Sergio Garcia: “This is pretty much the whole village of Boriol, you can see most of it, you can see the castle, obviously been there for so long, we used to climb up there when we were kids…we were crazy. You can see a little bit of the golf course through the trees there… fun times when we were kids, running around everywhere. It brings back a lot of amazing memories.”

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Sergio: “The truth is that, it is where I grew up. You know? Where I became myself. Well, Borriol and Castellon. That entire area. I have a lot of memories from this place. I remember when I was 10 or 12 years old, there were probably 2000, 2500 people living there.~~,~~ it is a small town. All streets are practically one way, I think. Narrow streets. You can take your car from Castellon and if you drive probably about 5 or 6 kilometers over the mountains, you reach the top and a valley opens up where the golf course is, and you can see the town of Borriol right at the back. It is a very pretty place. “

Nats: Woman; “Welcome back to the village, handsome.” Sergio: “Here we are, sure! As it should be, Thanks.”

**IT’S STUNNING TO THINK THAT FOR ONE OF THE GAME’S MOST CHARASMATIC CHAMPIONS, EVERYTHING STARTED HERE.**

Nats: “This is where I used to live.”

**A QUIET VILLAGE IN THE CASTELLON REGION OF EASTERN SPAIN, WHERE PEOPLE STILL GET THEIR WATER FROM A MOUNTAIN SPRING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TOWN SQUARE.**

Nats: “Yeah, that’s delicious! Have a sip?”

**THAT THIS QUAINT PLACE OF PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, BIRTHED A FIREY SPANISH LEGEND.**

Nats: Mom: “Sergio has always been a very cheerful child. It wasn't a pose, he really was like that. He smiled in all the pictures. But also in life, I mean, he was upset and, in a moment, he was already smiling. Look at those cheeks. [LAUGH] The face is pretty.”

Consuelo Garcia/Sergio’s Mother “When he was little, was a very normal boy, a little naughty, active, but he was a very affectionate child, very affectionate… His nursery school teacher, always said, he's a great kid, very playful. [LAUGHS]”

Victor Garcia/Sergio’s Dad: “He was a boy who was always very rowdy. A boy who was never still. He was always active. Hyperactive. Since he was He liked everything. Every kind of sport.”

Ana Safont (Godmother): “He started playing golf at a very young age, he grew up on the green with his parents and his brother. You could already tell he was going to be a star.”

Nats: “This is when he grabs the first club, the club was mine. It was a big club…. It was big and he could barely hold it. But he had to have a club in his hands.”

**SERGIO’S FATHER VICTOR, A ONE-TIME EUROPEAN TOUR PLAYER TURNED CLUB PRO, NATURALLY, INTRODUCED HIS CHILDREN TO THE GAME.**

**THE CLUB DE CAMPO DEL MEDITERRANEO, JUST BELOW TOWN, SERVING AS THE GARCIA’S PLAYGROUND. DAD GIVING LESSONS ON THE RANGE AND MOM WORKING IN THE PRO SHOP.**

Consuelo Garcia/Sergio’s mother: “Sergio took his first steps here. He crawled around in the grass. It was logical. I was here all day from Tuesday to Sunday, my husband too, so the children had to be here with us.”

Ana Safont “As soon as school was finished, he came straight here. He would spend a lot of time here at the golf course. He would always have his club playing with everybody and betting Cokes and putting on the green.

Victor Garcia Jr., Sergio’s brother: “We were raised here in the country. We’d come from school, have snacks, spend the afternoon playing at the practice course. The course also has a tennis and soccer area so whenever our friends came, we would go there.”

**SERGIO WAS A NATURAL. WINNING HIS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE AGE OF 12.**

Paco Jimenez/Deputy Director, Club de Golf Mediterranean “Since Sergio was very young, at seven, eight years old, watching him play was impressive… it was clear that there was something about him that was going to stand out above everyone.”

Sergio’s brother: “We started to play tournaments and Spanish championships when he was 9 and I was 11, and you could already see him among the best at that time. So, he stood out very early”

Victor Garcia “I realized that he was different when he was 12 years old when, for the first time, he beat me, head to head. That's when I said, ‘We need to treat and take care of him.’ If we do things right, we can turn Sergio into an icon."

Sergio: “I remember being 13 years old when I started to play in Spain's national amateur ranking, playing with the best Spanish amateur players who were maybe 10, 12, 15, 20 years older than me, yet, being able to win some of those tournaments After that I started to realize that, well, if you keep working hard and keep trusting yourself, you might be able to make a living as a professional golf player.

**SERGIO BURST ONTO THE WORLD STAGE FIRST IN 1995; AS A 15-YEAR-OLD HE BECAME THE YOUNGEST TO EVER MAKE A CUT ON THE EUROPEAN TOUR.**

**AND THEN IN 1999, WINNING IN JUST HIS 6TH EVENT AS A PROFESSIONAL, AT THE AGE OF 19.**

Annc: “A 64 to win your first title, the first of many.”

**LATER THAT YEAR, DUELING WITH TIGER WOODS AT THE 1999 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP.**

**HIS FLARE AND YOUTHFUL EXHUBERANCE CAPTURING WORLDWIDE ATTENTION EVEN IN DEFEAT.**

Annc: “Oh my goodness, he hit it on the green! That’s unbelievable!” Sergio Garcia is a name you will hear for a long, long time.” “This has set this sport up for the new millennium.”

**2-YEARS LATER, HE FIRED A FINAL ROUND 63, TO BEAT PHIL MICKELSON AT COLONIAL, FOR HIS FIRST PGA TOUR VICTORY.**

Sergio: “2001 was without a doubt an important year. Even though I had already won in Europe before at the PGA Tour, the biggest Tour we have, with the largest amount of good players, this was without a doubt super important. It gave me a lot of confidence, so I could establish myself permanently at the PGA Tour.”

Nats: “I got all the moves!”

**‘EL-NINO’ WAS BECOMING A HOUSEHOLD NAME. LITTLE SERGIO FROM BORRIOL WAS NOW A STAR.**

{montage of Sergio growing up, becoming famous etc.}

**A CONSTANT IN THE WORLD TOP-10 FOR OVER A DECADE, WINNING 13-TIMES WORLDWIDE BETWEEN 2001 AND 2008, MOST NOTABLY, THE 2008 PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Annc: “The long wait’s over for Sergio Garcia’s big win. He’s the PLAYERS Champion in 2008.”

Sergio: “The truth is that the victory at the Players Championship in 2008 was really important for several reasons. Obviously, 2001 was really nice to establish myself at the PGA Tour, but achieving such a huge victory like the Players in 2008 was really special. Being able to win a championship of the caliber of the Players gave me this extra confidence that taught me a lot of things personally.”

**BUT SEVERAL NEAR MISSES IN MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, STRUGGLES WITH HIS CONFIDENCE AND A SOMETIMES MISSUNDERSTOOD PERSONA, BECAME A SOURCE OF CONSTERNATION.**

**GARCIA GOING 2 1/2 YEARS WITHOUT A TOP-THREE FINISH AND ALMOST THREE YEARS BETWEEN WINS.**

**THE UPS AND DOWNS OF A CAREER ON FULL DISPLAY; THE GRIND OF A LIFE IN THE SPOTLIGHT TAKING ITS TOLL.**

Sergio’s Mom: “I remember a really painful year at the British Open in Carnoustie. The press attacked him and treated him really, really badly. So, yes, I did cry then. I don't usually cry when he wins, but I did cry then and did go in to help him, so he wouldn't get down.”

Annc: “It’s been a long time coming for Sergio, but he’s back in the winner’s circle.”

**GARCIA’S 4-YEAR PGA TOUR DROUGHT FINALLY ENDED AT THE 2012 WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP.**

**HE WOULD ADD THREE MORE WORLDWIDE WINS FROM 2014 TO THE BEGINNING OF 2017.**

**AND AS HE HEADED TO THE 2017 MASTERS; HIS 74TH MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP.**

**BOTH ON AN OFF THE GOLF COURSE, SERGIO WAS FINDING HIMSELF MORE COMFORTABLE WITH HIS LIFE IN GOLF.**

**EVEN IF THAT DIDN’T INCLUDE A COVETED MAJOR TITLE.**

Sergio: “The truth is that we arrived at the Masters with a good feeling about the game. However, this doesn't mean I hadn't arrive with a good feeling at other big ones before and get close to winning, but ended up staying at the gates, right? I felt, very comfortable, at home, confident, accepting not only the good things, but also the bad things that would happen to me in the field. Thanks to this, we were open to the opportunity to win on Sunday by playing at a very good level at a great match against Justin Rose.”

**IN THE FINAL ROUND, DOWN BY ONE PLAYING THE PAR-5 15TH, SERGIO HIT THE SHOT OF HIS LIFE.**

Sergio: “I hit it and as soon as I did I saw that it was going straight towards the flag. All I was hoping for was for it to be the right distance. It was one of those moments that give me goosebumps whenever I remember or watch it. The energy felt at that moment was incredible. I was without a doubt very excited about the moment. The putt and everything that was happening.”

**HE WOULD FIND HIMSELF IN A PLAYOFF, AND ON THE FIRST PLAYOFF HOLE, THE MOMENT THAT HE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR…FINALLY HAPPENED.**

Annc: “Once and for all, for Sergio!”

Sergio: “The truth is that when I got the putt in, in the playoff, and we became the champions of the Masters a lot of things went through my head. So many memories of when I was little in Borriol, in Lacoma, practicing with my father or playing with friends. Other big ones like when I was really close to winning but unfortunately didn't. So many things went through my head and through my body that, to tell you the truth, I reached a point in which I could barely notice all the people around me.”

Father: “I was with his mother. We were together, holding hands. And, when he won we started crying. Really crying. We exchanged a look and a final scream: ‘Finally! We finally won it!’ So, we started crying. Very exciting. I still get emotional.”

Mom: “I saw him suffering in the course and I was so happy to see how things turned out. There was such excitement. I don't usually cry, but that day I cried a lot.”

**BACK IN SPAIN, PLANS HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO WELCOME SERGIO (AND THE GREEN JACKET) HOME.**

Ana: “He was so happy, because this is his home, he grew up here from the day he was born. And to see all these people, his whole family, everyone who was waiting for him with such joy, that was also very important for him, he loved that. We had a great time.”

Dad: “We had to celebrate it with his friends, his partners, his people. It was really nice. Wonderful. Because honestly, we had completed a job, or attained a job we had been working towards throughout his childhood, throughout his youth, and entire professional life.”

**SERGIO GARCIA’S GOLFING JOURNEY WAS FINALLY COMPLETE.**

**AND WITH HIS WEDDING IN THE SUMMER OF 2017, FOLLOWED BY THE BIRTH OF HIS DAUGHTER, APPROPRIATELY NAMED AZALEA, IN MARCH OF 2018.**

**HIS OFF-COURSE JOURNEY WAS JUST BEGINNING.**

**WHO KNEW THAT A BOY FROM THIS TINY SPANISH TOWN COULD MOVE SO MANY MOUNTAINS.**

Sergio: “You know? The truth is that I was like inside my own world filled with a lot of energy, many memories, and it was honestly an incredible moment. A very, very precious moment. A pleasure, really, to be proud of being the winner of the Masters.”