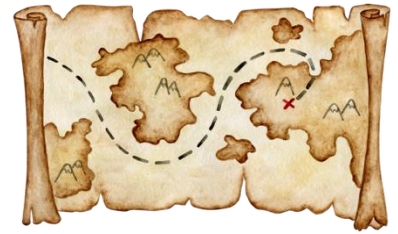


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The Island That Wasn't on the Map

Ethan was sailing with his family when a thick fog rolled across the ocean. For nearly an hour, they could barely see beyond the front of the boat. When the fog finally cleared, an island appeared ahead. Ethan's dad checked the map twice. "There shouldn't be an island here," he said.



They decided to go ashore and look around. The beach was completely empty, but Ethan soon noticed a line of footprints leading towards the trees. They were fresh. The family followed them into the forest. After several minutes, they discovered an abandoned campsite. A tent stood between two trees, a cooking pot sat beside a cold fire, and several unopened cans of food were scattered nearby. Ethan's mum called out, but nobody answered. Then a radio inside the tent suddenly crackled. A quiet voice spoke through the static. "Leave the island." Everyone froze.

Ethan's dad grabbed the radio, but the voice did not return. The family hurried back towards their boat. As they reached the beach, Ethan glanced behind him. A figure was standing at the edge of the forest. It disappeared between the trees. Back on the boat, Ethan's dad checked the map again. There was still nothing showing where the island should have been. The next morning, they sailed past the same location. The island was gone.



1. Why was Ethan's dad confused when they saw the island?

2. What did the family discover in the forest?

3. What clues suggest that someone had recently been on the island?

4. Why do you think the voice on the radio told them to leave?

5. What can you infer about the island from the ending?



Answers

1. The island did not appear on his map.
2. They found an abandoned campsite with a tent, cooking pot, fire and cans of food.
3. There were fresh footprints and unopened food at the campsite.
4. Someone may have been warning them because the island was dangerous or hiding a secret.
5. The island may have been mysterious or supernatural because it appeared unexpectedly and was gone the next day.