

BADLY RESEARCHED POLICE

Outline:

BADLY RESEARCHED POLICE is an oddball detective show that follows the unlikely adventures of Detective Alita Luck of the Badly Researched Police Division and her newly assigned partner from the Meticulously Researched Police Division, Detective Ted Happenstance.

Opposites who have very different views on how to solve crime, the duo use their unique skills to foil the plans of a series of criminal masterminds bent on world domination.

Overseen by their permanently outraged boss, Chief Karen Karen, Luck and Happenstance take on the might of the criminal underworld, managing to save the day with an unstable mix of pedantic policing and giddy guesswork.

In a world of anthropomorphic animal characters, dry humour and high stakes slapstick, almost anything can – and does – happen on an alarmingly frequent basis.

BADLY RESEARCHED POLICE takes the best of detective shows like LINE OF DUTY, SPOOKS, STARKY & HUTCH and 60s BATMAN, puts them in a cocktail shaker, removes logic, facts and science, and adds in a knowing wink to the audience to serve up an alcohol free, fruity shake with one of those little umbrellas in the top, but as an animated show, not a drink.

Episodes:

1. Metabot

Somewhere in Newish York, a rundown metropolis of anthropomorphic animal citizens, is the Badly Researched Police Division, where policing gets very vague indeed. Word on the street is that Princess Paranovia is up to no good, and the only cop who can hope to figure out what's going on is Detective Alita Luck. But after a string of mishaps that have seen off her last six partners, Luck is about to find that her life – and solving crime – is going to involve a lot more paperwork...

2. Mutant Nation

After terrifying eyewitness accounts of a strange creature stalking Newish York's tourist hotspot, Off-To-One-Side Park, it's up to Detectives Luck and Happenstance to uncover the truth and stop a deranged mutant in time for the Mayor's parade through the park – otherwise the entire population will become mutants too.

3. Falling Stars

The Luna Sisters return to Newish York to steal the centrepiece of a new exhibition – the Gargunzan Star, the world's largest diamond, the final component in their deadly space laser. But it's Luck and Happenstance's day off, and the fate of the world rests in Chief Karen Karen's hands.

4. Queen Pong

Doctor Charles M. Key III has come up with an invention that turns Princess Paranoia into a giant hamster intent of tearing down every Newish York landmark. With no planning whatsoever, Luck decides that the only way to stop the giant hamster is to turn the Professor's invention on herself.

5. Hot Metal

Newish York Times Award-Winning Reporter Maisie Lewis joins Luck and Happenstance for a ride-along interview, but when a series of accidents bring down the Brooksharon Bridge, Luck and Happenstance find themselves hounded by bad publicity and become unwitting public enemies, desperate to clear their names.

6. Negative Charge

When Chief Karen mysteriously disappears, Detective Luck takes charge. But when the city is plunged into policing chaos, she realises she's out of her depth. Things become even worse when Happenstance takes over, and the duo decide the only person who can possibly find Karen is their old enemy, Metabot.

7. Dry Spell

When the water mysteriously drains from the harbour, it's up to Detectives Luck and Happenstance to find the culprit before Newish York is forced to buy more from a mysterious benefactor with a strangely familiar face. Can Luck and Happenstance prove that the evil Water Baby is out to drain the city dry before a horde of angry fish take over? Probably.

Character Breakdown:

Detective Alita Luck

A streetwise dog with a weakness for Hawaiian shirts, Detective Alita Luck's main policing skills are guesswork and an over-reliance on her less-than-accurate gut instincts. Not one for paperwork, Luck would rather attempt to vaguely solve a case and cover up her own mistakes than find clues and evidence.

Detective Ted Happenstance

A no-nonsense cat, Detective Ted Happenstance is a by-the-book cop who never misses a detail. Dry and sarcastic, Happenstance is also an expert in several martial arts and can be a formidable opponent, as long as he's filled out all the right paperwork first.

Chief Karen Karen

An overworked zebra with an aversion to technology, Chief Karen Karen is outraged by almost everything. A territorial middle manager, Karen oversees the Badly Researched Police Division but, when the need arises, he's happy to get his hands dirty and fight crime the old-fashioned way.

Princess Paranovia

A hamster and former royalty, Princess Paranovia wants nothing more than world domination since her people rose up and ejected her from her home country of Intolerobia. Paranovia has a soft spot for gadgets and can often be seen in her transforming hamster ball.

Doctor Charles M. Key III

A monkey genius scientist, and a gentleman with impeccable manners and taste, Doctor Charles M. Key III is also a master of disguise. (He wears a fake moustache). He often works alongside Princess Paranovia because she has his comic collection held hostage.

Metabot

An invention of Doctor Charles M. Key III, Metabot is a self-aware miniature robot that ate the internet and can now see through dimensions. He is aware that he exists inside an animated TV show and understands the futile nature of his existence – but with laughs.

A host of recurring villains will bring chaos to the streets of Newish York including **The Luna Sisters**, **Water Baby** and **The Army of One**. Detectives Luck and Happenstance will occasionally call on the help of a number of recurring allies, such as **Mister M**, a wealthy inventor and vigilante, **Cuddly Chap**, a street informant, and **Award-Winning Reporter Maisie Lewis**.

About Niel Bushnell

Niel Bushnell is an animator turned writer who has had nine books published and is developing a number of ideas for animation. He has worked as part of a writing team for clients including CBBC, DISNEY and NELVANA, and has experience as an animation producer and director with licenced properties including DOCTOR WHO and THE DUMPING GROUND.

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