

SYNOPSIS

In a world where dogs are cherished, they are the golden animals: man's best friend, loved and adored for their friendliness, loyalty, and most importantly, their soft, pleasant, non disrupting chirping. They are loved where birds, with their noisy, disruptive and ugly habit of barking are chased away and hunted.

Only one dog knows the truth: that the dog community has formed a secret society dedicated to enslaving the humans through their adorable personas. This dog seeks out the birds because they are fighting for their acceptance from humans, and fighting to dismantle this despotic dog powerhouse.

Comments and Feedback

[21/04 12:33] Yee Hui Wong

this actually sounds a lot like the boss baby haha but in the animal perspective(laugh)

[21/04 12:45] Mohan Lei

Omg I KNEW IT!!!! (cwl)

[21/04 12:48] Mohan Lei

But seriously it's a really nice concept, I think there is a lot of opportunities to discuss about the concept of "Trust". Would there ever be trust for real between the two species under this world view, or everything is an illusion from the dog power house? Who would be more broken heart-ed and react differently than they are expected - there are so many stories that can be unfold haha

[21/04 19:35] Henry Hughes

Wow haha this is so cute. I always love the idea of non-humans forming groups or societies. Have you thought about maybe the dogs who think they are going to enslave humans actually turn out to be utterly incapable of doing this- could be a cute punchline ending especially if the dogs can only chirp like birds.

[23/04 12:33] Kate Cawley

This is a lot of fun Hattie. The undermining of our established ideas is playful - and doesn't require much setting up, as dog as man's best friend is a well established idea. I'd encourage you think about simplifying the story a little. Dogs chirp and sing, birds bark. WE, the audience, know this is an inversion. It doesn't require explanation. Perhaps the birds start learning to sing, which makes them more appealing to humans. This is a threat to the dogs. Perhaps there is a binary here, dogs can only chirp if birds bark. When birds start singing, dogs begin to bark? This is a very simple dynamic, very easy to communicate, which would allow you to tell your story with great dynamism. Whether the dogs are undermining the humans or simply seeking favour to secure an easy life, the story still works. If humans like dogs, they're fed and have somewhere warm and comfortable to sleep. The threat of losing this cushy lifestyle might be enough?

Note how this lovely little piece projects its ideas clearly and playfully.

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The Dog Who Was A Cat Inside

Short film by Siri Melchior

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