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Images, lots of images, all the memories I can remember are still buzzing around like bees in my head. I can't get them out, they keep on stinging me, the more I can remember the more I want to know, just then there's a loud knock at the door, "HANA COME OUT NOW, WERE GONNA BE LATE FOR SCHOOL," shouts Kenzo my best friend. I snatch my bag and rush out the door past Kenzo, whose eyes pierced me and gave me a frustrated look. At school Mr Suzuki the history teacher gave us the longest lesson about a secret lost place called Seongapdo island, which is off the coast of Incheon South Korea. Why does the name sound so familiar? I felt like I knew this island and someone was calling me. Ever since my dad went missing there's been a voice in my head calling me, reaching out for me, controlling me.

When the bell rang I packed up my books and walked down the hallway with scrambling lost thoughts in my head. I remember my Mum mentioning Seongapdo island when she was talking to my uncle about my Dad, who had gone missing 10 years ago and I still miss him. But it makes me wonder if maybe he just wanted to leave us. The day he went to Seongapdo island the boat driver came back without him and when we tried to contact him he never answered, just then Kenzo jumped on me and gave me a mini heart attack, "why didn't you wait for me?!", he shouted with a smirk on his face, I didn't get what was so funny. I told him that we might not come back to school for a while..

A few hours later I grab my bag and stuff in a bunch of unfolded clothes, two cans of Pringles, 5 bottles of water, and a compass. I swiftly dash past my Mums room without making a noise. Kenzo is waiting for me outside, glancing at his watch every 10 seconds and as soon as I come out of the house we run to the boatyard next to the beach and quickly jump into a boat. Kenzo turned the key and the engine made a loud noise. This is the start of my adventure, Dad I'm coming I thought to myself.

The journey was rough. Maps didn't show the island. GPS glitched out. It was as if Seongapdo wanted to stay hidden.

But then, after days of battling currents and dodging storms, the mists parted. An island emerged, wrapped in emerald forest and whispering winds. Strange carvings lined the jagged cliffs. A ruined dock welcomed us abandoned, but not empty. Someone had been here. My compass spun wildly, then stilled. I whispered, "Dad was here."

When we stepped foot on land my heart was beating louder than a drum, we set to look and explore the forest. The forest was beautiful, tall palm trees with bright green leaves, colourful flowers, a smooth dirt pathway, the forest was beautiful and it was a rainforest maybe even better than the Amazon rainforest

After exploring the forest we got to a large waterfall. We found a cave behind the waterfall. In it, a firepit is still warm... and a man's silhouette.

"Hello?" I called out as it echoed around the cave. The figure turned. Tired eyes. A beard that had known many winters. And then he whispered a name like a memory. "*Shoko?*" I stood there in shock, a tear falling down from my eye. It was Haruto. He had stayed behind, injured from a fall, unable to contact the outside world. But he hadn't given up mapping the island's secrets, recording lost species, and hoping one day... he could come back to his family, MY family.

The reunion was quiet at first . I don't think he even remembers me, he is still looking at me with a naive face, he only remembers my mother and not his own child. Disappointment filled my head and so I was devastated. Then Kenzo asked me for the Pringles and Haruto took a glance at me, "Hana is your name?", he said softly but with an astonished look. He knew it was me, his child but then I noticed that on the walls of the cave were pictures of me! He missed me all along.

It was so overwhelming, I dash past Kenzo and leap into my Dad's arms for a hug. Dad was so proud of me for finding him, I hadn't just found my father. I proved his legacy. I traveled all the way here, I went through his old books to try and find the map that led here, I uncovered a myth, and reconnected a bond time we would remember forever.

But our hugging was interrupted by the annoying noise of crunching Pringles because Kenzo was snacking on them. When I pointed to the boat down at the shore my Dad shook his head and told us that he didn't want to come back and when I asked why he said it had something to do with my mum...

Story plan

Who- Hana and her friend Kenzo

What happened- They take a boat to secret lost seongapdo island to try and search for their lost dad who's been gone for 10 years.

When is it- 2031 on a Thursday when Hana decides to search for her lost Dad after realising he went to seongapdo island

Where do they go- Hana and Kenzo (steal) take a boat to secret seongapdo island to try and search for her dad

Why- Hana's Dad is an explorer and when she was 5 he left to find a secret lost island but he never returned, but Hana wants to see her dad again so she and her best friend go and find him

CHARACTERS

Hana- a 15 year old girl who is in search for finding her dad

Kenzo- a 15 year old boy who got dragged along to help Hana find her lost dad, also known as Hana's best friend (known each other since they were both 2)

Dad (Haruto or Mr Saito) - Hana's dad, a famous Japanese explorer who discovered seongapdo island but never came back.