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A Girl With Nothing Has Everything in **Krabi**

Sunglasses, wallet, passport, and a half-empty bottle of sunscreen. Those were the contents of my adventure pack as my travel companion and I took the ferry to Koh Phi Phi, Thailand. ~~T~~~~A~~s the island was intended to be a day trip, ~~so we had left~~ our 40 lb backpacks ~~were~~ carelessly stored in a hostel back on ~~the~~ mainland Phuket. But upon arrival ~~in Koh Phi Phi~~, our itinerary changed: ~~t~~~~There~~ would be no ferry back to Phuket this day. ~~Soon i~~t began ~~to~~ pouring rain, ~~(it~~ was monsoon season), and in our haste to book one of the few **backpacker guestrooms** on the island, my companion's phone was **stolen**. On a whim we had grabbed our passports that morning, which was lucky **since**as foreigners are required to present passports before checking into all hostels.

To take our minds off the rain, ~~and~~ the **stolen** phone, and the empty- adventure packs, we booked ~~a few~~~~as~~ **some** snorkel tours, and explored the island, spending our day beneath the **Krabi** sun. ~~By~~ ~~H~~ate afternoon, the sun began setting and our swimsuits began drying slower and slower. ~~So~~ we bought supplies: generic toothbrushes and a bar of soap. After a month of backpacking Southeast Asia, we no longer brushed our hair or applied makeup, and our Chacos were a fashion statement. But ~~obviously, we wanted~~ed to **look pretty for** ~~be~~ ~~pretty to go to~~ dinner on the island, ~~so~~ we picked up some cotton dresses **as well**. Dinner was excellent pad thai and panang curry, followed by a fire show and public showing of Leonardo DiCaprio's "The Beach". To finish our evening we scouted out an internet café to connect ~~to our lives back home with the~~ **real world**, or in my case, to text my parents that I was safe.

We stayed 3 more days.

"Hey love, any snorkeling today?"

"Not today Jerry, see you tonight?" Jerry ran one of the snorkel expeditions on the island. **Each afternoon I ate a slice of fresh pineapple pizza and a coconut shake while I read books from the book exchange hut on the beach.** He also ~~knew~~ the hottest places to be at night. I don't drink or party, but I like meeting fun people. ~~This afternoon I would consume another slice of fresh pineapple pizza to top off my coconut shake while I read another book from the book exchange hut on the beach.~~

As we watched the sparkling ~~seafoam~~~~sca~~ **foam** of Koh Phi Phi slide out of view, I couldn't help but smile. Koh Phi Phi had become my island. My adventure pack was still empty, and it was raining again, but I felt like I had it all.

Commented [WU1]: I would suggest a more succinct title

Commented [WU2]: I changed this phrase a little bit because "pour" might not make sense to a global audience, so I tried to include the word rain.

Commented [WU3]: , (words), is technically redundant punctuation. Choose either the surrounding commas or the parentheses. Parentheses are considered more chatty and separate, whereas commas are considered a pause for additional information.

Commented [SC4]: Is this something specific? Is that what the guestrooms are called?

Commented [SC5]: Why mention the phone was stolen? If you're trying to say "everything's going wrong" type thing, maybe transition: "... phone was stolen. At least we had grabbed our passports . . ." or "stolen. With everything going wrong, we were lucky that we had grabbed our passports on a whim that morning . . ."

Commented [SC6]: This sentence just said it was raining. Is this the same day? A different day? You should specific so it's not contradictory.

Commented [SC7]: This transition doesn't work because the previous sentence doesn't seem at all motivating for why you bought supplies. Maybe say, "Realizing we needed supplies, we stopped at some stores in our wet swimsuits to buy generic toothbrushes and a bar of soap."

Commented [SC8]: I know it's a common phrase, but Thailand is technically still the real world.

Commented [SC9]: Accept this sentence's changes if you like them, but if you don't you'll need to restructure the sentence. You phrase it like this activity is habitual for you, yet you've never mentioned it before.

Commented [SC10]: I would rephrase this. Consider: "In the evenings we would canvas all the best nighttime hang outs that Jerry had told us about. It was the best way to meet new people."

Commented [SC11]: Accept this sentence's changes if you like them, but if you don't you'll need to restructure the sentence. You phrase it like this activity is habitual for you, yet you've never mentioned it before.

Commented [SC12]: The reason I'm playing around with the order of your sentences, is due to the fact that I really like your beginning, but then you jump to evenings, then afternoons. I though going through the day chronologically might be clearer. I would play around with it and make sure you establish that you're getting into the groove of the island or something.

Commented [SC13]: Are you leaving? Where are you, on the ferry?