

MARLENE THE OTTER



MARLENE - (Series regular) - (20's - 30's) Naturalistic voices ONLY. Nothing 'put on' or 'cartoony'. She should be feminine without being overly girly. The voice should not be too high, or squeaky. She should still feel youthful, but not childish. Can be a little bit of a tomboy, but not too rough and tumble. She is energetic and has a love of life.

Marlene spent her formative years in Northern California's Monterey Bay Aquarium. But she never quite fit in with the other residents of Otter Cove. While the other otters busted open clams for a fresh lunch, Marlene took the empty shells and built an art installation. While her fellow otters embraced the aquarium lifestyle, eating the food from the humans and lounging in the sun, Marlene was different. She didn't just romp and play, she executed stunts. Extreme stunts. Maybe that's why she got shipped off to the Central Park Zoo.

She thought her dream had come true. She has a habitat all to herself. She doesn't have to fit in with others anymore. Now, she can do everything her way. She loves the independence. But it can get a little lonely. Fortunately, she has neighbors. Insane neighbors.

At first, Marlene had no idea what to make of those penguins. They're like commandos or something. It's like they've got a practiced response for every situation. Weird. But it didn't take long for her to see through the "psychotic penguin" mystique. Each of these guys is an individual. And there's something about Skipper that intrigues her. Their approach to life is so completely opposite. His regimentation and formality is so alien to her. Sometimes deflating his military manner is just too much fun to resist.

As for the lemurs, they're crazy in a whole different way. Marlene certainly does not think of Julien as king, but she has better things to do than argue with him. Plus, he does come up with fun stuff to do. She is definitely spontaneous enough to get swept up in Julien's manias.

So life at the Central Park Zoo is awesome for Marlene. She has her independence, but there is a community. A fun community. Although there is one individual who is not fun...

"Haunted Habitat"

MARLENE:

I am not hysterical! I am calm! It was just a weird noise. We don't need to turn this into a commando operation.

MARLENE:

I can feel it! I think. What am I supposed to be feeling again?

MARLENE:

I was dreaming of screaming. Weird.

MARLENE:

You cheated? I cheated! I mean... I saved you!

105 "Tangled in the Web"

MARLENE:

(mock humility)

Oh, is all that applause for me? I can almost hear the people at home voting.

MARLENE:

All he did was fall down. Where was the high-wire? The juggling? The showmanship?

106 "Crown Fools"

MARLENE:

But, this isn't just any day. It's... da-da-dum FUNDAY!

MARLENE:

And that is why I am going to make you-- ready?-- a NEW CROWN!

MARLENE:

And I have your crown. A crown that
you'll love as much as you love yourself,
because...

MARLENE:

It's you!

(imitating Julien)

I am thinking that there is an awesome
amount of fabulousness going on here.

MARLENE:

Okay! I failed! If I could just say a magic
word and make your crown appear I
would?