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ZONE**

**SURVIVE ON A  
DESERT  
ISLAND**





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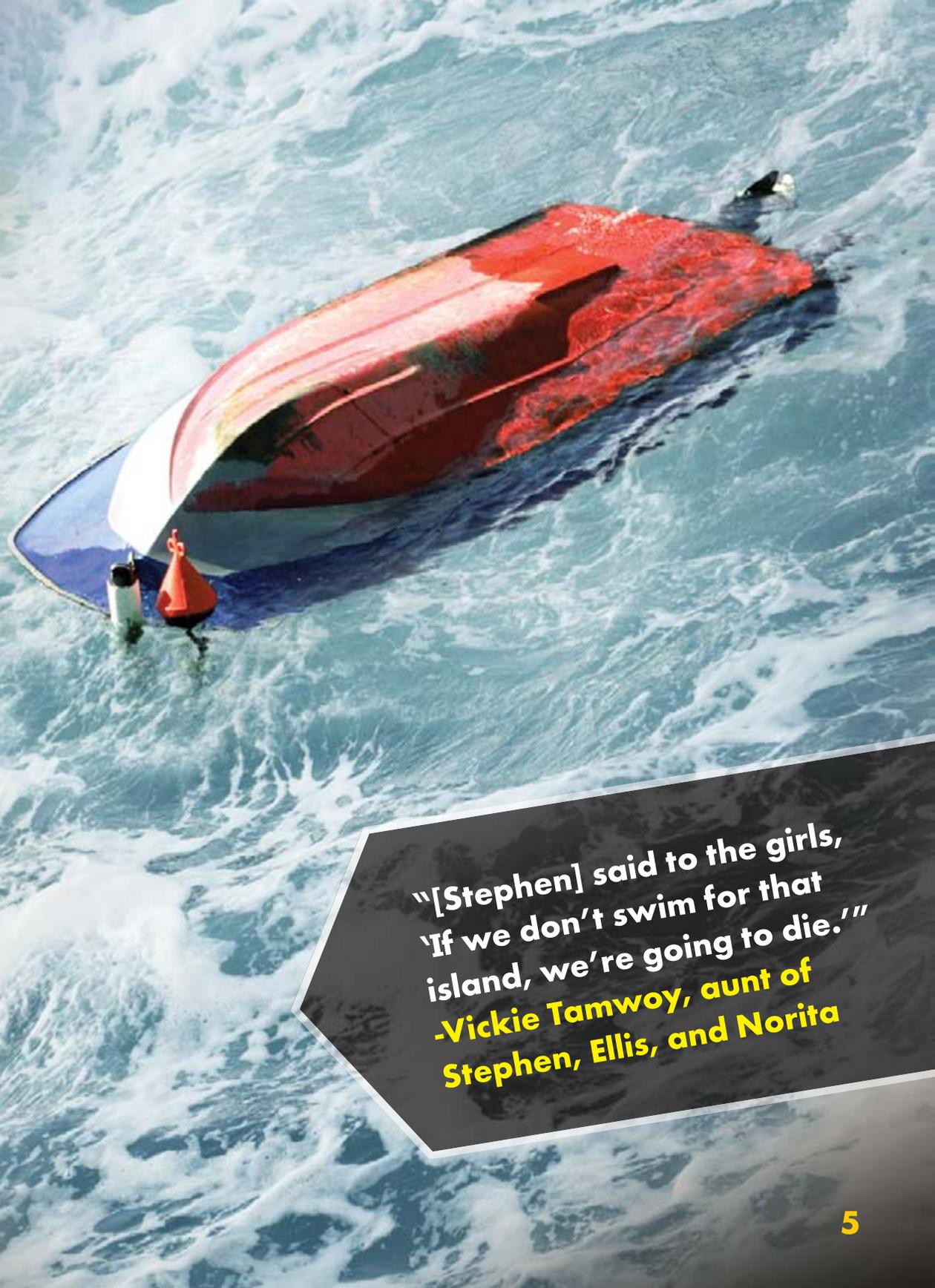
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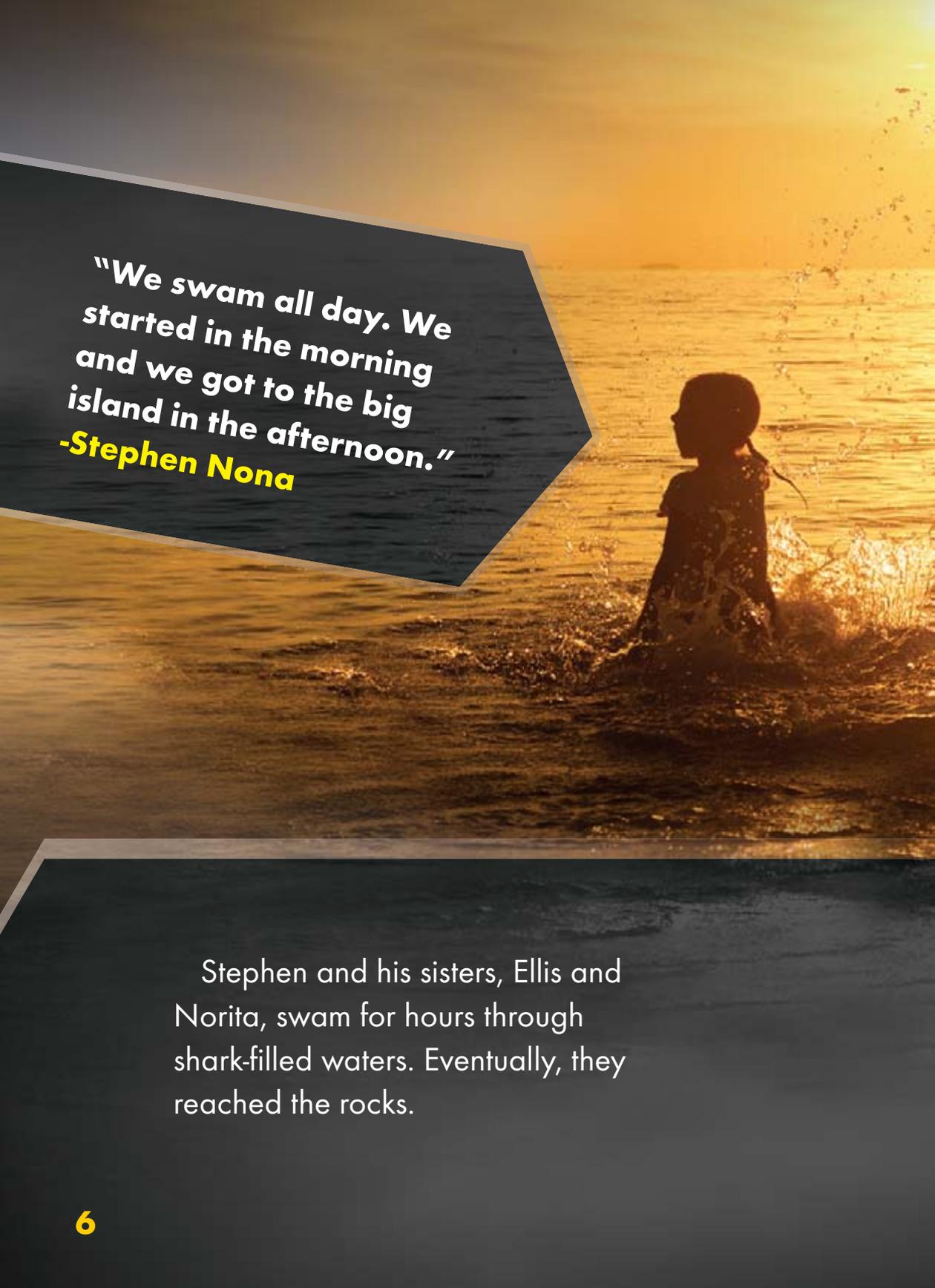
# CAPSIZED!

On July 6, 2004, 11-year-old Stephen Nona and his family were headed to a birthday party. They left their home island near northern Australia and sailed for Thursday Island.

Partway into the journey, the engine died. Rough waves slammed into their boat, causing it to **capsize**! Stephen's parents told their kids to swim for rocks in the distance.



“[Stephen] said to the girls,  
‘If we don’t swim for that  
island, we’re going to die.’”  
-Vickie Tamwoy, aunt of  
Stephen, Ellis, and Norita

A photograph of a child splashing in the ocean at sunset. The child is silhouetted against the bright, golden light of the setting sun. Water is splashing around the child, creating a dynamic scene. The background shows the calm surface of the water meeting the horizon under a clear, orange sky.

**"We swam all day. We started in the morning and we got to the big island in the afternoon."  
-Stephen Nona**

Stephen and his sisters, Ellis and Norita, swam for hours through shark-filled waters. Eventually, they reached the rocks.



The land offered little to eat or drink. The kids were forced to swim to a bigger island. There they found coconuts, wild fruit, and oysters. After being **stranded** for six days, they were rescued by their uncle. They had survived on a desert island!

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