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H.M.S. Wolverine left Plymouth to an urgent call for help and went to the rescue of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary oiler War Bahadur. The oiler was at the mercy of a 100-mile-an-hour Atlantic hurricane that crashed hundreds of tons of water on to her helpless decks. The bridge, wireless cabin and lifeboats were carried away. Superstructure of the oiler was flung about ~~the~~ ~~side~~ in a mass of tangled wreckage --- it was a storm described as the worst for thirty ~~years~~ years. Only a miracle saved the entire crew from drowning.

The return of calm weather enabled further tests to be carried out on the Maio composite plane --- the two planes in one under construction at Rochester. This composite plane is a giant flying boat which carries a small seaplane on its back. The seaplane will be launched in mid-air, thus enabling it to carry the maximum supply of petrol for long-distance flights.