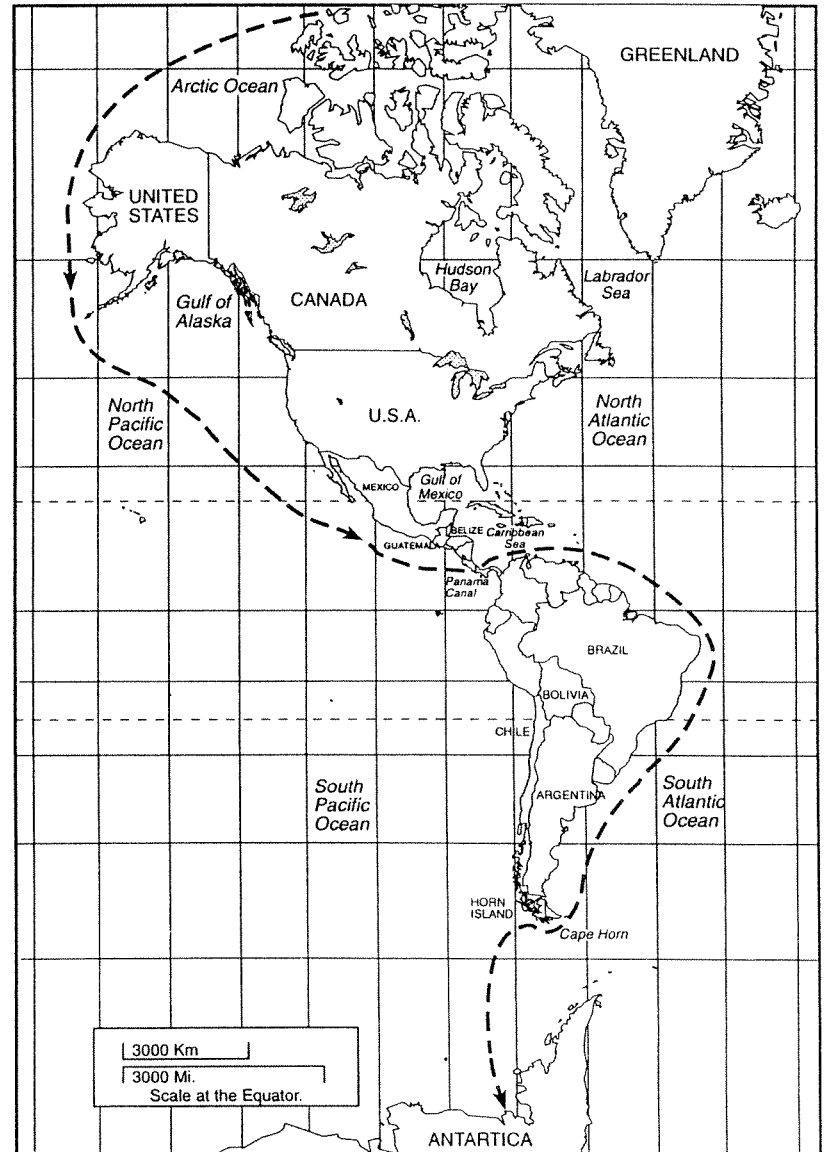


# Ungava the Narwhal

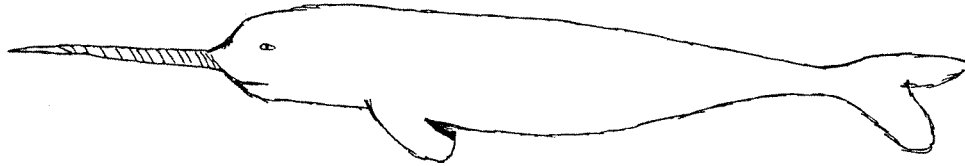


By John S. Moon



The narwhal is a small Arctic whale. He has a long spirally, twisted tusk extending forward from the upper jaw.

Hello. My name is Ungava. I am a narwhal. I live in the Arctic Ocean where it stays cold all the time. I am going on a journey to the Antarctic where it also stays cold all the time. Would you like to travel with me?



John Moon's verses are simple and thought provoking. They express feelings that can be found loitering within every human soul.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gwen O'Looney". The signature is fluid and stylized, with large loops and flourishes.

Chief Elected Officer Gwen O'Looney  
Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County

## *The Journey of the Unicorn Whale*

The Arctic Ocean is the smallest ocean in the world. The Arctic is very beautiful. In the Arctic Ocean there also live whales called Narwhals. A Narwhal is a small whale. These whales are also called Unicorn whales because the adult males have a nine-foot tusk.

One day a baby Narwhal named Ungava was swimming with his mother and father in the Arctic Ocean. The baby Narwhal could not keep up with his mother and father. Ungava was lost in the Arctic Ocean. His mother and father searched the ocean but they could not find their baby. Thinking that he had been eaten by a killer whale, Ungava's mother and father stopped searching for him and swam away. Ungava was all alone in the cold waters of the Arctic Ocean. He began to search for his mother and father but he could not find them. Ungava managed to survive in the Arctic Ocean. He grew to be a strong and swift Narwhal. Any mammal or fish that was bigger than Ungava could not catch him because he was so fast. Any mammal or fish equal to Ungava's size could not catch him because he was too strong. One day Ungava was swimming in the Arctic Ocean when he was attacked by a killer whale. Ungava swam around the mighty whale and was gone in a flash. Ungava became the hero of the Arctic Ocean rescuing other mammals and fish from killer whales and hunters.

All the young mammals and fishes would swim with Ungava and play with him. One day a polar bear tried to catch Ungava. He rammed the polar bear with his tusk, knocking the bear down. When Ungava was swimming in the ocean one day, he saw a Narwhal caught in a hunter's net. Ungava rammed the net with his tusk until the net came loose, freeing the Narwhal. A hunter tried to kill Ungava with a harpoon. The hunter threw the harpoon at Ungava but Ungava was too fast. He was gone before the harpoon reached him. He came back and played with the hunter awhile before he knocked the hunter into the water. After knocking the hunter in to the water Ungava swam away. Ungava was the king of the Arctic Ocean. He was not afraid of any thing.

After he had conquered the Arctic, Ungava needed another challenge. He became restless swimming day after day in the Arctic Ocean. One day Ungava began to swim South. He traveled through the waters of the Arctic Ocean and swam into the waters of Canada. Canada is the second largest country in the world. Canada is a

beautiful country with its frozen tundra of the North, forests, mountains, lakes, and Horseshoe Falls. Canada has a variety of animals. Ungava stayed in Canada for a while. He made his home in the waters of Canada. It did not take Ungava long to learn the waters of Canada. Ungava became a hero in Canada just as he had when he was in the Arctic Ocean. The people of Canada called him "The Unicorn Whale." Ungava befriended an Inuit boy named Akhion. The boy and his friends would come to the ocean and play with Ungava. Akhion's father was a great whale hunter named Akiachak, but he could not catch Ungava because he was too fast for Akiachak. Ungava would destroy Akiacaak's hunting nets. Akiachak called Ungava "The Evil Whale." Akhion called the whale his friend. Akhion would take some of his father's fish and give them to Ungava. Akiachak thought someone was stealing his fish. He had a meeting with the tribal leaders and told them someone was stealing his fish. The tribal leaders investigated and they discovered that Akhion was taking his father's fish. Akiachak made Akhion fish every day until he had replaced all the fish he had taken. Ungava continued to swim the waters of Canada rescuing people and animals. One day Akhion was fishing when he was attacked by a killer whale. His boat was overturned. Ungava drew the whale's attention by ramming him with his tusk. The killer whale turned and started chasing Ungava. He led the killer whale out into deep water, using his speed to out-swim the whale.

When Ungava returned to where the boat was turned over, he found that Akhion had made it to shore and he was safe. "Thank you, Ungava you saved my life," Akhion said. Ungava responded with whale talk. Akhion went home and told his family what had happened, how Ungava had saved his life and all his family members were thankful. That is, all except his father. He believed that this was an evil mammal that must be destroyed. Akhion cried and begged his father not to destroy Ungava but his father would not listen to him. Akiachak formed a hunting party to kill Ungava. Akhion stood on the shore and watched while his father and the hunting party tried to kill Ungava. The hunting party spotted the whale and began chasing him. Akiachak threw his harpoon at Ungava; the rest of the party threw their harpoons, but they all missed Ungava. He was too fast for them. Ungava turned around and made a game out of the chase. He circled the boat, threw water on the men, and they all fell into the water. Ungava swam away from the men and watched while they swam ashore. Akhion was standing on the shore laughing at the men. They all reached shore except Akiachak. he had become caught in one of his own hunting nets. Just then, a killer whale spotted him and started toward him. Akhion shouted, "My father is trapped in

the net; he will be killed by the whale." Ungava saw the whale; he quickly rammed the net loose. Akiachak fell out of it; then he held on to Ungava and the whale carried him to shore. Ungava led the killer whale out into deep water. When Ungava returned, Akhion and his father with the hunting party were standing on the shore. They all thanked Ungava, especially Akiachak. He said he was sorry that he called Ungava the evil whale. Akiachak said Ungava was the king of the whales.

After Ungava had conquered the waters of Canada, he became restless again. When it was time for Ungava to leave, Akhion knew it. He could look at Ungava and see that he was going to leave. Akhion said goodbye to Ungava and Ungava responded in whale talk. Then he swam away. Akhion's father told him not to feel bad because Ungava had to go and become a hero in other waters. Akhion said he knew that Ungava would be back one day. Ungava became a legend in the waters of Canada. After Ungava left the waters of Canada he traveled South until he reached the waters of Alaska.

Alaska is a beautiful state. Ungava lived in the beautiful waters of Alaska. After leaving the beautiful waters of Canada, it did not take Ungava long before he became a hero in Alaska just like he did in Canada. Ungava swam in the waters of Alaska rescuing people and animals. One day a man named Akiak was fishing in the Chukchi Sea when a killer whale attacked Akiak, knocked him out of his boat; before the whale could hurt Akiak, Ungava came and saved the man. Ungava rammed the whale with his tusk, and when the whale turned to attack Ungava, he swam away leading the killer whale out into deep waters. The whale could not catch Ungava because he was too fast for the killer whale. Akiak managed to get back in his boat and make it to shore. When Ungava came back from leading the killer whale out into deep waters, Akiak was standing on shore. He looked into the water and said "You, fish with horn, you saved my life. I thank you." Ungava responded in whale talk. Ungava and Akiak became good friends. One day Akiak went to check his nets to see if he had caught any fishes. When Akiak reached the area where his nets were, he discovered that something had destroyed all of the nets. Akiak could not figure out who was destroying his nets. Akiak told his friend Akutan about his nets. Akutan told Akiak that his nets were not the only nets being destroyed, that he and the other fishermen were losing fish too. Akiak and Akutan investigated to see who was destroying the nets. One night Akiak and Akutan stayed out on the water. They spotted Ungava ramming the nets and freeing the fish. Akutan said, "It is a male Narwhal;

what is he doing in this area? They live in the Arctic Ocean." Akiak said, "It is my friend, the fish with the horn. He saved my life one day." Akutan said, "we must kill him." Akiak said, "No, we must catch him and take him back to the Arctic Ocean." Akiak and Akutan formed a hunting party to catch Ungava and take him back to the Arctic Ocean. The hunting party searched the waters until they found Ungava. When the hunting party spotted Ungava they began to chase him but they could not catch him because he was too fast for them. The hunting party continued to chase Ungava. He led them out into deep water. The chase was a game to Ungava. He played with the hunting party. While out in deep waters the hunting party was attacked by a killer whale the men were knocked out of the boat into the water. When the whale started to attack the men, Ungava rammed the whale with his tusk the whale turned and tried to attack Ungava but he was too fast for the whale. Ungava led the whale out of the area where the men were. Later, Ungava came back; the men were back in the boat. Ungava led the men to shore. Akiak said "You saved my life again, my friend. You are the king of the Alaska waters." Akutan said, "He saved all of our lives, so we cannot catch him and take him back to the Arctic Ocean. This is his kingdom." Akiak said, "We will just have to get to the nets before he gets to the nets. The fishermen and Ungava became good friends. All Alaska knew about the fish with the horn.

One day Ungava saw a polar bear trying to catch a mother seal with her babies. Ungava rammed the bear, knocked him down, and the mother seal swam away with her babies. The mother seal and her babies became good friend with Ungava. They would swim in the water with Ungava all day. There was a great hunter named Akiachak who lived on Big Diomedes Island. When Akiachak heard about Ungava he said he was the king of Alaska, not some old fish with a horn. Akiachak had an Alaskan brown bear named Haida. The bear was very mean. Akiachak told all the hunters and fisherman that he was going to catch Ungava and cut his horn off. All the hunters and fisherman told him not to try it because Ungava was too strong and swift for him, but Akiachak did not believe them. Akiachak and his bear began to hunt Ungava. Akiachak searched the waters while Haida searched the shore. The bear spotted Ungava swimming close to shore. Haida walked on a log that was in the water; when he got close to Ungava the bear struck at Ungava, but the whale was too fast for the bear. Ungava swam around the log, rammed it, and knocked the bear off the log into the water. The bear swam to shore and ran into the woods. Akiachak saw what had happened and saw his bear running into the woods. "Come back, you coward," Akiachak said to Haida. Akiachak saw Ungava swimming away. "I will get

you." Akiachak said to Ungava, and then he began to chase the whale. Ungava circled Akiachak and played with him. Ungava knocked water on Akiachak; he threw his harpoon at Ungava, but it missed the whale. Ungava swam away. Akiachak began chasing Ungava again. The whale turned because he saw Horse Shoe Falls ahead but Akiachak did not see the falls until it was too late. The boat started over the falls. Ungava rammed his tusk through the boat before it went over the fall and pulled Akiachak to safety. "You defeat my bear and now you save my life. You are the king of Alaska." Everybody in Alaska knew about Ungava defeating Akiachak and his bear.

After conquering the waters of Alaska, Ungava became restless. It was time for Ungava to leave. He swam to where Akiak was fishing. Akiak could see it was time for Ungava to leave. "I know you are going away Ungava, my friend, so goodbye." Ungava responded in whale talk and swam away, traveling south. Ungava continued to travel south after leaving the waters of Alaska until he reached the North Pacific Ocean. There Ungava was attacked by a mighty blue whale, but Ungava was too fast for the blue whale; he slipped by the whale and swam away. Ungava continued to swim in the North Pacific Ocean until he reached the California coast. Ungava swam in the warm waters off the coast of California. He also enjoyed the sunshine.

While swimming in the waters of California, Ungava became a hero of the state. One day a girl named Candelaria Augustus, who every one called "Surfer Girl" because she surfed all the time, was surfing in the waters off the coast of California when she was attacked by a shark. Candelaria was knocked off her surfboard and into the water. Ungava saw the shark attacking Candelaria, and he came to her rescue. Ungava used his tusk to ram the shark. That drove the shark off. After the shark had gone away, Candelaria swam to shore. Looking into the water Candelaria said to Ungava, "You funny looking fish, you saved my life." Candelaria and Ungava became good friends. They played and swam in the waters off the coast of California. Candelaria and Ungava would race each other. Candelaria would get on her surfboard and race Ungava, but Ungava was too fast for her. He would out-race her even when the surf was up. "How do you do it?" Candelaria would say to Ungava. "I can not out-race you because you are so fast. People on the beach would watch Candelaria and Ungava. They called them the surfer girl and the Unicorn whale.

Candelaria and Ungava began to travel up and down the North Pacific Ocean rescuing people and animals. Candelaria took her mother and father with her brother

to the beach to meet her new friend. "This is Ungava, my friend," Candelaria said. "We are pleased to meet you," her mother said. "This my mother and father Cruz, Claude, and my brother Cayo." Ungava greeted them with whale talk. "That is a funny looking fish," said Cayo. "How do you like my friend?" Candelaria asked her family. Cruz and Claude said he was very nice. "He is funny looking," said Cayo. Mr. and Mrs. Augustus were from Mexico City. Both their parents still lived in Mexico. Cruz and Claude with their children moved to California because of Mr. Augustus' job. He worked for the Mexican government. Mr. Augustus and his family lived in Baja California.

Baja is a peninsula on the coast of California. One day while Mr. Augustus was out fishing in the ocean, a storm came up. It was a strong storm. The winds destroyed Mr. Augustus' boat. He floated in the water on a piece of the boat. Candelaria saw that the storm was violent, so she told Ungava to go and find her father. Ungava searched the water until he found Mr. Augustus. Ungava swam where Mr. Augustus was. He held on to Ungava. Then he took Mr. Augustus to shore. Candelaria and her mother with Cayo were overjoyed to see Mr. Augustus alive. "Candelaria, your friend saved my life. He is a hero." Mr. Augustus said. "I am so proud of you. Ungava, you are a hero." Candelaria said. Ungava became a hero all along the coast of California. The children that lived on Baja played with Ungava. Everyone that lived in the state of California knew about Ungava.

Ungava swam off the coast of California until he became restless. Candelaria knew Ungava was going to leave. She could tell by the way he was acting. "I know you are going to leave, my friend, so goodbye." Ungava responded in whale talk. He started swimming down the North Pacific Ocean. The little children cried when they heard that Ungava had to leave. Ungava had become a hero in the state of California. Ungava swam down the North Pacific Ocean until he reached the waters of Mexico. Ungava was getting closer to the Antarctic Ocean.

After swimming into the waters of Mexico, Ungava became friends with a Yucatan Indian named Cuauhtemoc. He was named after the great Aztec emperor Cuauhtemoc. Cuauhtemoc lived on the Marias Islands. Cuauhtemoc was a fisherman. He fished in North Pacific Ocean off the coast of Mexico. Cuauhtemoc was named after the great Aztec emperor because he was a brave man. Ungava would swim along side of Cuauhtemoc's boat while he fished. One day when Cuauhtemoc

was out fishing in the North Pacific Ocean, his boat was attacked by a killer whale. When Ungava saw Cuauhtemoc's boat being attacked he came to Cuauhtemoc's boat and rescued him by ramming the whale with his tusk. When the whale turned and started to attack Ungava he swam away leading the killer whale out into deep water. After Ungava had led the whale out into deep water he returned to where Cuauhtemoc's boat was. Ungava took Cuauhtemoc to shore. "You saved my life. You are my friend and hero," Cuauhtemoc said. Ungava responded in whale talk. Ungava and Cuauhtemoc enjoyed the days in the North Pacific. They enjoyed nights on Marias Island Ungava because a hero off the coast of Mexico and on the Marias Island. One day Cuauhtemoc was out in his boat fishing in the middle of the ocean when a storm came up the winds from the storm destroyed Cuauhtemoc's boat. Cuauhtemoc was swimming in the middle of the ocean when Ungava came and save his life. he held onto Ungava while the whale swum to shore. "You saved my life again Ungava. I thank you," Cuauhtemoc said to the whale. Ungava responded in whale talk. Ungava became a hero on the coast of Mexico. After Ungava had conquered the waters off the coast of Mexico, he became restless.

It was time to continue his journey to the Antarctic Ocean. Cuauhtemoc knew Ungava was going to leave by the way he was acting. "I know you are going to leave, my friend. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the things that you did for me." Ungava responded in whale talk and swam away.

Ungava swam down the North Pacific Ocean into Central America. Ungava swam into the waters off the coast of Panama. Panama is a beautiful country in Central America. While Ungava was in Panama, he became friends with a Panamanian boy named Isthmus. Isthmus' father worked on a cargo ship that sailed through the Panama Canal. Isthmus' father was named Pedro. Isthmus and Ungava became good friends. Ungava swam up and down the coast of Panama and he became well known on the coast of Panama. When the ship that Isthmus' father worked on sailed through the Panama Canal, Pedro would let his son go with him. The Panama canal is a beautiful waterway that links the Pacific Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean. When the ship sailed through the Panama Canal, Ungava would follow the ship through the canal. After the ship's crew unloaded the cargo, the ship would sail back through the canal. Ungava became a hero on the coast of Panama, and all the children of Panama loved Ungava. One day the ship sailed through the Panama Canal into Belize to deliver a cargo of shrimp. When it was time for the ship to sail

back to Panama, Ungava did not return with the ship. Isthmus could tell by the way Ungava was acting that he was not going back to Panama. Isthmus said goodbye to Ungava and he responded in whale talk, and the ship sailed away. Ungava had become a hero in Panama.

Ungava swam into the waters off the coast of Belize, a small country in Central America. Ungava swam into the waters off the coast of Belize City. While Ungava was in the waters off the coast of Belize City he became friend with a man of African descent. The man's name was Jomo. His ancestors came from Kenya, a country in Africa. Jomo sold fish that he had caught out of the ocean. Jomo also fished on the Caribbean coast. One day Jomo was out fishing when his boat was attacked by a killer shark. Ungava saw the shark attacking Jomo's boat and Ungava came to Jomo's rescue. Ungava rammed the shark with his tusk; then the shark turned and started to attack Ungava; but he turned and swam away, leading the shark out into deep water. After leading the shark out into deep water Ungava returned to where Jomo was. He had made it to shore.

When Ungava returned Jomo thanked Ungava for saving his life Ungava responded in whale talk. While Jomo fished, Ungava would swim along beside his boat every day. Ungava and Jomo would be out in the ocean. They both enjoyed the waters of the ocean. Ungava swam up and down the coast of Belize rescuing people and animals. Ungava became a hero in Belize. Ungava swam the waters of Belize until he became restless. It was time for Ungava to continue his journey to the Antarctic. Jomo knew Ungava was going to leave by the way he was acting. "You do not have to tell me it is time for you leave, my friend," Jomo said to Ungava. "Goodbye, my friend, come back."

One day Ungava swam away. He swam out of Belize. Ungava swam down the North Pacific until he entered the waters of the South Pacific. Ungava swam the South Pacific until he reached the waters on the coast of Argentina.

While Ungava was on the coast of Argentina he became friends with an Indian named Orinoco. Orinoco was a Gaucho; an Argentinan cowboy. He drove cattle across the open plains of Argentina; when he was not driving cattle across the open plain of Argentina, Orinoco would come and fish off the coast of Argentina. Fishing was Orinoco's way of relaxing when he was not driving cattle. Orinoco would fish all

day and some times through the night. Ungava would swim along side Orinoco's boat. one day Orinoco's boat was attacked by a killer whale. Ungava came to his rescue. Ungava rammed the whale with his tusk. When the whale turned and try to attack Ungava, he swam away. Ungava led the whale out into deep water. When Ungava came back to the area Orinoco had reached the shore. "You saved my life, Ungava; you are my friend." Orinoco said to Ungava. He responded in whale talk. Orinoco was a Gaucho, so when it was time for him to go and drive the cattle across the Pampa he would leave the coast and go back to the Pampa. Ungava would stay in the water off the coast of Argentina until Orinoco would return. Ungava was happy to see him and Orinoco was happy to see Ungava. While Orinoco was fishing Ungava would swim up down the coast of Argentina. Ungava and Orinoco enjoyed the waters on the coast of Argentina.

Ungava became restless. Once more it was time for him to leave and Orinoco could tell it was time for Ungava to leave by the way he was acting. "I can see you are restless, my friend, so it is time for you to leave," Orinoco said to Ungava. "Goodbye, my friend, I hope you come back to see me one day," Orinoco said to Ungava. He responded in whale talk. Ungava swam down the South Pacific Ocean out of the waters of Argentina. Ungava continued his journey to the Antarctica Ocean. Ungava swam down the South Pacific Ocean until he reached Cape Horn.

Ungava swam into the waters of Horn Island on the coast of Chile. While Ungava was on Horn Island he became friends with an Araucanian Indian named Valdivia. The man lived on Horn Island. Valdivia was a fisherman. Ungava swam in the waters on the coast of Chile while Valdivia fished in the waters on the coast of Chile. Ungava became a hero in Chile as he did in the other countries. He came through one day when Valdivia's boat was destroyed by a storm while he was rounding the Horn. Ungava rescued Valdivia from the stormy waters and took him to shore.

After Ungava had stayed in the waters on the coast of Chile for a month he became restless. It was time for Ungava to continue his journey to the Antarctica ocean Valdivia knew his friend Ungava was going to leave by the way he was acting. "I know you are going to leave my friend," Valdivia said to Ungava. "Goodbye, my friend," Valdivia said to Ungava. The whale responded in whale talk. After Ungava

said goodbye to Valdivia, he swam down the South Pacific continuing his journey to the Antarctic Ocean. Ungava swam into the waters of Antarctica.

When Ungava swam into the waters of the Antarctica he met a Norwegian boy named Roald Munch. The boy lived on Ross Island with his family. Roald's father was named Thor and his mother was named Kirsten and his sister was named Sonia; they all lived on Ross Island. Roald's father was a Norwegian scientist. He maintained a research station on Ross Island. Ungava swam in the Ross Sea off the coast of Ross Island. Roald enjoyed playing on the shore of Ross Island while Ungava swam in the waters off the coast of Ross Island. Ungava and Roald became good friends. The Antarctica became Ungava's home. Ungava was king of the Antarctica Ocean just like he was king of the Arctic Ocean. The Journey of the Unicorn whale had come to an end.