**Overview:**

Each of you will be role-playing a member of a research team for the University of Hawaii.

An emergency meeting has just been called because of a crisis in one of the projects for which you are responsible. This particular project placed six volunteers in an underground cave system, where they were to live for fourteen days. The volunteers’ only connection to the outside world is through a telephone link to the research station near the only entrance to the caves in a remote part of the island. The purpose of this project was to research group dynamics in unusual locations.

In the emergency meeting you discover the crisis is due to a heavy storm that has hit the island and is expected to continue for the next several days. The area is experiencing heavy rainfall and a call for help from the volunteers has been received at the station as the caves have started flooding.

Your team has reached out to local rescuers that report it will be extremely difficult to get the volunteers out because the only route into the cave where they are living has become very narrow and full access has been compromised by the storm and falling rocks. In the current circumstances, the rescuers predict it will only be possible to get one person out at a time. It is possible that the rapidly rising water will mean that the rescuers will not be able to bring all of the volunteers to safety before the water completely floods the cave.

Through their connection to the research station, the volunteers have been made aware of the seriousness of their situation. The volunteers have said that they are unwilling to decide on the sequence by which they will be rescued. The responsibility for making this decision now rests with your research team. **You must decide the order of rescue. You have approximately 10 minutes before the cave rescue team arrives at the entrance to the cave system.**

**Ranking the Order of Rescue:**

Directions: Your group’s task is to rank the six trapped individuals (described on the next page) in order of their rescue by writing each of their names in the numbered list. Number one is the first to be rescued, number six is the last to be rescued. Lastly, you need to explain your logic for the rescue ranking you chose for each person trapped in the cave. Everyone in your group must have an identical list!

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**The Volunteers**:

**Helen, Female, Age 32**

Helen is a married, stay-at-home mother. Her husband is a member of the Hawaii state government. She had been a promising student before leaving college to attend to her family. Helen has four children (ages seven months, two years, four years, and eight years). The children are looked after by Helen and the family’s nanny. Helen was introduced to the university’s project through Owen (described below).

**Owen, Male, Age 30**

Owen is a thirty-year-old, unmarried man. Owen has the reputation of being one of Honolulu's best young architects. Owen met Helen when he was employed to design her family’s home three years ago. The two stayed in touch and have become romantically involved. Owen’s best friends believe he has an addiction to alcohol and women.

**Tozo, Female, age 20**

Tozo is an undergraduate student at the University of Hawaii. Her parents live in Tokyo where her father is a prominent businessman and her mother is a chairperson of a cancer research foundation. Tozo has achieved top honors in her classes for her first two years in college and she has been awarded two scholarships for academic achievements. Following her studies, Tozo intends to return home to Japan and set up free clinics for the poor.

**John, Male, Age 40**

John is a married man and the campus coordinator of Social Services at the university. He has three children (ages six years, nine years, and 13 years). John worked full-time while attending college at U.H. and earned a master’s degree in social work. He has developed an anti-racism group on campus, which holds frequent, peaceful protests throughout the island.

**Suni, Male, Age 46**

Suni is a medical research scientist at the John A. Burns School of Medicine in Honolulu. He is recognized as a world authority on the treatment of immune deficiencies. Suni heads a research team testing a new experimental treatment for the cure of AIDS and he believes his team is getting closer and closer to discovering a cure. Suni is unmarried.

**Edward, Male, Age 60**

Edward is married with two grown children who both have their own families. Edward is the owner and president of a medium-sized manufacturing company in California. His company recently has fallen on hard times due to a loss of a major account. Recently, his company has laid off 40% of their employees and is facing possible bankruptcy. Edward has personally negotiated a major contract for his company and the final contract details are awaiting his return to work. This contract, if signed, would practically guarantee future employment for the current and former employees for at least 10 years. Active socially and politically in the community, Edward’s hobby is exploring caves and he intends to someday write a book on the subject.