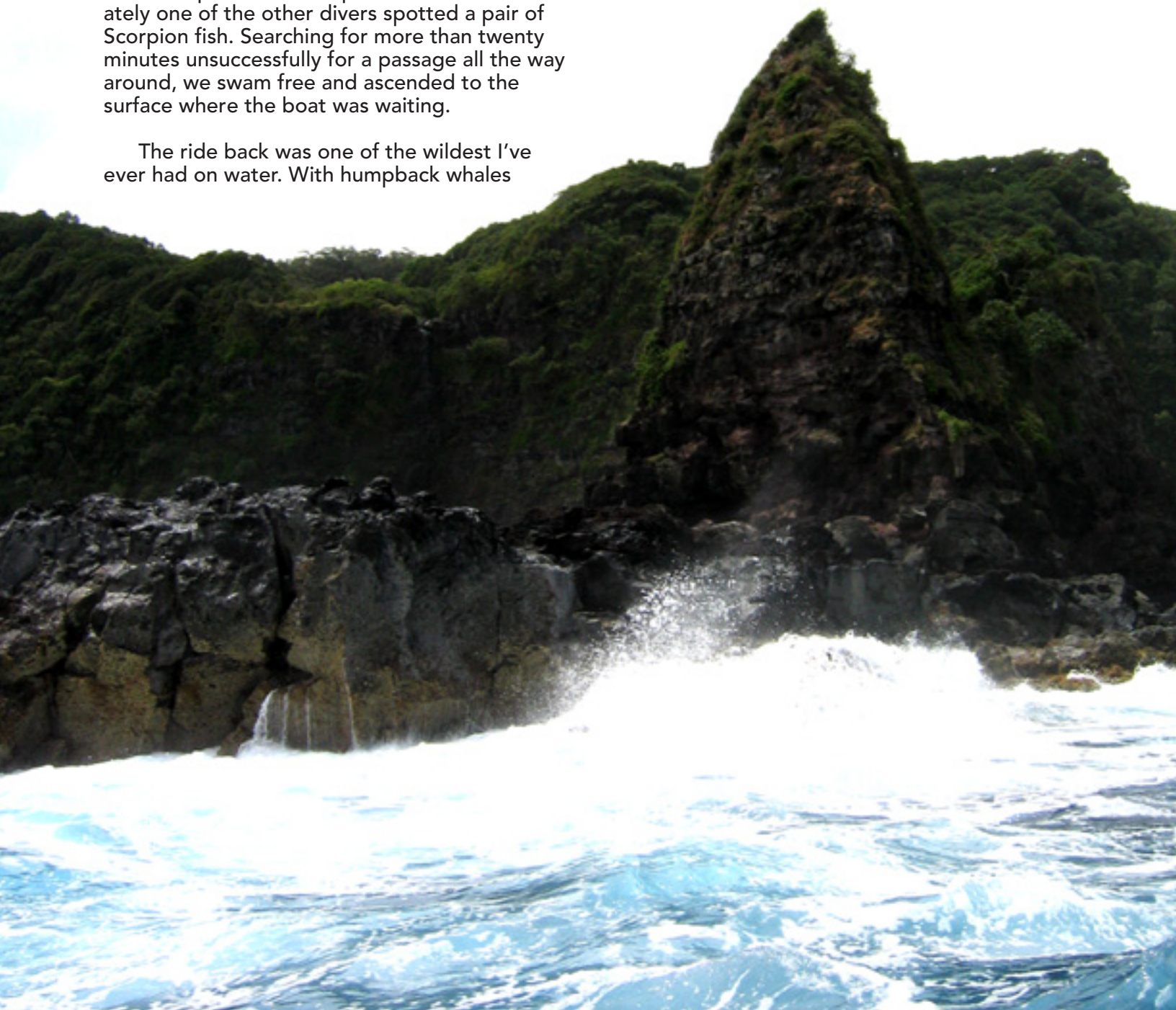


The slope was strewn with giant volcanic boulders covered in corals and abundant sea-life. We were about 30 minutes into the dive when Ryan began signaling me frantically with his light. Swimming over quickly, there it was – the elusive whiskered borefish. I was told that most people who dive Maui their entire lives never see one. As it hovered very still and seemed not frightened, I captured several photos. Almost immediately one of the other divers spotted a pair of Scorpion fish. Searching for more than twenty minutes unsuccessfully for a passage all the way around, we swam free and ascended to the surface where the boat was waiting.

The ride back was one of the wildest I've ever had on water. With humpback whales

breeching all around, giant swells and Todd at the controls, we gave wave-jumping a whole new name. The Pailolo seems to be capable of almost anything; including delivering us safe and sound back at the dock.

If you're going to Maui and want some grand adventure, you've got to look these guys up.



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