

[static. A dial tunes in.]

TACITUS

Hello? My name is...my nam is Jeremy Cassel. And...I think I'm the last person on Earth. I don't..I don't know if anyone can hear me. I...please come back. I'm still here. And...I don't want to die alone. I don't want to die alone....don't leave me here. [crying] It's getting hotter. Every day....it's getting hotter...I'm sorry. Who's going to care if I cry? [laughing] Who's going to care? No one bloody here anyway. I guess I just wanted a proper goodbye. But...perhaps it will be my own. Yeah. Proper goodbye. Yeah. Goodbye.

[gunshot.]

[static]

[CLUNKY NOISES OF A PHONE IN A POCKET. WIND AND SUNSHINE.
RUNNING IN A FIELD. THE PHONE GETS PULLED OUT OF THE POCKET. A
CHILDS VOICE]

Daria

HELLO EVERYONE ON THE INTERNET! My name is Daria and this Daria's animals show! today we're- we were going to do a show about Max and Woofy, but mom says I can't do a show about our pets because she doesn't want STRANGERS on the internet to see inside our house! i think they can still see in through the windows though. So i went out back to the field to look for WILD ANIMALS. Mom says i can record on her old phone and maybe we can put the show online to teach people about the animals. Let's meet the goats!

[shes running now]

these goats are ours, they aren't wild but mom says they're WILEY. HEY GOATS,
C'MERE AND BE..ON MY SHOW!

[she's at the goats]

This one is Wiley. i named him that. Mom called him wiley cause she doesn't like him but i named him that. I don't get to close to him though because he's mean. This one is Buttermilk and next year mom says i'm old enough that i can start milking her but not this year cause Wiley is too big for me to go into the pen. Say hi Buttermilk! Buttermilk!
Butte-say hi!

[faint goat noise. Daria giggles]

okay these aren't wild animals, these are ours -AAH! NO WILEY! NO AH! [she stumbles and runs as wiley bleats and clomps up the fence. she runs away] Okay so that's

why i don't go in the goat pen. Wiley's a butt.

[she walks now. singing faintly to herself.]

[now she's at a creek]

Down at the creek there's crawdaddys. the scare easy though. the flick they butts and shoot backwards if you scare em, so you put a bucket behind 'em and you can catch em! I don't eat em though cause they look like bugs. Mom likes to eat em. There's one there!
see him?

[splash. she giggles]
did you see him go!?

[she starts walking]

Sometimes there's turtles here too, but you gotta go in the creek if you want to catch em and i don't do that because one time i walked in the creek all the way to school and i got leeches on my feet and Miss Tambury had to burn them off with a cigarette.

[a buzzing, like the buzzing of the ships, but different. smaller. rustle of bushes]
AH! who's there?

CREATURE
You are from here.

Daria
whoaaa I think I just discovered a new species of animal that can talk! A Daria Show exclusive!

Creature
You are from here? This is yours?

Daria
Yes this is my farm I live here with my mom my name is Daria.

Creature
This place is dying. The sky is sick. You are burning. The biome is burning.

Daria
Uhh, i don't know WHAT you are saying. You talk funny though. Like a cat trying to hum.

Creature
your planet is sick with filth.

Daria

ohhhh you mean like the ice caps and stuff. yeah i know all about that. that's why i have this animal show i'm doing so i can tell the internet to stop. I don't eat meat anymore.

Creature

the damage is not linear. non linear. erase. the damage is...eternal.

Daria

not if we stop using cars and plastic bags. mom says we would have an electric car but we can't afford one so we have to drive the jeep.

Creature

we can save it. we can harvest you. take you from it.

Daria

uhh I'm not supposed to go anywhere without mom's permission. she won't even let me go into the woods, i have to stay in the field.

Creature

all will come. all must come by choice. all will stay and be erased.

Daria

Mom can come?

Creature

All

Daria

Where?

Creature

our ships. to the sky. erase. from the sky.

Daria

are you an ALIEN?

Creature

Yes

Daria

I like aliens. I like ET and I like Oh and I like Princess Leia, even though she's a human she's from a galaxy far far away so she's an alien human.

Creature

Yes.

Daria
so you want to take me and mom to another galaxy

Creature
all.

Daria
WOW! Are there animals there? like weird space ones with eyes everywhere?

Creature[long pause]
Trim. The sound. Go over.

Daria
what? you're being weird.

Creature
a choice. come. all will come, this place will thrive. all may stay. all may stay and be
dismantled chemically.

Daria
I don't understand you.

Creature
Let us bring you. The filth will be erased. This place will go over. You will be changed.
You will be changed. Go over.

Daria
You want to fix the earther?

Creature
yes.

Daria
OH! like to save all the animals and the rainforrest?

Creature
Trim. Go over. Rainforrest. Yes. Yes.

Daria
HOLY WOW! AND we get to go to the galaxy?

Creature
Yes.

Daria

Okay then! that's good.

Creature
You choose to come.

Daria
yes! If mom can come too..

Creature
all.

Daria
YAAAAY! I'm gonna go pack my stuff!! When do we get to go?

Creature[long pause]
Soon.

[buzzing and rustling. he's gone]

Daria
Ut!

[Shouting to the sky]
Okay i'm gonna tell mom and get packed!

[not shouting]
daria show exclusive! i found an alien and he said we could all go see the animals in another galaxy AND they're gonna fix earth for us! Stay tuned next week when Daria's gonna be on another planet!

[fades out while she's talking]