

MINI-EPISODE 02:
OCEAN VIEW

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WELCOME BRIGADE

Congratulations on choosing to join our award-winning Ocean View community! Now that you'll be a permanent resident, there are a few things you should know. The first is, of course, that Ocean View recently received one of The Bridge's most esteemed honors: The Golden Shell for Best Seaside Attraction! This prestigious accolade was bestowed upon your new home for the tenth year in a row! Aren't you lucky to be living in such a fun, interactive, and vibrant town?!?

You'll find that, despite being located in the middle of the Atlantic, there are many amenities that your friends on land won't ever have! Why, once they hear about Ocean View's underwater gym (now with two brand new workout classes, including Zumba!), there's no doubt they'll want to give up their lackluster time on the shore and live here --- where the grass is greener because it was specifically created to blur the lines between artificial and organic!

(low aside; menacing)

And, if your friends and family do express an interest in joining us in Ocean View, you're required to refer them to us. Please don't push your luck. We'll know if you fail to comply.

(chipper again)

All three of our astronomy towers are stocked with the most scientifically advanced equipment in the world! You'll be able to look out at the stars at night and ponder your place in the universe while browsing through countless high-definition images of stars, planets, and other galaxies! Try not to think too hard about how someone in another galaxy is watching those same stars, wondering the same thing you are: what's the point to any of this?

Aside from star-gazing, Ocean View also has a plethora of exciting employment opportunities. If you're the sort who loves to perform, might we recommend auditioning for Triton's Follies - a new vaudeville show that's sure to entertain the entire family! We're still in need of anyone who has experience with juggling, ventriloquism, and animal training. Additionally, any Ocean View residents with cryptozoology experience should inform their Bridge Travel Agent immediately --- and prepare for a life in show biz!

If the stage isn't your calling, there's no need to fret! We have plenty of opportunities for adventurous entrepreneurs. If you've always wished to open a restaurant, flower shop, bookstore, or any other small business, but had no idea how to get started, you're in luck! There are plenty of spaces still available in Ocean View's bustling Seafoam Square. Thanks to a generous grant from our sponsors, you won't have to worry about any of those awful costs that come with starting a business! All we need is your dedication, creativity, loyalty, and time!

(menacing aside again)

We value success above anything else. Failure is not an option.

(cheerful)

If you love reading, you're in luck! The Ocean View Library is always looking for more help! We have an extensive archive system that's undergoing a few changes, and could use your amazing wit to help us troubleshoot any.. issues that might arise.

Please be advised that if you choose to enter the archives, you are doing so at your own risk. The town of Ocean View, as well as our

kind sponsors, will not be held liable for any accidents, injuries, dismemberments, or deaths that occur.

If the possibility of any of the above doesn't appeal to you, we also have positions available in our realtors office. You'll become quite acquainted with our quaint oceanside town, and will have the vital task of welcoming our new arrivals!

But there are some of you who may feel more comfortable following instead of leading - and that's totally o.k.! In fact, we love followers so much that we'll assign a Bridge Travel Agent to mentor you as you transition into whatever your new position will be! We ask that, no matter your vocation, you perform every task with a smile and approach each new problem with a can-do attitude!

In case there's any apprehension about your new living arrangements, we'd like to remind you that any contracts you signed before your arrival are legally binding. As always, safety is our top priority, but discretion is a close second. We ask that you refrain from sharing the contents of this message with anyone else.

Finally, we'd like to dispel any *nasty* rumors that might be going around about certain... unexpected visitors. While these... creatures are completely imaginary, we ask that you refrain from walking through Ocean View at night. This has nothing to do with the tall, jagged silhouettes that follow you from the shadows, calling out to you, pleading for your help.

(darkly)

Do not, under any circumstances, stop to help them.

(normal glee)

We'd like to remind you that you are only able to provide assistance to Ocean City guests during business hours and occasional weekends.

(even peppier)

Remember: Words can lie, and monsters might cry, but leaving your house at night could result in an otherworldly being smuggling you into a dark, terrifying realm that may or may not be full of demons and endless pop music.

BEAT.

We hope you truly take advantage of everything that Ocean View has to offer! If you ever feel like this spectacular community is no longer working out for you, we ask that you see a Bridge Travel Agent immediately. They'll help you... re-assess your options.

Oh, and be sure to get your discounted tickets to Aqua Land! Your code is unique, so don't go giving it out!

Thank you for your contribution to the Transcontinental Bridge! We know you'll have a monstrously good time!

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CREDITS:

This mini-episode of The Bridge was written and edited by Alex Brown. It features Sarah Grover as the WELCOME BRIGADE. The music playing under tonight's Ocean View Orientation was composed by the biggest Hokie fan I know, Sara Fairchild. Be sure to check out our website, thebridgepod.com, send us an email, or find us on facebook, twitter, and tumblr. As always, please rate and review us on iTunes, or the podcasting app of your choosing! We hope you enjoyed a glimpse into life in the quiet, seaside town of Ocean View! Thank you, once again, for listening to The Bridge! Since Sarah is did that whole thing in one magically terrifying take, here's an outtake from David Picarello.