

“There seemed no sign of common bodily illness about him, nor of the recovery from any. He looked like a man cut away from the stake, when the fire has overrunningly wasted all the limbs without consuming them, or taking away one particle from their compacted aged robustness. His whole high, broad form, seemed made of solid bronze, and shaped in an unalterable mould, like Cellini’s cast Perseus. Threading its way out from among his grey hairs, and continuing right down one side of his tawny scorched face and neck, till it disappeared in his clothing, you saw a slender rod-like mark, lividly whitish. It resembled that perpendicular seam sometimes made in the straight, lofty trunk of a great tree, when the upper lightning tearingly darts down it, and without wrenching a single twig, peels and grooves out the bark from top to bottom, ere running off into the soil, leaving the tree still greenly alive, but branded. Whether that mark was born with him, or whether it was the scar left by some desperate wound, no one could certainly say.”
(103)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perseus_with_the_Head_of_Medusa#/media/File:03_2015_Perseo_con_la_testa_di_Medusa-Benvenuto_Cellini-Piazza_della_Signoria-Loggia_dei_Lanzi-volta_a_crociera-ordine_corinzio_\(Firenze\)_Photo_Paolo_Villa_FOTO9260.JPG](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perseus_with_the_Head_of_Medusa#/media/File:03_2015_Perseo_con_la_testa_di_Medusa-Benvenuto_Cellini-Piazza_della_Signoria-Loggia_dei_Lanzi-volta_a_crociera-ordine_corinzio_(Firenze)_Photo_Paolo_Villa_FOTO9260.JPG)

“For all these reasons, then, any way you may look at it, you must needs conclude that the great Leviathan is that one creature in the world which must remain unpainted to the last. True, one portrait may hit the mark much nearer than another, but none can hit it with any very considerable degree of exactness. So there is no earthly way of finding out precisely what the whale really looks like. And the only mode in which you can derive even a tolerable idea of his living contour, is by going a whaling yourself; but by so doing, you run no small risk of being eternally stove and sunk by him. Wherefore, it seems to me you had best not be too fastidious in your curiosity touching this Leviathan.” (208)

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