

## Island of the Blue Dolphin

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1. Aleut ships: red ship with two red sails
2. Coral Cove: little harbor where roots grow in the spring; has a narrow entrance guarded by two big rocks
3. Ramo: little brother, about 6 years old
4. Ghalas-at: village where they live on the island
5. Chief Chowig: head of Ghalas-at, their dad
6. Won-a-pa-lei ("girl with long black hair"): 12 year old Karana's other name
7. Captain Orlov: sailed the Aleut's to Island of the Blue Dolphins which looks like a dolphin lying on its side with its tail to the east
8. Ulape: her sister, 14 years old
9. Kimki: new chief who sailed to a country to the east, days away; he did send white men back to retrieve the villagers
10. Matasaip: he became chief until Kimki returned
11. Nanko: he informed the villagers when he saw the white men's ship
12. thin mark made with blue clay across the nose and cheekbones with white dots = unmarried

Who missed the boat? (Ramo)

Why? (he went back to get his fishing spear)

What was made of yucca fibers? (Karana's beautiful skirt)

Who went to get one of the canoes that were hidden in the rocks on the south end of the island? (Ramo)

How did Ramo die? (wild dogs)

What/Who did Karana want to kill? (the leader of the dogs)

What did an Aleut dog look like? (larger, with heavier fur and yellow eyes)

How was the village destroyed? (fire)

Who did it? (Karana)

Where did she sleep until she built a new camp? (flat rock up high in the headlands)

Did Aleuts leave a chest? (yes)

If so, what was it filled with? (beads, bracelets and earrings)

What did Karana throw into the sea? (beads, bracelets and earrings)

Did Karana find weapons? (no, she made them)

Why did Karana want to leave the island? (no home, no companions, hunted by wild dogs, memories of who died)

Was Karana afraid? (only when she looked back and no longer saw the island)

How did she know where to sail? (she followed the star)

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Why did she turn around? (the canoe was leaking)  
What helped her get back home? (dolphins)  
What did she do when she got back home? (made her home)  
What were whale ribs used for? (fence)  
What is scarce on the island? (wood)  
What did Karana want for the point of a spear? (sea elephant tooth)  
What was a law that women could not do? (make weapons)  
How did Karana hurt her leg? (tripped over a stone)  
Why? (she thought the sea elephant was going to attack her)  
Where was her 'safety' house? (in a cave, near the spring)  
Which sea elephant died? (the old bull)  
Who was her enemy? (Rontu "fox eyes")  
What do we call a devilfish today? (squid)  
Does a devilfish have a beak? (yes, it is very sharp)  
Does a devilfish have suckers on its arms? (yes, they're like leeches)  
Why didn't Karana help Rontu fight? (the battle was between him and the two new leaders of the wild dogs)  
Was that smart for her to do? (yes, because they'd just fight again and this time Rontu was in a good defense position)  
What color are the birds Karana caught? (yellow body with scarlet head)  
Tainor: the male bird  
Lurai: the name Karana wished to have been named; the female bird  
How did Karana find Black Cave? (she saw an eagle fly out of it)  
Will Karana go back to Black Cave? (no, never)  
How did they get trapped in Black Cave? (the tide came in)  
Did the Aleuts return? (yes)  
Who scared Karana most? (the girl Aleut)  
Where did Karana hide? (her safety cave)  
While the Aleuts hunted, what did Karana do? (make a cormorant skirt)  
Tutok: the Aleut girl  
Who gave Karana a gift? (Tutok)  
What was it? (a necklace of black, oval beads)  
Who did Karana give a gift? (Tutok)  
Was it earrings? (no, Tutok did not have pierced ears)  
What was it? (a circlet for her hair)  
Did the Aleuts leave any wounded otter behind? (yes)  
What did Karana name one? (Mon-a-nee)

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Mon-a-nee "little boy with big eyes"

Was it a boy? (no, she changed the name to Won-a-nee)

Did Karana continue to hunt otter, cormorants, wild dogs? (no)

Why? (without them, earth would be an unhappy place)

Where did the otters go? (to the kelp beds of Tall Rock instead of Coral Cove)

How did Karana catch her next dog? (put some weeds in their water that makes them sleep)

What did she catch instead of a dog? (a fox in the snare she made)

Rontu-arū "son of Rontu"

How did Karana survive the tidal waves? (she tried to climb the cliff and held on)

What did more damage than the earthquake? (the tidal waves)

What was destroyed? (her food and weapon supply stored in the cave and the canoes)

Did Karana want to leave the island? (yes)

Why? (she missed the company of Tutok, thought of her sister)

Did she want to be found when the next ship came? (no, if they were hunters; yes, if they were the white men Kimki sent)

Why did the ship leave? (storm)

When she made the mark of her tribe, why did she smile? (she made the unmarried mark like her sister did)

What was her dress made from? (trousers)

Where did they take her? (Mission Santa Barbara)

Who told her what happened to her tribe? (Fr. Gonzales)

What happened? (the ship sank after reaching the port)