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Somewhere in the middle of the racket sounded a howl, increasingly louder, higher pitched and sharper, finally piercing through the sounds from the machines.

-The propeller, shouted Captain Clepto! The whales can hear us five thousand nautical miles away! They recognise the sound of Nautilus!

The pistons shot up and down like drumsticks. The cogs spun like propellers on a plane, the oil was spraying and lumps of fat got clashed on the walls and ceiling. I feared that the whole machinery would be shaken and bumped to death. That screws and bolts would loosen and that the whole engine would tear loose and race out of the machine hall and the sea would rush in.

-Quick, quick! Screamed captain Clepto and pushed me ahead of him. - We're nearly at the bottom! We need to get up to look!

The tales of Estragon is a series of stories about the seven deadly sins for children of all ages, told and penned by rats.

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