

= Evicted ! =

" Evicted ! " is the twelfth episode of the first season of the American animated television series Adventure Time . The episode was written and storyboarded by Bert Youn and Sean Jimenez , from a story by Adam Muto . It originally aired on Cartoon Network on March 18 , 2010 as a preview for the series ; it later officially aired on May 17 , 2010 . The episode guest stars Erik Estrada as King Worm . The episode marks the first appearance of Marceline the Vampire Queen (voiced by Olivia Olson) , who would go on to play a larger role in the series as a friend and companion to Finn and Jake .

The series follows the adventures of Finn (voiced by Jeremy Shada) , a human boy , and his best friend and adoptive brother Jake (voiced by John DiMaggio) , a dog with magical powers to change shape and grow and shrink at will . In this episode , Finn and Jake search the land of Ooo for a new home after Marceline claims the duo 's treehouse as her own . Finn and Jake search all of Ooo for a new home , before settling temporarily in a cave . After a final confrontation , Marceline relents and gives Finn and Jake their house back because she finds them entertaining .

The character of Marceline was present in the series ' pitch bible , but she had not yet appeared in an episode prior to " Evicted ! " . Olson was cast as the character after she initially read for the part of Princess Bubblegum ; she was later pleased with her casting , praising Marceline 's varied design . " Evicted ! " also features the first song that was produced for the series : " The House Hunting Song " . " Evicted ! " was watched by 1 @. @ 88 million people and received largely positive critical attention , with Cam Shea of IGN naming the episode the fourth best episode of Adventure Time 's first season , and Oliver Sava of The A.V. Club noting that the episode is an example of the emotional complexity of the series . " Evicted ! " also drastically increased Marceline 's popularity with fans of the series .

= = Plot = =

During a rainy night , Jake tells Finn a story about a supposed vampire that used to live in their tree fort . Finn , scared by the sounds outside the house , goes downstairs to talk to Jake . Suddenly , their window is blown open and the lights go out . Finn and Jake soon discover that Marceline the Vampire Queen has snuck into their house . Both Finn and Jake are terrified that Marceline will kill them and drink their blood , but she reveals that she has no intentions of killing them , noting that she really only eats the color red . However , she explains that the tree house used to belong to her , and she promptly evicts them from their residence .

Finn and Jake then attempt to find new homes . Initially they are unable to find a suitable home until they stumble upon a cave . They clean up the cave and hold a house @-@ warming party , which Marceline crashes . She explains that the cave also belongs to her . Finn , having had enough starts a fight with Marceline , who grows into a huge demonic bat . After she seemingly kills Jake , Finn goes into a rage and violently punches Marceline , who promptly shape @-@ shifts into her regular form and then kisses Finn on the cheek , making him blush . Jake ? who was able to use his shape @-@ shifting powers to save himself ? runs over to Finn , and Marceline states that the fight they had was fun and that the two of them can have their old house back , as a gift . Once Finn and Jake return to their old abode , they are promptly hypnotized by King Worm (voiced by Erik Estrada) .

= = Production = =

" Evicted ! " was written and storyboarded by Bert Youn and Sean Jimenez , from a story developed by Adam Muto . The entry was directed by Larry Leichliter . The storyboard for the episode is substantially different from the finished episode . The dialogue between Finn and Jake near the beginning is longer , and the " House Hunting Song " is not found ; instead , a dialogue note merely reads , " montage music begins " , and the storyboard shows Finn and Jake looking for new houses , sans dialogue . Substantially changed scene included Finn and Jake 's encounter with the Ice King (in the original version , Finn and Jake huddle in a group of penguins , which incites the Ice King 's

anger) , the manner in which Finn and Jake discover the cave (Finn and Jake fall through the top and are nearly impaled by stalagmites) , as well as the ending (which originally featured Jake and Finn dealing with a werewolf)

The aforementioned " House Hunting Song " was the first musical piece produced for " Adventure Time " . The song ? which was originally called " Oh Marceline " ? was sung by Ward and Olivia Olson . The lyrics were written by Ward , who recorded a rough demo of the song a cappella . Patrick McHale later re @-@ recorded the song with guitar , and Ward then recorded both a different , " high intensity " version and a more subdued variant . When the crew was deciding which version to use , Ward wanted to use McHale 's recording , but Derek Drymon urged Ward to use his own . McHale later posted his demo for the song through his official Twitter account . Ashley Dzerigian played all of the bass in the episode . According to series composer Casey James Basichis , she is " classically trained as a bassist and can do just about anything " . Ryan Conner recorded guitar feedback that Basichis later autotuned into melodies .

The episode marks the first appearance of Marceline , one of the main characters in Adventure Time . Although she did not appear in the series ' pilot , the groundwork for her design and character were present in the series pitch book , penned by Pendleton Ward . Marceline 's name is based on the name of a childhood friend of Ward 's friend , named Marie , whose middle name is Marceline . Ward described Marie as someone who likes the horror movie Psycho and wearing dark clothing . Ward purposely set out to make Marceline 's character complex , as he explained in an interview that " with the female characters it ' s easy to either write them as clichés or write them as the extreme opposite of those clichés [?] I just try to make them have faults and strengths just like Finn and Jake have . "

Marceline is voiced by Olivia Olson ; she had originally auditioned for the role of Princess Bubblegum . After her initial audition , she was asked to read for the role of Marcelline , and was " definitely impressed by the character " after seeing design drawings . Olson is also the character 's singing voice . The artistic design for Marceline was created by Ward , with small changes and additions added by Phil Rynda , former lead character designer and prop designer for Adventure Time . Olson later related in an interview that she was impressed by her character because , " she has really cool style [?] I love what they come up with [in] every episode . " The episode also features the vocal talents of actor Erik Estrada as King Worm ; Estrada would reprise the role for the eponymous fourth season episode " King Worm " .

= = Reception = =

" Evicted ! " was previewed on Cartoon Network on March 18 , 2010 . The episode officially aired on May 17 , 2010 @.@ the episode was watched by 1 @.@ 88 viewers , and scored a 1 @.@ 2 / 2 percent Nielsen household rating . Nielsen ratings are audience measurement systems that determine the audience size and composition of television programming in the United States , which means that the episode was seen by 1 @.@ 2 percent of all households and 2 percent of all households watching television at the time of the episode 's airing .

Critical reception to " Evicted ! " was largely positive . Cam Shea of IGN named Marceline 's introduction in " Evicted ! " as the fourth best moment in the series ' first season . He wrote that " sure , in this episode she evicts Finn and Jake from their home ... but hey , this is the first time we meet her and she 's awesome . " He later wrote that " Marceline = best " . Marceline has gone on to be one of the most popular characters with the Adventure Time fan base , and after the release of " Evicted ! " her popularity grew enormously . Ward later noted that he felt " good about that . It 's nice " . Oliver Sava of The A.V. Club named the episode one of the ten additional installments of the series that illustrates that " emotional complexity " lies " beneath Adventure Time 's weirdness " .

In the Ancient Psychic Tandem Warcast podcast , Zack Smith and Supernatural writer and producer Jenny Klein review the episode . Both Smith and Klein expressed an appreciate for Marceline as well as her voice actress , with the former noting that , " it 's pretty hard to get past the awesomeness that is Olivia Olson . " Klein compared the relationship between Marceline and Finn in this episode to the interactions between Kim Kelly (Busy Philipps) and Sam Weir (John Francis

Daley) , characters from the short @-@ lived sitcom Freaks and Geeks . Klein also commended the " House Hunting Song " , applauding the fact that it was sung by Pendleton Ward ; she argued that it was an example of the author speaking directly to the audience , akin to listening to an audiobook .

= = Media release = =

The episode first saw physical release as part of the 2011 Adventure Time : My Two Favorite People DVD , which included 12 episodes from the series ' first two seasons . It was later re @-@ released as part of the complete first season DVD in July 2012 . In addition , the 2014 limited edition 12 " vinyl record release Marceline the Vampire Queen ? Rock the Nightosphere included " The House Hunting Song " alongside other songs sung by Marceline .