

CALL ME WALT

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Based on the life of Walt Disney

"CALL ME WALT" PODCAST AUDITIONS

CHARACTER: WALT DISNEY

NOTES: Please send us a video of yourself from the chest up, performing the part. While we will record the podcast on video, we are primarily interested in your voicework. Try to bring the character(s) to life for the ears of the audience.

State your name, age, and the part you're reading for.

WHO ARE THEY?: Walt is a typical young man living in 1917, an era where war fever is everywhere. The song "Over There" is sung in the streets as an anthem. Walt is too young to join up, but wants desperately to get involved. He is a creative, wide-eyed, mid-western teen caught between his excitement to grown up and his parents who want him home and safe.

SCENE #1:

ELIAS

(angry)

You're not going! You want to quit your job at the post office? That's fine. You can come back work at O-Zell.

WALT

I don't want to make jelly. I want to serve my country.

FLORA

Walter, try to be reasonable.

ELIAS

What's wrong with O-Zell? It's good honest work.

WALT

I hated working there! I was the only security guard who had to leave the lights on at night.

ELIAS

A kid who's too afraid to turn the lights off has no business at war. We can't have a bunch of children running around Europe.

WALT

I'm not a kid! I just don't want my grandchildren asking me, "Why weren't you in the war? Were you a slacker?"

ELIAS

Haven't you read Roy's letters lately? He's watching ships sink and seeing his friends blown up or drowned. The war is not a game.

WALT

Neither is life here. The post office got bombed. My friend died. Three minutes later, it would have been me!

ELIAS

But it wasn't you.

SCENE #2

RUSSELL

You're one to talk about people not getting their mail, criminal.

WALT

Now, don't bring that up again.

WILLIAM

What's this? Walt didn't give someone their mail?

RUSSELL

(teasing)

You didn't hear this one? We were here sorting mail just like we're doing now when these two great big postal inspectors came in and hauled him away.

WALT

They took me down to their office where they gave me the third degree about a bag of mail I picked up at Grand Avenue Pier.

RUSSELL

They thought he stole it.

WALT

They grilled me for twenty minutes, asking me, "What did you do with it? Stealing mail is a federal offence, you know." And I told them I put it in the mail shoot. They said, "No, you didn't. Where is it? Come clean, kid." I had visions of bars in front of me.

WILLIAM

(interested)

What happened to it?

RUSSELL

The goldbrick left it in the horse barn!

WALT

(laughing)

They finally cracked and said, "We'll tell you what you did with it. You left it on a peg in the stable and it's been there for two weeks!" I guess I hung it up with the tackle for the horses and forgot to put it in the shoot!

The other guys start LAUGHING, too.

WALT (CONT'D)

They played it right to the hilt. By God, I thought, "I'm a criminal, I'm going to jail."