One bright, sunny day a short, kind loving boy named Dan was sailing the Pacific Ocean fishing, wearing an orange t-shirt and blue shorts when a large cyclone hit Dan’s boat. Dan was scared. The cyclone’s winds made the waves crash and smash over his boat and caused Dan’s sailing boat to sink near an island. Dan was glad to see an island not far away.
Dan grabbed his lifejacket off the hook near the rail where he was standing as the boat sank. He fastened it onto himself and swam to the Shelly, sandy, pebbly beach of the island. The island had lots of coconut palm trees, banana plants and fruit trees. It also had fruit vines, a sparkly spring of water and colourful birds.
Dan was walking up the beach towards the palm trees when he saw a deer and a turtle on the beach ahead of him. They were sitting in the shade of the coconut palm trees.
“Hello, how did you get here?” asked Dan as he stroked the deer behind his ear.
“Shipwrecked” grumbled the deer.
“Where do you shelter?” wondered Dan.
   The turtle led Dan to the cave at the end of the beach.
   “This is our large dry cave” giggled the turtle.
   “I like it” responded Dan.

Inside the cave Dan found an old bottle and an old yellow sheet of paper. He looked around the cave for something to write with. Dan found some charcoal on the floor of the cave to write with. He pulled it out of an old fire. Dan used the charcoal to write a note on the sheet of paper. He pushed the paper into the bottle, put the cork on, then ran down to beach and threw the bottle into the ocean. The tide carried the bottle out of sight.
   “I hope someone finds my bottle soon” thought Dan.
Two days later on the sandy, shiny beach of Sydney, there was a kind, tall sailing captain named Sam. He was walking down the beach to his fishing ship. Suddenly he found a pale blue bottle laying on the sand with a note in it. He pulled the note out and read it. The note read “Help, stranded on an island with coconut palm trees, banana plants, fruit trees and birds.” from Dan.
The captain alone packed a lot of food, water and a first aid kit and then sailed out to look for Dan. Captain Sam sailed around the Pacific Ocean looking for Dan’s island. He sailed for two days on calm waters and clear skies looking for Dan’s island. Suddenly he saw a Tropical island which was described in the note. So Captain Sam sailed toward the island, anchored in the bay then used his row boat to row to the beach and saved Dan, the deer and the turtle who were making a sandcastle. Dan was glad and surprised to see him so soon.

“Are you Dan?” asked Sam

“Yes” replied Dan.

“Captain Sam is as kind as Dan” the turtle told the deer. “You are right” agreed the deer.
Dan was exited. Everyone climbed into the row boat and rowed back out to the ship. They climbed up onto the ships deck. Captain Sam turned the ship around and sailed into the setting sun to Australia. Dan had a large sleep being rocked by the gentle waves while Sam steered the ship home to Sydney. The boat arrived home safely. Dan was glad to be home. The deer and the turtle liked the Sydney Harbor Bridge. Dan took the deer and the turtle to the zoo were they lived peacefully. Dan visited them from time to time.
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