



“The Open Boat” Edition

What would you choose?

You are all passengers on the luxury cruiser Majestic Prince, and after six days out at sea in the South Pacific, the ship suddenly strikes a coral ridge and begins to sink. Lifeboats are lowered and people begin to sail away from the sinking vessel.

Off in the distance is an island that your lifeboat hopes to land on, but your lifeboat is overcrowded and overweight, and you must throw off some of the supplies if you are going to make it to the island. If you don't, the boat will sink before you reach the island, and everyone will be attacked by sharks or eventually drown.

In order to keep the lifeboat afloat, you must throw off six items from the heavy list and four from the light list. What you decide to keep will determine how you live on the island, and could be the difference between life and death, so choose carefully! As a reminder, you may not throw people off the boat!

When your group has decided, rationalize why you chose what you did.

Heavy Items:

Case of unmarked sea rations
Fire extinguisher
Shovel
Blankets
Coil of rope
Five gallon can of fresh water
Cooking utensils (pots, pans, etc.)
Axe and sheath knife
Box of flares
Gas cooking stove

Light Items:

Flashlight
Container of soap
First aid kit
Box of matches
Compass
Reflector mirror
Scissors
Canteen of fresh water
Transistor radio
Toilet paper