

Caramel Interviews... Richie:

Okay, I'm a "toon", and you're "anime" or something? What's the difference?

My animation is a lot more restricted than yours, and my expression sets are different. Like, for a wild take-

Richie's head inflates a little and his eyes expand but appear to be flat, tapering off into tears in the outer corners. Blue lines appear under his left eye. *it all snaps back to normal*

- it'd look a lot different. I can be flattened like you can, but I'm not as prone to it and I'm not connected to the same tropes or habits as you. My tropes are all anime-related, and they shape how I act and how I'm animated. However, I'm not entirely "anime", I'm more "anime-satire" so I'm modeled more on a stereotype. Also, it's totally possible for me to be killed or severely injured.

You say you're not prone to being flattened and yet the images I've seen of you on the internet tell a different story...

Why're you looking at things like that?!

Richie gets flustered

Caramel shows Richie that the images are just on the interview cue-cards he's been given

Well - uh - fine. It's not a *natural* reaction for me, but I've encountered certain influences that have altered that a few times...

Why do you have a lion tail but cat ears? Why not lion ears to match?

Because then I'd look stupid, duh.

So apparently you can be either a cat or a lion. Which do you like best?

Between the two? My cat form, definitely. *Richie pets Caramel briefly*

N'aw, you stop that. Hey, do you ever have feline impulses? You're, like, three cats in one.

Haha. Two cat spirits in a human, I guess. I didn't used to, but over time I've found a few starting to creep in. Especially given my current environment.

Your current environment being one where humans aren't all that common.

Yeah, it makes me feel pretty out-of-place sometimes. It's even worse when I get treated like some kind of pet in a reverse situation.

Haha, you as a pet, that's a weird image.

Heh, yeah, I guess it comes with hanging out in the furry side of the multiverse.

Richie rubs the back of his neck, blushing nervously

So does your feline side have any aversion to dogs?

Haha, nope. I actually quite like dogs. Well, I'm hounded-

Caramel smirks

- By someone who likes to spend time as one, quite a bit, but he's my best friend.

I wish I could deal with dogs so easily.

Awh, someone as cute and charming as you should be able to make friends with anyone, dog or not.

So what's your favourite TV show?

OH! My all time favourite show has to be Capsule Demons! Or maybe Electrodemons. People say Electrodemons is a rip-off of Capsule Demons, but literally the only similarity is the use of demons as a basis for the narrative and the fact that it's referenced in the title. Which is silly, because a lot of cartoons use characters like that. But yeah, I love Capsule Demons. Especially the first season because it's very well written and really funny. It got rather bad, admittedly, around the third generation-ish period and afterwards. The writing turned bad and the whole thing got more rigid. Electrodemons keeps it fresh by constantly renewing the premise, but the dubs are really suffering. Since Electrodemons Horizon the dubbing has gotten awful. You only have to compare Electrodemons Circuit Team with Electrodemons Helpers to see it. It's a shame really because Electrodemons Plus Battle is-

I-I-I-I-I think we've now run out of time, now. ^^;

Caramel interviews... Brakk

First off... Why the heck are you standing behind an X-Ray screen?

I thought this was an inter-view?

Is this kind of thing why they put you in the asylum?

I entered voluntarily, I'll have you know. The people there are more fun, and we get these cool jackets that help you hug yourself.

Brakk wraps his arms around himself and flops to the floor, wriggling and looking snug

So cozy!

So you're an alligator, right? Do y-

Brakk suddenly gets serious and presses a claw to Caramel's chest

I am a crocodile.

Sorry, buddy, I'm just reading what's on the card. Do you dislike alligators or something?

Brakk snaps back to his bouncy self

Pff, nah, I just hate people calling me things I'm not.

Brakk suddenly pops up behind Caramel

Like when people call you a girl because of your name.

Brakk licks Caramel's cheek

H-hey, hey, I keep telling you, "Caramel" is a unisex name!

Sure, sure. Like it's even your real name. *giggle*

Sh-shut up. So what's your favourite book?

Brakk remains completely silent

Uh, Brakk?

silence

... You can speak, Brakk. -_-

I win!

Brakk bites at Caramel's face, missing by centimeters

YELP! Quit that! Book. Favourite.

Of Mice and Men. It tastes like liquorice.

And your favourite food?

Lamb-donner gyros! They're the best!

Brakk salivates, his pink eye turning to a heart-shape

I'm pretty sure they're offal.

No, they're delicious!

I think time's up, Brakk...

He cut the red wire!?

Richie interviews... Caramel:

So Caramel, you're apparently school-age. How're your grades?

I'm a cat.

Richie looks embarrassed about the question

I'm kidding. I'm doing fairly well at the academy. My best grades are in 'Creative Animation'. I'm falling behind a little in 'Readability in Performance'. I'm trying my best, though, and I'm sure I'll get better!

I wish you the best of luck, buddy. What's your favourite subject?

That'd be 'Cartoon Review'! I love watching classic stars do their thing.

Caramel gets starry-eyed, literally

Like Sylvester, and Bugs Bunny and Furball... They're amazing!

So they're the toons you look up to?

Yeah, them and Roger Rabbit!

Haha, he's great, I like him too. You asked me about dogs. How's that been going for you?

I usually get chased... Although it can be fun outwitting them. I once tricked one big dog into running into a trash can. Haha!

Richie laughs

... But then the can sorta... Rolled over me and I got squished...

Richie politely tries to stifle his laugh

So, even though you're a toon, do you have full cat instincts?

Pretty much. I think. I don't have much to go on. I've never seen your kind of cat. "Real" cats.

Fair enough. What kind of roles do you like to play in cartoons?

I like to play all kinds of roles! I wouldn't want to be stuck doing the same thing all the time. Apparently I do best at the "bumbling protagonist" thing?

Haha, I rather agree. It's cute! So... That's the last card I have. Wanna get a pizza later?

Richie interviews... Brakk:

Uh... Hi, Brakk. You okay?

Yah. Why you ask?

You've got something weird-looking sticking out from between your teeth.

Brakk proceeds to dislodge a full-size fire truck from his mouth

I was wondering where that got to.

Neat trick. Do you get along with Caramel?

Better than anyone else! He's fun to play with.

Nooooooww I'm seeing where you got those juggling balls from, and why they have a familiar colour theme.

Brakk is, indeed, juggling. Two balls are different shades of brown, one is a pinkish-yellow, one is white and two are blue.

How did you even do that to him?

I'm great with shapes! I just.

Brakk mimes some strange motions with his arms, the balls "juggling" by themselves

Oh so you separated him into his colour palette using your prowess with malleability?

Yeah the academy says I'm great with maul-ability!

Brakk springs up, dropping the balls on the floor

I can do all kinds of stuff watch!

Brakk leaps into the air, flips over and punches towards the ground wherein he squishes and instantly springs back into shape as two copies, which then wrap around eachother and form a monster-Brakk, which roars and twists around into a question mark before finally reshaping into his normal self

Brakk looks proud of himself

That... Was a show. I think we're out of time with that, though. Aha. Thank you?

Brakk interviews... Caramel

First question. Why do you only have one eye and one leg? You look weird.

BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL JUGGLING THEM!

Oh. Right.

Brakk tosses away the cue card and reforms Caramel's missing parts and puts them back

What's your favourite way to be smushed?

Brakk tosses away the cue card

What? I don't like being smushed. It hurts.

But you do it all the time!

No, you do it to me. That's not the same thing.

Why do you drink so much soda?

Because I like the taste?

What's 2+2?

What for?

That sounds right. What's the capital of Norway?

Caramel gives Brakk a dry look

It is 'N'.

No, it's Oslo.

Caramel facepalms

I thought it was a trick question.

No, it's Oslo! I'll prove it!

Brakk suddenly fwips Caramel into a crate and ships him to Oslo

Brakk interviews... Richie:

So what's your most embarrassing memory?

Ah, uh, starting fast, huh? I guess being turned into a rat by a girl I had a crush on..?

ERRRK! WRONG! It was being plastered to a wall and sold at auction.

What!?! How did you kn- I THINK I'D KNOW MY OWN MOST EMBARRASSING MEMORY!

You'd think! Clock's ticking! Next question! Do you read?

R-Rarely?

ERRRK! WRONG! You chat online all the time, you have to read for that.

Where are you getting all this information!?

All answers must be phrased in the form of an answer! Minus ten points! What's your blood type?

My wha? I don't know!

**Excessive! DING DING DING! We're at the bonus round. One final chance at the million dollars!
What is your secret identity?**

What are you talking about!?! I don't have one!

**ERRRK! Wrong! It's Phasmatis, you drew yourself as him at least twice when you were thirteen.
Ooooooh, I'm so sorry. You leave us with zero points.**

Wha-? Lea- What're? Where'd that lever-?

Brakk pulls a lever and Richie plummets out of sight through a trap door

There's a cacophony of smashing, clattering, dinosaur roars, goose honks, screams and meows