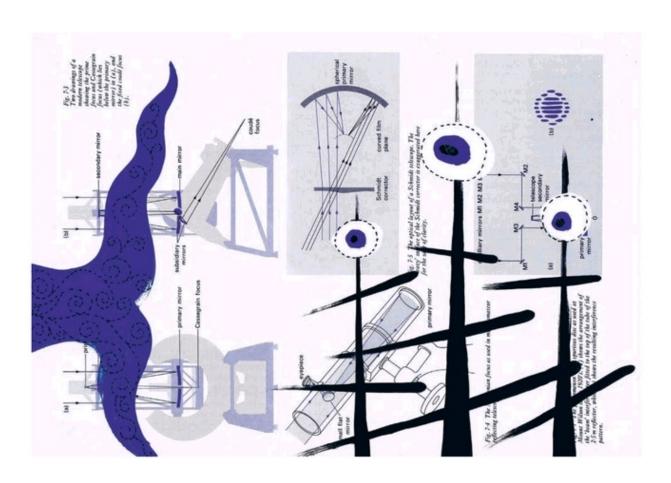
The unmanufactured sperm oil possesses a singularly cleansing virtue.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 10/17/10



But mark: aloft there, at the three mast-heads, stand three men intent on spying out more whales...

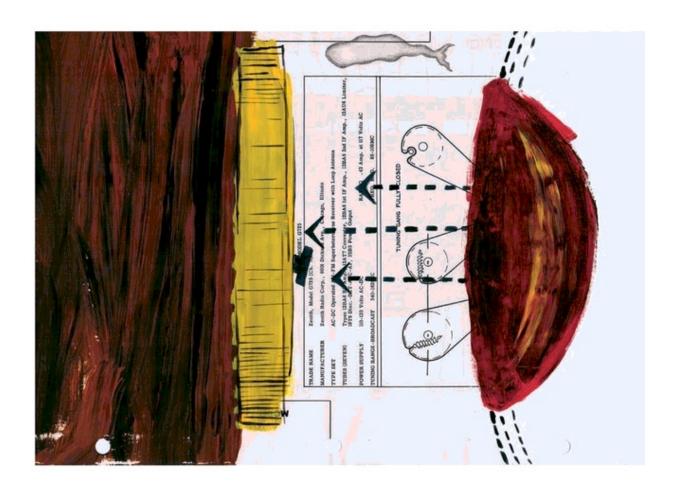
ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 11.5" × 8.25" 10/19/10



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But one morning, turning to pass the doubloon, he seemed to be newly attracted by the strange figures and inscriptions stamped on it, as though now for the first time beginning to interpret for himself in some monomaniac way whatever significance might lurk in them.

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 11" 10/19/10

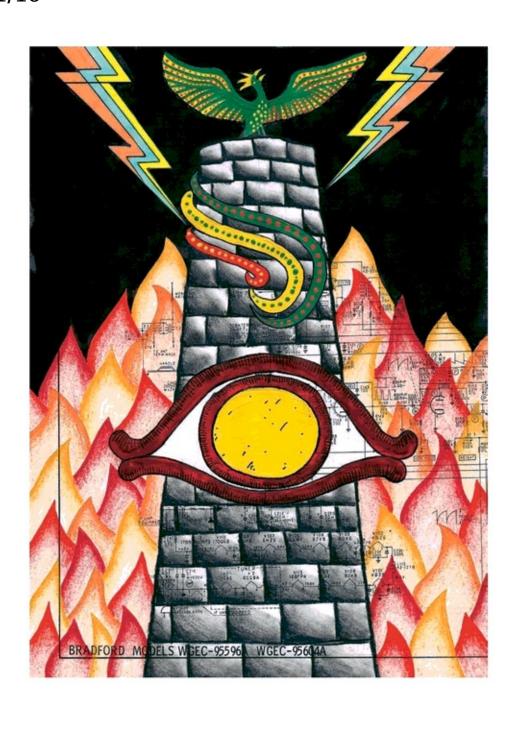


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"The firm tower, that is Ahab; the volcano, that is Ahab; the courageous, the undaunted, and victorious fowl, that, too, is Ahab; all are Ahab; and this round gold is but the image of the

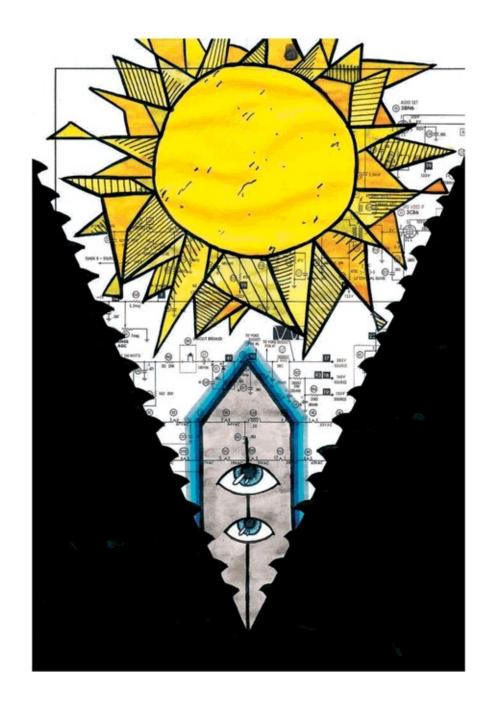
rounder globe, which, like a magician's glass, to each and every man in turn but mirrors back his own mysterious self."

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" × 10.75" 10/21/10



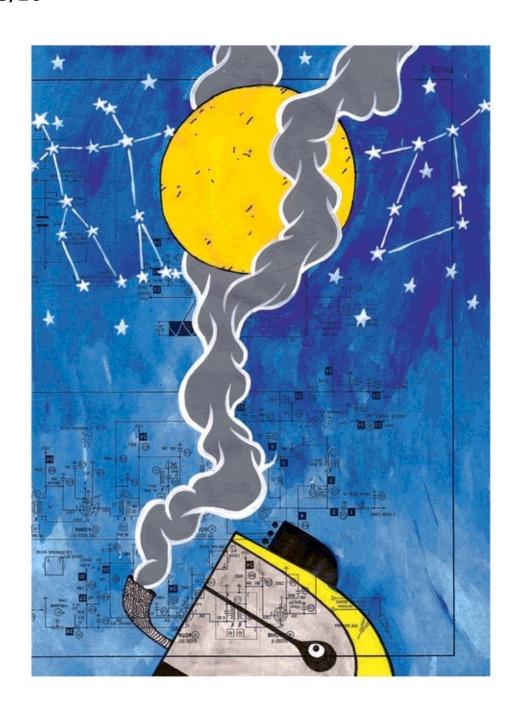
"So in this vale of Death, God girds us round; and over all our gloom, the sun of Righteousness still shines a beacon and a hope. If we bend down our eyes, the dark vale shows her mouldy soil; but if we lift them, the bright sun meets our glance half way, to cheer."

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 10/21/10



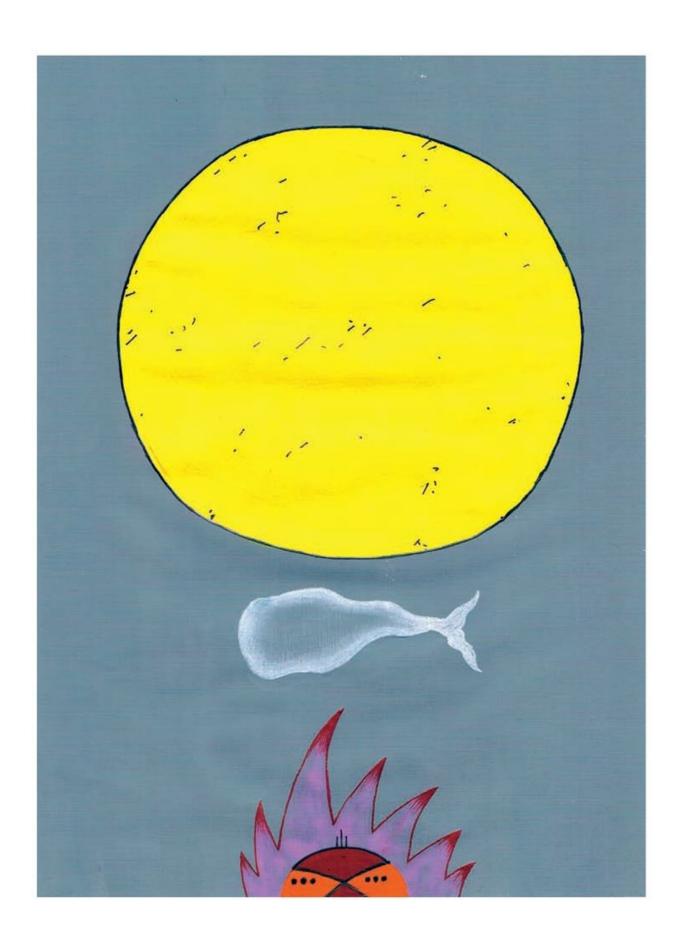
"Well; the sun he wheels among 'em. Aye, here on the coin he's just crossing the threshold between two of twelve sitting-rooms all in a ring."

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 10/23/10



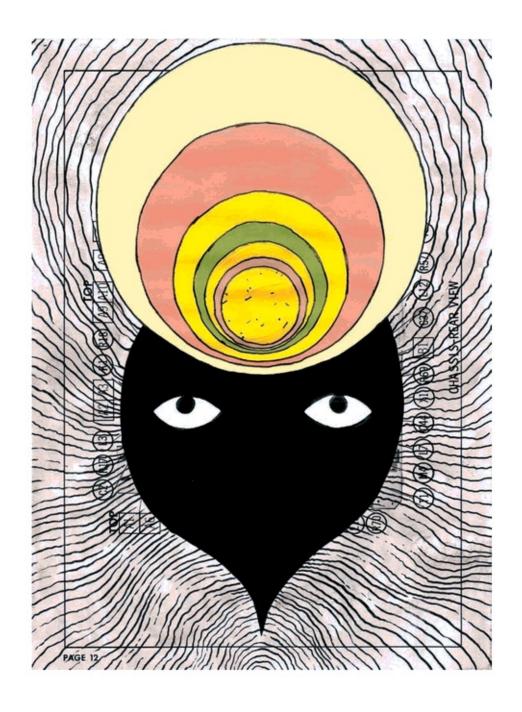
"I see nothing here, but a round thing made of gold, and whoever raises a certain whale, this round thing belongs to him. So what's all this staring been about?"

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN, CHARCOAL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 10/23/10



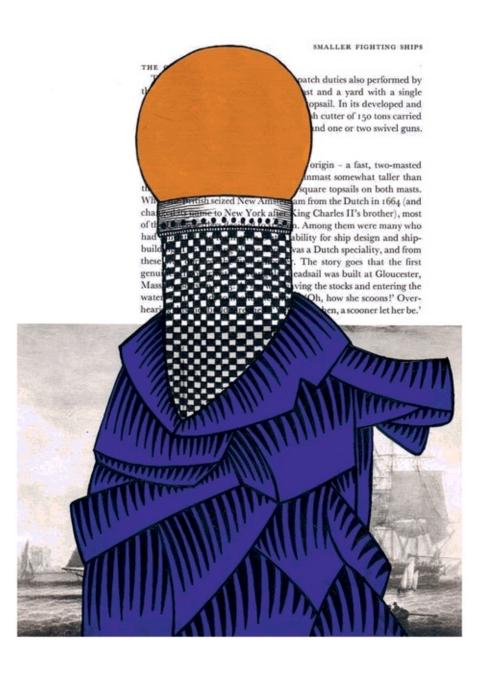
"Here's the ship's navel, this doubloon here, and they are all on fire to unscrew it. But, unscrew your navel, and what's the consequence? Then again, if it stays here, that is ugly, too, for when aught's nailed to the mast it's a sign that things grow desperate. Ha, ha! old Ahab! the White Whale; he'll nail ye!"

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 10/24/10



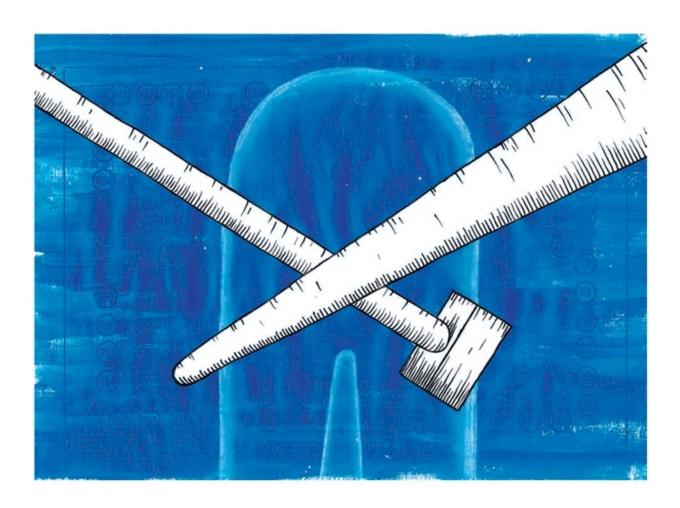
He was a darkly-tanned, burly, good-natured, fine-looking man, of sixty or thereabouts, dressed in a spacious roundabout, that hung round him in festoons of blue pilot-cloth; and one empty arm of this jacket streamed behind him like the broidered arm

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 11" 10/24/10



With his ivory arm frankly thrust forth in welcome, the other captain advanced, and Ahab, putting out his ivory leg, and crossing the ivory arm (like two sword-fish blades) cried out in his walrus way, "Aye, aye, hearty! let us shake bones together!—an arm and a leg!—an arm that never can shrink, d'ye see; and a leg that never can run."

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" × 7.75" 10/24/10



"Presently up breaches from the bottom of the sea a bouncing great whale, with a milky-white head and hump, all crows' feet and wrinkles."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 15.5" 10/25/10



"...the whale's tail looming straight up out of it, perpendicular in the air, like a marble steeple."

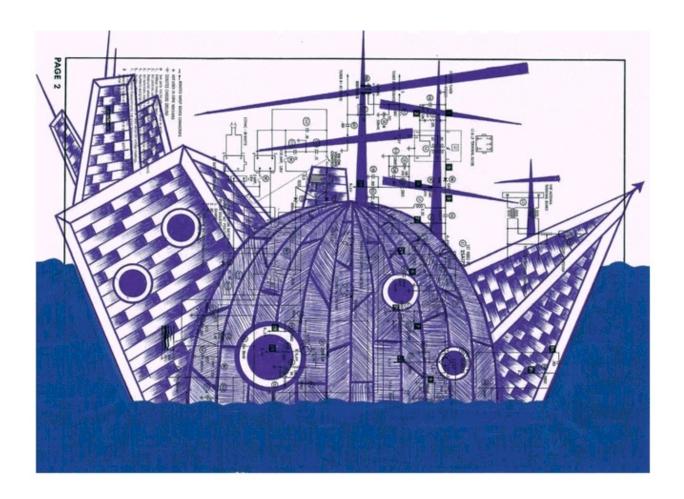
ACRYLIC PAINT AND PENCIL ON

FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 15.5" 10/26/10



"Samuel Enderby is the name of my ship," interrupted the onearmed captain, addressing Ahab...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 10/28/10

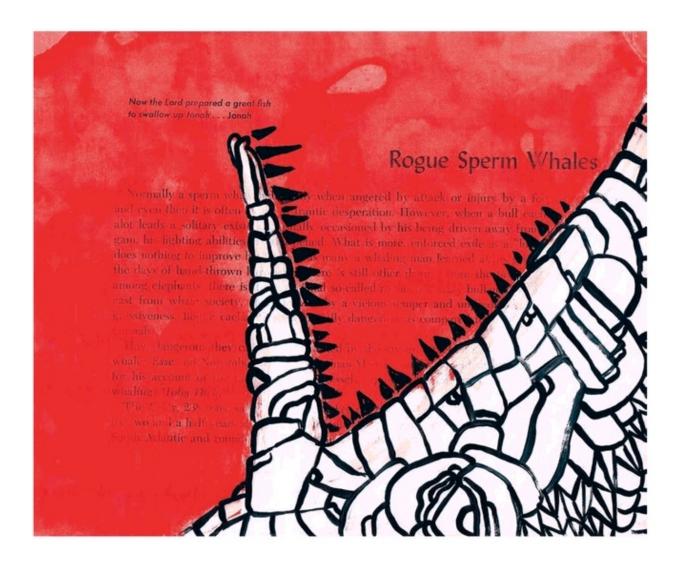


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"...Moby Dick doesn't bite so much as he swallows."

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 7"

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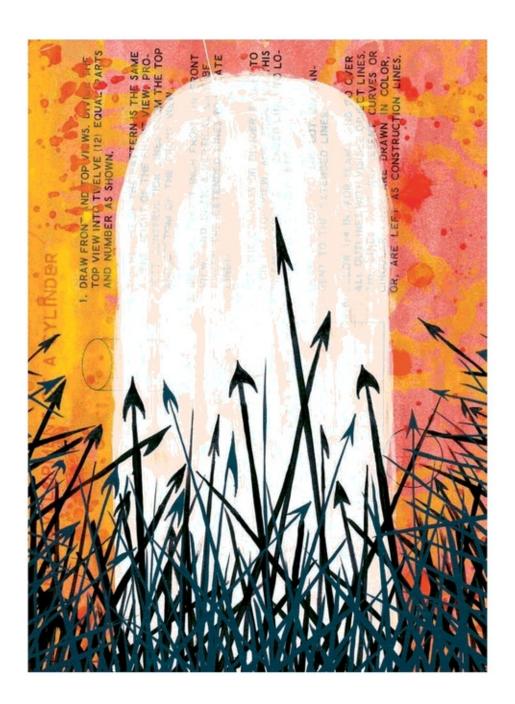


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"But he will still be hunted, for all that. What is best let alone, that accursed thing is not always what least allures. He's all a magnet!"

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.25" x 11"

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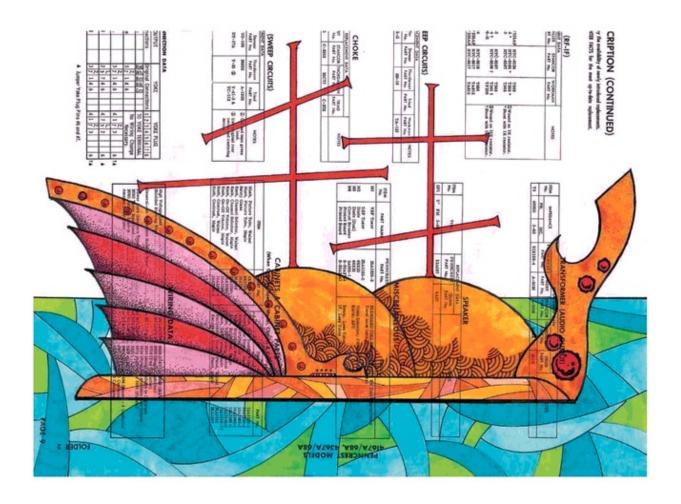


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In 1778, a fine ship, the Amelia, fitted out for the express purpose, and at the sole charge of the vigorous Enderbys,

boldly rounded Cape Horn, and was the first among the nations to lower a whaleboat of any sort in the great South Sea.

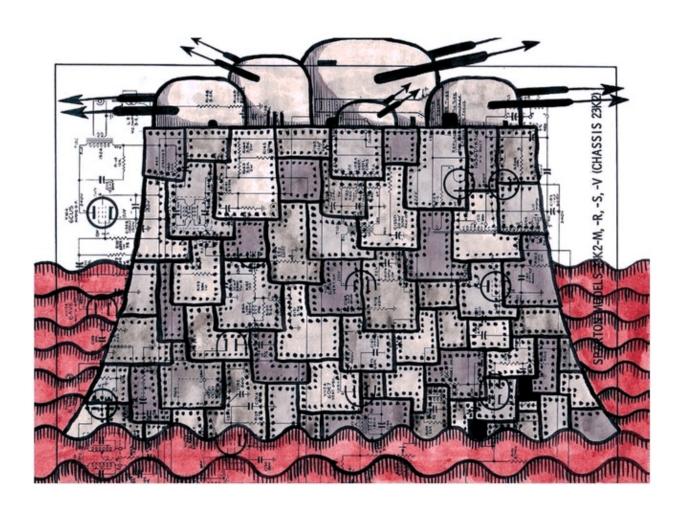
ACRYLIC PAINT, INK, MARKER AND WATERCOLOR ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" × 7.75" 10/30/10



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...the British government was induced to send the sloop-of-war Rattler on a whaling voyage of discovery into the South Sea. Commanded by a naval post-captain, the Rattler made a rattling voyage of it, and did some service...

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 10/31/10

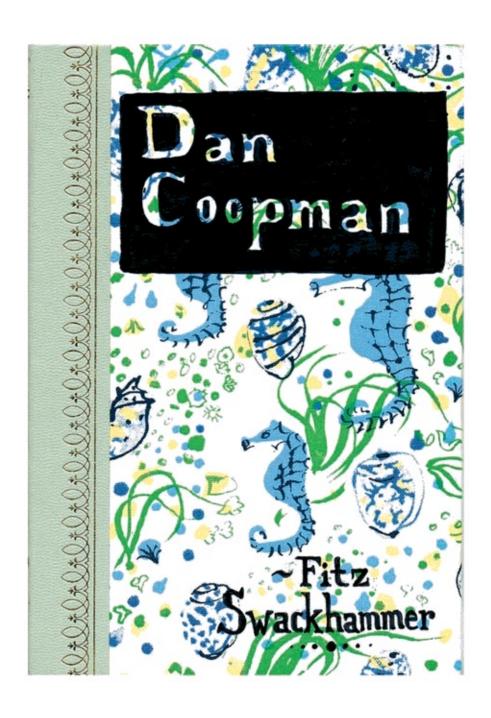


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During my researches in the Leviathanic histories, I stumbled upon an ancient Dutch volume, which, by the musty whaling smell of it, I knew must be about whalers. The title was, "Dan Coopman", wherefore I concluded that this must be the invaluable memoirs of some Amsterdam cooper in the fishery, as every whale ship must carry its cooper. I was reinforced in this opinion by seeing that it was the production of one "Fitz

Swackhammer."

INK ON OLD BOOK COVER 5.25" x 7.5" 10/31/10



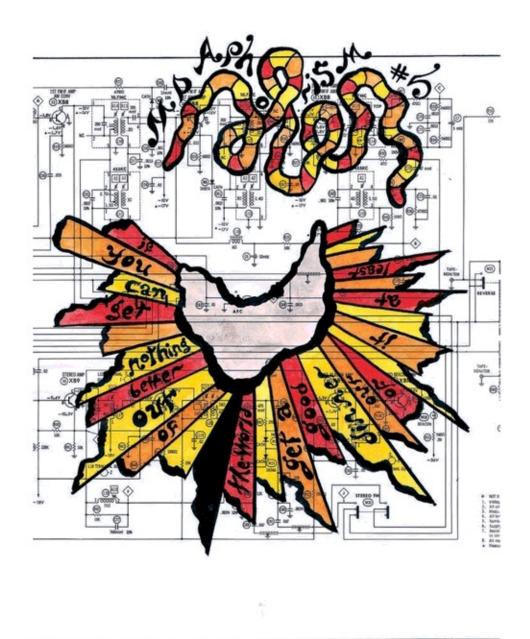
But my friend Dr. Snodhead, a very learned man, professor of Low Dutch and High German in the college of Santa Claus and St. Pott's, to whom I handed the work for translation, giving him a box of sperm candles for his trouble —this same Dr. Snodhead, as soon as he spied the book, assured me that "Dan Coopman" did not mean "The Cooper," but "The Merchant."

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLLAGE AND INK ON WALLPAPER SAMPLE AND CHIPBOARD 7.5" x 7.5" 11/01/10



...if you can get nothing better out of the world, get a good dinner out of it, at least.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75"



And as for my exact knowledge of the bones of the Leviathan in their gigantic, full grown development, for that rare knowledge I am indebted to my late royal friend Tranquo, king of Tranque,

one of the Arsacides.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10" 11/03/10



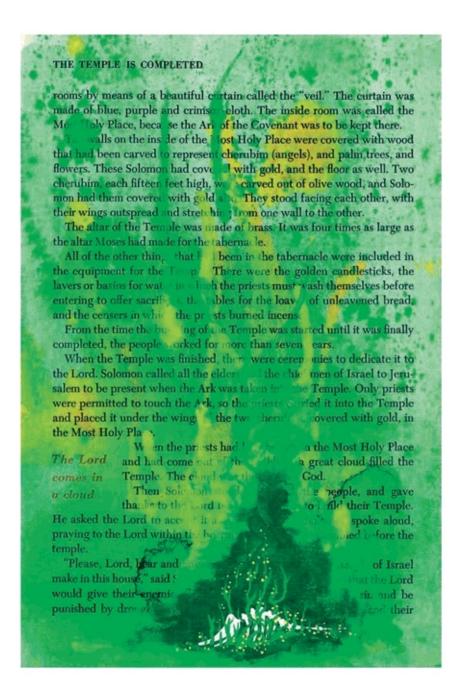
...in the skull, the priests kept up an unextinguished aromatic flame, so that the mystic head again sent forth its vapory spout...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 7" 11/04/10



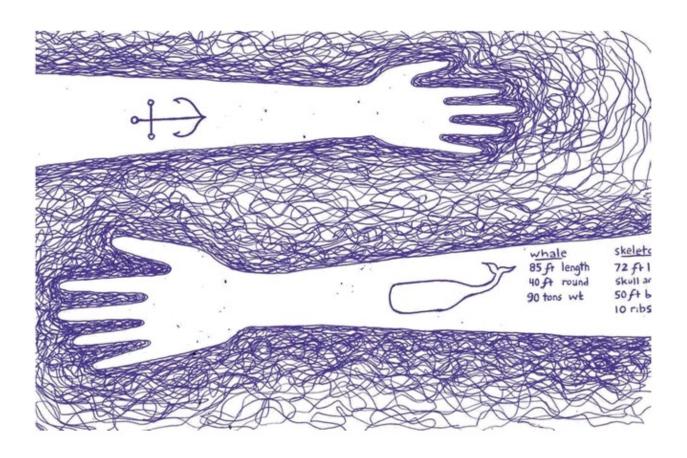
Now, amid the green, life-restless loom of that Arsacidean wood, the great, white, worshipped skeleton lay lounging—a gigantic idler! Yet, as the ever-woven verdant warp and woof intermixed and hummed around him, the mighty idler seemed the cunning weaver; himself all woven over with the vines; every month assuming greener, fresher verdure; but himself a skeleton. Life folded Death; Death trellised Life...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6" x 9" 11/05/10



The skeleton dimensions I shall now proceed to set down are copied verbatim from my right arm, where I had them tattooed; as in my wild wanderings at that period, there was no other secure way of preserving such valuable statistics.

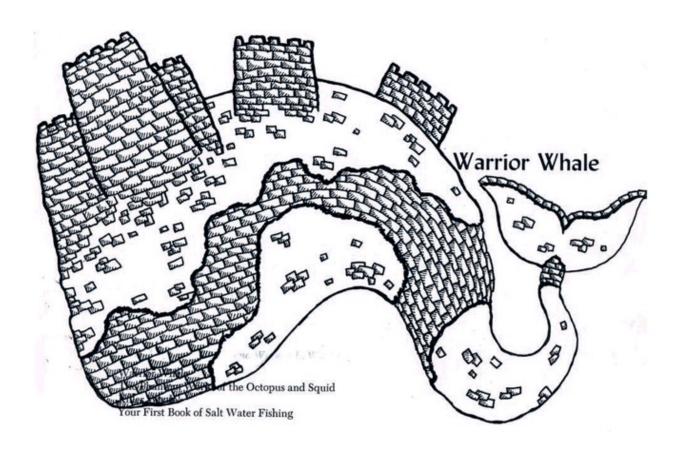
BALLPOINT PEN ON PAPER 8.5" × **5.5" 11/05/10**



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...according to my careful calculation, I say, a Sperm Whale of the largest magnitude, between eighty-five and ninety feet in length, and something less than forty feet in its fullest circumference, such a whale will weigh at least ninety tons; so that, reckoning thirteen men to a ton, he would considerably outweigh the combined population of a whole village of one thousand one hundred inhabitants.

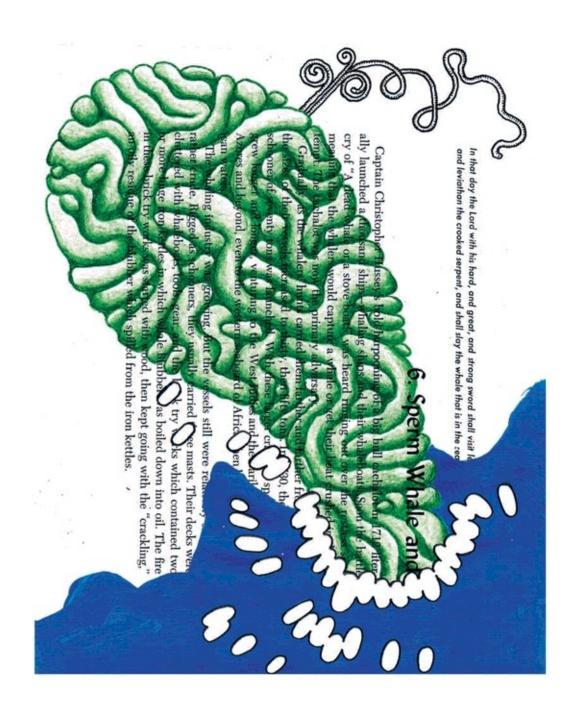
INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 7" 11/06/10



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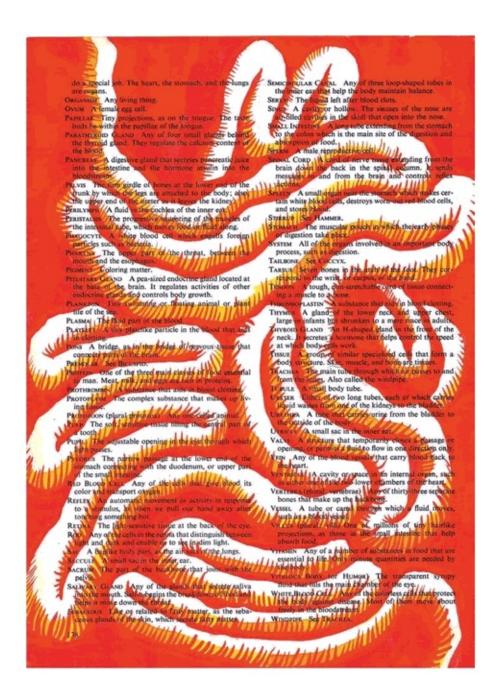
Only in the heart of quickest perils; only when within the eddyings of his angry flukes; only on the profound unbounded sea, can the fully invested whale be truly and livingly found out.

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7" x 8.5" 11/06/10



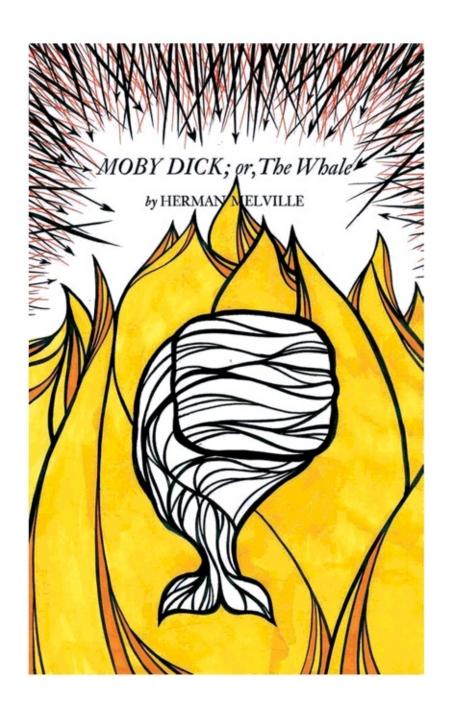
...only think of the gigantic involutions of his intestines, where they lie in him like great cables and hawsers coiled away in the subterranean orlop-deck of a line-of-battle-ship.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 11" 11/07/10



To produce a mighty book, you must choose a mighty theme.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 6.25" x 10" 11/07/10



But by far the most wonderful of all cetacean relics was the almost complete vast skeleton of an extinct monster, found in the year 1842, on the plantation of Judge Creagh, in Alabama. The awe-stricken credulous slaves in the vicinity took it for the bones of one of the fallen angels.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.25" x 8" 11/08/10



I am horror-struck at this antemosaic, unsourced existence of the unspeakable terrors of the whale, which, having been before all time, must needs exist after all humane ages are over.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND

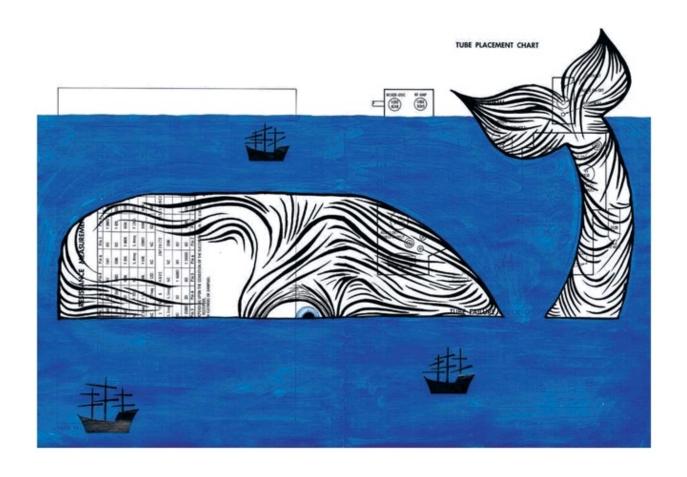
PAPER 10" x 6.25" 11/09/10



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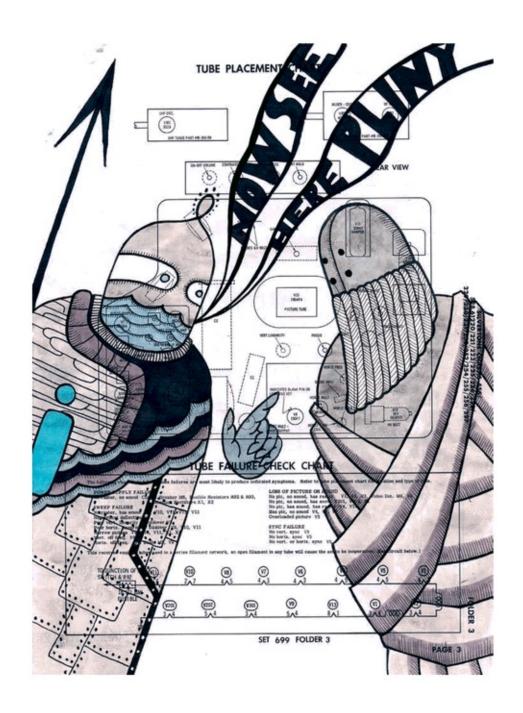
For Pliny tells us of whales that embraced acres of living bulk, and Aldrovandus of others which measured eight hundred feet in length...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 15.5" x 10.75" 11/10/10



But will any whaleman believe these stories? No. The whale of to-day is as big as his ancestors in Pliny's time. And if ever I go where Pliny is, I, a whaleman (more than he was), will make bold to tell him so.

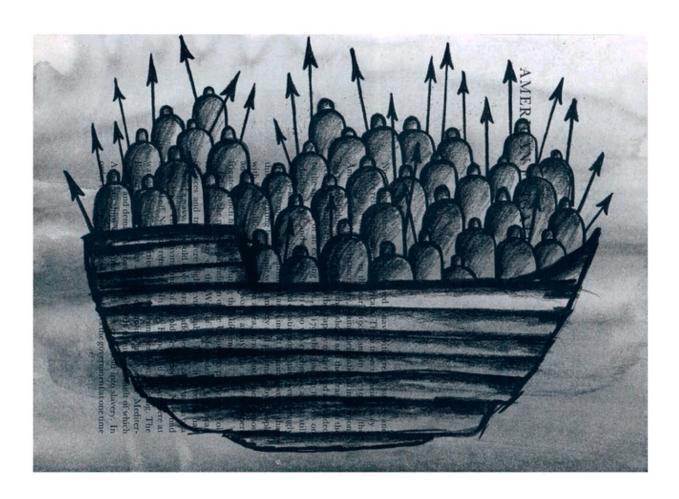
INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 11/11/10



Forty men in one ship hunting the Sperm Whale for forty-eight months...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND CHARCOAL ON

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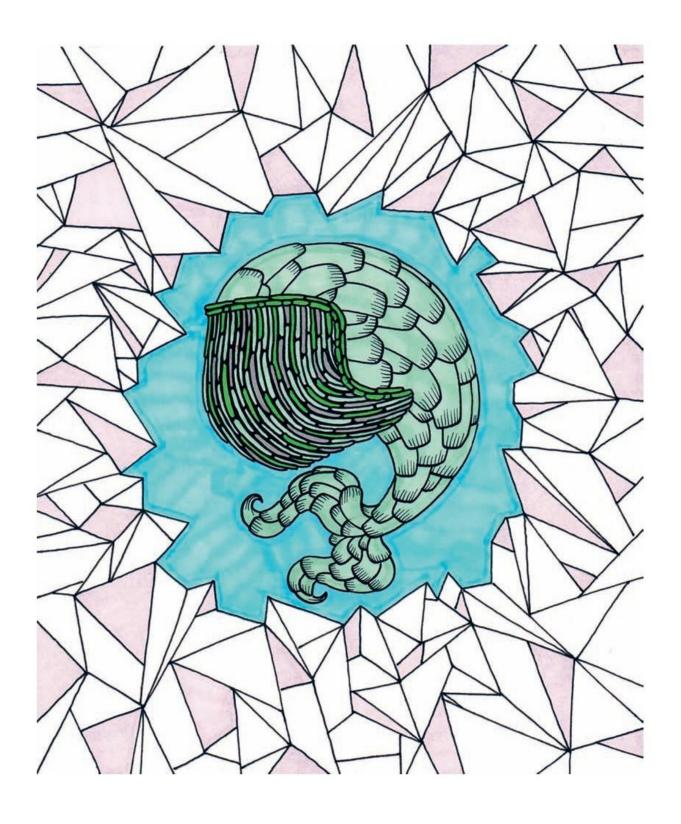


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...so, hunted from the savannas and glades of the middle seas, the whalebone whales can at last resort to their Polar citadels, and diving under the ultimate glassy barriers and walls there, come up among icy fields and floes; and in a charmed circle of everlasting December, bid defiance to all pursuit from man.

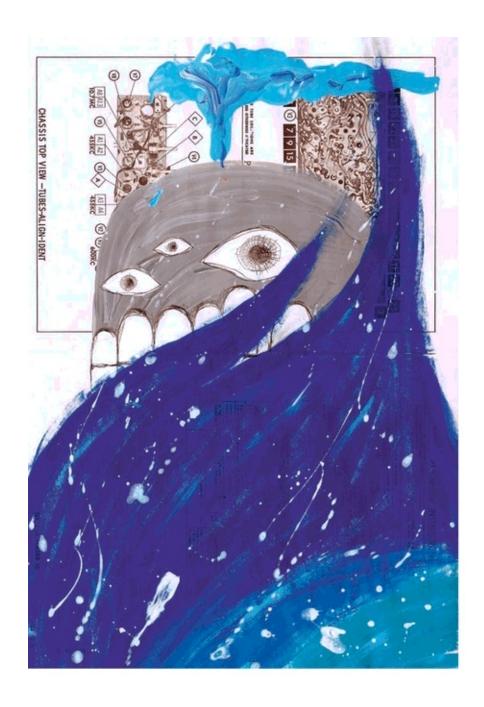
INK AND MARKER ON BRISTOL BOARD 8.5" x 7"

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In Noah's flood he despised Noah's Ark; and if ever the world is to be again flooded, like the Netherlands, to kill off its rats, then the eternal whale will still survive, and rearing upon the topmost crest of the equatorial flood, spout his frothed defiance to the skies.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" × 15.5" 11/13/10



With many other particulars concerning Ahab, always had it remained a mystery to some, why it was, that for a certain period, both before and after the sailing of the Pequod, he had hidden himself away with such Grand-Lama-like exclusiveness and, for that one interval, sought speechless refuge, as it were,

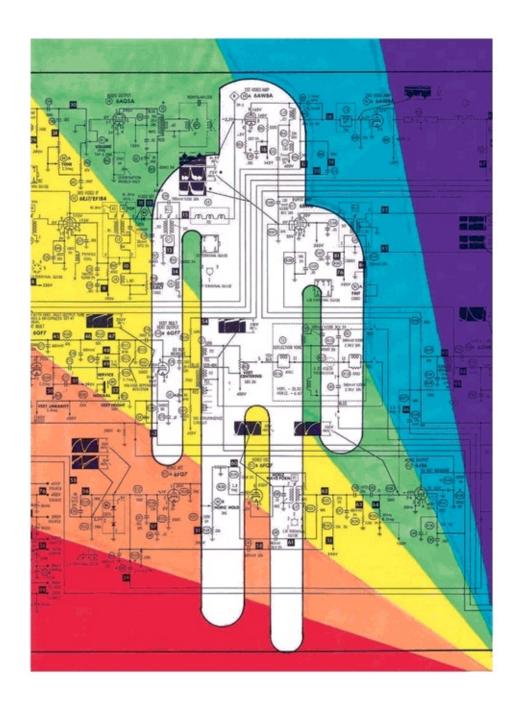
among the marble senate of the dead.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 6" x 9" 11/14/10



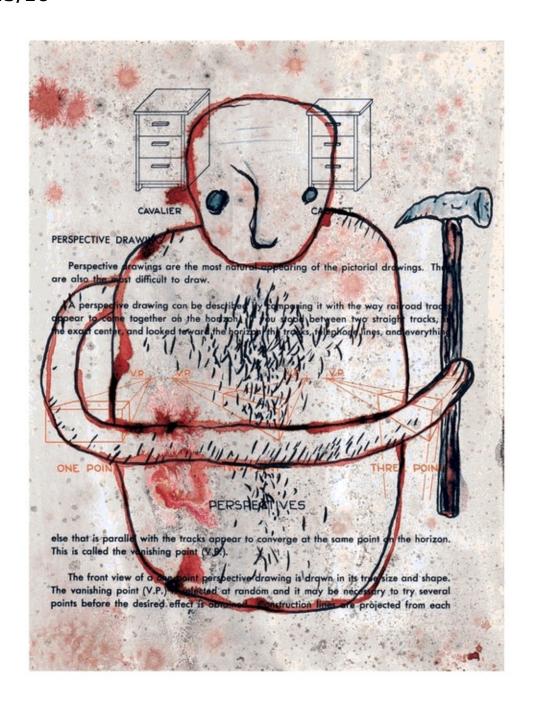
...take high abstracted man alone; and he seems a wonder, a grandeur, and a woe.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 11/14/10



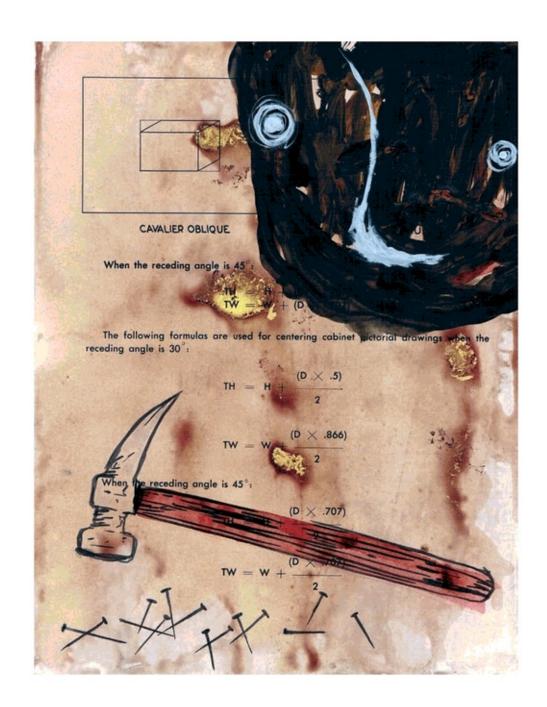
But most humble though he was, and far from furnishing an example of the high, humane abstraction; the Pequod's carpenter was no duplicate; hence, he now comes in person on this stage.

INK AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" × 11" 11/15/10



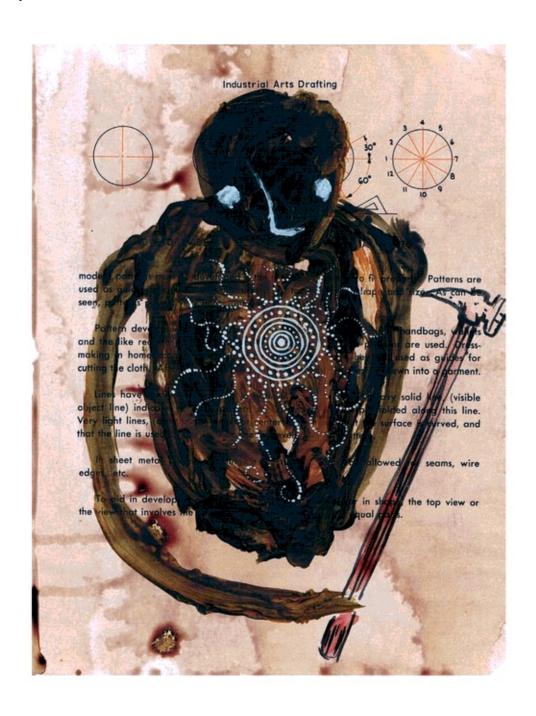
For nothing was this man more remarkable, than for a certain impersonal stolidity as it were; impersonal, I say; for it so shaded off into the surrounding infinite of things, that it seemed one with the general stolidity discernible in the whole visible world...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 11" 11/16/10



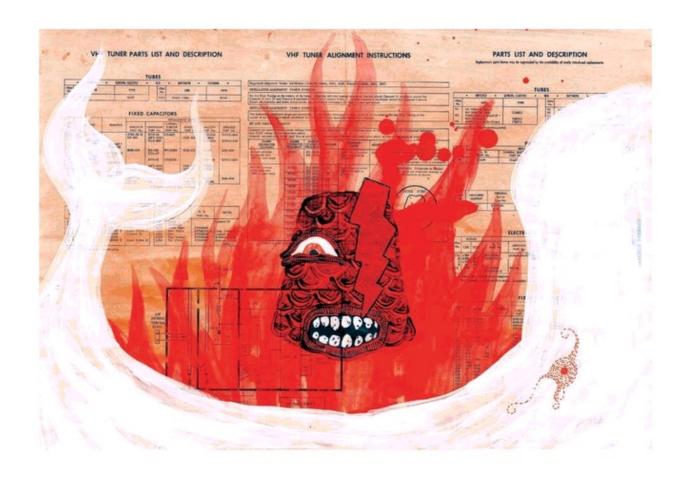
Yet, as previously hinted, this omnitooled, open-and-shut carpenter, was, after all, no mere machine of an automaton. If he did not have a common soul in him, he had a subtle something that somehow anomalously did its duty.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" × 11" 11/16/10



... for what's made in fire must properly belong to fire...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 15.5" x 10.75" 11/18/10



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Hold; while Prometheus is about it, I'll order a complete man after a desirable pattern. Imprimis, fifty feet high in his socks; then, chest modelled after the Thames Tunnel; then, legs with

roots to 'm, to stay in one place; then, arms three feet through the wrist; no heart at all, brass forehead, and about a quarter of an acre of fine brains; and let me see—shall I order eyes to see outwards? No, but put a sky-light on top of his head to illuminate inwards. There, take the order, and away.

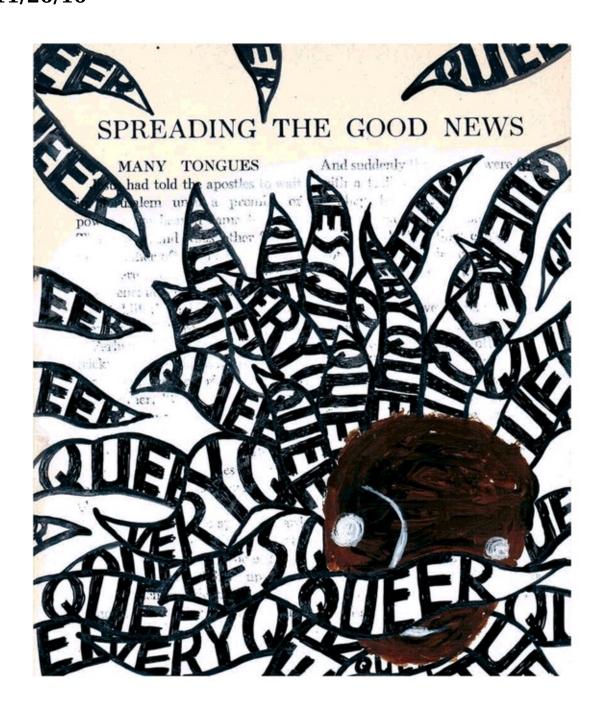
INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 5.75" x 7.75" 11/19/10



Well, well, well! Stubb knows him best of all, and Stubb always says he's queer; says nothing but that one sufficient little word queer; he's queer, says Stubb; he's queer—queer, queer; and keeps dinning it into Mr. Starbuck all the time—queer, Sir—

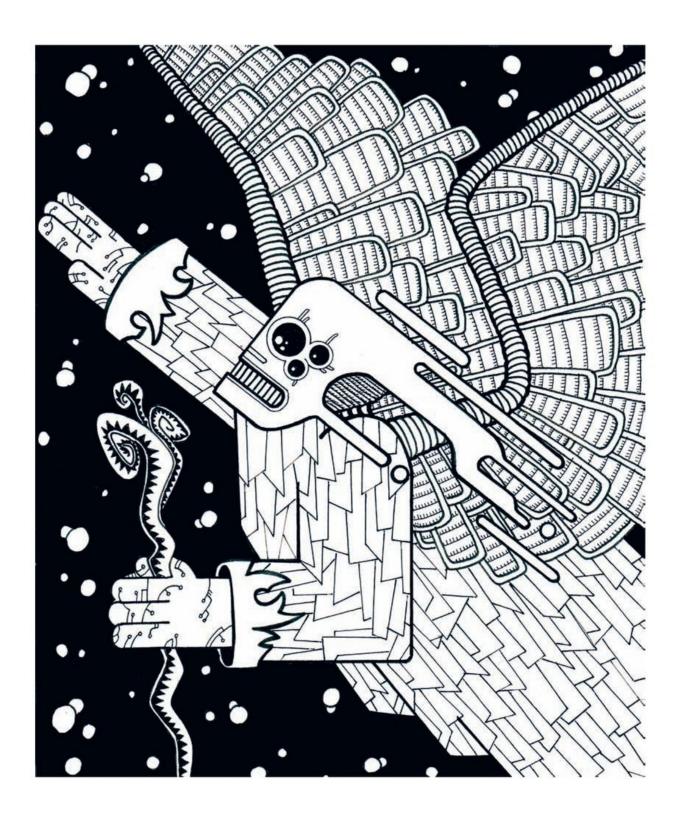
queer, queer, very queer.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" x 9.5" 11/20/10



...let's finish it before the resurrection fellow comes a-calling with his horn for all legs, true or false, as brewery-men go round collecting old beer barrels, to fill 'em up again.

INK ON BRISTOL BOARD 7" × 8.5" 11/20/10



"What we come twenty thousand miles to get is worth saving, Sir."

"So it is, so it is; if we get it."

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 15.5" x 10.75" 11/21/10



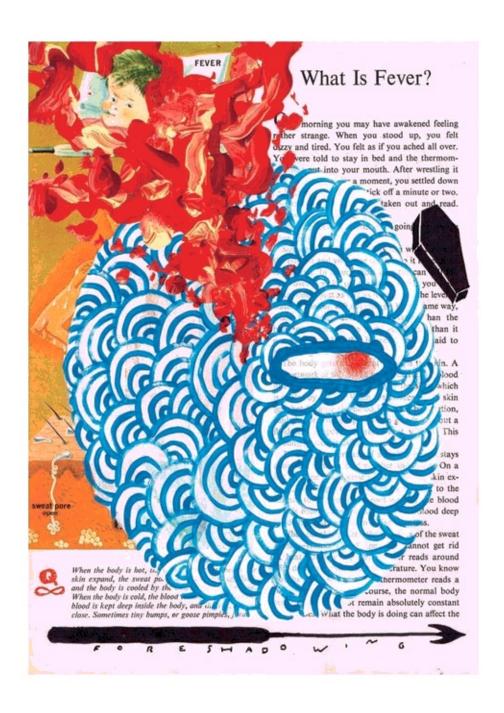
Ahab seized a loaded musket from the rack (forming part of most South-Sea-men's cabin furniture), and pointing it towards Starbuck, exclaimed: "There is one God that is Lord over the earth, and one Captain that is lord over the Pequod.—On deck!"

INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 11/21/10



Now, at this time it was that my poor pagan companion, and fast bosom-friend, Queequeg, was seized with a fever, which brought him nigh to his endless end.

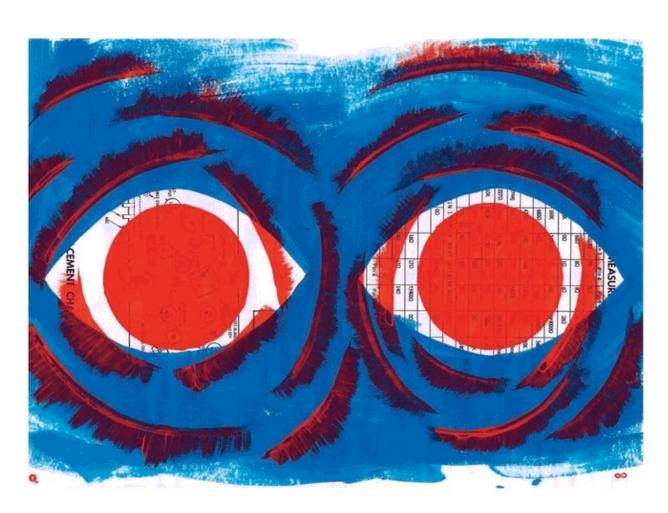
ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8" × 11" 11/22/10



But as all else in him thinned, and his cheekbones grew

sharper, his eyes, nevertheless, seemed growing fuller and fuller; they became of a strange softness of lustre; and mildly but deeply looked out at you there from his sickness, a wondrous testimony to that immortal health in him which could not die, or be weakened. And like circles on the water, which, as they grow fainter, expand; so his eyes seemed rounding and rounding, like the rings of Eternity.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" × 10.75" 11/24/10



... for not only do they believe that the stars are isles, but that far beyond all visible horizons, their own mild, uncontinented seas, interflow with the blue heavens; and so form the white breakers of the milky way.

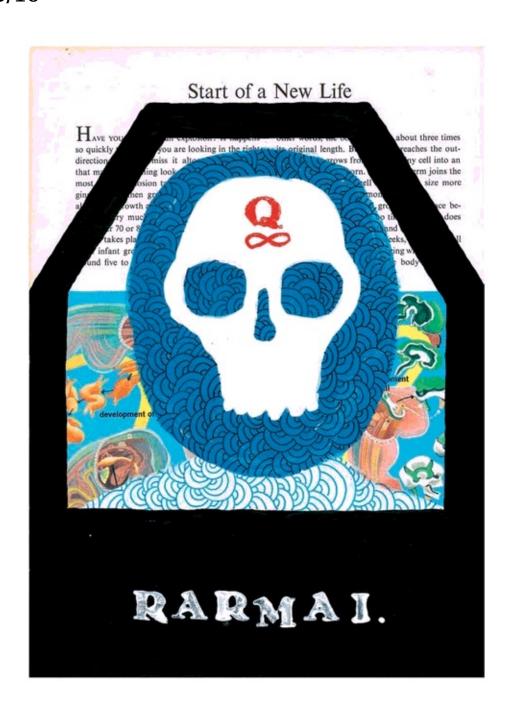
ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" × 9.5" 11/25/10



...there lay Queequeg in his coffin with little but his composed

countenance in view. "Rarmai" (it will do; it is easy), he murmured at last...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 11" 11/25/10



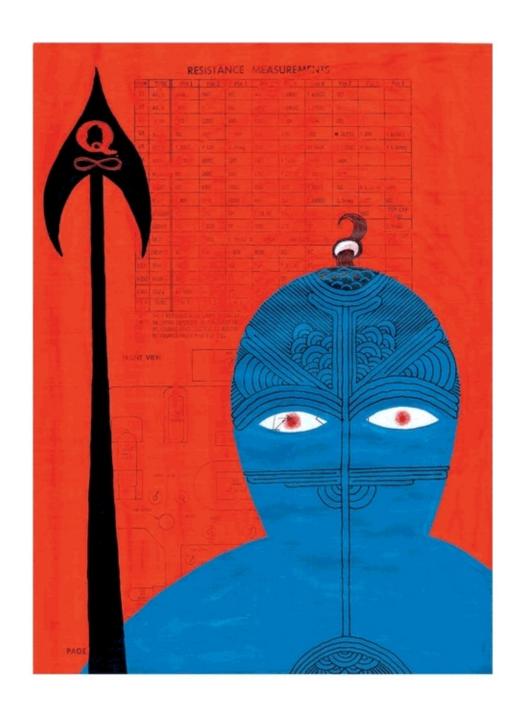
"...but base little Pip, he died a coward; died all a'shiver;—out upon Pip! Hark yet if ye find Pip, tell all the Antilles he's a runaway; a coward, a coward, a coward! Tell them he jumped from a whale-boat! I'd never beat my tambourine over base Pip, and hail him General, if he were once more dying here. No, no! shame upon all cowards—shame upon them! Let'em go drown like Pip, that jumped from a whale-boat. Shame! shame!"

INK ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 6" x 9" 11/26/10



So, in good time my Queequeg gained strength; and at length after sitting on the windlass for a few indolent days (but eating with a vigorous appetite) he suddenly leaped to his feet, threw out arms and legs, gave himself a good stretching, yawned a little bit, and then springing into the head of his hoisted boat, and poising a harpoon, pronounced himself fit for a fight.

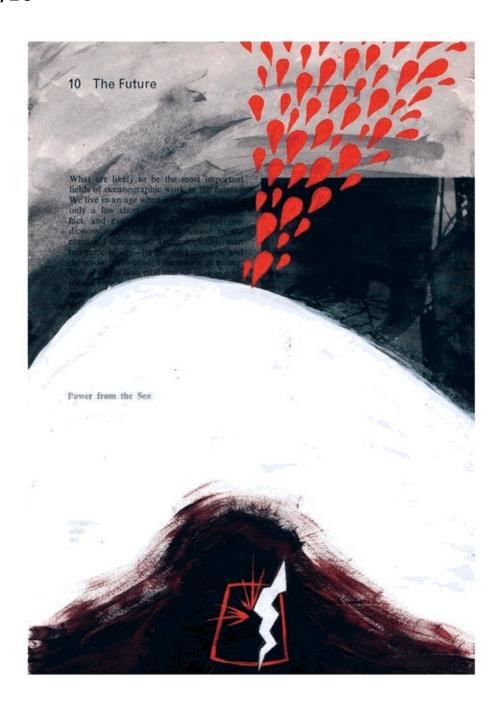
ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 11/26/10



His firm lips met like the lips of a vice; the delta of his forehead's veins swelled like overladen brooks; in his very

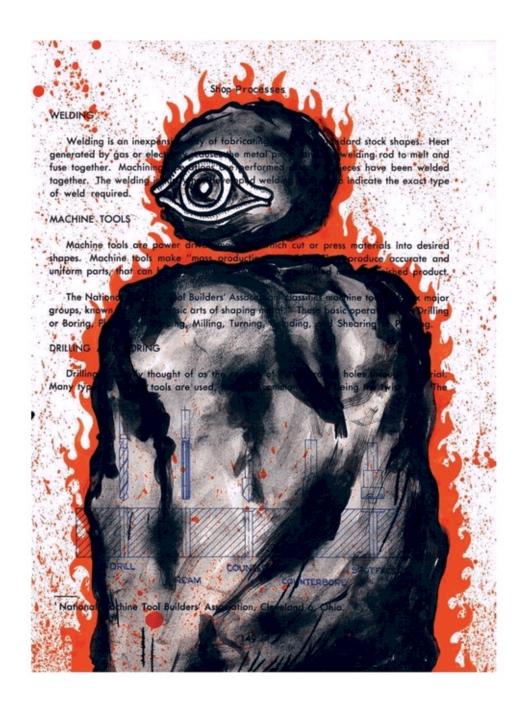
sleep, his ringing cry ran through the vaulted hull, "Stern all! the White Whale spouts thick blood!"

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.25" x 10.25" 11/27/10



Availing himself of the mild, summer-cool weather that now reigned in these latitudes, and in preparation for the peculiarly active pursuits shortly to be anticipated, Perth, the begrimed, blistered old blacksmith, had not removed his portable forge to the hold again, after concluding his contributory work for Ahab's leg, but still retained it on deck, fast lashed to ringbolts by the foremast...

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL, COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.25" x 11" 11/27/10



It was the Bottle Conjuror! Upon the opening of that fatal cork,

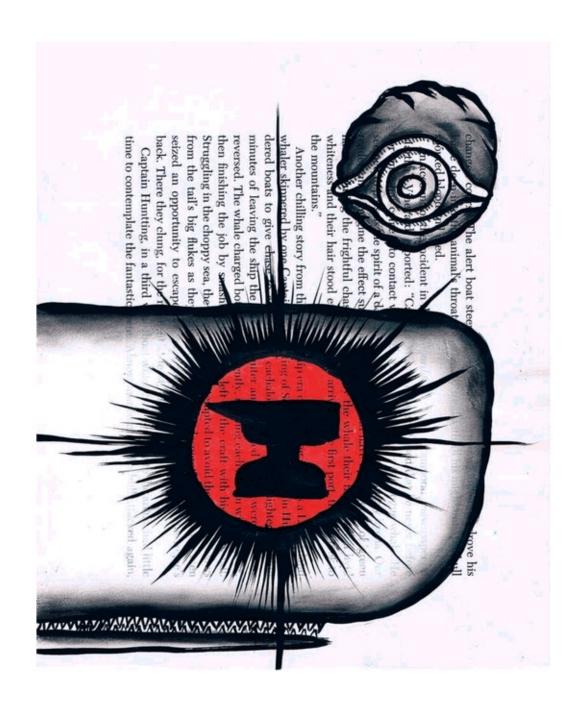
forth flew the fiend, and shrivelled up his home.

INK ON BRISTOL BOARD 7" x 8.5" 11/28/10



Hearkening to these voices, East and West, by early sun-rise, and by fall of eve, the blacksmith's soul responded, Aye, I come! And so Perth went a-whaling.

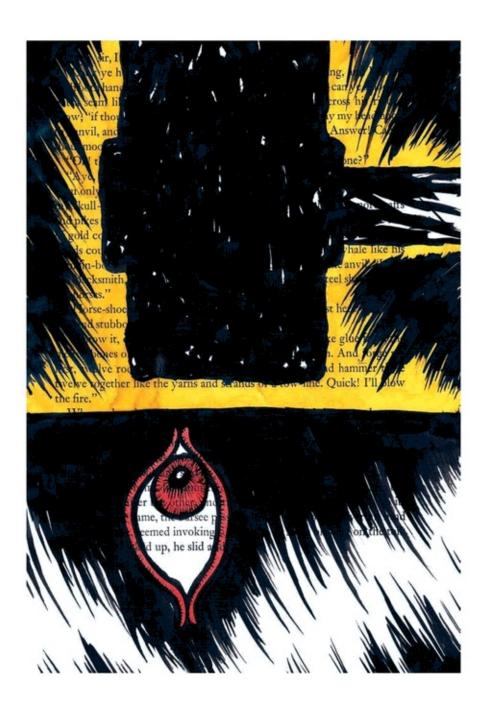
ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7" x 8.5" 11/28/10



"...look ye here—here—can ye smooth out a seam like this, blacksmith," sweeping one hand across his ribbed brows; "if

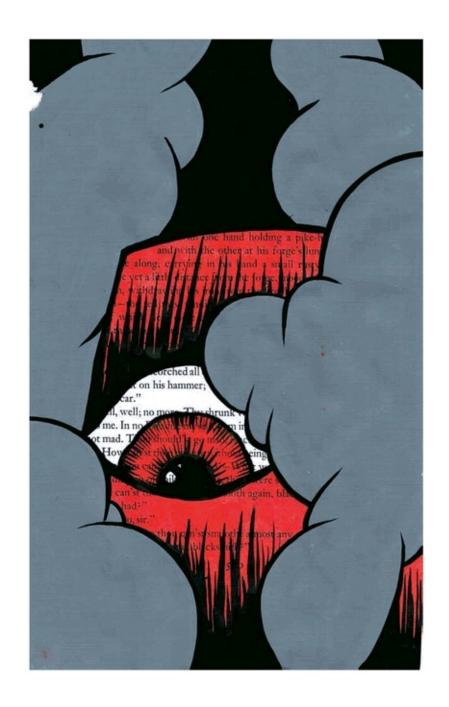
thou could'st, blacksmith, glad enough I lay my head upon thy anvil, and feel thy heaviest hammer between my eyes. Answer! Can'st thou smooth this seam?"

INK ON FOUND PAPER 6.25" x 9" 11/29/10



At last the shank, in one complete rod, received its final heat; and as Perth, to temper it, plunged it all hissing into the cask of water near by, the scalding steam shot up into Ahab's bent face.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6.25" x 9.75" 11/30/10



"Ego non baptizo te in nomine patris, sed in nomine diaboli!" deliriously howled Ahab, as the malignant iron scorchingly

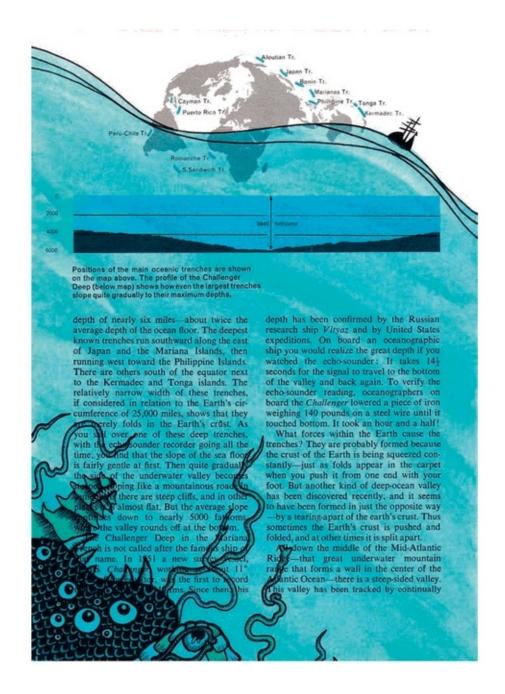
devoured the baptismal blood.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 11/30/10



At such times, under an abated sun; afloat all day upon smooth, slow heaving swells; seated in his boat, light as a birch canoe; and so sociably mixing with the soft waves themselves, that like hearth-stone cats they purr against the gunwale; these are the times of dreamy quietude, when beholding the tranquil beauty and brilliancy of the ocean's skin, one forgets the tiger heart that pants beneath it; and would not willingly remember, that this velvet paw but conceals a remorseless fang.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.25" x 10.25" 12/01/10



...Our souls are like those orphans whose unwedded mothers die in bearing them: the secret of our paternity lies in their

grave, and we must there to learn it.

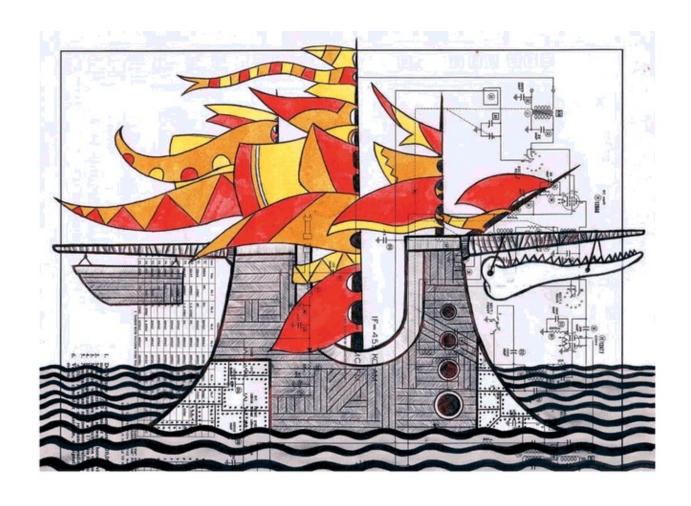
ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" x 9" 12/02/10



It was a Nantucket ship, the Bachelor, which had just wedged in her last cask of oil, and bolted down her bursting hatches; and now, in glad holiday apparel, was joyously, though somewhat vain-gloriously, sailing round among the widelyseparated ships on the ground, previous to pointing her prow for home.

The three men at her mast-head wore long streamers of narrow red bunting at their hats; from the stern, a whale-boat was suspended, bottom down; and hanging captive from the bowsprit was seen the long lower jaw of the last whale they had slain. Signals, ensigns, and jacks of all colors were flying from her rigging, on every side.

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 12/02/10



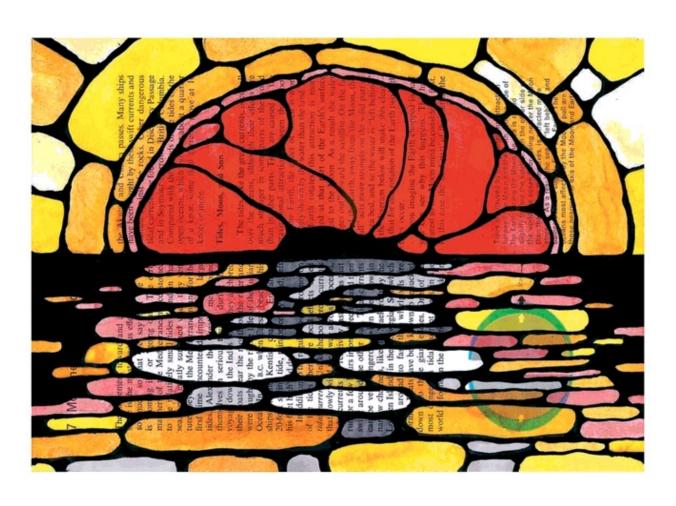
On the quarter-deck, the mates and harpooneers were dancing with the olive-hued girls who had eloped with them from the Polynesian Isles...

CHARCOAL AND INK ON WALLPAPER SAMPLE 8.25" x 11" 12/04/10



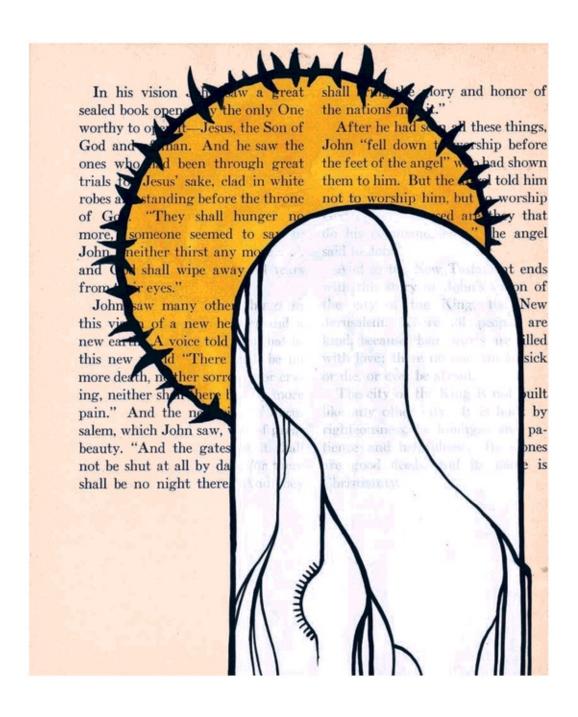
It was far down the afternoon; and when all the spearings of the crimson fight were done: and floating in the lovely sunset sea and sky, sun and whale both stilly died together...

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.25" x 7.25" 12/04/10



For that strange spectacle observable in all Sperm Whales dying—the turning sunwards of the head, and so expiring—that strange spectacle, beheld of such a placid evening, somehow to Ahab conveyed a wondrousness unknown before.

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.25" x 9" 12/04/10



The waif-pole was thrust upright into the dead whale's spouthole; and the lantern hanging from its top, cast a troubled flickering glare upon the black, glossy back, and far out upon the midnight waves, which gently chafed the whale's broad flank, like soft surf upon a beach.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 9.75" x 8.5" 12/05/10



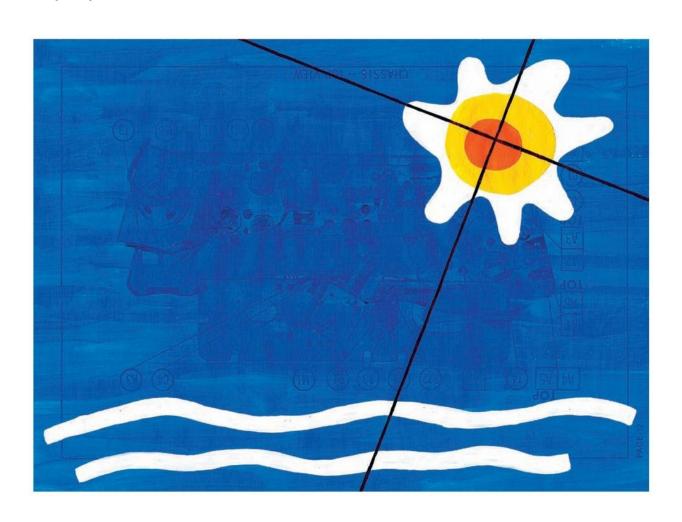
"Take another pledge, old man," said the Parsee, as his eyes lighted up like fire-flies in the gloom...

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON BRISTOL BOARD 7" x 8.5" 12/05/10



The sky looks lacquered; clouds there are none; the horizon floats; and this nakedness of unrelieved radiance is as the insufferable splendors of God's throne.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 12/06/10



...these passed over the mute, motionless Parsee's face. Unobserved he rose and glided away...

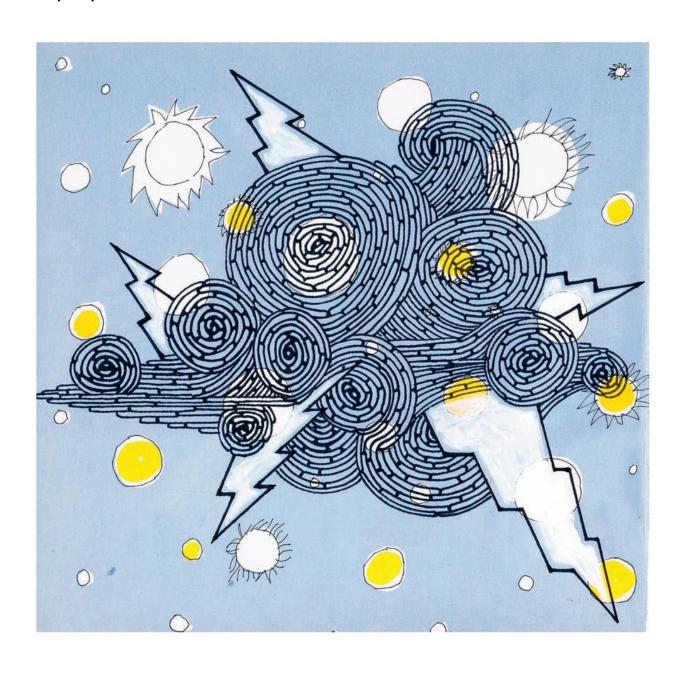
ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 12/07/10



So, too, it is, that in these resplendent Japanese seas the mariner encounters the direct of all storms, the Typhoon. It will

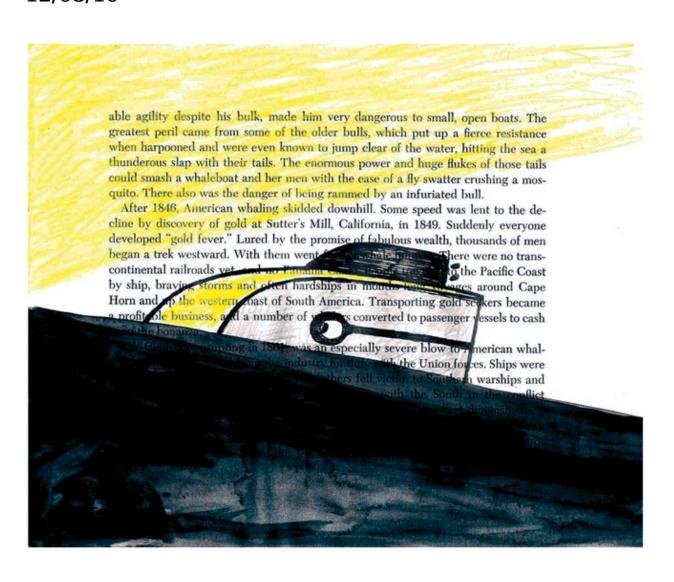
sometimes burst from out that cloudless sky, like an exploding bomb upon a dazed and sleepy town.

ACRYLIC PAINT, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8.25" x 7.75" 12/08/10



"But I am not a brave man; never said I was a brave man; I am a coward..."

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLORED PENCIL, INK AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" x 7" 12/08/10



"Look aloft!" cried Starbuck. "The St. Elmo's Lights (corpus sancti) corposants! the corposants!"

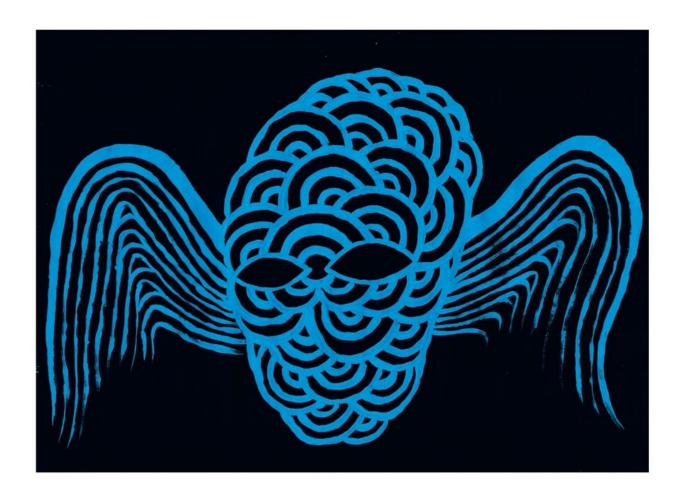
All the yard-arms were tipped with a pallid fire; and touched at each tri-pointed lightning-rod-end with three tapering white flames, each of the three tall masts was silently burning in that sulphurous air, like three gigantic wax tapers before an altar.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" x 11" 12/08/10



...while lit up by the preternatural light, Queequeg's tattooing burned like Satanic blue flames on his body.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 12/09/10



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"Aye, aye, men!" cried Ahab. "Look up at it; mark it well; the white flame but lights the way to the White Whale!"

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN AND

INK ON FOUND PAPER 15.5" x 10.75" 12/09/10

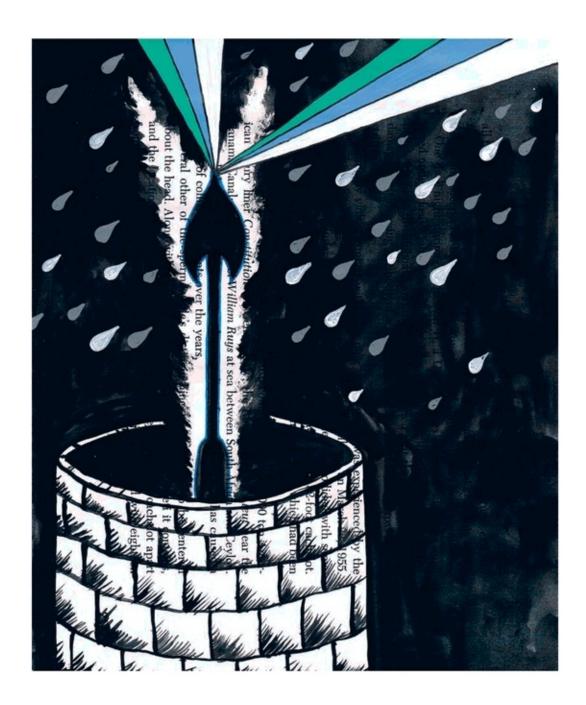


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...from the keen steel barb there now came a levelled flame of pale, forked fire.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7" x 8.5"

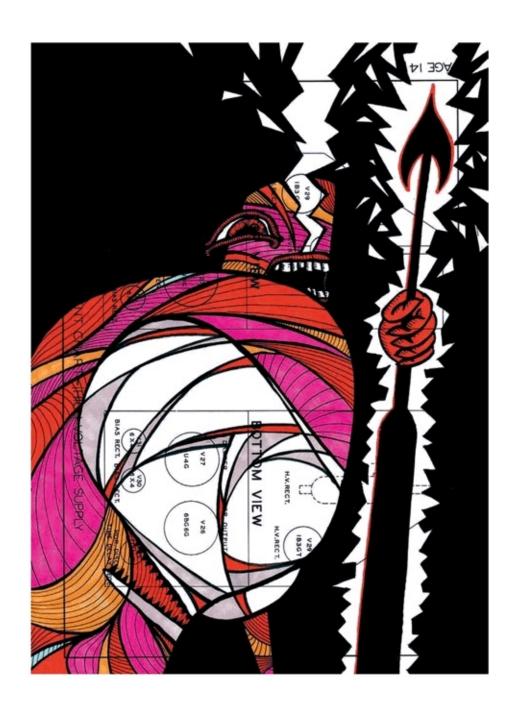
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But dashing the rattling lightning links to the deck, and snatching the burning harpoon, Ahab waved it like a torch among them; swearing to transfix with it the first sailor that but cast loose a rope's end. Petrified by this aspect, and still more shrinking from the fiery dart that he held, the men fell back in dismay, and Ahab again spoke:

"All your oaths to hunt the White Whale are as binding as mine; and heart, soul, and body, lungs and life, old Ahab is bound."

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 12/11/10



"Didn't you once say that whatever ship Ahab sails in, that ship should pay something extra on its insurance policy, just as

though it were loaded with powder barrels aft and boxes of lucifers forward?"

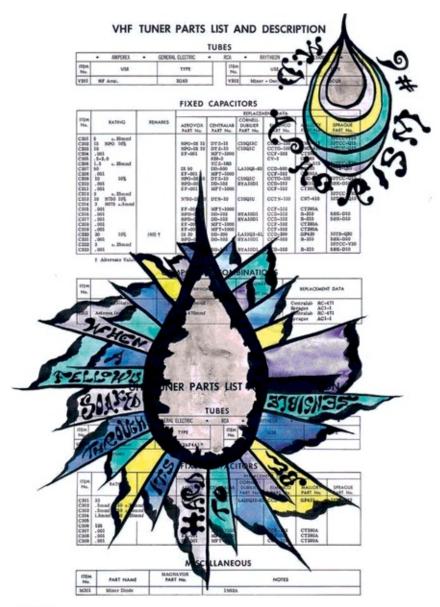
ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.5" x 7.75" 12/11/10



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"...when a fellow's soaked through, it's hard to be sensible,

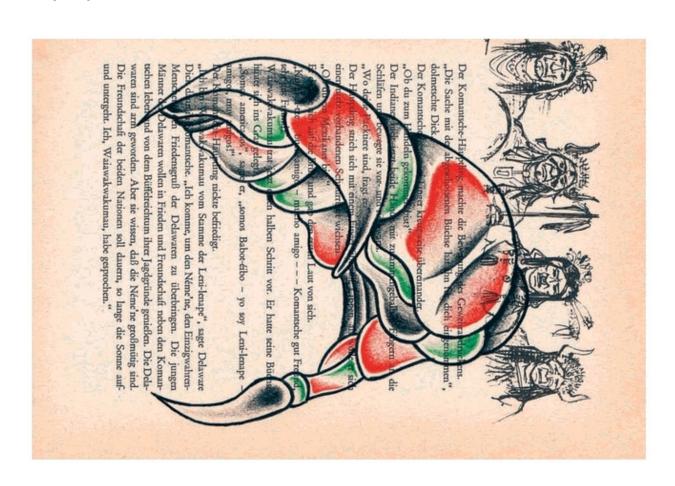
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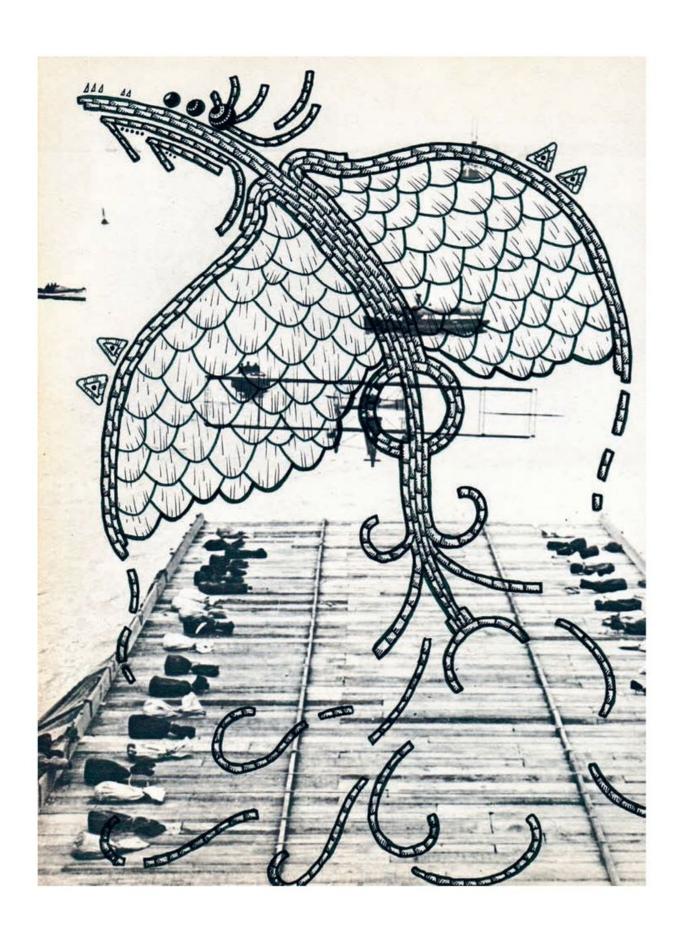
"Um, um, um. Stop that thunder! Plenty too much thunder up here. What's the use of thunder? Um, um, um. We don't want thunder; we want rum; give us a glass of rum. Um, um, um!"

COLORED PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 8" x 5.5" 12/12/10



...like the feathers of an albatross, which sometimes are cast to the winds when that storm-tossed bird is on the wing.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 12/13/10



"Fair for death and doom,—that's fair for Moby Dick."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND CHARCOAL ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.25" 12/15/10



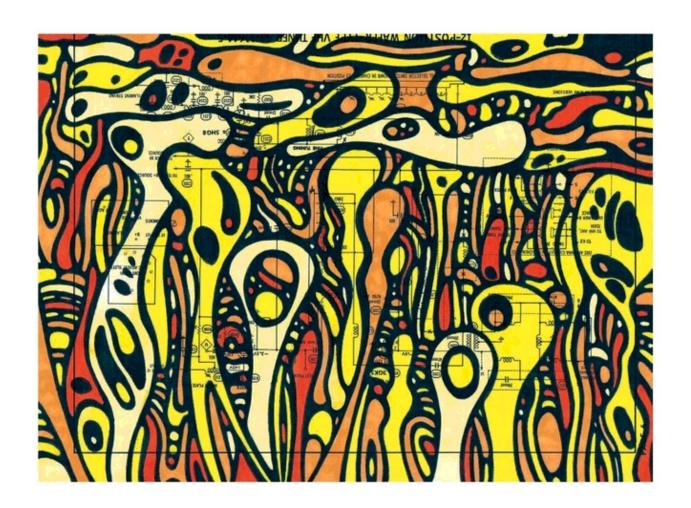
"A touch, and Starbuck may survive to hug his wife and child again.—Oh, Mary! Mary!—boy! boy! boy!—But if I wake thee not to death, old man, who can tell to what unsounded deeps Starbuck's body this day week may sink, with all the crew! Great God, where art thou? Shall I? shall I?"

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 12/16/10



The sea was as a crucible of molten gold, that bubblingly leaps with light and heat.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 12/17/10



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Deliberately standing before the binnacle, and eyeing the transpointed compasses, the old man, with the sharp of his extended hand, now took the precise bearing of the sun...

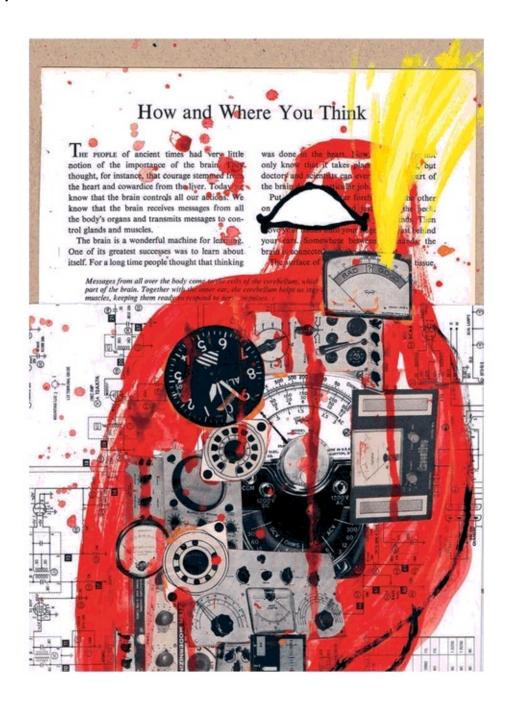
INK AND WATERCOLOR ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 11.5" x 8" 12/17/10



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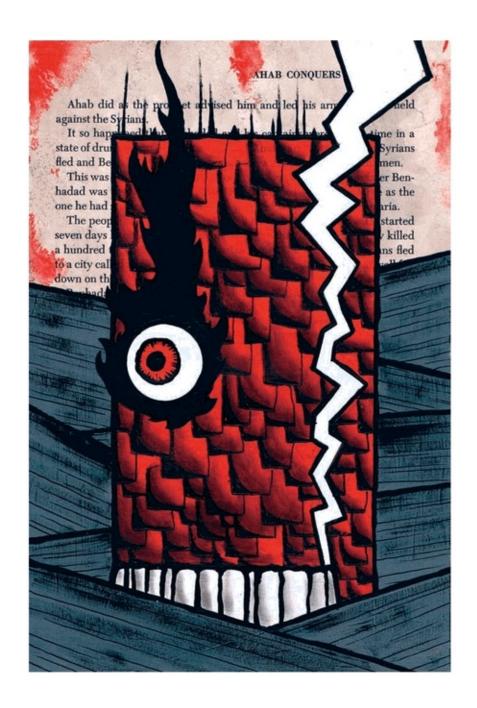
"Men," said he, steadily turning upon the crew, as the mate handed him the things he had demanded, "my men, the thunder turned old Ahab's needles..."

ACRYLIC PAINT, COLLAGE AND INK ON FOUND PAPER AND CHIPBOARD 8.25" x 12" 12/18/10



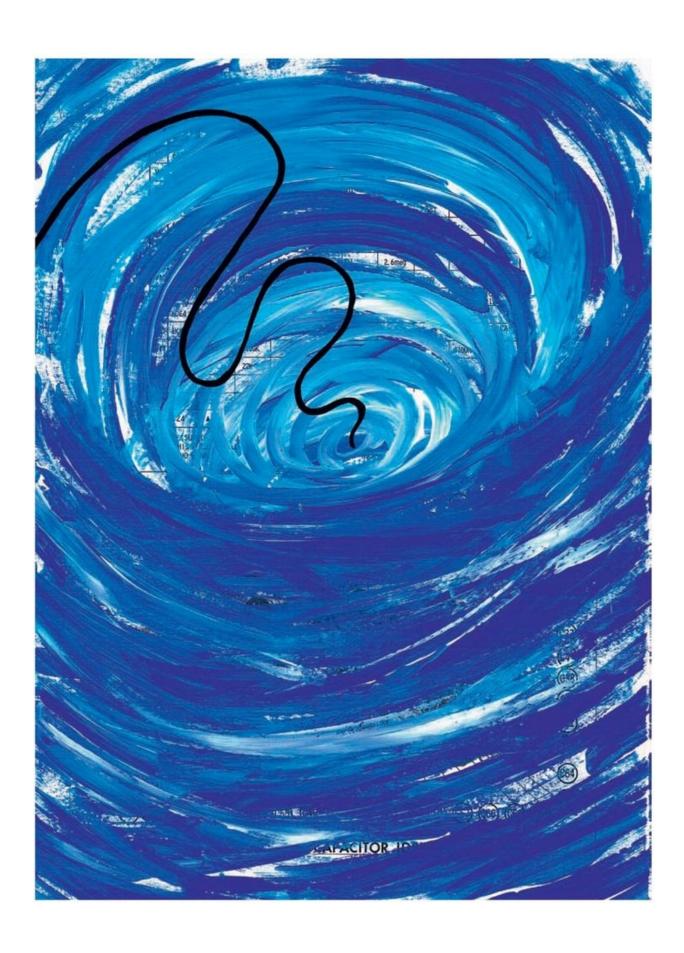
In his fiery eyes of scorn and triumph, you then saw Ahab in all his fatal pride.

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6" x 9" 12/19/10



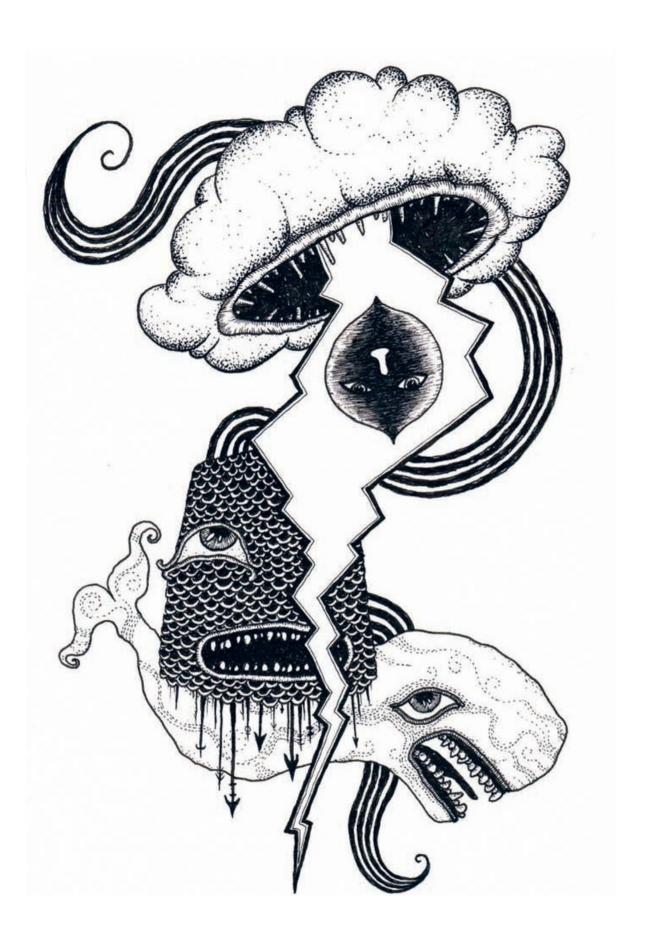
Snap! the overstrained line sagged down in one long festoon; the tugging log was gone.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 12/19/10



"Oh, ye frozen heavens! look down here. Ye did beget this luckless child, and have abandoned him, ye creative libertines. Here, boy; Ahab's cabin shall be Pip's home henceforth, while Ahab lives. Thou touchest my inmost centre, boy; thou art tied to me by cords woven of my heart-strings. Come, let's down."

INK ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 8" x 11.75" 12/19/10



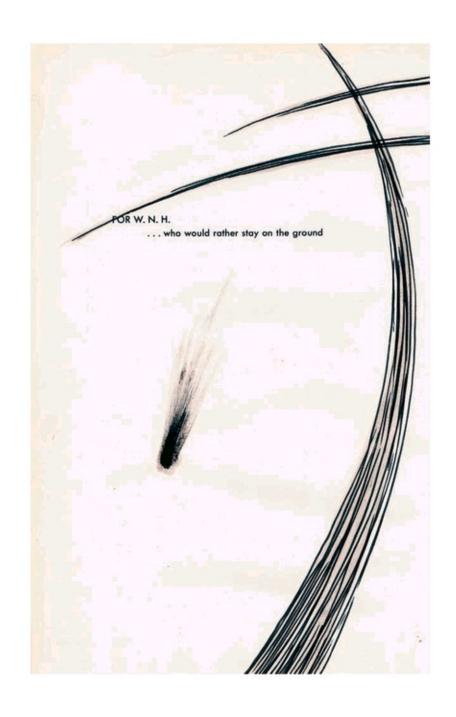
"Come! I feel prouder leading thee by thy black hand, than though I grasped an Emperor's!"

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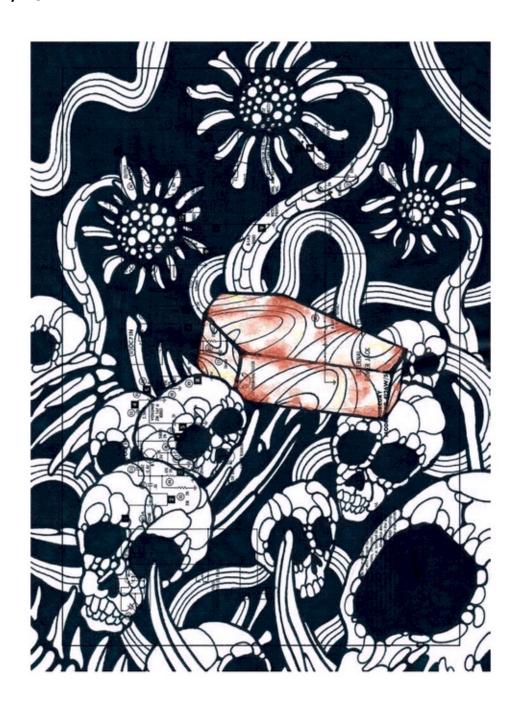
At sun-rise this man went from his hammock to his mast-head at the fore; and whether it was that he was not yet half waked from his sleep (for sailors sometimes go aloft in a transition state), whether it was thus with the man, there is now no telling; but, be that as it may, he had not been long at his perch, when a cry was heard—a cry and a rushing—and looking up, they saw a falling phantom in the air...

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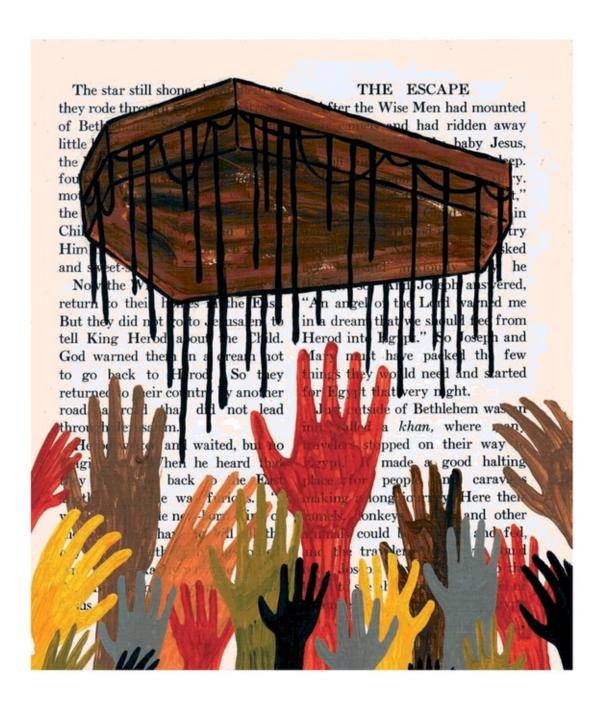
"Away! what possesses thee to this? Make a life-buoy of the coffin, and no more."

INK, MARKER AND WATERCOLOR ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 12/22/10



"I'll have me—let's see—how many in the ship's company, all told? But I've forgotten. Any way, I'll have me thirty separate, Turk's-headed life-lines, each three feet long hanging all round to the coffin. Then, if the hull go down, there'll be thirty lively fellows all fighting for one coffin, a sight not seen very often beneath the sun!"

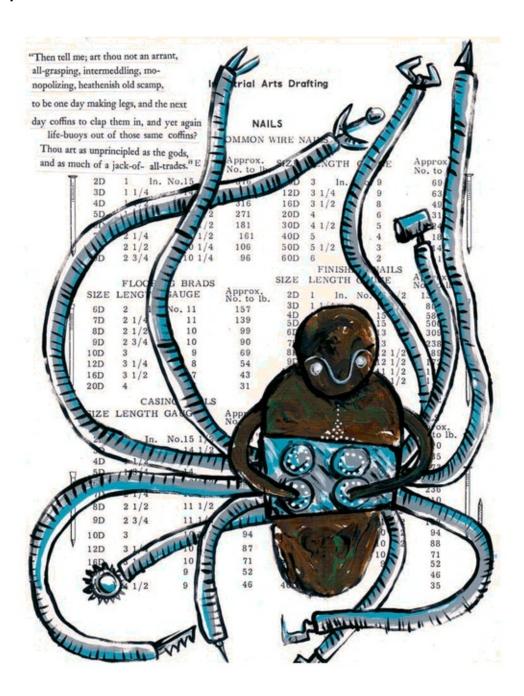
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"Then tell me; art thou not an arrant, all-grasping, intermeddling, monopolizing, heathenish old scamp, to be one day

making legs, and the next day coffins to clap them in, and yet again life-buoys out of those same coffins? Thou art as unprincipled as the gods, and as much of a jack-of-all-trades."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND COLLAGE ON FOUND PAPER 8.25" x 11" 12/23/10



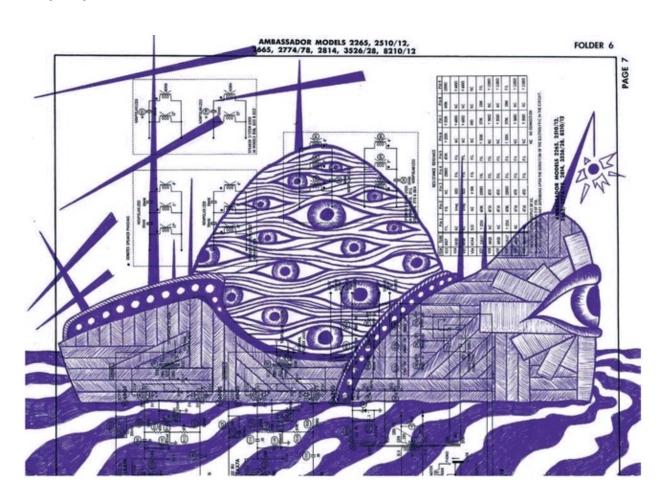
"Seems to me some sort of Equator cuts you old man, too, right in his middle. He's always under the Line—fiery hot, I tell ye!"

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN, CHARCOAL AND COLORED PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 15.5" x 10.75" 12/24/10



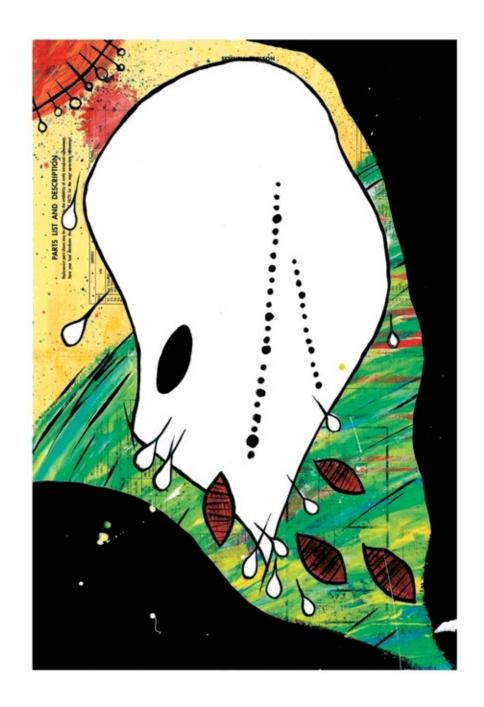
Next day, a large ship, the Rachel, was descried, bearing directly down upon the Pequod, all her spars thickly clustering with men.

BALLPOINT PEN ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 12/25/10



...and while they were yet in swift chase to windward, the white hump and head of Moby Dick had suddenly loomed up out of the blue water, not very far to leeward...

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 15.5" 12/25/10



"My boy, my own boy is among them. For God's sake—I beg, I conjure"—here exclaimed the stranger Captain to Ahab, who

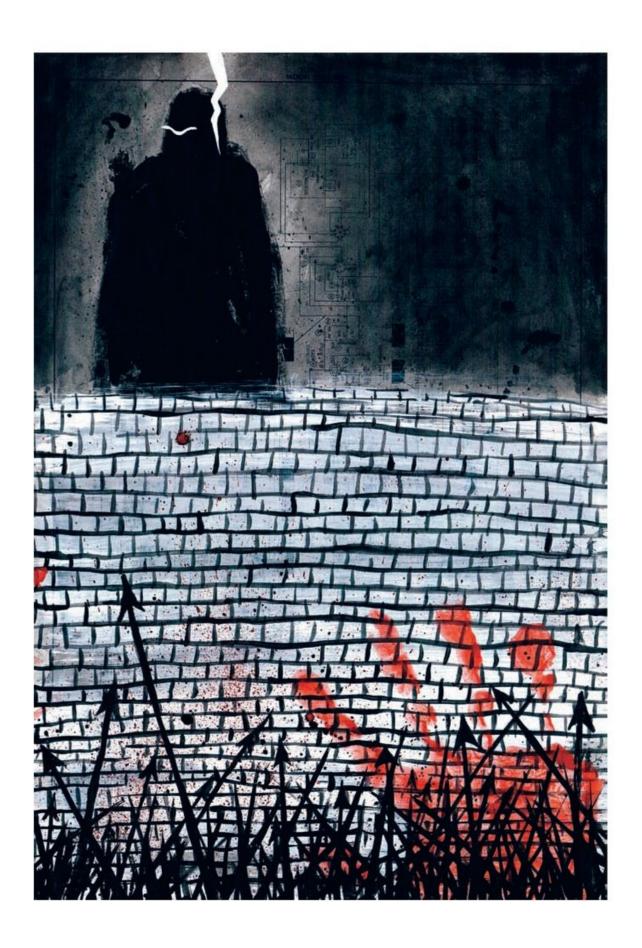
thus far had but icily received his petition. "For eight-and-forty hours let me charter your ship—I will gladly pay for it, and roundly pay for it—if there be no other way—for eight-and-forty hours only—only that—you must, oh, you must, and you shall do this thing."

INK AND MARKER ON BRISTOL BOARD 7" x 8.5" 12/26/10



... then in a voice that prolongingly moulded every word —"Captain Gardiner, I will not do it. Even now I lose time. Good bye, good bye."

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 15.5" 12/26/10



"They tell me, Sir, that Stubb did once desert poor little Pip, whose drowned bones now show white, for all the blackness of his living skin."

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.25" 12/27/10



Ahab,—all other whaling waters swept—seemed to have chased his foe into an ocean-fold, to slay him the more securely there...

INK ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 6.75" x 10" 12/27/10



As the unsetting polar star, which through the livelong, arctic, six months' night sustains its piercing, steady, central gaze; so Ahab's purpose now fixedly gleamed down upon the constant midnight of the gloomy crew.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 8" × 11.5" 12/28/10



...Ahab seemed an independent lord; the Parsee but his slave. Still again both seemed yoked together...

COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 8.25" x 12" 12/28/10



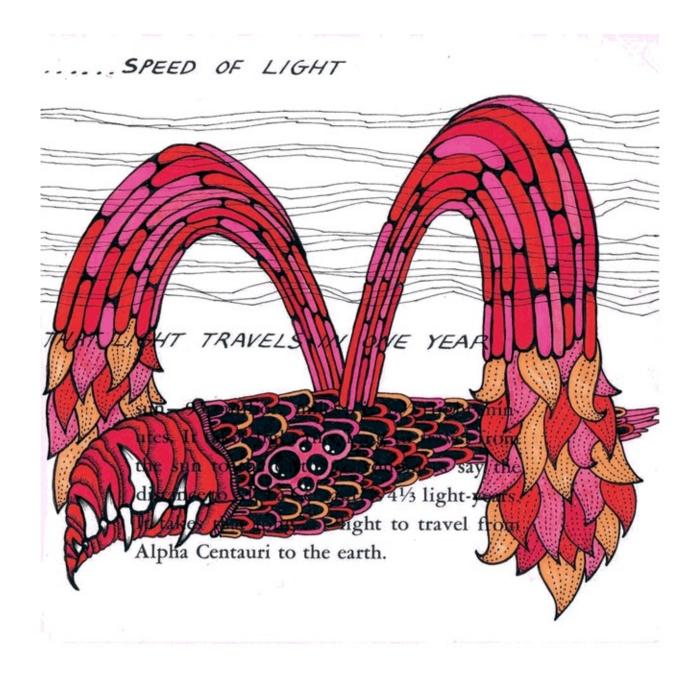
...Ahab gazed abroad upon the sea for miles and miles,—ahead, astern, this side, and that,—within the wide expanded circle commanded at so great a height.

ACRYLIC PAINT, CHARCOAL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 15.5" x 10.75" 12/29/10



...one of those red-billed savage sea-hawks which so often fly incommodiously close round the manned mast-heads of whalemen in these latitudes; one of these birds came wheeling and screaming round his head in a maze of untrackably swift circlings.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 8" × 8" 12/29/10



...and another ship, most miserably misnamed the Delight, was descried.

ACRYLIC PAINT, BALLPOINT PEN AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 7.75" 12/30/10

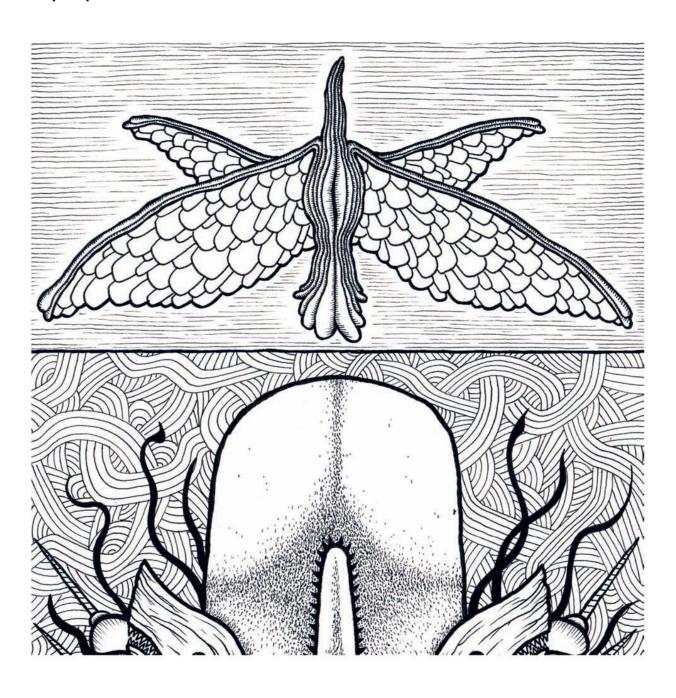


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Hither, and thither, on high, glided the snow-white wings of small, unspeckled birds; these were the gentle thoughts of the feminine air; but to and fro in the deeps, far down in the bottomless blue, rushed mighty Leviathans, sword-fish, and

sharks; and these were the strong, troubled, murderous thinkings of the masculine sea.

INK ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 8.25" x 8.25" 12/30/10



From beneath his slouched hat Ahab dropped a tear into the sea; nor did all the Pacific contain such wealth as that one wee drop.

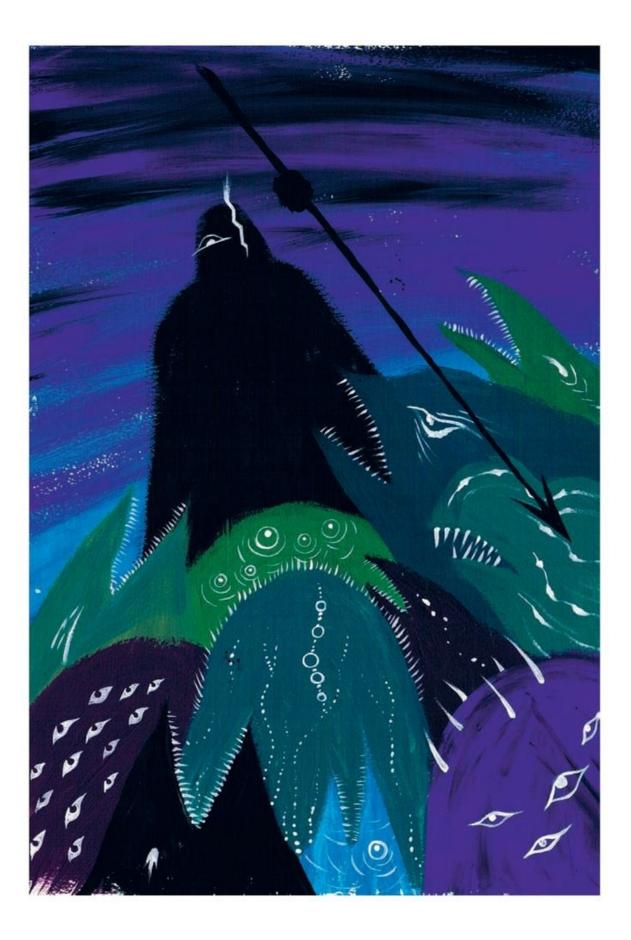
ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 6" × 10" 12/31/10



... forty years on the pitiless sea! for forty years has Ahab forsaken the peaceful land, for forty years to make war on the

horrors of the deep!"

ACRYLIC PAINT ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 8.25" x 12" 12/31/10



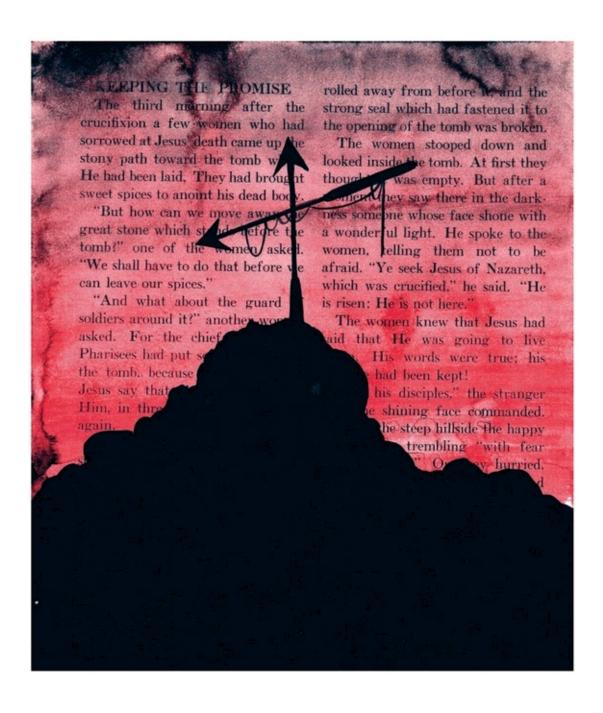
"Is Ahab, Ahab?"

INK ON BRISTOL BOARD 7" x 8.5" 12/31/10



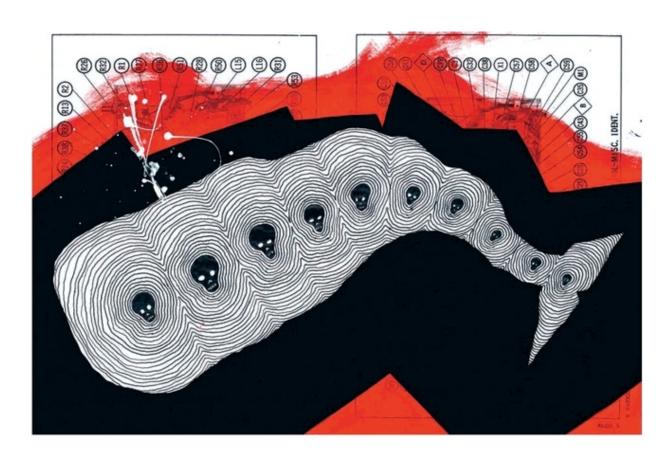
"Aye, toil we how we may, we all sleep at last on the field."

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" x 9" 12/31/10



"There she blows!—there she blows! A hump like a snow-hill! It is Moby Dick!"

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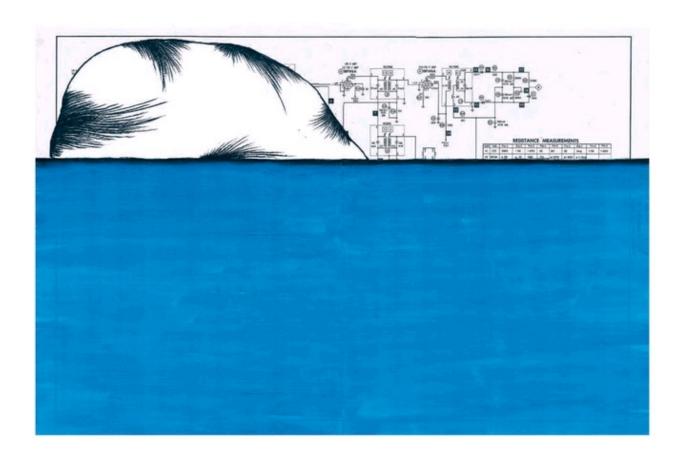


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As they neared him, the ocean grew still more smooth; seemed drawing a carpet over its waves; seemed a noon-meadow, so serenely it spread. At length the breathless hunter came so nigh his seemingly unsuspecting prey, that his entire dazzling hump was distinctly visible, sliding along the sea as if an

isolated thing...

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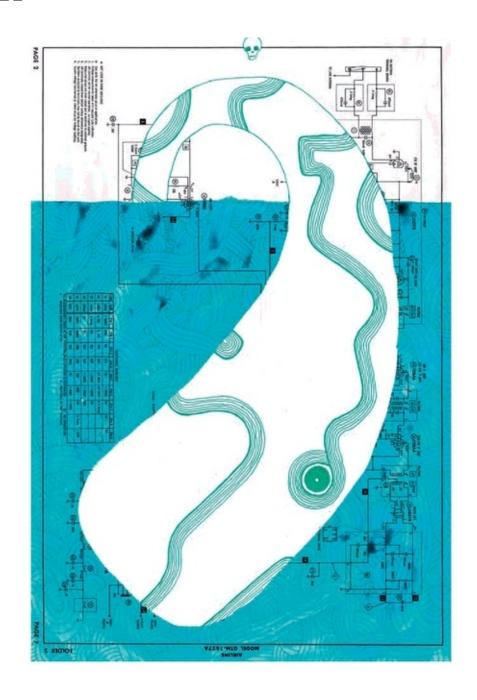


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But soon the fore part of him slowly rose from the water; for an instant his whole marbleized body formed a high arch, like Virginia's Natural Bridge, and warningly waving his bannered flukes in the air, the grand god revealed himself, sounded, and

went out of sight.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 10.75" x 15.5" 01/02/11



Through and through; through every plank and each rib, it thrilled for an instant, the whale obliquely lying on his back, in the manner of a biting shark, slowly and feelingly taking its bows full within his mouth, so that the long, narrow, scrolled lower jaw curled high up into the open air...

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 6" × 9" 01/03/11



...then it was that monomaniac Ahab, furious with this tantalizing vicinity of his foe, which placed him all alive and

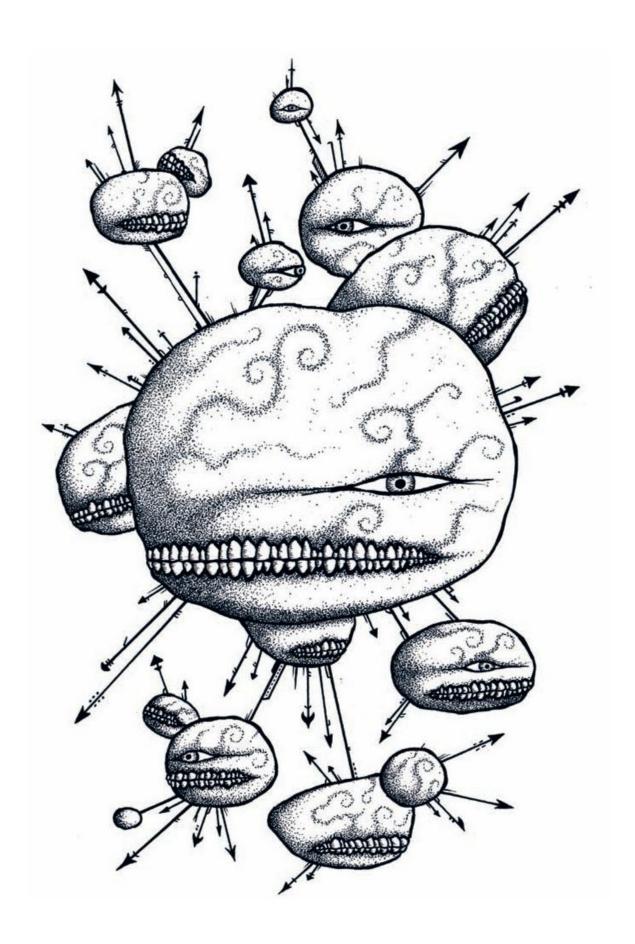
helpless in the very jaws he hated; frenzied with all this, he seized the long bone with his naked hands, and wildly strove to wrench it from its gripe.

CHARCOAL AND PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" × 7" 01/04/11



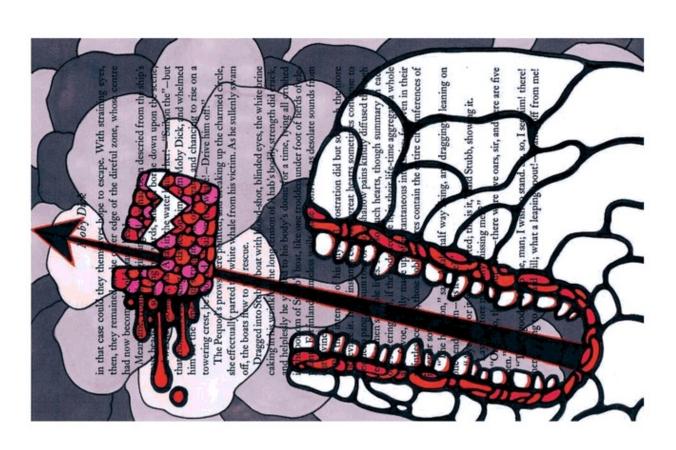
For so revolvingly appalling was the White Whale's aspect, and so planetarily swift the ever-contracting circles he made, that he seemed horizontally swooping upon them.

INK ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 8.25" x 12" 01/07/11



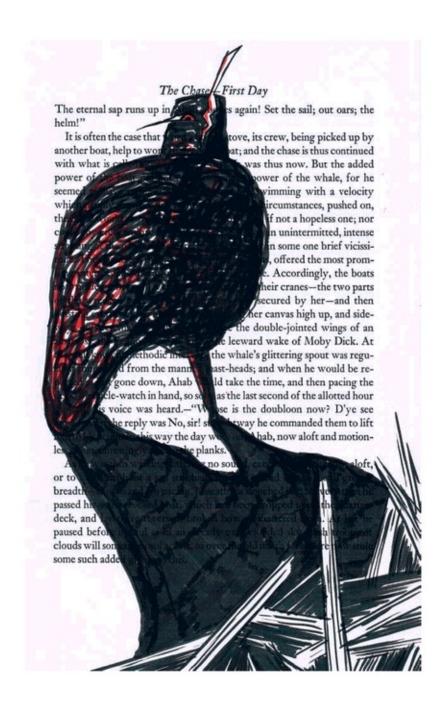
In an instant's compass, great hearts sometimes condense to one deep pang, the sum total of those shallow pains kindly diffused through feebler men's whole lives.

INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER $10" \times 6.25"$ 01/07/11



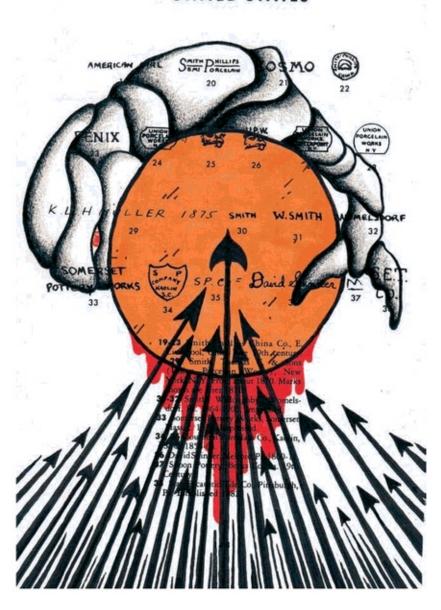
...thus to and fro pacing, beneath his slouched hat, at every turn he passed his own wrecked boat, which had been dropped upon the quarter-deck, and lay there reversed; broken bow to shattered stern. At last he paused before it; and as in an already over-clouded sky fresh troops of clouds will sometimes sail across, so over the old man's face there now stole some such added gloom as this.

INK ON FOUND PAPER 6.25" x 10" 01/07/11



COLORED PENCIL, INK AND MARKER ON FOUND PAPER 6" x 9.25" 01/08/11

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"Turn up all hands and make sail! he travels faster than I thought for..."

COLORED PENCIL ON FOUND PAPER 7.75" x 10.75" 01/08/11



"Aye, aye!" cried Stubb, "I knew it—ye can't escape—blow on and split your spout, O whale! the mad fiend himself is after ye!

blow your trump—blister your lungs!—Ahab will dam off your blood, as a miller shuts his water-gate upon the stream!"

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 10" × 6.25" 01/10/11



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...Moby Dick bodily burst into view! For not by any calm and indolent spoutings; not by the peaceable gush of that mystic fountain in his head, did the White Whale now reveal his vicinity; but by the far more wondrous phenomenon of breaching. Rising with his utmost velocity from the furthest

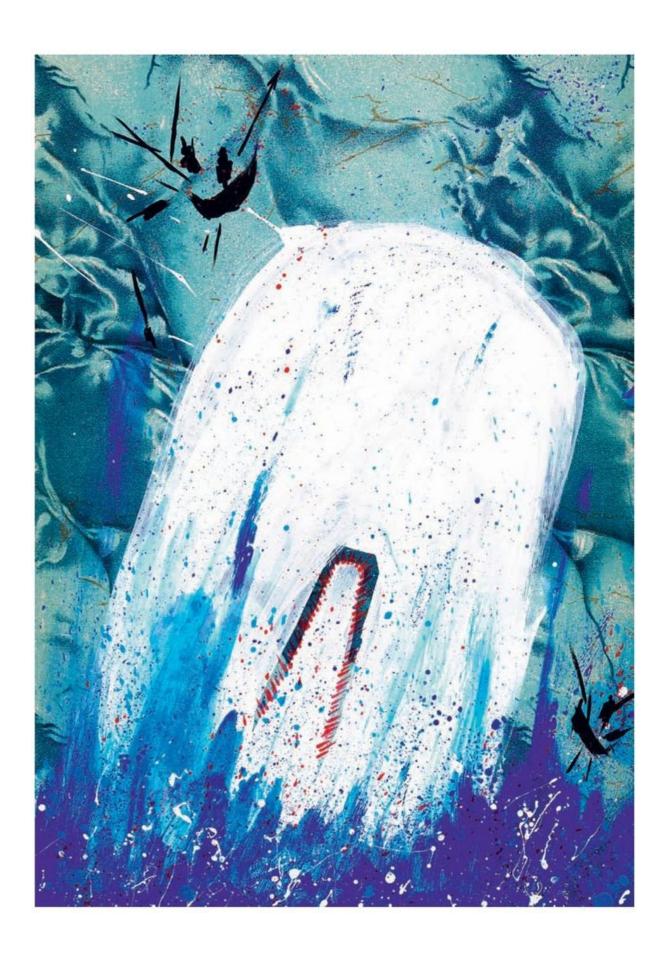
depths, the Sperm Whale thus booms his entire bulk into the pure element of air, and piling up a mountain of dazzling foam, shows his place to the distance of seven miles and more. In those moments, the torn, enraged waves he shakes off, seem his mane; in some cases, this breaching is his act of defiance.

INK ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 8.25" x 12" 01/11/11



...the White Whale churning himself into furious speed, almost in an instant as it were, rushing among the boats with open jaws, and a lashing tail, offered appalling battle on every side; and heedless of the irons darted at him from every boat, seemed only intent on annihilating each separate plank of which those boats were made.

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 7.5" x 10.5" 01/11/11



That instant, the White Whale made a sudden rush among the remaining tangles of the other lines; by so doing, irresistibly dragged the more involved boats of Stubb and Flask towards his flukes; dashed them together like two rolling husks on a surf-beaten beach, and then, diving down into the sea, disappeared in a boiling maelstrom...

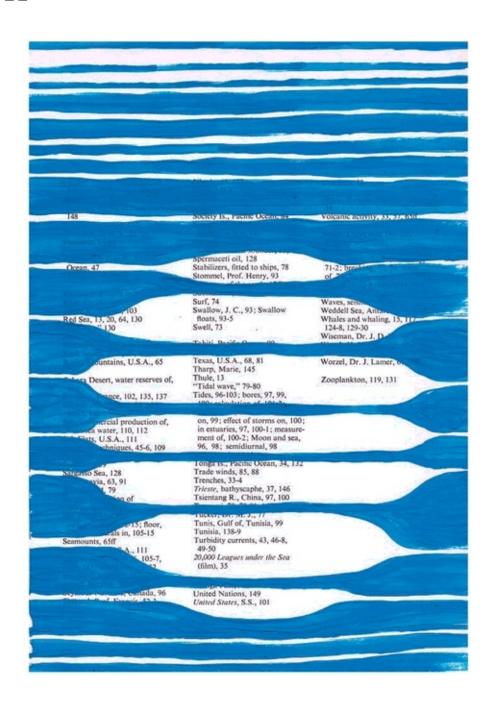
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But soon, as if satisfied that his work for that time was done, he pushed his pleated forehead through the ocean, and trailing

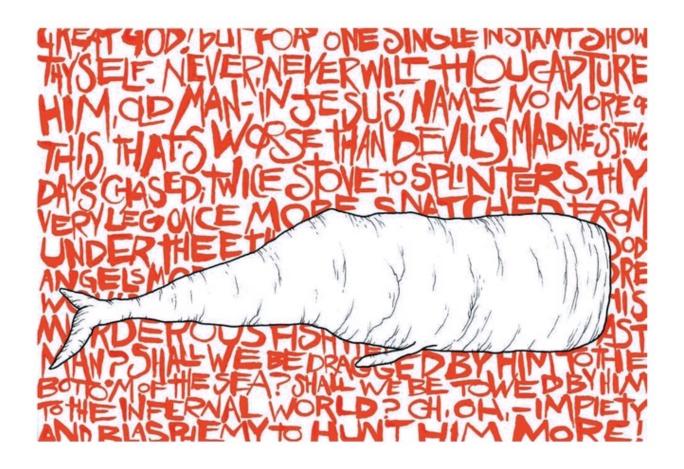
after him the intertangled lines, continued his leeward way at a traveller's methodic pace.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 7.25" x 10.25" 01/13/11



"Great God! but for one single instant show thyself," cried Starbuck; "never, never wilt thou capture him, old man—In Jesus' name no more of this, that's worse than devil's madness. Two days chased; twice stove to splinters; thy very leg once more snatched from under thee; thy evil shadow gone—all good angels mobbing thee with warnings;—what more wouldst thou have?—Shall we keep chasing this murderous fish till he swamps the last man? Shall we be dragged by him to the bottom of the sea? Shall we be towed by him to the infernal world? Oh, oh,—Impiety and blasphemy to hunt him more!"

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 12" x 8.25" 01/15/11



Ahab is for ever Ahab, man.

INK ON BRISTOL BOARD 7" x 8.5" 01/15/11



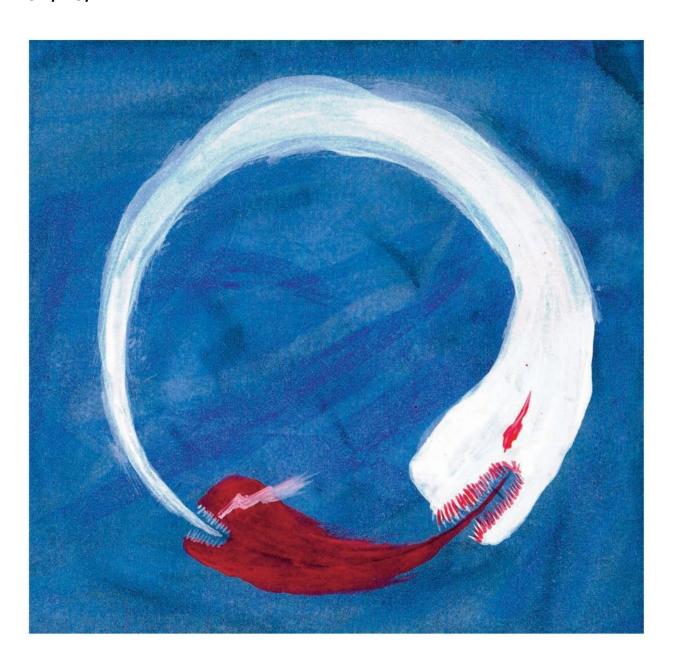
...while still as on the night before, slouched Ahab stood fixed within his scuttle; his hid, heliotrope glance anticipatingly gone backward on its dial; sat due eastward for the earliest sun.

INK AND MARKER ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 8" × 6" 01/24/11



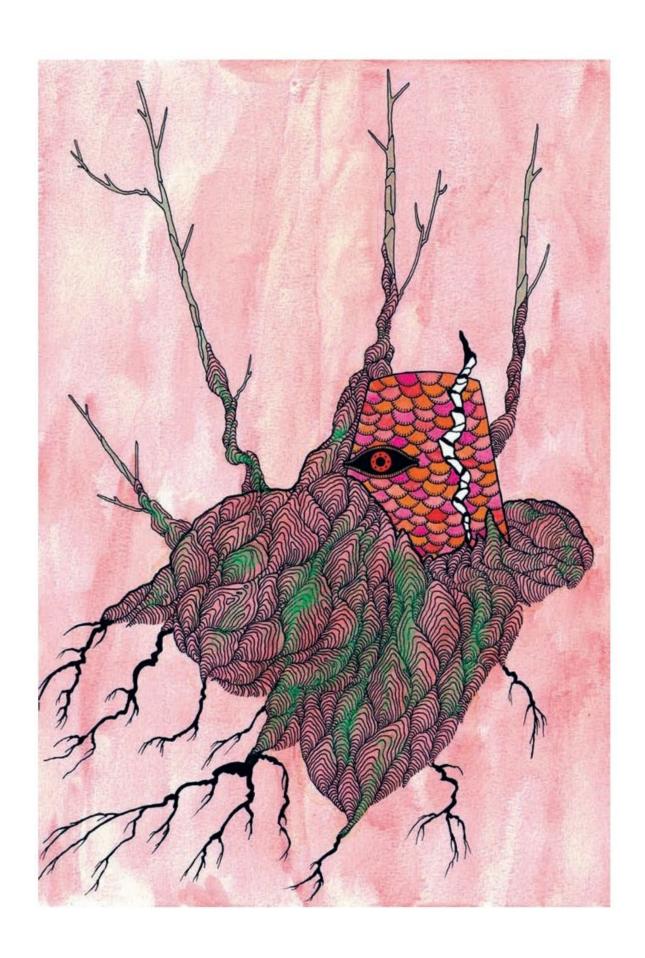
"Aye, he's chasing me now; not I, him—that's bad..."

ACRYLIC PAINT ON BRISTOL BOARD 7" × 7" 01/20/11



"What's this?—green? aye, tiny mosses in these warped cracks. No such green weather stains on Ahab's head! There's the difference now between man's old age and matter's. But aye, old mast, we both grow old together; sound in our hulls, though, are we not, my ship?"

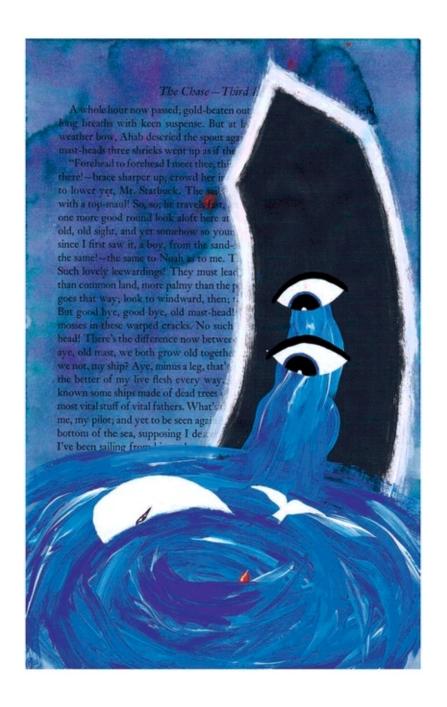
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Their hands met; their eyes fastened; Starbuck's tears the glue.

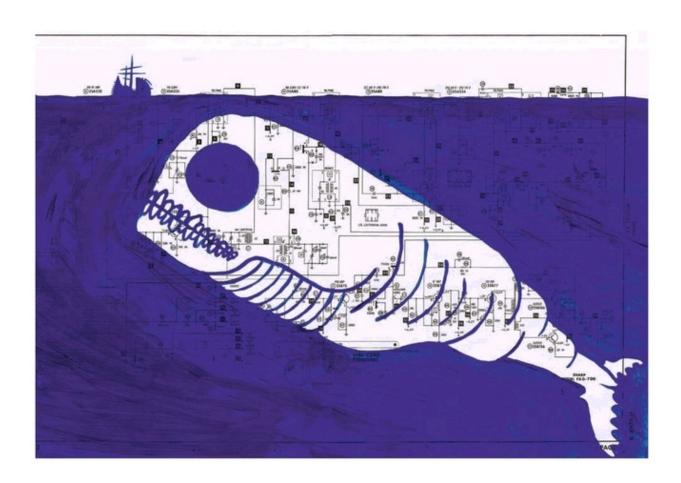
"Oh, my captain, my captain!—noble heart—go not—go not!—see, it's a brave man that weeps; how great the agony of the persuasion then!"

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 6.25" x 10" 01/17/11



"For when three days flow together in one continuous intense pursuit; be sure the first is the morning, the second the noon, and the third the evening and the end of that thing—be that end what it may."

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 14.5" x 10.75" 01/18/11



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While Daggoo and Queequeg were stopping the strained planks; and as the whale swimming out from them, turned, and showed one entire flank as he shot by them again; at that

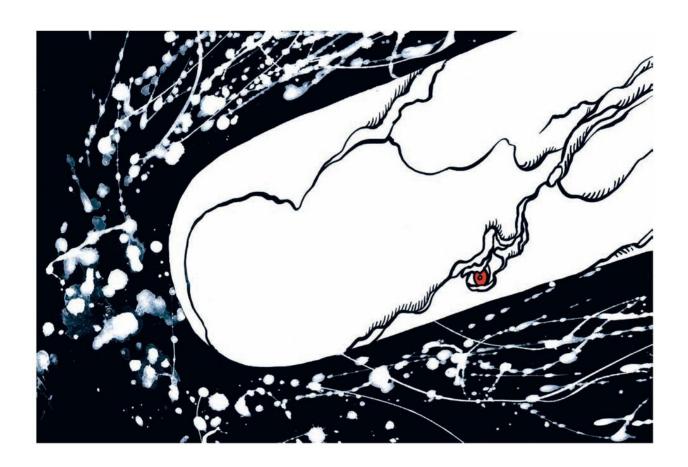
moment a quick cry went up. Lashed round and round to the fish's back; pinioned in the turns upon turns in which, during the past night, the whale had reeled the involutions of the lines around him, the half torn body of the Parsee was seen; his sable raiment frayed to shreds; his distended eyes turned full upon old Ahab.

ACRYLIC PAINT ON FOUND PAPER 15.5" × 10.75" 01/19/11



...Moby Dick was now again steadily swimming forward...

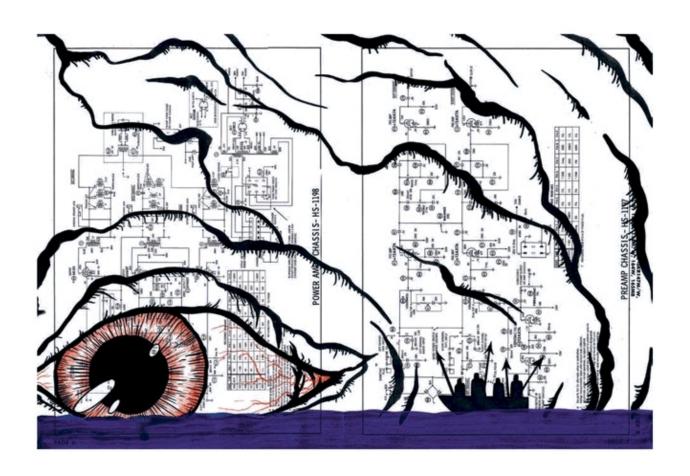
ACRYLIC PAINT ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 12" x 8.25" 01/20/11



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At length as the craft was cast to one side, and ran ranging along with the White Whale's flank, he seemed strangely oblivious of its advance...

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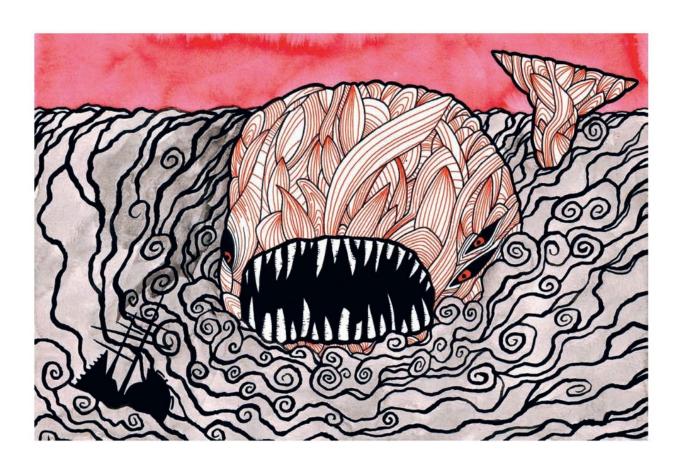


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Hearing the tremendous rush of the sea-crashing boat, the whale wheeled round to present his blank forehead at bay; but in that evolution, catching sight of the nearing black hull of the ship; seemingly seeing in it the source of all his persecutions;

bethinking it—it may be—a larger and nobler foe; of a sudden, he bore down upon its advancing prow, smiting his jaws amid fiery showers of foam.

INK ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 12" x 8.25" 01/22/11



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Retribution, swift vengeance, eternal malice were in his whole aspect, and spite of all that mortal man could do, the solid white buttress of his forehead smote the ship's starboard bow,

till men and timbers reeled. Some fell flat upon their faces. Like dislodged trucks, the heads of the harpooneers aloft shook on their bull-like necks. Through the breach, they heard the waters pour, as mountain torrents down a flume.

"The ship! The hearse!—the second hearse!" cried Ahab from the boat; "its wood could only be American!"

ACRYLIC PAINT AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 15.5" x 10.75" 01/23/11



"Towards thee I roll, thou all-destroying but unconquering whale; to the last I grapple with thee; from hell's heart I stab at thee; for hate's sake I spit my last breath at thee. Sink all coffins and all hearses to one common pool! and since neither can be mine, let me then tow to pieces, while still chasing thee, though tied to thee, thou damned whale! Thus, I give up the spear!"

INK AND MARKER ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 8.25" x 12" 01/23/11



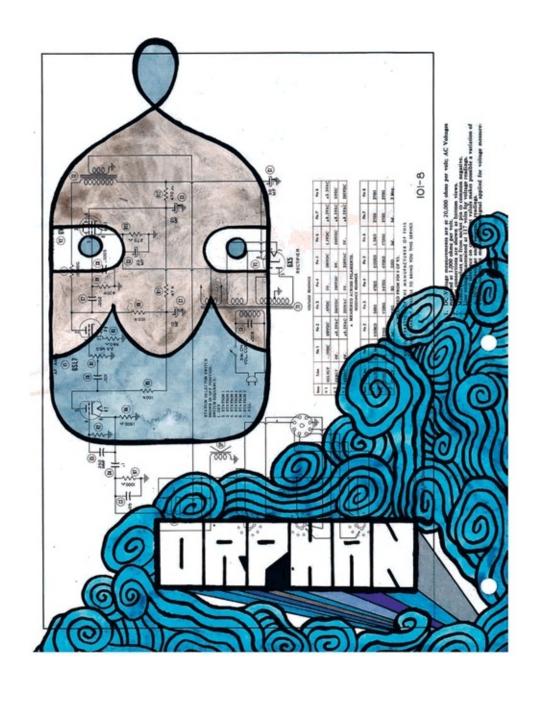
...then all collapsed, and the great shroud of the sea rolled on as it rolled five thousand years ago.

INK ON WATERCOLOR PAPER 12" x 8.25" 01/24/11



On the second day, a sail drew near, nearer, and picked me up at last. It was the devious-cruising Rachel, that in her retracing search after her missing children, only found another orphan.

COLORED PENCIL AND INK ON FOUND PAPER 8.5" × 11" 01/29/11



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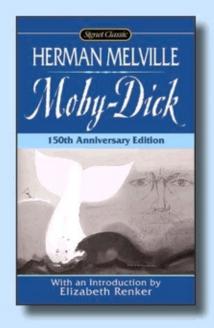
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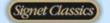
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