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4 And Jonah began to enter the city on the third day.

5 And the Ninevites believed on him, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.

6 And Jonah said unto them, Turn ye now from your evil way, and obey the voice of the Lord, that your evil be not taken away.

7 And the king of Nineveh arose from his throne, and he put on sackcloth, and he sat on the dunghill, and he commanded, that all his men should be clothed in sackcloth.

8 And the king said, Will it yet be turned away from me, and from my people, that we have done, because I have heard that the Lord is angry with us?

9 And he said, Yea, if ye will believe on him, and will obey his voice, and will turn away from your evil way, and will obey his voice, that your evil be not taken away.

10 And the Lord said unto Jonah the prophet, Thou hast obeyed my voice, saying, Go to Nineveh; and thou hast done as I have said: therefore will I not visit thee with evil, because thou hast obeyed my voice.

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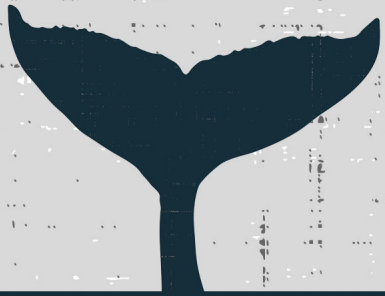
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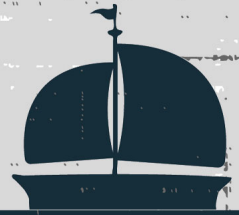
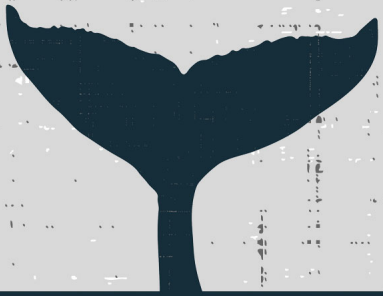
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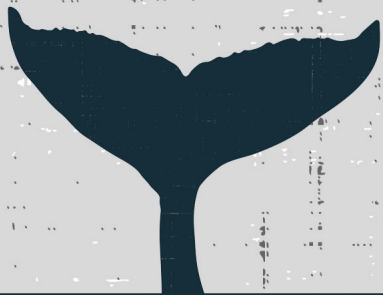




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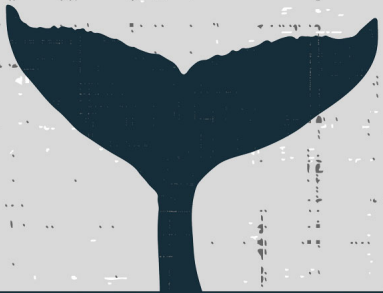


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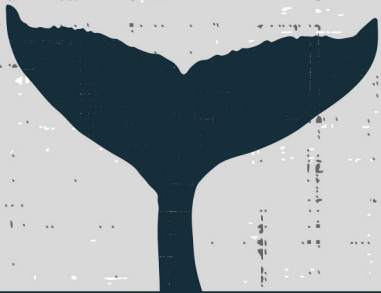
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