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my mind: I never remembered being into the steering room of the ship, which would be the most fascinating room of the ship. When I found it, there was the budgie, a nice camera, and a nice field glass. The camera was another present for Ronie. Until today, I am wondering if I didn't imagine that budgie being on that ship, because I definitely couldn't forget that room, with the big steering wheel all brass, and the big compass all brass-- practically the room was made of windows and brass. What I mean, I remembered everything that was in the other rooms, but never remembered seeing that room, and still I previously saw the budgie. Then I thought of Fraser again. The boat could start leaking, and he couldn't bail it, as the best he could do is keep the boat off the rocks with the load in it, with two broken paddles. But when I got back to the lifesaving boat I could hear the singing, and the song he was singing-- "What Would You Do with a Drunken Sailor?" And he sure was a drunken sailor, and now a drunken captain, as he was the captain of that little boat with those two broken paddles. Then he tried to pick me up, but no way. Every time I would go down on the rope, Fraser wouldn't be there. Then I would climb that rope again. And every time I would ask him why wasn't he under me, he would say that when he would get so close he couldn't see me, and my voice would be in a different place every time I would speak. And then he started to beg me to jump in the water and he would pick me up. You just imagine--to jump in that cold water. I told him Ronie's boy wouldn't think of that. Well, he told me there was nothing he could do, unless I would let down the gangplank--the ladder on the side of the

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" ship. And he just said it for a joke, but I didn't take it for a joke. Back aboard the big ship I went, tripped the big hauling winch, and away goes the side ladder. Luck happened he wasn't close to it. The sea that ladder made when it struck the water would have sunk the small boat. But anyway, he picked me up in style. When I got in the little boat it was half full of water. Later on he told me he never thought of the water in the boat, and by that time he was up to his knees in it. I started to bail the boat when we left the Kismet and never stopped until we got to Meat Cove beach. And I was bailing twice as fast by the time I got to the shore. I know now the ice was melting. But we were two happy boys when we got ashore. And much more happier when I got home in Ronie's arms, as that girl sure was worried, us leaving to go up and just have a look at the Kismet at approximately four in the evening. And then it was around four in the morning. I just couldn't believe it--where was I all that time? But she forgave

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