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First Encounter

I am a chief.

I am a captain.

I saw a floating island.

I saw some new land.

There were men on the island.

There were savages on the land.

We welcomed them.

They came after us with weapons.

They hurt and killed my people for no reason.

We tried to keep peace.

They took my people and made them slaves.

We invited some to join our exploration.

They took our homes and belongings

and gave us small amounts of useless items

We did a fair trade with them and gave

them beautiful things.

They destroyed our culture and forced us

to believe in their culture.

We introduced them to a new and proper way of life.

They killed most of my people with weapons and new diseases.

Unfortunately a few of them died of some strange savage-like disease.

They took our land and food.

We set up beautiful settlements and brought civilization to this new world.

Then they left.

Then we left.

They left us with nothing.

We gave them everything.

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