Don't Tell Anyone About This

Once my teacher gave me a very embarrassing hat to wear and told me not to remove it unless he pulled it from my head.

Further, he said if anyone inquired about it, I was to act like it was the most chic attire around and never mention him being the culprit of *its source*.

You probably heard about that word "ego," and how it roughs most up, keeps many fidgeting about all day and obscures . . . the gods dancing.

But try this sometimes: if you aren't tough enough for strange headgear, go somewhere where no one knows you,

dress like a bum, and don't bathe that day or comb your hair. Walk around for hours muttering weird sounds; become unseated from your norm. Though, don't go so far a strait-jacket comes to hug you.

You have probably been glued too long to the same spot, where light from another dimension cannot warm your face.

There is a treasure map here for the clear-thinking mind, and the brave.

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