

TRUMAN
 (shattered)
 Middle of nowhere.

CUT TO:

EXT. SMALL MOUNTAIN - MOMENTS LATER

...as Truman and General White descend towards the beach.

TRUMAN
 How long do you think it'll take
 someone to find us?

GENERAL WHITE
 Depends. Was the plane off course when we
 went down? If so, how far? Were the
 transponders functioning? I'm sure there
 are rescue teams looking for us, but
 there are a million square miles of ocean
 between Australia and South America. God
 only knows where they're looking.

TRUMAN
 So... days? Weeks?

General White stares at Truman a moment, then...

GENERAL WHITE
 When I was doing search and rescue,
 I'd sit new recruits down and go over
 the numbers. 90% of airplane crash
 survivors and victims are found
 within twenty-four hours... 8% within
 seventy-two... 2% within a week.

Just then, General White smiles, noticing something on...

THE BEACH

...where smoke can now be seen rising from the signal fire.

GENERAL WHITE
 (the first smile we've
 seen out of him)
 We'll be found well before a week.

CUT TO:

HOURS LATER: As the evening sun fades in the western sky, and
 SMOKE CONTINUES to billow into frame, TILT DOWN to reveal...

EXT. UNDER A PALM TREE - SAME

Where General White sifts through...

THE PILE

...of objects salvaged from the wreckage.

(**NOTE:** THE PILE will represent all the worldly belongings the group has at its disposal. The contents are still TBA, but some examples might include a piece of silverware, wheels from carry-on luggage, a torn blanket, rudimentary electronics, a single flotation cushion, etc.)

General White finds a piece of paper and a pencil kept basically dry inside a backpack. He kneels, drawing...

A CALENDAR REPRESENTING SEVEN DAYS

...and marks off **DAY ONE**. He stares at it a moment, until...

VOICE (O.S.)

What happens after a week?

General White looks up to find Truman standing over him. He pauses a moment, not sure what to say, and then he realizes...

ROSS... JED... SARAH... NELL... ZACH... XANDER...

...have all looked up from what they were doing.

GENERAL WHITE

(reluctantly)

After a week, we would consider survival virtually impossible. In crashes over major bodies of water, victims would be assumed killed on impact, drowned, or dead from hypothermia. Recovering remains would become too expensive and untenable, so the search would almost always be curtailed, and then abandoned.

PIPER

(stepping forward)

So if we're not found in the next six days--

General White is about to respond, when...

STEVE (O.S.)
More survivors!

General White turns, seeing little Alex running up with his father Steve.

STEVE
Tell him what you saw.

Little Alex points toward a grove of trees...

LITTLE ALEX
People. In the water. Swimming!

Over General White's shoulder...

SARAH
(standing)
Paul.

As Sarah starts off in the direction little Alex pointed...

CUT TO:

EXT. GROVE OF TREES - MOMENTS LATER

Little Alex leads Sarah, General White, Steve and Other Passengers...

LITTLE ALEX
Right up here.

...but as they cut around a group of trees, all the blood drains from Sarah's face...

REVERSE ANGLE ON WHAT THEY'VE FOUND

...eleven new dead bodies, rotting in the sun.

END OF ACT ONE