



The small boat capsized and I was all stranded on an island in the middle of nowhere...

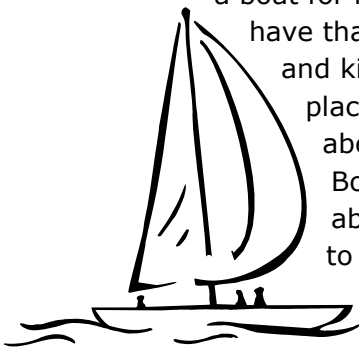
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Suddenly, I heard a voice saying, "Wella, wella, garzis sugourzi su." It was the language used on that island. As I was getting anxious and rather desperate, a group of people appeared from nowhere and crowded round me. They introduced themselves as Bonnie ; Vincent ; Anna; Lily and Linda. They were all cheerful, lovely kids. I asked them using my best island language, "Englia E knowyi Englia konlaly." Surprisingly, they understood me and started speaking to me in English! "This is Lily and that is Linda. They are twin sisters. Anna is a playful and naughty girl who loves to mess up. This is Vincent, my very best friend. I am Bonnie, Vincent's very best friend," Bonnie told me. I had a feeling that I was going to like Bonnie and Vincent.

Vincent warmly welcomed me and led me to a house. "This is my house. Welcome in. Oh, and what's your name?" asked Vincent. "I am Bernice and I'm very happy to meet you all, but I really need to go home. I have nowhere to stay and my boat has just capsized. I'll really miss my family." "Well, you can stay here if you like. You can stay here until we find a way to sail you back home," offered Bonnie nicely. "Thanks, so I'd stay in this house then," I answered. "This is the "Friends" house. Let's all stay here," Lily and Linda kindly offered. So we all settled down and started playing. Living on the island was such fun, but I really missed my family. Anna seemed to become even nicer and suggested, "Hey, everyone, why don't we have a race. The first one to come up with an idea about how to safely take Bernice home wins." Everybody agreed to it and started thinking hard, when the sky turned black. It was really late then, and it was time for me to take some rest. The others seemed to notice me slowing down and started to scamper off to their cosy beds. Soon, we were all sound asleep.

The next day when I woke up, the others were already out there, busily trying to build a boat for me. The boat looked nice. I ran up to Bonnie and Vincent. I could not have thanked them enough for such a wonderful deed. They were so thoughtful and kind. They raised the sail and I invited Bonnie and Vincent to go to my place and stay for a while. Anna, Lily and Linda made sure that we were safe aboard before we set off on our journey back home. On the way, I told Bonnie and Vincent all about my home. They loved to hear everything about my family. They both stayed with me for a week before sailing back to the island. It was so enjoyable that we all thought the week ended too soon.



We remained good friends from then on although we didn't know when we would meet again. That was how my exciting experience on an island ended.