Consider the subtleness of the sea; how its most dreaded creatures glide under water, unapparent for the most part, and treacherously hidden beneath the loveliest tints of azure.

–Herman Melville
The Nantucket whaleship Two Brothers set sail for the Pacific on November 26, 1821. On board were three men who only months earlier had returned to their island home after a harrowing and now infamous experience on the whaleship Essex...
Consider, once more, the universal cannibalism of the sea; all whose creatures prey upon each other, carrying on eternal war since the world began.

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On February 11, 1823 the Nantucket whaleship *Two Brothers* struck a reef at French Frigate Shoals in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. The *Two Brothers* remained hidden until August of 2008 when a team of NOAA maritime archaeologists caught the first glimpse of the shipwreck on the seafloor.