**THE SHIP THAT SAW A GHOST**

*Frank Norris*

**Part 2 (04, 05)**

***Pre-reading task 1:*** Translate the following maritime and geographical terms using the given definitions:

hull – the main body of a vessel

to hull down – having its hull concealed by the horizon

the Equator – the great circle of the Earth diving the northern and southern hemispheres

to fetch a circuit – to go along a devious way

southard – moving towards the south

to bear up – to change direction toward the wind

deck – any of various platforms built into a vessel

high seas – the open seas of the world outside the jurisdiction of any nation

hand – a member of a ship’s crew

keel – the principal structural ember of a ship, running along the center of the hull from bow to stern

ether – the element believed in ancient and medieval civilizations to fill all space above the sphere of the moon and to compose the stars and planets

stack – a vertical pipe for smoke and exhaust gases on a steamship

taffrail – the rail around the stern of a ship

skipper – the captain of a vessel

to plumb – to determine the depth

wake – the waves or track left by a vessel moving through water

wheelhouse – an enclosed structure on the bridge of a vessel from which it can be navigated

***Pre-reading task 2***: Match the words with their synonyms.

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| **Word** | **Synonyms** |
| smudge | to disappear |
| circuitous | empty |
| remote | fruitless |
| to ascertain | smear |
| to weigh down upon | nearness |
| essential | to swell out |
| to thread | to move back or away |
| desolate | roundabout |
| propinquity | to double-check |
| to belly | blue-violet |
| perfunctory | to imagine |
| to vanish | to depress |
| bootless | to pass through |
| indigo | distant |
| void | vital |
| to conceive | uninhabited |
| bereft of | superficial |
| to approximate | finally |
| immensity | to pull |
| at length | to agitate |
| to grovel | to trudge |
| to wrench | spot |
| to plod | to come close |
| speck | to crawl |
| to recede | vastness |
| to churn | deprived of |

***Pre-reading task 3:*** Translate the following collocations into English.

*небрежный взгляд, пустынный остров, пылинка, вспенить воду, задумать план, быть похожим на правду (досл. приближаться к правде), пресмыкаться перед начальником, уточнить время, лишенный надежды, вырвать гвоздь из доски, устало плестись, вдеть нитку в иголку, первая степень родства, пойти окольным путем, безмерность этого чуда, угроза провала отступает, тяготить совесть, пятно от чернил, тщетные просьбы, неотъемлемая часть, паруса раздуваются на ветру, отдаленные регионы*

***Getting ready for listening. Task 4***: Look through the questions and prepare to listen for this particular information.

1. What route was the Glarus to take? Why?
2. How did the narrator feel on that voyage?
3. Was it the first time the narrator had been on the high seas?
4. What occasion from his past does the narrator mention?
5. In what context was the English poet Samuel Coleridge mentioned?
6. How did the voyage proceed?

***Post-reading tasks 5:*** Retell the extract in your own words.