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WITHOUT SHELTER WE WILL FREEZE, HIGO-SAN. WE MUST BUILD A FIRE.

THEN WE MUST GATHER DEAD LIMBS FROM THE GROUND.

THERE DON'T SEEM TO BE MANY... AND NO AXE TO CUT THEM UP WITH.

THESE DRY TWIGS WILL DO FOR A START. NOW A MATCH.

MATCH?... THE MATCHES WERE IN MY OVERCOAT — LOST IN THE FIRE.

WITH WHAT THE STOVEWOOD ALL BURNED WITH THE COTTAGE.

WHAT! NO MATCHES? BUT HOW CAN WE START A FIRE?

YOU FORGET, DR. IWAKI, THAT OUR COTTAGE BURNED. THERE ARE STILL COALS.

AH, SO! THAT IS ONE FORTUNATE THING ABOUT OUR PREDICAMENT.

BRR! THAT WIND! THE FIRE SEEMS TO DO LITTLE GOOD.

HERE, GET ROCKS. WE MUST BUILD A WIND-BREAK.

THESE DEAD TWIGS DON'T LAST LONG. WE'LL SOON HAVE TO GATHER MORE.

WE ARE SO BUSY GATHERING TWIGS FOR THE FIRE, WE HAVE NO TIME TO SIT BY IT AND GET WARM.

I HAVE AN IDEA. OFTEN THERE ARE BIG PIECES OF DRIFTWOOD ALONG THE SHORE.

YES! HERE'S A BOARD!

LOOK OUT, HIGO-SAN!

BRR! I'M WET!

YOU MUST HUG THE FIRE... TRY TO GET YOUR CLOTHES DRY, HIGO-SAN, OR YOU'LL CONTRACT PNEUMONIA. I'LL GATHER THE WOOD.

MORNING!

I'M EXHAUSTED, HIGO-SAN.

THEN REST BY THE FIRE. YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ALL NIGHT. I'LL GATHER THE WOOD.

THE SHOW'S COVERED WHAT LITTLE THERE IS ON THE GROUND, AND I'VE BROKEN EVERY DEAD BRANCH FROM EVERY TREE ON THE ISLAND.

I HAVE A POCKET KNIFE. I'LL CUT SOME GREEN BRANCHES.

H'MM! ONLY SMOKE... I'M AFRAID, HIGO-SAN, THEY ARE TOO WET AND GREEN TO BURN.

THESE GREEN BRANCHES ONLY SMOTHER THE FIRE, HIGO-SAN. THERE'S NO WARMTH. IT MAY EVEN GO OUT ENTIRELY.

AND THEN WHAT, DR. IWAKI?

THEN, IF SUCH A THING WERE POSSIBLE, WE WILL BECOME EVEN MORE COLD.

LISTEN! I THINK I HEAR SHOUTING!

HIGO-SAN! I WAS WORRIED. PEOPLE SAW BIG FIRE ON YOUR ISLAND LAST NIGHT. WHAT HAPPENED?

CAN'T HEAR YOU FOR THE WAVES! COME CLOSER! TAKE US OFF!

BUT I CAN'T COME CLOSER, HIGO-SAN. MY BOAT WILL BE PASHED TO PIECES!

WE MUST GET OFF THE ISLAND! WE'RE FREEZING!

WHAT'S THAT? I CAN'T HEAR YOU!

WE'RE FREEZING! OUR HOUSE BURNED DOWN! THERE'S NO WOOD, NO FOOD!

PERHAPS BY TOMORROW THE SEAS WILL SUBSIDE AND I CAN GET YOU OFF.

NO, TODAY! WE MUST GET OFF TODAY! GET HELP! WE'RE DESPERATE!