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Men lost at sea for 29 days say it was a nice break – 11th October, 2021

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We all want to get away from it all. Two men from the Solomon Islands accidentally did that. They spent 29 days lost at sea. They left a small island in a boat to travel 200km to another island. They had done the trip before. A storm hit and blew them 400km off course. The storm messed up their navigation system, so they lost their ability to find their location. They ended up near Papua New Guinea.

The two men joked about their adventure. One said: "We didn't know where we were but did not expect to be in another country." They ate oranges they bought for their journey and coconuts they found in the sea. A fisherman saw their boat and they were rescued. The man said: "I look forward to going back home, but I guess it was a nice break from everything." However, COVID-19 means they will not be able to travel for a while.

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We spend hours dreaming of getting away from it all. Two men from the Solomon Islands inadvertently did just that. They spent 29 days away from the rat race after getting lost at sea. They set off from an island on September the 3rd in a small motorboat to travel 200km to another island. It was a trip they had taken several times before. Soon after they set out, a storm played havoc with their navigation system. They lost their ability to find their location at sea. The storm blew them off course. They ended up 400km away, off the coast of Papua New Guinea.

The two men were upbeat about their unplanned adventure. Rather than be distressed, they said they enjoyed the potentially life-threatening escapade. One man said: "We didn't know where we were but did not expect to be in another country." They survived by eating oranges they had bought for their journey and coconuts floating in the sea. A fisherman spotted their boat and authorities rescued them. The man said: "I look forward to going back home, but I guess it was a nice break from everything." However, due to COVID-19, they will not be able to travel for a little while yet.

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Many of us spend hours dreaming of getting away from it all - of getting far from the madding crowd. Two men from the Solomon Islands inadvertently did just that and spent 29 days escaping the rat race. They got lost at sea for over four weeks. Liva'e Nanjikana and Junior Qoloni set off from Mono Island on September the 3rd in a small motorboat to travel 200km to New Georgia Island. It was a trip they had embarked on several times before. Soon after they set out, they were hit by a storm which played havoc with their navigation system. They lost their ability to detect their location or find their bearings at sea. The storm blew them off course and they ended up off the coast of Papua New Guinea.

The two men were upbeat about their unplanned adventure. Rather than be distressed about their once-precarious plight, they enjoyed the potentially life-threatening escapade at sea. Mr Nanjikana said: "We didn't know where we were but did not expect to be in another country." They survived by eating oranges they had bought for their journey and coconuts they scooped out of the sea. A Papua New Guinean fisherman spotted their boat and authorities rescued them. Nanjikana said: "I look forward to going back home, but I guess it was a nice break from everything." However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, they will not be able to travel from Papua New Guinea to the Solomon Islands for a little while yet.