

The Pacific Problem

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Imagine you are stranded with your best, best friend
On an island, oh wait, I shall say the Pacific instead
Your friend is 10 years older than you
It might not seem like a lot when you're only 22
He, my friend, has not spoken in weeks
You think he might be as old as some of your 32-year-old antiques
And everyone knows that amount *must* be increased
For your antique must be 100 years old at *least*
This so-called antique friend is too afraid to even speak

Meanwhile, you still, try to figure out this problem's highest peak
The feeling you feel that 1st day in time
Was the feeling of a poor, sorrow mime
Unable to speak
Unable to freak
Unable to express
Unable to stress

The only difference between you and the mime
Is that you're surrounded by water and the mime by land in that moment in time
You try to get at least a **word** out of your friend
He refuses to speak as your patience comes to an end

2 days go by, your friend still quiet
You might as well replace him with your annoying friend, Wyatt
Your friend's quietness suddenly comes to an end
He decides "Maybe talking is better instead!"
You and he discuss how you feel

Not shortly after you make a Youtube reel
Surprisingly there's service, a complete fantasy
How have you ended up in this situation of insanity
By the way, you're Skyler and that's your semi-quiet friend Jake
Together you call yourselves Skake
Team Skake you are, and always will be
Just kidding, that name is **way** too cheesy
You make a Youtube video of yourselves in your life-saving vests
After watching it, you decide it's the best of the best
It's funny, it's cool
It's interesting and that's a rule!
Jake's mind suddenly clicks
But, not in a good way, it was 100% unfixed!

He grabs you by the arm and tries to shove you out the boat
You're quick enough to stop him and you feel like the GOAT
You look around, no potentially threatening animals insight
Except for those dolphins jumping at impeccable heights
You slowly think you are hallucinating because they're heading towards you
Not a very good sign, which is 1,000% true!
You quickly say "Pinch me!!!", Jake does as you say
You quickly grab your paddles and start steering away
With Jake on the lookout, he says "No need to paddle!
The dolphins changed direction, no need to skedaddle!"
You think this moment through, "Why aren't we trying to think of a way,
that can get us quickly out of this dismay?!"

You turn your brain on to super, duper power
You feel like it will explode, like 3 tons of white flour
With your brain thinking and thinking, it is no use
Luckily, Jake comes up with an idea (he's finally not thinking like a moose!)
"I got it!" he says. "My idea is genius!
We ride those two dolphins back to the old planet Venus!"

**“Jake, I say, “I like that you’re thinking and you say you’re genius
but we don’t live on old planet Venus.”**

“We live in Sacramento, California!

I have no idea what’s gone over ya!”

You decide to kick back and let your mind relax

Suddenly, you wake up and remember that you forgot to pay your annual tax!

