A Walk to Remember

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A LIVING ROOM.

CHARLES

It’s time.

REX

I’m not ready.

CHARLES

But we had a deal.

REX

Did we?

CHARLES

Yes. Remember?

REX

Not the specifics, no.

CHARLES

We said at eight thirty we would take a walk.

REX

That doesn’t sound like something I would agree to.

CHARLES

No, you’re right. But you did. Last night we agreed that we would stay awake and finish the Tiger King show but only if we could go on a walk today at eight thirty. Which is the time that it is now.

REX

Yes, ok. I do remember having a conversation with someone last night that sounded vaguely like that.

CHARLES

The conversation was with me.

REX

Was it.

CHARLES

Yes.
Interesting.

So let’s go.

I’m not ready.

Why? What do you have to do?

Um. . .

Yeah. That’s what I thought.

Why don’t you guess what I have to do, and I’ll tell you if it’s correct or not.

Rex, you always do this. When I went to the animal shelter that one day-

Yes.

I was like, “This is great. Today I am going to adopt a dog.”

Yes.

“It’s gonna be awesome. We’re gonna play fetch, we’re gonna bark at thunder, and we’re gonna go on walks.”

Yes.

Those were the three main things I was excited about.
REX
I understand. Yes.

CHARLES
Then I get to the shelter, and I meet you.

REX
Correct.

CHARLES
And do you remember what you told me?

REX
Hm.

CHARLES
You said loved to fetch.

REX
Uh huh.

CHARLES
You said you love to bark. But not too loud.

REX
Not too loud, no.

CHARLES
And you said you love going on walks.

REX
Yes.

CHARLES
Do you see where I’m going with this?

REX
No.

CHARLES
How many walks have we been on?

REX
Quite a few.
CHARLES
Excuse me?

REX
Conversationally.

CHARLES
What?

REX
We’ve been on quite a few conversational walks. You know, our back and forth kind of wanders along, sometimes it’s philosophical, sometimes it’s about politics. . . Don’t you like our conversational walks?

CHARLES
Yes, of course. However. I did intend for us to have more walks of the literal variety.

Ah.

CHARLES
I’m not mad. I’m just disappointed.

REX
And why’s that.

CHARLES
You said you were basically a dog. You are not basically a dog. Rex, you are a cat.

REX
Ok, wow. Do you have any idea how offensive that is?

CHARLES
There’s nothing wrong with cats. I love cats. I love you.

I love you too.

CHARLES
I just wish you didn’t say you were basically a dog when you are not basically a dog.

REX
There’s lots of kinds of dog, Charles. I’m basically a dog that happens to act like a cat. Like if a dog were to say, “Hey, I’m basically a cat.” That’s the kind of dog that I’m like.
Ok, well, regardless-

Not a word.

It’s time.

I’m not ready.

But we had a deal.

Did we?

Rex!

What’s up?

I don’t care if you’re a dog or a cat. But whatever you are, we had a deal!

Fine! I’m ready. Let’s go.

*Thank* you! Ok, come here.

Whoa! What is that?

What?

What is *that*?

What do you mean? It’s a leash.
Oh, I don’t think so.

Rex, you have to wear a leash.

Yeah, one minute it’s a leash, the next it’s a muzzle!

You don’t have to wear a muzzle.

I better not.

But you do have to wear the leash.

And why is that.

Because you don’t come when you’re called.

Don’t I?

No.

Hm. I feel like I do.

You do not.

You sure?

Well, let’s see. “Rex, come!”

Rex does not move.

See what I mean?
Oh, you meant now?

Yes.

Ah.

Rex, do you have any idea how much those tigers on that show last night would love to go on a walk? There are literally animals all over the world in cages right now who would give anything to go on just one teeny tiny really short walk.

The grass is always greener, huh?

You’re impossible.

Acute observation.

Whatever. Maybe I’ll get real dog. One that does like walks.

Whoa, what?

What’s up?

Charles, I have a really small house. There is no room for a dog.

I have a really small house.

Exactly! We have a really small house!

My house.

I feel like we’re saying the same thing.
Interesting.

So you ready?

For what?

Um, hello? Our walk? I don’t know if you remember, but we made a deal that we would go on a walk at eight thirty, and we’re already late.

Great! Here’s your leash.

Thank you. Not too tight!

End of play.