

FADE IN:

INT. STUDIO ROOM - DAY

Standard interview set up. One on one, cuts between each character. [CARD: Name].

EMMA

It all started with a group chat.

ANNA

There was a text with a question.

Anna scrolls through a lengthy group chat

OLIVIA

I just got a feeling it wasn't the kind of question you could say no to.

EMMA

Do you

ANNA

Want to

OLIVIA

Go to Disney World?

PICTURE: A quintet smiles in front of Cinderella's castle. Only the woman in the center, CHARITY ROSE, looks truly happy.

V.O.

From the people who brought you, I Was A Bridesmaid, Living with IBS, and The Goop Story...

People sit down and get mic'd up with hair and makeup done. Preparing for the interview.

V.O. (CONT'D)

...comes a new story, The Tale of Disney Adults.

[CARD: Dr. Brad Bluth, Department of Sociohomocetaphiliology Studies, UNC]

DR. BRAD BLUTH

Each year more than 5 million women fall into this type of cult.

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DR. BRAD BLUTH (CONT'D)  
 They prey on vulnerable groups like  
 old college roommates and  
 millennials with no kids.

EMMA  
 They sell you on "It's the happiest  
 place on earth". I thought that  
 would mean a magical vacation. But  
 we were at the park for 10 hours in  
 100-degree weather each day for  
 five days.

ANNA  
 I mean there were secret doors,  
 hidden Mickeys "nobody knows  
 about," constant Disney facts...  
 And she had one rule...

EMMA  
 No. Talking. About. Club 33.

OLIVIA  
 I got sent a 50-question Google  
 form about custom shirts.

Olivia holds up her phone.

OLIVIA (CONT'D)  
 We had matching shirts each day  
 with corresponding Mickey ears.

Olivia holds up an ugly Disney shirt and ears.

EMMA  
 One day we couldn't even wear T-  
 shirts. We had to Disneybound  
 princess outfits based on our  
 zodiac sign.

DR. BRAD BLUTH  
 These cults also target another  
 vulnerable group, outgoing gay men.

GEORGE  
 I've been to Disney 6 times this  
 year. When she made me try on an  
 Olaf costume and I looked just like  
 him, I knew I was in trouble.

George does his best "Olaf" face.

DR. LEE MURPHY  
Planning is the first major ritual.  
The Pinterest board is started at  
least 100 days in advance.

A finger taps different Pinterest pins, each an itinerary item or "secret" Disney food.

ANNA  
I tried to say I couldn't afford to go because of my student loans. Charity Rose texted back "No worries" with a sparkle emoji. I knew what that meant. I sold my car to make it happen.

INT. HOTEL ROOM - DAY

The group is gathered on couches while Charity Rose stands before them with a clipboard. She waves her pen like a wand.

CHARITY ROSE  
The park opens at 7 am. Anna, you're in charge of booking the first Genie+ ride. Peter Pan. I downloaded the app on each of your phones. You'll get the subscription bill at the end of the month.

A concerned Emma picks up her phone.

CHARITY ROSE (CONT'D)  
At 7:30 we'll take a picture with the Walt Disney statue, then do yoga with Goofy in the Castle...

OLIVIA  
I'm feeling a little tired, I'll meet you guys later.

CHARITY ROSE  
Oh. No problem. Olivia, can I speak with you alone for a second?

Charity grabs Olivia by the shoulder and smiles at the rest of the group. They exit the room to the confusion of everyone else. We hear the sound of yelling and a clipboard smacking.

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GEORGE

I don't have many memories at Animal Kingdom because I was drugged (beat) by myself. I had no choice, these women were terrorizing the animals.

PICTURE: Goofy tries to walk away from the group but they keep pulling him back for more selfies.

DR. BRAD BLUTH

As with all cults, there is a financial element.

OLIVIA

I spent \$300 on food just in Epcot. Charity Rose told me the food had real fairy dust. Turns out fairy dust is another word for laxatives. While everybody was drinking around the world, I was taking shits worldwide.

ANNA

Then the gift shops. More ears, more shirts, more character bags. There was all this limited edition stuff. Like, who needs a \$9500 Dumbo jeweled figurine? And what's so funny about the pins?

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PARK WORKER

And then I said, but that's MY Baymax pin!

Charity Rose chortles with the worker to limp silence from her friends.

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DR. BRAD BLUTH

The pin stuff is actually funny.

EMMA

We barely made it halfway through the day before the first breakdown.

ANNA

Dopey waved at Charity Rose and she started crying.

EXT. DISNEY WORLD - DAY

Charity Rose falls to her knees sobbing. George hesitantly reaches to pat her on the shoulder.

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GEORGE

The final ritual was the most demeaning. We had to pay respects to Walt Disney's dead frozen body.

EXT. DISNEY WORLD - DAY

Charity Rose sings a very poorly done operatic rendition of Can You Feel the Love Tonight. George, Olivia, Emma, and Anna are forced to sing back up. George does a genuinely good ad-lib.

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OLIVIA

And then, all of sudden, it was over. But some good came out of it.

We see that Prince Philip is sitting beside Anna. [CARD: Prince Philip]. She puts her arm around him.

OLIVIA (CONT'D)

Don't worry. Our Disney wedding is going to be so chill.

FADE OUT.