Cast In Order Of Appearance:

Narrator
Everyone
Ahab
Daggoo
Tashtego
Starbuck
Ishmael
Moby
Fedallah

NARRATOR : One day, a green as the hills Massachusetts guy named Ishmael, decides he wants to be a sailor. He pals up with a heavily tattooed heathen harpooner named Queequeg and they both get hired to work on a ship called the Pequod.

The captain of the Pequod — not to be confused with a Peak Wad, a rolled upper after corner of a fore-and-aft sail which could be used as a pillow in a pinch — anyway, the captain's name is Ahab.

He's a spooky kind of a guy with a wooden leg who likes to have a Parsee with him wherever he goes.

The long and short of it is that Ahab only wants to find the Great White Whale Moby Dick — who ate his leg. He convinces the crew to let him do this and then the crew gets drunk and shouts and sings a bunch of sailor songs.

EVERYONE : Yaarrr!

NARRATOR : So, they sail all over the place — the South Atlantic, the Indian Ocean, and into the Japanese Sea. They meet another ship, the Enderby, whose captain has just lost an arm to Moby Dick. With Moby Dick up an arm and a leg in the game, you'd think Ahab would give up.

But Ahab gets all excited thinking he's getting closer to Moby Dick and promptly sails to the Pacific Ocean.

The crew is getting a bit tired of this, but Ahab apparently has the charisma to make them stay the course. Then a typhoon hits. We suspect this is just for dramatic effect.

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NARRATOR (cont.): After the winds die down the Pequod meets a ship called the Rachel and a post-tempestuous relationship ensues with the captain of the Rachel leaving very disappointed in Ahab.

Moby Dick is sighted and hence the chase begins. And so we come to:
Moby Dick - The Chase - First Day

SFX: ocean waves

AHAB : It's stanky up here. I smell a whale. Change course so we can get closer to the smell. Daggoo, get everyone on deck to look for the White Whale.

DAGGOO : Aye, aye, Captain Ahab. Here, let me help hoist you up to the top of the main royal masthead.

SFX: rig hoisting sounds
SFX: steam escaping

AHAB : There she blows! There she blows! A hump like a snow hill. It's Moby Dick! How come none of you nincompoops saw him?

TASHTEGO : I, Tashtego, one of your harpooners, saw him and I cried out.

AHAB : Look! Moby Dick is going to sound! First Mate Starbuck, lower three boats for the chase, but you stay on board.

STARBUCK : Aw shucks, I never get to have any fun.

AHAB : Be dumb, man! Stand by the braces! Hard down the helm! Brace up! Shiver her! Shiver her! So; well that! Boats! Boats!

STARBUCK : Huh?

AHAB : Just hurry up and lower the boats.

STARBUCK : Oh, okay. Don't forget to take Fedallah, your Oriental Parsee harpooner.

AHAB : Right! Quick, you guys, get these boats closer to Moby Dick.

ISHMAEL : Wow! What a beautiful White Whale.

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AHAB : Can it, Ishmael. I say he's evil and therefore he must die. Besides, if you think I'm ugly with my scarred face and one and a third legs, you should see Moby Dick's jaw.

TASHTEGO : Yeah, it's as deformed as they come.

ISHMAEL : Look! He's diving once more!

AHAB : *Sounding*, Ishmael. The term is *sounding*, not diving.

ISHMAEL : But they mean the same thing. One's just esoteric nautical jargon.

AHAB : True. Anyway, we'll have to wait an hour for him to surface again.

TASHTEGO : The birds! The birds!

AHAB : Hey, this is Melville, not Hitchcock.

TASHTEGO : No, there really is a bunch of white birds.

ISHMAEL : And they're surrounding your boat.

AHAB : Uh, oh. I don't like the looks of this. I'd better peer over the side. Good grief! Moby Dick is coming up from below and he's got his mouth wide open. I'd better the boat out of the way. Fedallah, you Oriental Parsee, switch places with me so I can harpoon him.

MOBY : Those knuckleheads. They think they can spin their little boat and get away? Ha! I, Moby Dick, am gonna eat their boat.

AHAB : Oh great, now half the boat is in Moby Dick's jaws. And talk about bad breath.

FEDALLAH : Yikes! He's bitten the boat in two!

EVERYONE : Run for it!

AHAB : Uh, crew? We're on the ocean, remember?

EVERYONE : Swim for it!

MOBY : (tuuh!) Yuck! What are they making these boats out of? Wood?

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ISHMAEL : What the heck is that whale doing? And now he's circling us.

MOBY : If I do this fast enough, I'll be able to flush them down into the ocean.

AHAB : I feel like I'm desperately trying to stay afloat in a giant toilet.

MOBY : Bingo, buster. Oh shoot. Here comes their ship, the Pequod, to spoil the fun. Oh well, I might as well swim away. I've had my fun for the day.

AHAB : Thank goodness I'm still alive and so are all five of my men. Even my lucky harpoon didn't get lost. On with the chase!

ISHMAEL : We're pooped. Let's go back to the ship instead.

AHAB : Okay. I'll just pace the deck while we chase Moby Dick with the Pequod.

STARBUCK : Just look at your boat, Captain Ahab. It's a mess! This is not a good sign.

AHAB : Starbuck, you are the most pessimistic guy I know. Now, go away and let me pace the night away in peace.

SFX: footsteps
SFX: ocean winds
SFX: ghost-like clanging

NARRATOR : Yes, and there you have it — the first fun filled day of chasing Moby Dick.

Let's recap:
- Ahab sees Moby.
- Three harpoon boats go to chase Moby.
- Ahab's boat is surrounded by white birds.
- Moby bites Ahab's harpoon boat in two and overturns the other two harpoon boats.
- Everyone has to swim back to the Pequod.
- Ahab is glad he still has his lucky harpoon. Although, having already lost a leg, you have to wonder what his definition of luck is.
- And then he decides to pace the deck all night instead of getting a good night's sleep.

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