

Which One of You Motherf\*\*\*ers Stole Mr. Sparkle Hat?

Episode 1: Pilot/Virginia

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"Help me Tom Cruise!"

**INT. PODCAST STUDIO**

Fade in of shuffling and mics moving.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
Okay, so how did it start?

VIRGINIA VERA  
So imagine a barn, glamourised  
with fairy lights, sparkly  
tinsel and banners beautifully  
hung that say the words 'Welcome  
Back Mr. Sparkle Hat'.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
Mr. Sparkle Hat being...

VIRGINIA VERA  
-My horse yeah. Oh also can't  
forget I hired a band.

Wind flickers grass,  
people begin chattering,  
as band music fades in

VIRGINIA VERA  
Eventually everyone arrived. I  
entered and SLAMMED THE BARN  
DOOR SHUT.

Barn door slams shut.

VIRGINIA VERA  
The music **jolts** to an end,  
everyone's heads **turn** to me and  
so I shout-

**INT. VIRGINIA'S BARN - EVENING**

TIANA  
OKAY SO WHICH ONE OF YOU MOTHER  
F\*\*\*ERS KIDNAPPED MR. SPARKLE  
HAT?

**INT. PODCAST STUDIO**

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
Wait, sorry. I was hoping we  
could rewind a little and start  
when you found out your hors-

VIRGINIA VERA

Mr. Sparkle Hat.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

Yes, sorry, when you found out  
Mr. Sparkle Hat-

VIRGINIA VERA

My shayla.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

Yes. Can you start at when he  
first went missing?

VIRGINIA VERA

Oh yeah I can do that. Basically  
2 weeks ago I'd went on a  
trip...

### INT. RO

Intro music begins and fades in.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

Hey there I'm Walt  
Dislocatedney, creator of my  
long running series 'The Muffin  
Man's man' and producer and  
occasional guest of 'The  
Warehouse Staring Contest'. Now  
I'm here with this limited  
series podcast as I help my  
friend Virginia Vera-

VIRGINIA VERA

Hey there f\*\*\*ers.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

As I help her figure out...sigh.

VIRGINIA VERA

Come on say it.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

Fine. And I help find out which  
one of those motherf\*\*\*rs stole  
Mr. Sparkle Hat.

VIRGINIA VERA

Amazing 10/10.

Intro music ends and fades out

INT. PODCAST STUDIO

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
We've said his name a few times  
but, who is Mr. Sparkle Hat?

VIRGINIA VERA  
Well he was my father's horse.  
He's since passed so I guess I  
own him. But I've known Mr.  
Sparkle Hat my entire life so it  
feels weird to say I'm his  
owner. But about his name, I  
can't actually recall the moment  
to you but just echo the story  
my parents had always told me  
where just one day I was riding  
Mr. Sparkle Hat. And he was  
wearing well, a sparkly hat, so  
I called him that. His birth  
name is Bartholomew but all my  
friends and I have always known  
him as Mr. Sparkle Hat. To  
everyone else though he's  
Bartholomew.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
Or Barry?

VIRGINIA VERA  
No.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
Bart?

VIRGINIA VERA  
No.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
Bartholomew...

VIRGINIA VERA  
Bartholomew.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
Right. So who are these friends  
that know Mr. Sparkle Hat by his  
true name?

VIRGINIA VERA  
Well there's Ariel, Aurora, Anna  
and Elsa, Belle, Jasmine, Moana,  
Mulan, Merida and Rapunzel.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
Why'd you just list 10 Disney  
Princesses?

VIRGINIA VERA

Ohhhh, I see what's happening here.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

You're face to face with greatness and it's strange?

VIRGINIA VERA

No. So basically me and my friends all sometimes work as volunteer Disney princesses at hospitals and events to come in and help cheer kids up. And we all now have designated princesses we default to so I thought it'd be easier to refer to us all by familiar names.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

Which princess are you usually?

VIRGINIA VERA

Princess Tianaaaaaaa. I LOVE Princess and the Frog.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

So then, Virginia, a.k.a. Tiana, how did it all begin?

VIRGINIA VERA

Okay well the day before, me, Jasmine, Belle and Mulan had gone on a one-day road trip so Jasmine was driving us back now.

Sound of car on the road fades in.

VIRGINIA VERA

And- uhhh, you know how I have that long driveway from the main road to the house?

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

Yeah.

VIRGINIA VERA

So we turn onto that. But um, I'm looking out the window to the giant pasture in front of my house- and just notice...

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

Which is why you have that long ass driveway.

VIRGINIA VERA

I think you just have a short  
ass driveway. But you're right.

(beat)

Anyways, I look out at my  
pasture and just notice...

**INT/EXT. CAR/VIRGINIA'S HOUSE - DAY**

TIANA

Hey um...I don't see Mr. Sparkle  
Hat.

MULAN

What?

JASMINE

He's probably just hiding.

TIANA

No, Jasmine I don't see him  
anywhere. Belle do you see him?

BELLE

Uhhhhhhhhh, yeah I don't see any  
horses.

MULAN

Ahhhhhhhh, s\*\*\*.

The car pulls to a stop.

Car doors open.

**INT. PODCAST STUDIO**

VIRGINIA VERA

Yeah so we got out of the car  
and fully confirmed that Mr.  
Sparkle Hat had vanished.

**EXT. VIRGINIA'S HOUSE - DAY**

MULAN

Mr. Sparkle Hat!!!

TIANA

Bartholomew!

BELLE

Mr. Sparkle Hat!?

JASMINE

MISTER SPARKLE HAAAAAAAAAAT

TIANA  
 (sighs)  
 He's not here.

MULAN  
 F\*\*\*!

JASMINE  
 What do we do?

TIANA  
 I don't know, I'm trying not to  
 immediately panic.  
 (light chuckle)

MULAN  
 Okay. Jasmine message the  
 princess chat, see if any of  
 them are free today to help  
 search. Belle go house to house  
 around here and see if any of  
 the neighbours saw anything?  
 Tiana, we're just gonna sit down  
 inside and have a drink of  
 water.

TIANA  
 No. Sorry Mulan, just- just- I-  
 I wanna just know if he like ran  
 away or if someone took him.

MULAN  
 We're not gonna know till we  
 find him.

### INT. PODCAST STUDIO

VIRGINIA VERA  
 After that was just a lot of  
 searching, some asking around.  
 Some of the other princesses  
 came to help, Elsa, Moana,  
 Ariel. But once sunset hit, we  
 had to stop.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
 When was the next time something  
 big on the case came up?

VIRGINIA VERA  
 The next day.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
 Oh.

VIRGINIA VERA  
 Oh?

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

Oh I just am oh-ing cause that's rather quick.

VIRGINIA VERA

Well yeah, ya know. I got some amazing friends. But yeah so it was afternoony, I was at a cafe with Merida and we sat outside amid passing people. Sipping our coffees, munching our treats.

EXT. CAFE CAFFEINE - DAY

MERIDA

I'm still surprised you wanted to meet up here after yesterday. We could get all this as takeaway and join the team and search?

TIANA

No. My brain's just dead, exhausted from thinking about Mr. Sparkle Hat since we got back yesterday. I needed this break, so I can catch up with youuuuu because it's been AGES. Well not ages but I like catching up with you.

MERIDA

Aw, but let me know if you do want to leave early to keep searching because I have nothing else today.

TIANA

Mmmmm, not yet but thanks Merida. Uggggghhh. At least the weather's been good. I'm just nervous if we don't find him before rain begins.

MERIDA

Have you gone and checked how the weather will be for-

A phone buzzes and rings.

TIANA

Sorry.

MERIDA

No, all good.

INT. PODCAST STUDIO

VIRGINIA VERA

I picked up the phone and it was Belle.

EXT. CAFE CAFFEINE - DAY

BELLE (PHONE)

TIANA! I FOUND MR. SPARKLE HAT!

TIANA

WHAT?!

BELLE (PHONE)

YEAH! HE'S AT THE WINSLOW ANIMAL SHELTER, I'M HERE NOW! COME!

TIANA

Yeah, yeah, on the way. Thank you so much Belle. I'm squeezing the life out of you when I see you.

BELLE (PHONE)

I'll see you here. BBYEE!

The phone call ends.

MERIDA

Did someone find him?

TIANA

Yes! Belle did. We gotta go to Winslow Animal Shelter, now!

MERIDA

S\*\*\* okay.

INT. PODCAST STUDIO

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

Animal shelter, so...wait. Are you sure he didn't just go missing.

VIRGINIA VERA

Dude. Just wait. Like...anyways, me and Merida got to the shelter and met up with Belle.

INT. WINSLOW ANIMAL SHELTER - EVENING

Footsteps march inside an echoey place.

TIANA

Belle!

BELLE

Ah, Tiana. Hey Merida.

MERIDA

Hey.

BELLE

(to employee)

Okay so, mr employee sir I'm sorry to get you to repeat but can you confirm that there is a horse at this shelter.

ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEE

Yes. We had one just recently arrive.

TIANA

Mr. Sparkle Hat!?

ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEE

Who?

TIANA

Is that the horse's name?

ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEE

I dunno.

BELLE

(sigh)

It is. Let me show y'all the selfie I took.

Belle unlocks her phone. Then shows the photo.

BELLE

See?

TIANA

OH THAT'S HIM! BARTHOLOMEW!!

ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEE

I thought his name was Mr. Sparkle Hat?

MERIDA

A horse can have two names.

ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEE

That is true. Unfortunately visiting hours are about to end so if you wish to adopt or um, re-adopt? this

(MORE)

ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEE (CONT'D)  
horse. You'll need to come back tomorrow.

TIANA  
Yeah that's no problem. Don't even have my horsebox attached to the car.

ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEE  
What's that?

**INT. PODCAST STUDIO**

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
Yeah what's that?

VIRGINIA VERA  
(sighs)  
It's a trailer you use to transport horses if need be.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
Oh cool. So did you come back the next day and get Mr. Sparkle Hat back?

VIRGINIA VERA  
Yeah. But this guy didn't know how to actually tend to a horse so he let me stay a little longer.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
Wait, Belle and Merida too?

VIRGINIA VERA  
No, he-he-he, kicked them out.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
Okay so you go back the next day-

VIRGINIA VERA  
No! I'm not finished dude. So afterwards he was nice and actually let me fill out the adoption paper then.

**INT. WINSLOW ANIMAL SHELTER - EVENING**

Tiana signs the paper.

TIANA  
Done!

She pushes the paper to the employee.

ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEE

Cool.

(beat)

Okay so...I actually had a look at the paperwork submitted when whoever dropped off the horse-

TIANA

Who dropped him off?

ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEE

I dunno, I wasn't here.

TIANA

Does this place have security cameras?

ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEE

Yes but you can't sorry. But, what I was saying is, whoever dropped off this horse, well, here.

The employee hands Tiana something, she takes it.

TIANA

What the f\*\*\*.

### INT. PODCAST STUDIO

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

What did he hand you?

VIRGINIA VERA

It was the form for dropping off Mr. Sparkle Hat. Whoever had dropped him off had literally listed Mr. Sparkle Hat as Mr. Sparkle Hat on the form!

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

What the f\*\*\*?

(beat)

So it was one of your friends?

VIRGINIA VERA

YEAH!

A button clicks.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY

Okay so I'm gonna cut this part out. Can you tell me now who did it?

VIRGINIA VERA

Oh, I don't know.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
What about that whole thing you  
did in the barn...?

VIRGINIA VERA  
Oh I made that up, but it's what  
I'm planning to do once you help  
me figure out which one of my,  
friends, horsenapped my  
Bartholomew.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
I help you?

VIRGINIA VERA  
Yeah! You bring all my friends  
on the podcast, use your podcast  
powers and interview each to  
connect dots and catch the  
motherf\*\*\*er.

A beat.

VIRGINIA VERA  
Walt?

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
Uhhhhhhhhh. Hmmmmmm, okay. I got  
your back.

VIRGINIA VERA  
Yay! Thank you so much.

WALT DISLOCATEDNEY  
So who do I interview first?

**THE END.**