

“Sad Hoopla”

A One Page Play by Bo Anderson

An Actress is holding a hula-hoop, and an Actor is kneeling before her dressed as a dog.

Actress: SIT! STAY! What a good doggie, now jump!

Dog: No. I don't want to jump, there's too many people watching.

Actress: It's what these nice people came here to see. I don't know what kind of dog you are if you won't jump through a simple hoop.

Dog: I'm a dog that doesn't jump through hoops, that's all.

Actress: You're just afraid you'll mess up, but you won't mess up, it's easy.

Dog: It is easy, too easy, so easy that it is stupid. Why don't I do differential equations for you, we could discuss quantum mechanics, or hell I could even juggle...

Actress: No, just jump through the damn hoop. Jump! Come-on, you can do it. Please.

Dog: If you really want me to, but for the record this is lame. Just give me a minute.

Actress: Come on boy, come on! You like jumping don't you? Come on! Come on!

Dog: (Actor jumps through hoop) HAHA! I did it, did you see, HAHA-

Actress: -BAD DOG! BAD! Don't ever jump through the hoop ever! (Actress slaps dog repeatedly) BAD BAD BAD!!

Dog: Ow! Ow! Ow! What the hell is wrong with you? Ow, stop hitting me.

Actress: No, you have been very bad.

Dog: Ok, I've been very bad, stop hitting me.

Actress: You need to learn your place.

Dog: My place? What are you talking about?

Actress: Don't question me, do as you are told.

Dog: You've got to be kidding me.

Actress: (Slaps Dog) You made me do that you know. Now jump through the hoop.

Dog: But you'll be mad and hurt me.

Actress: PLEASE.

Dog: Ok, but if you pull any of that stuff like before... (Dog jumps through hoop)

HAHA! I did it, I did it, it was awesome, did you see, did you see-

Actress: -BAD DOG!!! BAD! (Slaps Dog repeatedly) You're a bad bad dog! Now jump through the hoop.

Dog: I don't like jumping through the hoop and if I do you'll hit me, so why the hell would I want to jump through the damn hoop!

Actress: That is just the way it is.

Dog: I don't get it.

Actress: You aren't supposed to get anything; you're just a stupid dog that's supposed to jump through this stupid hoop, that's it, get it?

Dog: This is a bad game, and I don't want to play it anymore. (Dog stands, Actress and Dog fight over hoop and Dog eventually wins) Your turn you jump through the hoop.

Actress: No I can't.

Dog: Come on you can, sure you can. It's easy. Just jump through the hoop! Come on! You can do it. Come on! Come on! You can do it! Come on!

Actress: I can't do it! I can't! Get that thing out of my face!

Dog: Oh well, too bad. (Walks off playing with the hoop, and Actress cries)

The End