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SENATOR FRIEND: Ah, thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ... could that fish have been a whale?

SENATOR FRIEND: Well, I suppose it depends upon your interpretation. Maybe back when they wrote that, they believed a whale to be a fish.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But we should go by what is actually written, huh?

SENATOR FRIEND: I would agree, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The "Bibble" doesn't say whale, it says fish. But at any rate, he was swallowed. Do you know why he met that fate? He was on his way to a place...have you ever heard of Nineveh?

SENATOR FRIEND: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Anyway, he was not going to do what he was supposed to do, and he was on this ship, which...he was going to use it seeking passage to go someplace where he was not supposed to go. He was trying to avoid doing what he should do. And very bad things started happening, heavy winds, high waves, and the men, being superstitious as seafarers are and always have been, felt that something, somebody had brought something on that ship, which was endangering all of them. And it turned out that the one who was doing it and causing it was Jonah. I won't tell how they determined that it was him. But Jonah was the one determined by the others to be the bad guy and the danger. So what did they do with him, if you know?

SENATOR FRIEND: I don't know, but I'm assuming they threw him off, yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They pitched him overboard.

SENATOR FRIEND: I didn't remember that.