

BP = Bruce Parry

A = Anutan

BP: My name's Bruce Parry. I've been travelling to some of the world's most remote places to see how people there live, and how they're adjusting to a rapidly changing world.

I believe there's only one way to really understand another culture, and that's to experience it first hand, to become for a short while, one of the tribe.

After four days at sea, we sight a speck of land on the horizon. Half a mile wide, 75 miles from its nearest neighbour. This finally is my first sighting of the Island of Anuta.

How do people survive in such an isolated place? And could this really be paradise on earth?

The Island of Anuta is surrounded by a shallow reef. So our yacht anchors off-shore and I'm paddled towards the beach.

Anuta's one of the Solomon Islands, which used to be under British rule, but even so, I didn't expect this many people to speak English.

The entire community is here to greet me and I'm told that I must shake hands with each and every one of them.

This really is phenomenal. What a reception. Everyone is out, all smiling, and ... just a really warm feeling. And let's face it, look around, what an amazing place. I'm in paradise.

A couple of hundred handshakes later and I'm taken to meet the community leaders.

So tell me, what is the protocol? I must go in on my ... very low, on my ... on my knees?

I've heard it's customary to greet the chief in the Polynesian way, with a nose kiss.

OK. But I don't kiss him with my lip, or just my nose..

A: Yes, your nose.

BP: OK.

The chief tells me I can stay on Anuta.

Well, this is gonna be an amazing day, it's something I'm really looking forward to. It's a community fish drive. And what's happening is: every single member of the island is gonna gather together, and we're gonna go out and force the fish into this area here where we dive and spear the lot of them. What could be more fun? Everyone's gonna be out there.

It's a pretty obvious system but it's deadly and productive at the same time. Essentially, this wall that we've all been rebuilding is here to stop the fish getting away so that when the wall of people beat towards us, the fish can't escape here and they go into the killing area. And that's where we spear them.