

Broke and Brilliant

Episode 1: Pet Psychic Hotline

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FADE IN:

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

JULES goes to make a cup of coffee while DEVIN and ZICO are on their phones at the dining table. The coffee machine doesn't work so Jules hits it, hoping it will magically start working. Zico watches with a deadpanned expression.

JULES
I'm tired of stuff breaking, we need
new appliances guys.

MIA walks in and opens the fridge to no food.

MIA
We don't have money.

DEVIN turns his phone around to show Mia and Jules a flyer he's been working on that is advertising "Psychic Hotline".

DEVIN
I'm already on it. Look.
(showing the poster)
I've been putting up these posters
over town.

JULES
Pet Psychic Hotline?

MIA
Who's gonna believe that we can speak
to their pet telepathically?

The phone begins to ring. Devin hands Zico the phone. Zico has a confused expression.

DEVIN
Work your customer service charm.

Zico answers the call and puts it on speaker.

ZICO
(naturally)
Hello this is Zico with Pet Psychic
Hotline. What can I help you with
today?

INT. MRS. JOHNSON'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

MRS. JOHNSON sniffles.

MRS. JOHNSON

My husband and I got into a fight and he took my Cece!! I just miss her so much. Can you tell me what she's thinking right now?!

She begins hysterically crying.

INTERCUT MRS. JOHNSON/ZICO

ZICO

Yes, I'm getting a vision right now. Cece is telling me that she misses her mom. She says she doesn't want to be with that asshole anymore.

MRS. JOHNSON

But how can I find her?

ZICO

Uh...

Devin takes the phone.

DEVIN

Hello Mrs. Johnson. This is Devin, the General Manager. We actually come prepared for these kinds of situations. Believe it or not we're in touch with a bounty hunter that could find your Cece. All that's required is a little extra cash.

MRS. JOHNSON

Bounty hunter... I like the sound of that. Yes, the money is no problem... could I go too? I have a bone to pick with Mr. Johnson.

DEVIN

Perfect, text me your address, I'll- he'll be there as soon as possible.

Devin hangs up.

MIA

Great. Just one problem. We don't know a bounty hunter.

DEVIN

(points to himself)

You do now.

Jules and Zico laugh, Mia rolls her eyes.

INT. DEVIN'S ROOM - DAY

Devin puts on a pair of fingerless gloves and puts on glasses while looking at himself in the mirror. He sits at his computer in the dark and stalks Mr. Johnson's social media page to find a picture he posted at a park with Cece a few minutes prior.

INT. DEVIN'S CAR - DAY

Mrs. Johnson and Devin are sitting beside each other in the car. Mrs. Johnson also puts on sunglasses to match with Devin.

EXT. PARK - DAY

Mrs. Johnson and Devin walk around the park together. Mrs. Johnson sees Mr. Johnson walking Cece and flirting with another woman who is walking her dog. Mrs. Johnson walks up to Mr. Johnson, pushes the woman out of her way, rips off her glasses, and yells at him inaudibly. Devin stands near with his arms cross, nodding his head in approval. Mrs. Johnson takes Cece from him.

INT. DEVIN'S CAR - DAY

Devin and Mrs. Johnson sit in the car, close the car doors simultaneously. Cece sits in Mrs. Johnson's lap.

EXT. APARTMENT DOOR - DAY

Devin rings the doorbell. Zico answers the door. Zico waves Mia and Jules to see. Devin pulls out a huge wad of cash from behind his back and shows it to them. They all cheer inaudibly.

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