

# The FIVE BOROUGH STAR

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**If you to have to ask yourself  
if you're eccentric, you're  
probably not.**

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## OUR SHORT STORY CONTEST WINNER

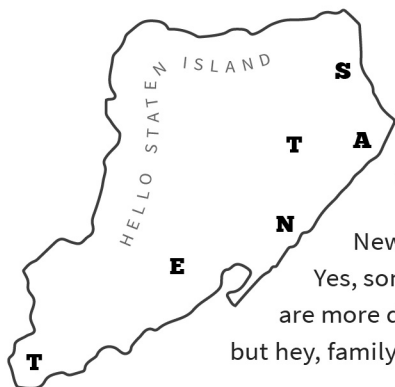
### RIGHT SIDE STATEN IDENTISECTION

These six letters are  
the locations of six  
neighborhoods on  
the right side of  
Staten Island.

Each letter is the  
first letter of that  
neighborhood.

New York City is a family.  
Yes, some family members  
are more distant than others,  
but hey, family is family.

Someone once told me they don't have a  
subway, but I said not in this family, no way.  
So, do you know what neighborhoods these are?



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### "CRAZY CARL"

*by reader Nelson Harris from Park Slope*

*Carl and Jim had been friends for years. Same shift  
at the plant. Kids the same age. Same shitty beer in  
the fridge. Just, the same. Well, almost.*

*It was just another post-shift weeknight at the bar,  
when Carl turned to Jim and said "Hey man, I have  
something to tell you. I'm just a character in a short  
story."*

*"You're a what? Jesus, Carl, please don't tell me  
that's the cocaine talking. I told you about that shit.  
Do not turn into Crazy Carl again." said Jim.*

*"No, I'm serious, Jim. I'm a character in a story and  
the author is telling me exactly what to say. Right now.  
To the word."*

*"Um, ok. Can the author make you buy us another  
round?" laughed Jim.*

*"The author made you say that. Just there."*

*"No, the author did not make me say that, Carl. If  
there's something on your mind, just say it."*

*[Carl pauses]*

*"Well? Out with it."*

*[Carl is silent]*

*"Fine. If you don't want to tell me about it, that's on  
you. Terrific. Crazy Carl is back. I'll buy the round  
then."*

*Little did Jim know I didn't give Carl any lines to say.*