

Kensuke's Kingdom

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Chapter 8: Everyone died in Nagasaki



1. Why did Kensuke say his boat was very good and very safe?
He'd made it himself.
2. Where had Kensuke been born?
In Japan, Nagasaki.
3. What did he do as a young man?
Study medicine and became a doctor.
4. How did he get to the island?
The ship finally beached on the island as it had no steering.
5. How had he learnt to survive?
By watching what the orang-utans did/did not eat.
6. How did Kensuke show that he trusted Michael to get them back to the island safely?
He fell asleep and left Michael to steer the boat.
7. Why did Michael feel he owed Kensuke so much?
Had saved his life twice, fed him, befriended him.
8. Why did he keep the coke bottle hidden for a couple of days?
Because he was wrestling with his thoughts, trying to prove to himself that what he wanted to do was right.
9. Why did he tell himself it would be OK to use the bottle?
No one would know where he was, just that he was alright.

WorksheetCloud: MEMORANDUM

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10. What did the message say?

That he was alive and well and for them to come and find him.