

THE LOSTTM CHRONICLES Part 1

PROLOGUE

What would happen if a group of passengers survived a plane crash on a lonely island? I've often wondered. Now I know. They help the injured. They look for a radio or phone to call for help. They light fires as a sign for rescuers. If help doesn't arrive soon, they look for food and water. And one other thing is almost certain. Someone like me would write a chronicle.

Our plane - Oceanic Flight 815 - was flying from Sydney to Los Angeles. Six hours from Sydney, the plane started shaking. Then it got worse. We were in trouble. The pilot tried to reach Fiji. He never got there. Our plane crashed on a strange island in the Pacific Ocean. We were more than 1,000 miles from our planned flight path.

Forty-eight passengers survived the crash. Most of us stayed on the beach, waiting for help. But fourteen survivors were more active. They formed a group.

During our time on the island, strange things happened to me. I saw and heard everything, even people's thoughts. I recorded what the people did, what they thought and how they survived.

This is their story.

CHAPTER 1 THE CRASH ON THE BEACH

This is a traveller's worst nightmare. Our flight from Sydney to Los Angeles has crashed on an island somewhere in the south Pacific. Amazingly, more than forty of us have survived. We are lucky to be alive.

But luck is far from our thoughts at the moment. We are all too frightened. I hear people scream. I watch them run from the burning plane while others stand in disbelief. I see bodies covered in blood, lying on the beach. Behind them, smoke rises from the crashed plane. On one of its broken wings, a motor is still turning. A man is walking in front of it. Seconds later, there's an explosion. Both the man and the motor disappear in a ball of fire.

Fear and danger are everywhere. But one man gives us hope. He is a doctor and his name is Jack. He pulls people to safety and looks at their injuries. He helps an older woman lying on the beach. Her name is Rose and he had talked to her on the plane. Now she isn't breathing. A young guy called Boone is trying to help but he isn't having much luck. Then Jack helps Rose and she is soon breathing again.





During another explosion, Jack protects a girl called Claire with his body. She is expecting a baby. As he gets up, he asks a large, heavy guy called Hurley to stay with her. Hurley looks uncomfortable but he doesn't argue. One thing is clear. Jack is a natural leader.



A little later Jack realizes that he is injured, too. There is a deep cut on his back. I see him go into the forest and take off his shirt. He is losing blood. He needs to stitch the cut but he can't reach it. A young woman called Kate appears. Jack asks her to stitch it for him but Kate is too frightened.

Jack tries to calm her. He understands fear. He has felt it many times as a doctor. 'I can let fear in,' he says. 'But only for a few seconds. After that, I have to be strong for my patients.'

Jack's words are important to Kate. She becomes calmer and stitches the cut.



Back at the beach, another strong personality has appeared. He is an Iraqi called Sayid and he acts like a soldier. He has made a large fire. Charlie, a young musician from a band called Drive Shaft, is helping him to collect wood. Charlie wears white cotton bands around his fingers. Maybe they help when he plays the guitar.



A main group of survivors is forming. There is Jack, Kate, Sayid, Charlie, Claire, Hurley and Boone. Boone has a sister called Shannon, but they seem to disagree all the time. There are also two other couples. There's a man called Michael and his young son, Walt. The boy has a dog called Vincent. Walt's unhappy because

Vincent has run off. Then there is Jin and his wife, Sun. They are a Korean couple. Neither of them speak English.

The strangest person on the beach is an older man called John Locke. Locke is the only survivor who seems happy. He just sits calmly on the beach watching the ocean. It starts raining. People look for cover. But not Locke. He just sits there smiling with his arms open in welcome.



Jack is quiet. I know he is remembering how the accident happened. He had talked to Rose on the plane. She was feeling nervous. Her husband, Bernard, had just gone to the bathroom when the plane started shaking. The shaking got worse. Moments later, the back part of the plane disappeared. Then the same thing happened to the front.

Jack woke up in a forest. Walter's dog, Vincent, ran past him. As Jack began to think more clearly, he had made his way to the beach. The middle part of the plane and its passengers were there.

The front part was in the forest. 'This is where the radio is,' Jack thought. He took Kate and Charlie and they went to look for it.



As Jack, Kate and Charlie reach the front part of the plane, something very strange happens. There is a loud crashing noise and the tops of the trees start shaking. It sounds like a huge, dangerous creature. After a while, the noises suddenly stop.

When they look inside the front part of the plane, they find the pilot. Amazingly, he is still alive. He tells them



they were six hours from Sydney when the accident happened. He was trying to land in Fiji. But the plane crashed a thousand miles from the flight path. 'They will be looking for us in the wrong place,' he says.

He shows them the radio but it doesn't work.

Suddenly, the strange noises start again. They are much closer now. The pilot leaves his seat and

looks out of the window. Seconds later, there is a terrible scream and his body disappears up into the trees. Jack and the others take the radio and run from the plane.

When it is quiet, they return. Something makes them look up. The pilot's body is at the top of a tree covered in blood. 'Guys, how does something like that happen?' asks Charlie.