

# Lost At Sea

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*A story about a young man with a terrible fear of flying, but he is forced to go see his sick aunt and take a small charter plane. While flying his worst fear comes true.*

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# 1 - The Beginning

Sam unhappily got on the small charter plane with a long sigh. He had always hated flying ever since he was a baby. Even though he was raised around planes because his dad was a pilot he had never felt safe in them. He always got motion sickness and unfortunately threw up everywhere. He vowed at age twelve he would never fly again unless an emergency came up, and at the young age of 21 an emergency came up.

Sam's favorite aunt had become extremely ill. She had lung cancer and was getting treated for it. She was getting better but still needed help. His sister had just left her because she had some business to attend to, and besides it was Sam's turn to help Aunt Elizabeth. Aunt Elizabeth lived in Honolulu, and it was either a weeklong boat trip or an overnight flight. And under circumstances he chose the plane trip.

Sam found his seat next to a hefty man at row 13 chair three. Good thing Sam was a slender man about five ten. He had long shaggy hair and a very pale skin color. If he wasn't only 142 pounds he might not have fit in the chair next to the big man. Sam settled in and took some pills to help him not throw up in the big mans lap fearing that he might beat the snot out of him if he did.

## 2 - A Rude Awakening

Sam woke up with a loud DING from the intercom system on the plane. He heard the captain say that if everyone would look to their left or right they would see a flock of geese following the plane in a V formation. Sam looked and counted 68 geese flying under the plane. Everyone on the small aircraft was in awe as the geese carefully organized their V and rotated out so every bird would have a turn as leader! The captain stated he had no idea why the birds were following them just that they were and the people should enjoy the rare sight.

Sam smelled the wonderful aroma of a steak close by and looked and the man next to him had ordered one. He decided that he was hungry and got a small order of fries with a cheeseburger and a large soda. Right as his food was settled in his lap the plane jerked violently to the left and knocked all the food into his lap. Sam and everyone else on the plane peered out their windows to see a large trail of smoke pouring from two of the turbines of the plane.

Sam heard the loud DING again and heard the captain's distressed voice come over the loud speaker. "SOME GEESE HAVE FLOWN INTO THE TWO LEFT TURBINES AND THE PLANE IS GOING DOWN!" Everyone gasped at the unremarkable statement! The captain also announced that there were no parachutes aboard because they were forgotten and not so much worried about because of such a short flight. To Sam's horror his worst fear had come true!

### 3 - The Descent

When the oxygen masks drop Sam grabs it as if there was no air in the entire world. He looks to the left and watches in sheer terror as the two turbines EXPLODE in a fireworks display! He also sees as the geese are picked off like flies by the falling chunks of metal and engine parts. Next to make things worse the whole half of the left wing rips off with a loud and horrendous crackle! The man next to him just sits there looking around as if nothing is going on. Sam screams at him, "WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM PUT ON YOUR MASK AND WHY AREN'T YOU FREAKING OUT?" The man responds with a calm happy voice, "There is no need for it I have only three weeks to live so if this kills me there won't be that much loss and it will take off some of my suffering." Sam shudders and says "But why... wouldn't that... how could... oh just forget it" and he resumes the terrified screaming. Suddenly the plane tilts almost exactly side ways and starts a nosedive. Everyone is thrown back in there seats or to the very back of the plane.

BOOM! Am I alive or is this heaven? Wait I think I am alive, why can't I breath? Hold on... I AM UNDER WATER! I can see the surface common just swim faster faster! "UHHHHHHHHHHH, I made it I am alive, but where am I? As Sam looks around he sees that he is in the middle of the Pacific without any land insight. "I wonder if I am the only one?" He swims through the debris and tries to find somebody but no everyone is dead.

So what do I do now? Do I keep swimming or wait for a rescue plane? I mean they had to have gotten radioed about the crash. Yes that is what I will do I will wait! Sam was lucky enough to find an emergency blow up raft and some emergency food rations. The other four rafts where popped. The food tasted like rotten yogurt but when you are hungry almost anything tastes good.

## 4 - The Fish

It is day four drifting at sea. Sam is not sure what to do next. His food rations are gone, and he absolutely hates seafood! He was lucky enough to land in a shallow part of the ocean only about 15 feet deep, so trying to avoid the food problem he monkey rigs an anchor and drops it about ten feet from the wreckage to avoid popping his boat. On day six his hunger is almost unbearable he also see almost every two hours a school of fish swim by. Soon the hunger became too much. He finds some old wood and string and gets some bait. Now the bait I will add was not easily gotten. He looked everywhere before he actually did this, but stranded in an ocean on a plane crash site there is not much bait to be found. So he swam over to a dead corps and with a knife cut some meat off it. He wasn't sure who it was or if it would work, but if he wanted to live he had to.

Fishing out at Deep Ocean is not too easy when you gave no gear. He does catch some small trash fish every so often and after he had about three he stopped. Am I really going to do this? I am really going to eat some raw fish! I hate sea food as it is but now raw! Well here goes noting! He bites into the fish with a large gag and unfortunately he threw up over the side of the boat. How do those people on fear factor do it! He chuckles to himself and tries again. This time it was not so bad because he could brace himself, but still how could anybody like raw fish with bone and all. Out at sea there are problems with other things such as fresh water and certain vitamins you can't get from just fish meat. Being that Sam was deafly afraid of a plane crash he studied up on what to do if this happened, so really he was very prepared for this whether he knew it or not.

You can get all the vitamins and minerals you need from a fish. Except it calls that you eat parts of a fish you really wouldn't. For example to get fresh water when you have none you eat the eyes of the fish that is where it is stored. Everything needs fresh water even salt water animals. And other vitamins are stored in other parts of the fish like the heart, liver, stomach and so on and so forth. He knew he would have to eat those parts and that was the part that really grossed him out. And soon after he reluctantly ate all of those fish he had nowhere to put them. He couldn't just throw them into the ocean it would attract some sharks and other fish that he would find not so good. So he laid them on the side of the boat and dead fish lying out attracts other animals he did not anticipate, animals that could cause a real problem.

## 5 - The Seagulls

Sam watched the sky for hours on end. When you are drifting out at sea there is really not much else to do. But he slowly noticed the increase in seagulls. He paid no attention to them because it is really our nature to. At the beach you just maybe give them a glance before you run into the crisp salty ocean. But now he didn't have to go for human meat when he fished he used leftover from the fish I had. As he laid more and more fish on the side of the little raft the seagulls got more and more and closer and closer. He couldn't figure out what was attracting them. Was it the bit raft for them to land on? Was it all the debris? What was it? Unfortunately he never thought of the dead fish. At first he would have because rotting fish doesn't smell too good, but after about two days of smelling it straight he got use to the unruly smell. Sam could only watch and sleep not knowing what awful things those seagulls where going to bring.

That night a seagull landed on the raft to eat some of the rotting fish. As you probably know too seagulls have beaks which are very sharp. And if they peck too hard on a soft surface they can cause some trouble, but the surface they where pecking on that night was not soft nor hard but inflated. It was like a needle to a balloon. They poked a small hole in to the raft which was just large enough to let out enough air to sink fast but not enough to wake Sam. He woke up shivering at about 6:30 a.m. right when the sun was coming up. The raft was flooded and he was sinking what now.

He swam into the debris trying to find a place to float on. All the metal was broken up and destroyed expect for a few things that he could swing his arms over. But the kicking of his feet attract fish and most importantly sharks, but he didn't worry about that right now he was just out of food and this is when he would fish. The rod sank along with everything else he could use to survive. How was he supposed to live now? No food, no way of getting food, no nothing.