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## Transcript

Speaker 1

My name is Richard. So what else do you need to know? Stuff about my family or where I'm from? None of that matters. Not once you cross the ocean and cut yourself loose, looking for something more beautiful, something more exciting. Yes, I admit, something more dangerous. So after 18 hours in the back of an airplane, three dumb movies, two plastic meals, 6 beers, and absolutely no sleep, I finally touched down in Bangkok. You want to go to the waterfall? Come on, Boggie Market, 1000, Cheap for you. Come on. Hey. I'll be fine. I'll find my own place, thanks. Where you want, man? And this is it. Bangkok. Good time city. Gateway to Southeast Asia, where dollars and Deutsche marks get turned into counterfeit watches and genuine scars. This is where the hungry come to feed. Wanna drink snake blood? Wait a minute. Did you say snake blood? Oh, yeah. No, thanks. What is wrong with snake blood? I just don't like the idea. Well, maybe you're scared? Afraid of something new? No, I just don't like the idea, that's all. Like every tourist, you want it all he's safe, just like America. So never refuse an invitation. Never resist the unfamiliar. Never fail to be polite. Gentlemen, that was excellent. And never outstay your welcome. Just keep your mind open and suck in the experience. And if it hurts, it's probably worth it. Hey. Good evening. Hi. Can you get one, please? Yes. Roger. Dot one, three, stand by. Oh, son, son! Rock one, two, dot one, three. Roger, they eat some napalm down in the tree lights. You guys switched around trying to put it down here? The only downer is everyone's got the same idea. We all travel thousands of miles just to watch TV and check into somewhere with all the comforts of home. And you gotta ask yourself... What is the point of that? Thank you. Bonsoir. Bonsoir. Good night. And as for traveling alone, \*\*\*\* it. If that's the way it has to be, And that's the way it is. Everybody, huffy! Everybody having a good time, eh? \*\*\*\* you! \*\*\*\* you! Please shut up again! \*\*\*\* parasites! Phyllises! Yeah, that's \*\*\*\* right, cancels, \*\*\*\* cancels. The break, the whole \*\*\*\* world. Hey, you. You get anything to smoke? No, I don't have anything to smoke. Listen to the problem, pal, because I've got loads of the \*\*\*\* stuff. You understand what I'm saying? Yeah. No, you don't. No, you're right, I don't. Oh, that's better. Thanks. It was the beach. You understand? The beach? It's too beautiful, too much input, too much... sensation. I tried to keep it under control, but it just keeps spilling it, spilling it, spilling it. You see, she's on an island. And the island is perfect. I mean, I mean, real perfection here. I'm

not just talking about... Oh, that's nice. It's a real \*\*\*\*\* deal, okay? Perfect. Sits like a lagoon, a tidal lagoon. Sits sealed in by cliffs. Totally \*\*\*\*\* secret, totally \*\*\*\*\* forbidden. And nobody can ever, ever, ever, ever go there. Ever. But a few people went once upon a time. Men and women with ideals. You understand? I'm not just talking about the usual. Travelling \*\*\*\*\* winks. Do you believe in that place? But I guess you're going to tell me that I should, right? Doesn't \*\*\*\*\* matter what I think anyway. That's up to you. Ideals. We've got just \*\*\*\*\* parasites. The big chunky Charlie. I was the one that was trying to find the cure. Procurer of the cure. I said to him, you've got to leave. You've got to leave this place. But then when you're listening. No offence and all, but \*\*\*\*\* in the head, right? Hey, Richard. It's been nice knowing you, man. Yeah, you too. Be careful. Electric. Electric. Ma'am. Ma'am. Hey, man, there is a nail for you. A what? Nail on the door. No \*\*\*\*\* way. Hello? You hope and you dream. But you never believe that something's gonna happen for you. Not like it does in the movies. And what it actually does. He wanted to feel different. More visceral. More real. I was waiting for it to hit me. But it just wouldn't happen. The name of Mr. Daffy Duck, Birthplace, Never Never Land. Gonna \*\*\*\*\* all the paperwork. The police were \*\*\*\*\* because he was traveling under a false passport. Go ahead, sign the statement. It's okay. It just say he cut his wrists, already dead when you found him. But they didn't ask me about the map, so... No problem. I didn't tell him. You have a nice day. Good luck. Excuse me. Look, I mean, this island may not actually even exist. And even if it does, I don't even know if we can get there or not. I just wondered if you wanted to come with me. That's all. Hey, you want to take a hike? A trip? A journey? Your girlfriend and me? I mean, the two of you and me, together? I'm talking about the secret, I... Hi. Hi. I just feel like everyone tries to do something different, but you always wind up doing the same damn thing. I realized that I had absolutely no idea of how I was going to get there. But ATN, and I have to hand it to the guy, was great. I mean, he organized the whole thing. Tickets, timetables, the whole damn trip. Bangkok to Surat Thani. Surat Thani to Na Tham. Na Tham to Cha Wang. 500 miles in 24 hours, at less than 400 baht. Trust me, it's a very good deal. We were headed for the great unknown, but to get there, we had to follow the regular tourist trail. Yeah, I don't know. A little less pushing and shoving, take it easy. You could even get sneezy. Come around, watch a movie with the sound down and get boozy. It's arranged tomorrow morning, 1800 back. Oh, great, man. Nice work. There's one problem. He will not take us to the island. It's in the national park and it's not even to go there. But we're allowed to travel to this one to stay for one night. Yeah, no, see, that's the wrong one. Yeah, I know that. Right, but how do we get from there to there? We swim. We swim? Yeah, we leave Iraq, Saxon this island, and then we swim. We can swim. Can't you, Richard? Of course I can swim. It's no problem. Okay, so how far is it, though? I don't know, one or two kilometers? Cool. Not far at all. Stop it, we shouldn't. It will be worth it. An adventure in just the three of us. I'm French and I have the beautiful girlfriend too. Great! \*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* it. Locked out, Yeah. Lost your key! Uh-huh. Bummer. Yeah, bummer. So, uh, you want to grab a beer or something? You're probably better off

without her anyway, bro. Sammy, how the \*\*\*\* would you know if he's better off without her or not? You've never even met her. I'm just trying to help the guy through the dark times. It's not a problem. You see that? It's not a problem. Whoa! Change the \*\*\*\* sucker. All right. Let's talk about how you spend an hour in front of the mirror every day. Oh, that's nice. You know this guy? He likes to wipe his \*\*\* with free leaves. He thinks he's some sort of jungle commando. I swear to God. Whatever. Damn! I presume you know the story of the Kentucky Fried Mouse. Yeah. woman bites into a chicken leg, and it turns out to be, uh, a mouse, right? Right? A mouse? It's an urban myth. Exactly. It always happened to a friend of a friend of someone else. So, I guess there's this urban myth going around here at the moment. It's about a beach. Yeah? Uh-huh. And this beach is perfect, man. It's an island, right? hidden from the sea. Now imagine, you got pure white sand, crystal-clear water, palm trees. Yeah, with coconuts and \*\*\*\*. Yeah. Yo, tell them the best part, duh. Plus, enough dope, Richard, to smoke all day, every day for the rest of your \*\*\*\* life. Damn, mad weed! There's only a few people who know exactly where it is. they keep it absolutely secret. Of course, no one's actually ever met any of these people, only met someone who has, you know what I mean? Exactly. It's a Kentucky Fried Mouse. Huh. Although, I must say, if I had a key to a place like that, I'd keep it to myself, 'cause you don't want every \*\*\*\* in Thailand turning up. Boop-boop. Yeah, yeah. So what do you think about that story, Richard? It's good. It's a good story. Hey, you, I got your key. Now, I know it wasn't a part of the plan, but I made a decision to leave a copy of the map. I'm not going to say it was the best decision I ever made. I told myself that spreading news was a part of a traveler's nature. But if I was being completely honest, I was just like everybody else. Shit-scared of the great unknown, desperate to take a little piece of home with me. Richard? Are you ready? Yeah, I'm coming. Let's go. Francois? Shh. Etienne will be angry if I wake him. He thinks I waste time taking photographs of this guy. I think so, too. Yeah? Have a look. One night I will get the perfect photograph. Hi. You realize that in the eternity of space, there's probably a planet out there, right? Just like this one, where another you is photographing back down towards us. I mean, essentially, you are photographing yourself. in a parallel universe. Incredible. Yeah. I mean, there are infinite worlds out there, you know, where anything you want to happen does happen. Richard, you know something? This is just the kind of pretentious \*\*\*\* the Americans always say to French girls, so they can sleep with them. God, sorry. I thought I was doing pretty good. Just this guy, Richard. Let's try. When you develop an infatuation for someone, you always find a reason to believe that this is exactly the person for you. It doesn't need to be a good reason. Taking photographs of the night sky, for example. Now, in the long run, that's just the kind of dumb, irritating habit that would cause you to split up. But in the haze of infatuation, it's just what you've been searching for all these years. One kilometer. Two. Three, two. I don't know, I'm American. So? I'm thinking miles, not kilometers. Okay, so how many miles do you think it is? I don't know, but it looks like a long way away. If it's too far, we're gonna drown. But if we don't try them, we'll never

know, right? Right. So let's go. Luke! You guys all right? Yeah, well, again. I think we're about halfway. Oh, \*\*\*\*! Richard! \*\*\*\*! What's so fin? What? Are you joking? No, no, no. What fin? Okay, shark fin? I don't know, just a fin. Over there, about 100 liters. Oh, is it big? Yes. Well, what the \*\*\*\* do you expect me to do about it? That's nothing. I just thought they should know. Well, to be honest, Satan, I'd rather you hadn't told me. Okay, I'm sorry. It's a bit \*\*\*\* late now, isn't it? Totoise! Totoise! It's just gone! Oh, my God! Oh, my God. Okay, what happened? Nothing! She just went over the water. She was pulled on that. I don't see her. Oh, \*\*\*\* it's her back! Okay, was there a shark? Did you see a shark in here? I don't know! I don't know! Oh, yeah. Oh, you Europeans are so funny, huh? It's such a playful sense of humor. No wonder comedy has conquered the world. What about Muriel? Who? Oh, \*\*\*\* \*\*. Come on. Wow. This is what I call a lot of dope. Hey! Ah! Don't bite! I'm dying! I... Sure we should have turned back, but I wasn't going to. Not now. I just kept telling him we'd get there. Trust me, it's paradise. If we take this down, it should lead us all the way. Come on. Oh, God! You don't mail them. Well? what? How do we get down? How do we get down? How am I supposed to know? Do I have to cite everything now? Little Tom. \*\*\*\* you wanted to be in command, Richard. I only took command because you lost your nerve, French boy. Yeah, and look where you've taken us. Little Tom, if you're not happy with the way things are going, you can just take over, all right, sir? All right, I will. There, we climb down there. We can't jump. All right, Swaz, look, we're not going to jump, all right? So just can it. And as we're climbing down there, that is just an \*\*\*\* suggestion. Calling me an \*\*\*\*? Yeah, and that's just the start of it. All right, face, let's do it. All right, \*\*\*\*. Come on, guys, it's okay! It's not dangerous! Come on! Come on! All right, let's all jump. Holy \*\*\*\*. This is the action! Congratulations! Took me the best part of an hour to work on the balls to do that. Mind you, I was on my own, so you have to make allowances, you know what I mean? I think maybe you better meet up with Sal. Jesus Christ! Don't you go everywhere! I don't know what we expected. People living in a cave, maybe even a few guys in tents, but nothing like this. It was like we arrived into a lost world. full-scale community of travelers, not just passing through, but actually living here. I suddenly became aware that we weren't even invited. The guy who drew it? Duffy. Yeah. Yeah, he's dead. What? No way. Yeah, he cut his wrist open in a hotel room on the Kassan Road. You have seen this? Well, I came afterwards. Well, that's sad news. He was one of the founders of our community. Oh. But he became depressed. The police didn't know what to do with the body, so I guess they're gonna, like, incinerate him or something. Do you think he gave a map to anybody else? No, I don't think so. And you, have you shown this map to anybody? No. No? No. Good. We value our secrecy. Hear that? Hear that? It's a \*\*\*\* beautiful man. Hey, I've got your order, man. Listen up, everybody. Okay, tomorrow I will travel for many miles on a bicycle. Vicky. A sutra to property. Great. Very good. Very good. Very good. Easy. Right. It's far too easy, though. Colleen. Yes. OK. There's more, you know. Richard. Yes, Richard! This is represented, man. This became our world, and these people, our family. Back home was just one

more place we didn't think about. I settled in. I found my vocation. The pursuit of pleasure. Sao was the leader, but it wasn't a big deal. I mean, there wasn't any ideology or \*\*\*\* like that. It was just a beach resort for people who don't like beach resorts. Even paradise takes a little shaking. For years, they kept this place a secret. They didn't need to tell anyone. They were practically self-sufficient. The only thing they had to do was sail back once in a while to trade a little marijuana and buy some rice. We grow our own, which means no stealing from the farmers on the other side. And do they know that you're living here? Oh, yeah. They keep to their side, and we're not transfers on that tough. A couple of years ago, they came to us and they said that we could stay. That was all right, but nobody else should come, which kind of suits us as well. So you was lucky, you know? Very lucky. There was Kitty, who only cared about two things. We thank you, Lord, for the twin pillars of civilization. Christianity and cricket. Playing in the night sky There were the Swedes, Christo, Sten, and Karl. We like fishing. Fishing. And in the winter, we like skiing. Of course, in Thailand, there's no skiing. Wait. You wait for the fishing. Woo! And I say it today! I shall provide! Yeah! Stop it. What? Our resident chef was known as Unhygienics. Let's cook. On account of his obsession with soap. Fish, fish, fish. Still, I smell of fish. There was a range of sporting and leisure activities to suit all tastes. Etienne is good at soccer. I mean, I could do that if I wanted to. I just don't want to. What are you talking about? Making conversation. Do you have a girlfriend? Here? Anywhere? No. Why? Just making conversation. Right arm, Uncle Wicket, free balls remaining. There's anyone who still does not understand. The only person I didn't like was Sal's boyfriend, Bugs, our on-island carpenter. Hey, Richard, can you do this? Can you make anything? I imagine you'd have a talent in his hands. Here we go, people! So every community has its rituals. Well, ours was simple. The last one to arrive tattoos the next. Andy, bring yours closer. All in all, this really was paradise, except for one thing. Desire is desire. Wherever you go, the sun will not bleach it. nor the tide wash it away. One, she's just teasing you. What are you talking about? Two, you don't speak French. Three, he speaks French. In fact, even better than that. Four, he is French. Five, he's much better at football. Sorry, soccer than you. And 6, you're a bit strange, Rich. Some girls like that in a man, but not usually the sort of girls you want to be with. Is that right? Come on, your last girlfriend chucked you. There must have been a reason. Well, that was not my fault. And Seven, look at your thumbs, man. They're well-defined. What is that supposed to mean? You play a lot of video games. That is a powerful index of incompatibility. Why do I get the feeling like you're trying to tell me something here, Katie? You're having a hope, mate, not a bleeding chickens chance in Thailand. Now I'm in. Thank you. So, enjoy the beach and cut the \*\*\*\*\*. Thank you very much. It's my pleasure. No, I can deal with it. I don't want you to deal with it. It won't take a minute. No, really, no. I must go to mainland. What's this? You want to go to the mainland to see a dentist? Yes. It's out of the question. How's it going, Richard? Fine, fine. You okay with this? Yeah. I mean, we have a secret here, right? Sometimes people need to take a little pain to keep it that way. Excellent. Excellent attitude. No problem. Oh, \*\*\*\*. Give it right

back! Kill the flamboy. Okay. Drink the drink! Richard? Yeah. Would you like to come to the beach with me? Sure, yeah. Are you happy, Richard? Happy? Yeah. I mean, I guess. I mean, the beach, you know, is just perfect. Do you think that I ignore you? No. But I do. It's because I'm with Etienne. It's difficult for me to spend time with you. I don't suppose that there's any, you know, special reason that you should spend time with me, that is. Of course there is. I like you. Have you told us to ATN or? No. It's our secret. Okay. Look, there, the plankton, shrimps. When they're disturbed, they glow. Come on. That night we promised ourselves, and we honestly believed that no one would ever know. I want to talk. About what? About you and Francoise. What do you mean, me and Francoise? I mean, Richard, that I want her to be happy. Yeah, I mean, of course. We all do, right? Shut up! Please shut the \*\*\*\* \*\*. And if happy is with you, then I will not stand in her way. Hey, Ken, man, I really don't know what you're talking about. \*\*\*\* you, Richard! I know! Okay, I know! Everybody knows! The problem is seeing the fish. With the heavy rain and the bad light, it's very difficult to catch them. It can last for days. Sometimes we get really hungry. Look at that. Richard! I can't hear you! You can't hear me. Now, before I start, there's just a couple of things you have to remember. Number one, you have to remain calm, right? Number two, You have to show no fear. Teach it, teach it. Because the sharks, you see, the sharks, they can sense that fear. Just as easily as they can sense blood. And so it went for me. Just as I knew it would. Just as nature had ordained its jaw wide open, row upon row of these razor-sharp teeth glinting underwater like jagged diamonds, its tail fin, sweeping back and forth as it surged in for the kill. I swear to God, my whole life flashed before my eyes. Really, I had nothing left to offer except for pure reflex. Pure reflex and mankind's basic drive for survival that somehow shouts, No, I will not die today! That instant, man, I knew it was either the shark or me. The shark knew it. I knew it. Oh, jeez, God. It's nothing personal, right? You know, it's just the way the world works, right? It's nature. But if I remember correctly, in that last glimmer of its eyes, there was a moment between us. Or he said, Hey, Richard, man, enjoy your dinner. Strange thing, killing a shark, isn't it, Richard? Just a big fish, Bugs. Just a big fish? Yeah, maybe. Maybe when it's just a baby and it hasn't really learned to kill yet. Maybe it's just a big fish. When it's a great, white, angry mother with a taste of human blood on its tongue. Now, that's a different story. Oh, God, Jesus. I'm sorry, Bugs. It's just me. What does this wet weather make everyone so damn tired? Geez, maybe we can hear your very different and I'm sure very interesting story some other time. Very interesting, Kitty. Good night, young lovers. For a while, we were untouchable in our happiness. All right, everybody. Quiet. We have a situation. It's not a disaster, but as some of you may have heard, a couple of sacks of rice have become contaminated by a fungus. That's because we keep it in that shed. Rice run. Which means that someone will have to come to Koh Phangan with me to buy some more rice. So don't all volunteer at once. Richard? Yeah. You gonna come to Copanyang with me? I don't know. I mean... I'll go with you. Don't worry, Bugs. Richard's gonna come, aren't you? Am I? Who thinks Richard should come? All right, then I'll go to Copanyang with you. So,

Richard, I want toothpaste and a toothbrush. Yeah? Right. A new pair of swim trunks and a new hats. Richard, 100 aspirin, 100 pair of acetamol, 6 packs of tampons. And I want 4 AA batteries and 20 counts. Make it 4 counts. And a bottle of vodka. Six bars of chocolate, four boxes of tampons, assorted sizes. Smell it. It's a party. I am becoming a fish richard. Ordinary soap for ordinary people is a waste of time. I need something toxic, something industrial. Okay? Okay. That's a new beef curry. Yummy. Yummy. As many AAA batteries as we can find, right? And a copy of... The Daily Telegraph. It's just for the cricket, you know? Oh. Please fill this bag with a soft bog roll. Soft bog roll? Jasmine tea, tiger balm, lip balm, tea tree or a bath. A big box of bleach. Hair conditioner, skin conditioner. Anything based on sugar. 12 packs of Isla. Cumin, saffron, cinnamon. Antiperspirant, and makeup remover. What do you want? Ow! Okay. When you get to Copanyang, keep your hands to yourself and \*\*\*\* \*\* your pants. I'd really been looking forward to air conditioning and some cold beer, but when we got to Copanyang... I just wanted to leave again. In one moment, I understood more clearly than ever why we were so special, why we kept our secret. Because if we didn't, sooner or later, we'd turn it into this. Cancers, parasites. beating up the whole \*\*\*\*\* world. Couple months, maybe a year even. Yeah, really? Right. I like it out here, you know? Things are different. I said things are different. Yeah. No, I'll call again. I'll call again. I promise. Okay. All right. I miss you, too. All right. OK. All right, bye. Bye. So how does it feel to be back in the real world? It's not like I remembered it. It's worse, every time. It is Richard! Damn! God, how you doing, man? Oh, Shamie, come on over, man. Yo, Ricardo, what's up, bro? Girls, I want you to meet the man. Who's the man? Hold up, Eva. Dice and it's Richard. Hi. Hello. The man with the map. Is there a man with the vandicata? yo-yo, they're gonna come with us, bro. They're coming with us. Sorry it's been so long, but, you know, we're just chilling out. You know how it is. Listen, guys, I made a mistake. What are you talking about, man? No, listen to me, there's no beef. I can't believe to see you, dude. No beef? Yeah, no, seriously, the map thing, it was fake. It was just like you said, dude, it was a story. No, it's a myth, really. It doesn't exist. The map, it was a fake. You understand what I'm saying? You wouldn't be holding out, would you? Let me guess, it's a \*\*\*\*\* beer! It doesn't exist. Aw, man. What are you talking about? I think, yo, Dev, I think he's just trying to hold on. I'm trying to tell you to forget it, all right, \*\*\*\*\*! Well, that's the last time I buy you a \*\*\*\*\* beer. So you told them where you were born? Yeah. And they saw the map. Did they have a copy? No. Okay. Well, we can relax for a bit. I doubt they have it in them to get there anyway. But, Richard, I don't think we should tell anybody about this. Okay? I think we should keep it between you and I. Thanks. Don't mention it. Well, I'm going to go and play a couple of games of pool with Sumet. Sumet, Snook. So why don't you go and warm the bed? Diane, Diane. Sal? Sal? I just have a question. It was very nice. No, that's not it. It's about bugs. Okay. It's like this. Bugs is my boyfriend. My partner, okay? And you are someone I just had sex with. All right? It's fine. It's absolutely fine. Good. Now get some sleep. I may wish to have sex again before we eat breakfast. It was a deal. She wouldn't

tell anyone about the map. I had paid for her silence and bought my ticket back. But I didn't even want to think about the real price. Okay. Gotta get it. Yeah, no problem. Richard! Problem solved. All right, here's the bleach. We've got the makeup remover. I have two of them. I have here. I'm Richard, man, I love you. A lot of love. Oh, great. Lovely. Right here. Yes. Hey, Ricardo. Grazie. One tin of beef curry. One disposable camera. I know it's not as good as the one you left behind. You'll probably have to wait a while for the prints, but... What the hell, right? No, it doesn't matter. I like it. What's wrong? How is it? The rice run? Fine. No problem. I mean, being with Sun. Fine. I mean, we got along okay. Some people say she's attracted to you. \*\*\*\*. I really wouldn't have noticed that. Nothing happened? No, of course not. You promise? I was so happy to be back that I couldn't bear to spoil the moment. Yes. I promise. Okay, come on, everybody. Come on, please. Come on, please. All together, close together, please. Okay, close together. Okay, stand back up, please. Okay. So one, two, three. So I started just where I left off. It was almost like my trip to Koh Pi Niang never happened. Almost. Don't kill all of us! My... My... My leg. My leg. We can take you to the hospital, all right? We can do that. But when you're there, you mustn't tell anybody where this happened. All right, we have to keep our secret. He says that we are to bring him here for him. He won't go near the wall. Yeah, but I understand that, but we can't bring anybody here. We can't do that. Bring him, you gotta bring him! We can't, Christo! You have to go or you stay here and take your chances. Anyone disagree? God, His Majesty. What are you saying? He wants to know what happened to his friend. We're gathered here today to say a last respect to Sten. May God take your soul, and you will rest forever in peace, mate. We'll miss you. Yogescat Day, from Christo and me. Reposit in Pagi, from Lorenzo. Bold pirates, yes, they rob I Sold I to the merchant ships Minutes after they took I From the bottomless pit And my hand was made strong By the hand of the Almighty We forward in this generation Fly abundantly Won't you help to sing These songs of freedom Is all I ever had After the funeral, we all tried to get back to normal, but it just didn't seem right. Pretty soon, it became clear that the problem was Christo. Shut up! You see, in a shark attack, or any other major tragedy, I guess, the important thing is to get eaten and die, in which case there's a funeral and somebody makes a speech and everybody says, What a good guy you were. Or get better. In which case everyone can forget about it. I can't take this. I still please. Don't take the dog. Required running every two or three autumns. Great atmosphere. Get better or die. It's the hanging around in between that really \*\*\*\*\* people off. Listen to me. We can't do this. is disgusting. Take him back. \*\*\*\*\* animals. What are you doing this for? Huh? Tell me. How can you do this? Richard. \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*! \*\*\*\*\*. It would be a lot easier to condemn our behavior if it hadn't been so effective. But out of sight really was out of mind. Once he was gone, we felt a whole lot better. On the beach, it's easy to turn your back, but not always so easy to forget. Pay them in dollars, \*\*\*\* their daughters, and turn it into Wonderland, Richard. Richard. Is that, or is that not, a map she's holding? And did you, or did you not, make that copy? You know, the lying doesn't bother me. But that map is

trouble. The farmers, right, you remember those men with guns. They said to us, they told us, no more people. And now it looks like we're handing out \*\*\*\*\* tour guides. Sal, I mean, we could explain, right? I mean, we could tell them it was Daffy. I want you up here every day until those people come. Here? Yes, here. And when they come, I want you to get the map back. Okay? Whatever happens, you get the map back. Wait, Sal, wait. Sal, take a look at this. I mean, they could be there for weeks. That's right, and you'll be here waiting for them. What am I supposed to do when they actually get here? Get the map! You drew it, you handed it out, now you get it back and turn them away! Sal! Sal! Are you going to tell everyone else what I did? Now, this was truly a pain in the \*\*\*. I mean, I didn't want these people to come here any more than Sal did. But what exactly did she expect me to do? Chase them away? Threaten them? I mean, with what? By the time these kids got here, I'd probably have starved to death. Sal? Sal, you get that light out of my-- You're a pig. Damn it. What the \*\*\*\* was that for? Look, there's nothing I can do. I have to stay up here. Not that, okay? What is it, then? You and Sal in companion. How was that? Yes, that. She has told everyone. And me, I'm the last one to find out. At least she believes in honesty, not like you. I mean, Francois, I... What can I say? Nothing. There's nothing you can say. Thank you. Thank you for making my life just perfect! Super! \*\*\* \*\*\*\* it! You are such an idiot! Even though I knew it would happen, I was crushed. And I guess I deserved it. I mean, I could have given her all the excuses she wanted, but it still wouldn't have made any difference. Quit! Quit! At first I thought I was going to die up here. My entire world was going to end. But it didn't. In fact, pretty soon I found that there were plenty of other things to keep me occupied. Before I knew it, I found that love, like grief, tends to fade away and be replaced by something more exciting. And life up on the hill turned out to be a big improvement. I mean, up here, I could do whatever I wanted. There was no fishing duty, no gardening \*\*\*\* no hassle from bugs or ATN or Francoise. I was playing my own game now, and I had absolutely no reason to go back. Okay, so I was just fooling around. But the longer I stayed away from the community, the less I missed them. And I found new players, even if they didn't know it yet. This forest was my territory. Retrieving the map, my mission. And these, my defenders. I was the only one with the overview of how it all fitted together. The island. Me. Them. The invaders. All connected. All playing the same game. And at the center of it all, one man. Daffy. Outside! Take our work, Venture! Fire this is Venture! Cance! The back of Chunky Charlie's hitting up the whole world! And now! Not on the beach! Not on the street! Four! Money multiply! Be multiply! It's time to stop now! You're zero! Oh, you might be in against me! I'm with the other way, Dappy! Richard? Where you been, man? What are you doing sitting in the dark? Improving my night vision. What for, mate? You know I think about a lot. I have no idea. Daffy. I admire him. You hardly knew him. True. But he had a certain style. Come here. No, \*\*\*\*\* come here. Get in. They're talking about you. I need to find out why. What is the problem with him? What do you think? I like the guy. What does he do? He does no work to go, then. I'm sure. You hear that? You hear what they're saying? I'm a sponging useless prick. No, get your \*\*\*\*\* act

together, Richard, man. You can't do this. You can't run around in the dark, not talking to nobody. What do you think you're playing there, man? What's happened to you? was all right just a couple of weeks ago, you was fine, and now what the \*\*\*\* is going on? Look at you. And you're talking about Daffy? Daffy was a nutter, right? He went up there and he lost it. He's gone. Richard. Richard. Do you hear what I'm saying, dear? Don't lose it like him. Do you understand what I'm saying? Don't go there. Stay with us. Come back, Rich. These are good people. They don't talk about people all the time. They're talking about you because you're \*\*\*\* \*\* all right? Don't do this, man. Got out of control. And now it looks like what something else looks like. Mushroom, Richard. I don't need any help to see the writing on the wall. I'm very glad to hear that, Richard. Got to keep my head clear, you know what I mean? Getting closer any day now. Year 0? That's the spirit, kiddo. You know something? You led the way, Daffy. You showed me the truth. But it doesn't matter what I think anymore. It's up to you now. I won't let you down. Hey, Richard, no offense, but you're \*\*\*\* in the hand, man. It's been really nice knowing you, Daffy. We're on patrol in the Delta, search and destroy. We're not making any contact. So, Lieutenant, he says to me, You get out there. It's not going to happen, sir. Looks that way, sir. The plan 16 just went off, man. Just went off, just went off. You can't do it. Let's go! There's another explanation, man. We're in job at it. Hi. Oh, \*\*\*\*. We're Americans. Tourists. Americans. We, uh... We had a map, and we came here, but we made a mistake. We made a mistake, and we're sorry. We'll go now. We just want to go. Give him some money. Wait, wait. Look, American dollars, I've got American dollars. You want American dollars, money? You can have them. Hey, hey, hey. Um... I've got my watch. Yeah, I've got eight place to choose. I got you! What do you mean, I'm here? Hey! This is our sixth year. Wow. I want to look ahead because I see that beyond any problems that we might have had, right? Beyond any problems that we might have, that we have so much here to inspire us. And I'm not just talking about the island. I'm talking about you. You are what makes this place work. And it does. I tried to remember the person I used to be, but I just couldn't do it. And so long as I stayed here... I'd never find him again. Tell me I've got to talk to you. Listen, I've got to talk to you. Stop! Listen to me! Did you not? I've got to talk to you. Stop! Listen, I've got to talk to you. Stop! Damn it! Stop! Stop it! Stop it! Stop it! Stop it! Stop! I'm not gonna hurt you, all right? It's just me. It's just me, Richard. Remember? The guy who can't play soccer, the guy without a girlfriend. I remember. Just been away for a while. That's all. That's all. Listen, it's really \*\*\*\* \*\*. Four people are dead. I don't know what else they're going to do. But we have to leave now. That's it. Just the three of us. Just like before. Richard. I can't leave him. Then we'll take him with us. But look at him. Look at him, Richard. We can't move him. It's gangrene. It's spreading. He's going to die. Wait for me at the boat. Christo had suffered because we wouldn't let anything spoil our fun. In the perfect beach resort, nothing is allowed to interrupt the pursuit of pleasure. Not even dying. Do you think I want to hurt you? I'm a farmer, that's all. Understand? I work. I send the money to my family. If too many people come to this island, it's trouble for me. I can't work. I can't

send the money, and my family don't eat. I said, No more people. But more people come. And you... you give them the map! Now, you all go home. Forget this island. Forget about Thailand. Understand? Huh? No. What? No. We're not leaving. This is our home too. This is our house. We built it with our own hands and we are not leaving. Sal, Sal, I think you're making a big mistake here. Really, if he says that we should leave... Richard, shut up! This is all your fault anyway. Who copied the map, Richard? You are the cruel boy. The one who sneaked out. No, no, no. Play with the guns, and you bring people here. Hey! If you want to stare... If you want to stare... Sal. Sal. No. Sal, listen, don't be crazy, okay? You can't. Don't be crazy, Sal. Put the gun down. You let us down, Rich. You brought us trouble. You can't, Sal. Make yourself. You \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*! You can't do it. You can't do it, Sal. Stop! Because if you pull that trigger, Sal, if you pull that trigger, it's all \*\*\*\*\* over and you know it. Come on. Because this time, this time, it's not like Christo riding out in the woods where no one can see. It's not like the four people that I saw kill today! This time, everyone has to watch, Sal. Everyone has to see what it takes to give our little paradise a secret. Come on, everyone, watch! Everyone, watch, Sal, do this! Yeah, come on, Sal, do it. Come on. Do it. Come on, do it, yeah. Let them see the blood this time, Let's see if they can take it. God! They can take it. No! No! No! No! No! Hey! Don't come back to me. Come on out! Help! Help! Come on out! Hey! Game over. But she was never gonna leave. She believed in it all way too much to ever change. So that's exactly where we left her. We settled the seven seas Searching for the missing key Overlocking new world harmony I climbed the highest mountain range And as for the rest of us, we carried away our sins and made our way back to wherever it was that we called home to pick up the pieces of whatever was waiting. Of course, you can never forget what you've done, but we adapt, we carry on. I hear them read them in the river's throne I'm blind and beat in the desert sun I hear them today play all that small A distant voices in the far-off sky Let us do that illusive rise To the new sound we testify And me? I still believe in paradise. But now at least I know it's not someplace you can look for. Because it's not where you go. It's how you feel for a moment in your life when you're a part of something. And if you find that moment, it lasts forever. God knows your lonely souls God knows your lonely souls God knows your lonely souls I believe there's a time and a place to let your mind drift and get out of this place. I believe there's a day and a place that we will go to and I know you want to share. There's no secret to living. Just keep on walking. There's no secret to dying. Just keep on flying. The story of when Elvis met the love of his life pressed red for Priscilla on BBC iPlayer.