Ismail, an American sailor, goes with a group of sailors, whalers, on a fishing trip on board a ship equipped with some small boats, under the command of Captain Ahab, to track down a white whale called Moby Dick. Ismail escapes by means of a coffin box that one of the whalers had prepared for himself, as this coffin becomes a lifeboat for Ismail, and the floating Ismail struggles until it is picked up by a passing ship