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If Mafatu Chose Differently Answer Key

Answers will vary since this is creative writing, but strong responses should include these elements:

- **Consistency with characters:** Mafatu should still act bravely, grow, or confront fear.
- **Clear resolution:** The ending should show what happens to Mafatu after his journey.
- **New message or theme:** The alternate ending should slightly shift the meaning of the story (e.g., courage means finding a new home, courage means protecting others, courage means accepting yourself).

Sample Alternate Ending:

Instead of returning to his village right away, Mafatu sails past his island and discovers another island in need of help. Using his skills, he teaches the people how to build tools and defend themselves. When he finally returns home years later, he is not only brave but also wise, admired as a leader. This changes the story's message from simply conquering fear to using courage to help others.