

LOST VOICE

(Seordag Stories)

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Introduction

Mobile chick Greeny makes up a new song, but when Bluey and Pinky join in, Pinky loses his voice. They go to see if their mother Seordag can help.

Who will Seordag call on? Could Marlene the Crofter help, or perhaps the Seer, or even the Cosmic Cockerel?

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Greeny is very excited and jumps up and down.

Greeny: "I've written a new song for us."

Pinky: "Let's hear it."

Greeny sings: "Oh, the puddle is a portal, my oh my."

Pinky and Bluey jump up and down.

They all sing: "Oh, the puddle is a portal, my oh my."

Greeny sings: "If we jump hard enough, we'll go through it. We'll come out the other side."

They all sing: "Oh the puddle is a portal, my oh my."

Suddenly Pinky makes a croaking sound and stops jumping.

Bluey: "What's wrong?"

Pinky tries to speak but nothing comes out.

Greeny: "Have you lost your voice?"

Pinky nods sadly.

Bluey: "Let's ask mother what to do."

They head off to the henhouse.

Greeny: "Pinky has lost his voice."

Seordag: "Open your beak dear!"

Pinky opens his beak wide.
Seordag:"I can't see anything wrong."

Seordag:"I don't have any medicine left."
Greeny:"Let's ask Marlene."
Seordag:"Good idea. Let's go and find her."
Bluey:"I saw her at the peats earlier."

Marlene is working at her peat bank.

Seordag:"Pinky has lost his voice. Do you have any medicine?"
Marlene:"I might have some at home but I'll have to finish turning the peats first."
Seordag:"We'll help!"

The chicks work together to prop up some peats. Seordag places a peat on top.
Soon all the peats are turned.

They wait outside Marlene's crofthouse as she goes in to look for medicine.

Marlene comes out with a green bottle.
Marlene:"It's almost empty."
Pinky opens his beak and Marlene pours the medicine in.

Greeny:"Come on. Let's sing. Oh the puddle is a portal, my oh my!"
Bluey joins in:"My oh my!"
Poor Pinky still can't make a sound.

Pinky is very sad.

Soley flutters down from the sky.
Seordag:"Pinky has lost his voice. We've tried medicine."
Soley:"Maybe the Seer can help. I'll go and find him."

Soley flies up into the sky.

In the distance Soley sees Ewella crossing the loch on a giant lily pad.
Soley swoops down.
Soley:"Hi Ewella. Do you know where the Seer is?"

Ewella:"I just dropped him off on the island with the ruined broch.Why?"
Soley:"Pinky has lost his voice."
Ewella:"Oh! Sorry to hear that."

Ewella:"If Pinky needs a lift I'll be at the wee beach."
Soley:"Thanks."
Soley heads off down the loch towards the island with the ruined broch.

The Seer is concentrating on his scrying stone.
Soley:"Hi Seer!"
The scrying stone drops to the ground.
Seer:"What is it?"

Soley:"Pinky's lost his voice. Can you help?"
Seer:"I'll try if you can bring him here."

Soley flies back up the loch.

Soley directs Seordag and the chicks to the wee beach where Ewella is waiting with the lilypad.

Ewella steers the lilypad down the loch, heading towards the island.
Soley:"I've got to go. Drum practise. I hope you find your voice Pinky."

Seordag:"Thanks for your help. See you later."

Ewella moors the lilypad at a jetty.

Ewella:"I'll wait here."

Seordag and the chicks disembark. They head up to the broch.
The Seer is in the ruin, concentrating on his scrying stone.

Seordag:"Pinky has lost his voice. We've tried some medicine but it didn't work. Can you help?"

The Seer drops his scrying stone into his hands.

Seer:"Stand on this rock. Keep your eyes on my scrying stone and try not to blink."

The Seer concentrates and the stone floats into the air. Pinky stares at the stone.

The stone spins faster and faster. The humming gets louder.
Pinky's pupils grow large and he starts to float off the ground.

Pinky blinks and falls to the ground.

Seordag:"Well?"

Pinky opens his beak. He gives out a slight chirp.

Greeny:"Come on everyone. The puddle is a portal, my oh my."

Bluey and Pinky join in:"Oh the puddle is a portal, my oh....!"

Pinky croaks and shakes his head. His voice has gone again.

Seordag:"Can you try again?"

Seer:"No. It's too dangerous. He could overdose."

Seordag:"Oh well. Thanks for trying."

Ewella takes them all back down the loch.

Ewella:"What are you going to try now?"

Seordag:"I don't know."

Ewella drops them off and they go back to the henhouse.

Seordag:"There might be another way but we'll have to wait until night-time."

It is a beautiful moonlit night and the stars twinkle.

Seordag:"Come on. We'll get a better signal at the standing stones."

Inside the stone circle, Seordag lights up her TV. It flashes and makes a strange sound.

Greeny:"What are you doing mother?"

Seordag:"Calling your father, the Cosmic Cockerel."

Greeny:"Our father?"

One of the stars seems to get closer until it hovers above them.

Bluey:"It's one of those flying saucers!"

A light beam shines down from the spacecraft. The Cosmic Cockerel glides down it to the ground.

Cosmic Cockerel:"Hi Seordag. Want a whirl around the galaxy?"

Seordag:"No thanks. Can you fix your son Pinky's voice."

Cosmic Cockerel:"My son? That's a surprise!"

Seordag:"And these are your daughters Greeny and Bluey."

Cosmic Cockerel:"Gosh! Come with me Pinky. Don't be afraid."

Pinky croaks : "I'm not afraid. Well, not much."

The Cosmic Cockerel speaks to his alien friends:"Can you help my son find his voice?"

The aliens get Pinky to stand on a platform. He glows for a few seconds.

Cosmic Cockerel:"That should be it."

Pinky and the Cosmic Cockerel float back down the light beam.

Seordag:"Let's hope that it worked."

Pinky sings:"Oh the puddle is a portal, my oh my!"

Bluey and Greeny join in:"Oh the puddle is a portal, my oh my!"

Cosmic Cockerel: "What great singers!"

Cosmic Cockerel:"Great to meet you chicks. Maybe one day I can show you all around the galaxy. Goodbye for now."

Pinky, Greeny and Bluey:"We'd like that. Goodbye!"

Seordag:"Goodbye!"

The spaceship flies off.

Pinky:"That was so exciting."

Seordag:"Come on. Time to go home for some cocoa and then bed."

Before the chicks go to sleep Seordag help them write down the music for The Puddle is a Portal.