

Voice Thief

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**INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT**

ANNIKA

Can you believe the whole school is talking about how animals can talk to humans through a microchip? If only you can talk...then you can share you're opinion on Today's dinner.

(makes a sour face)

Look at the back of this newspaper, it says Don't miss out! Need a listener? Talk to your pets! Only for \$99.99! Shop for it at the website down below! Woah! I wanna get that! But don't wanna pay...maybe I can hack into the website and get my own for free!

Text reads FOUR HOURS LATER. All the microchips are shut down.

**EXT. PARK - DAY**

CHESTNUT, A SQUIRREL, is in the rose garden. She is looking for nuts. Then, RYAN, her human friend, comes over. Ryan sits down and puts a peanut on her knee. Chestnut climbs up and eats the nut. Then Chestnut does something surprising.

CHESTNUT

Hi human friend!

Ryan freezes.

RYAN

You can talk!?!?!?

Chestnut

Yes! whats your name human friend?

RYAN

My name is Ryan. Is your name actually chestnut?

CHESTNUT

No, but I like it so It is now!

RYAN

Wow. This is so cool! whats it like being a squirrel?

CHESTNUT

Awesome! You get to eat food all day and climb trees, and I have a human friend!

RYAN

Cool! Can you introduce me to your squirrel friends later?

CHESTNUT

Su-

Chestnut stops talking.

RYAN

Chestnut? Whats wrong? Why aren't you talking?

Chestnut stays silent.

RYAN

Well ill come back after lunch..... bye!

Ryan leaves. Close up on chestnut. Chestnut thinks and wonders why they can't talk.

**EXT. FIELD - DAY**

DESMOND is walking CALI in a field, talking about movies they watched.

DESMOND

Have you watched any good movies lately?

CALI

Yes, I've seen the Barkvengers, it was pretty goo...

Cali stops talking.

DESMOND

Why are you not talking? Let me check your chip.

(Checking)

You lost your chip!

(beat)

Do you know where it is?

Cali Grunts.

DESMOND

Someone must have stolen it!

The two pals run home.

## INT. ROOM / COUCH - DAY

LOGAN

Oh Jack, look! The new PAWS and  
CLAWS 3 movie is out

JACK

Can we see it?

LOGAN

Yeah, but its in a city thats a 45  
minute drive.

JACK

So is that a yes or...

LOGAN

Yeah Jack? What it is?

JACK

Meow

LOGAN

Jack? Talk normal, actually that  
is normal for you, but you know  
what I mean.

JACK

Meow

JACK

(inside head)

I said I am talking normal. Why  
can't you hear me?

JACK

(inside head)

Meow. Meow!

(outside head voice)

Meeooww?

LOGAN

Come on Jack! Is it your chip?

JACK

(moves head up and down)

Meow

LOGAN

Okay, lets go to the workshop Jack  
and get your chip fixed.

**INT. KITCHEN - DAY**

JENSON  
Pickles, how have you been?

PICKLES  
Oh, its been marvellous

JENSON  
Cool, so I need you to  
promise something.

PICKLES  
What?

JENSON  
No killing baby birds!!

PICKLES  
Meow.

JENSON  
Funny. Wise guy.

PICKLES  
purr.

JENSON  
I knew it was a scam. She can't  
talk anymore.  
(walks away)  
Piece of junk. How did I believe  
(slams door)

PICKLES  
What happened? I feel quite  
str...Meow

**INT. ROOM - DAY**

EVA  
So, Bazil, what do you want to do?

BAZIL  
Um, no. What do YOU want to do?  
Please leave! Let me sleep.

EVA  
But Bazil..NO Sleeping.

BAZIL  
Okay fine.

4 Minutes Later

EVA  
Umm, Basil?  
Basil?  
Hello?  
Are you ignoring me?

Sneezes.

EVA  
No. Let me check your chip. It  
is hacked!

Sneezes.

EVA  
Oh NO!?

**INT. ROOM - DAY**

LUCAS  
So Brozel, what do you want to  
do today?

BRIZEL  
Sleep

LUCAS  
No. That is not an option.

BROZEL  
But I want too sleep.

LUCAS  
No, we need to go on a walk.  
(beat)  
Brozel? BROZEL!  
Are you ignoring me?

Sneezes.

LUCAS  
mmmmm. TALK TO ME!!

Sneezes.

BROZEL  
Ruff

**INT. ROOM - DAY**

SEBASTIAN

Gizmo, how do you like it outside?

GIZMO

It's awful out there.

SEBASTIAN

What makes you think that?

GIZMO

Bugs.

SEBASTIEN

Okay, what feelings do you have?

Gizmo rolls on the ground.

SEBASTIEN

What do you mean by I'm out?  
What happened?

GIZMO

Mr. Sebastien, what happened.  
(sighs)  
Fine.