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# BRITTANY BEACH

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SNACKS AND COLD DRINKS ICE





Todd Ferguson, a former hedge fund guy who's been playing Triton's Quest, the test-your-strength game, twice a day for the past eleven and a half years. Says it's how he copes with his inner demons, but I don't think it's working. Told me that on the day of the murder he hit the bell for the 5,000th time. That's all he remembers. "Aren't you going to say congratulations?" he asked. Typical.

Jimmy Gaines, owner of Cool Nanas and the snappiest dresser on the boardwalk. Said Katie stopped by to chat and get a snack on the day of the murder. Before she left, she wrote something down on a piece of paper.

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Addison Vega and Trina Walker, Bethany's best frenemies. Bethany had a drink with them the night of the murder. She showed up to the beach a few minutes before 5:00, wearing Teo's old Scream-a-Rama hoodie. Kept talking trash about Katie - accusing her of stealing Teo and saying she deserved "what was coming to her." After about 40 minutes Bethany left, looking like she was "ready to cut someone." Nobody asked where she was going. Nice girls, right?

Monkey Nurse and Olaf, two low-rent character performers. (I'm no expert, but I don't think the standard costume for a certain mouse includes flip-flops) Monkey told me he saw someone about Teo's height stagger into the parking lot around 6:20 looking pretty roughed up. "But this time," Olaf assured me, "we weren't responsible."

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Ray Landry, owner of Funnel of Love and all-around stand-up guy. Said Katre came by right before he left for the meeting, asking about his payments to Vince. Later that night, someone broke into the shop and cut open every single bag of flour. What a mess! As Ray was cleaning up the next morning, he found a pair of scissors stuck in the powdered sugar. Someone really had it in for him. He gave me the security alert he got that night - just in case I heard anything while I was asking around.

Stanley Huang, the angriest man to ever sell a curndog.

Remembered a blonde girl loitering on the boardwalk just before closing time that Saturday. Said the only reason it stuck with him was because she kept looking over toward his side of the boardwalk "like she had a problem" with him. Thought she was holding some kind of box or tin.

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Ruby Diamond, a retired burlesque dancer who performs her "special number" every Saturday outside Sunshine Tator. She saw Vince by the info booth sometime right before park closing. He was pacing around the area and carrying a pair of scissors.

Marge Nussman, runs the ticket booth. Said Katie stopped by a little after 2:00, seeming anxious. Marge let her into the back office. Katie stayed maybe 20 minutes or so, came out holding some papers and looking even more upset.



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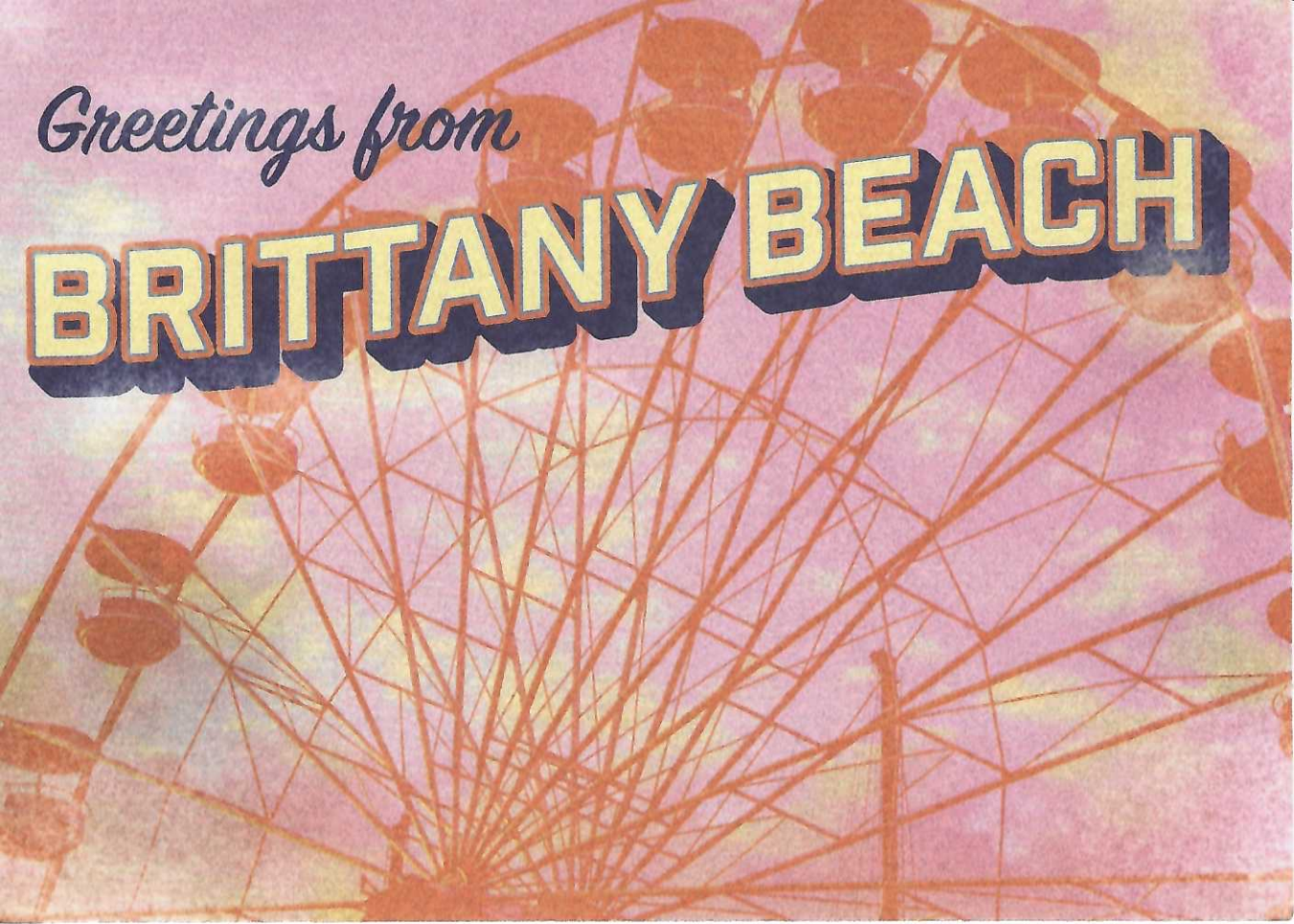


Rolanda Walker, works at Snake That! Told me Katie dropped by sometime around 3:30, asking questions about the insurance payments Peter made to Vince. All she could tell Katie was that they'd been normal, monthly pickups just like usual. Later, as Rolanda was walking down the boardwalk after work, she saw someone who wasn't Ray leaving Funnel of Love.

JC Vickers, runs Pandemonium. Said she heard someone screaming while she was cleaning up for the night, but figured it was just someone on another ride. Ever since she found out what happened to Katie, she's been wondering if maybe she was wrong about that.

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The Sloan Twins, local kids who charge tourists to take photos with their boa constrictors, Blue Lizzy and Big Wanda. \$10 a pop for the "college fund." (Yeah right!) Both saw Katie leaving Scream-a-Rama around 2:00. She and Teo were arguing. Thought they heard her say the words "figure it out" before she stormed off.

Yang Ned, old-timer who fishes off the pier almost every day and wears a raincoat no matter the weather. If anyone asks why, he says: "Always be prepared!" Told me he saw a girl who might've been Katie hanging around where Dartene's used to be, right around closing time. Doesn't ring any bells for me.

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Andy Thermon, the vendor at Pappa Joe's Popcorn, He didn't know Katie too well, but said he nearly knocked everything out of her hands when they ran into each other that day. She seemed worried and distant. Andy felt bad for her and gave her an empty popcorn bag to carry everything and a child-size lemonade to "fix her up."

Erica Singh, a local photographer who often works on the boardwalk. She was hired to take engagement photos at the Wheel of Wonder that Saturday afternoon. She went on and on about how it was the worst gig ever. The couple arrived late, people kept walking into the shots and someone tried to swipe Erica's gear. After all that, they finally got some semi-usable photos right as the shoot ended shortly after 6:00.